

LATE SPORTING NEWS AND VIEWS

SOME
FREAK
THROWS

The spitball may be a valuable asset to a pitcher, but it frequently causes fielders to uncork some freak throws. Therefore the damp delivery isn't so popular among the catchers and other members of teams having spitball artists on their rosters.

In a game on the Polo grounds between the Giants and Robins this spring, Brooklyn had the tying run on third in the ninth inning. The next batter hit to Fletcher, who drew back for a throw to head off the runner, who had started from third, at the plate. The wet ball shot down into the dust almost at Fletcher's feet, the runner scored and the Giants subsequently were beaten.

Benny Kauff was the victim of a freak play in a game in Boston on May 27. Smith was on second when Compton lifted a fly to Kauff. Smith made a bluff to take third after the catch, and Benny let the ball go, attempting to throw to Fletcher. Instead the ball sailed directly up in the air to a height of about fifty feet, and Kauff himself caught it as it came down a few yards in front of him. Smith, of course, reached third.

With Hornsby on first in a game between the Giants and Cardinals in St. Louis on July 16, Wilson singled the right and Hornsby raced for third on the hit. Robertson made a throw to third, but the wet ball, propelled by Davey's powerful arm, soared over McKee's head, took one bounce and shot into the grand stand. Oscar Stange tried to nail one of the Yankees napping off third in a

NATIONAL
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The National league must be strengthened, in the opinion of John K. Tener, its president. Mr. Tener says he believes that the twenty-one player limit has worked against the league in world's series games and that the limit will be increased next year.

"There is no use in the National league making any excuses or giving any alibis," said Mr. Tener. "We have played poor ball, very poor ball, in the last few series. Our pitchers held up, but that was all. I appreciate that something must be done. I am not pretending not to see. In my annual message to the club presidents I have called attention to the fact that the National League business does not get its prestige in the executive office, but on the ball field. That is where the public judges us."

"Every effort must be made all around to strengthen the league. Those recent defeats have stung and with each defeat we are all the more eager to turn the tide. I want every one in the league, presidents, managers and players, to aim for a National league victory next fall."

"Personally, I believe the twenty-one player limit has worked against the National league and I think that by next season the player limit in our league will be increased."

game on the Polo grounds early this summer, got hold of the ball in a wet spot and hurried it over the shortstop's head and into left field, the runner scoring.

LOCAL
BOWLING
RESULTS

The daily competition on the Victoria alleys is creating much interest, and many large scores are being made. The interest taken in bowling this season gives prospect of it being a banner season. The following is the result of last week's contest:

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Monday, T. Cosgrove	128
Tuesday, T. Jenkins	120
Wednesday, W. Jones	123
Thursday, M. Fitzpatrick	128
Friday, T. Jenkins	133
Saturday, Archie McDonald	113
Jenkins' score is the highest made since the reopening of the alleys. Miller with a score of 132 follows him. The ten leading bowlers since reopening are:	
Jenkins	133
Duffy	129
Sullivan	125
Smith	123
Garnett	123
Cosgrove	123
Jones	123
Fitzpatrick	123
Carleton	123

A Match Game.
In a match game Friday night on these alleys between teams representing the machine shop and the office staff of the Ford factory, the former won out by a few pins after a close contest.

Alley Records.
Following are the alley records made during the first months of this year:
Single string, Harry MacKeen 156
Three string, Vincent Kelly 389
Five string, Vincent Kelly 586
Ten string, Edward Morrissey 1149

BANTAM
JABEZ
WHITE

One of the present crop of promising young ring fighters, now scrapping in the bantamweight division, is an Albany, N. Y., kid who travels under the nom de boxe of Jabez White. The moniker has a familiar ring to the old-timers among the fight fans. The original Jabez White was an English lightweight, and, if he is still in the land of the living, is 43 years old. Old Jabez White was born in Birmingham, the English city which in the old days turned out more top-notch pugilists than any other, and began fighting there about twenty years ago. After a few bouts he went to London, and for years he mingled with the best lightweights that came along, putting most of them to sleep. When Spike Sullivan, the scrappy Irish-American fighter, went to England in 1902 he was twice defeated by Jabez. Having cleaned up all the best boys of John Bull's country, Jabez decided to take a whack at Uncle Sam's lightweight ring warriors. Early in 1905 he landed in New York and proceeded to San Francisco, where he was matched with Jimmy Britt.

Jabez was a family man and a proud parent, and, realizing that he was tackling a tough customer in James Edward, he decided to take precautions by providing himself with a mascot. This took the form of a pair of baby shoes, which he tied with a string in his corner. Britt outpointed Jabez from the start, but when ever Jimmy rocked him with a hard blow the Britisher looked at the infant shoes, gained renewed courage therefrom, and fought doggedly on. White lost the decision in that bout, but he won the admiration and approval of the Californians by his gameness. That was the only battle he fought on this side of the pond, with the exception of a no-decision bout with Joe Gans several years later, when Jabez was trying to pull off a comeback. White had another try at the old game only three years ago, when he was forty years old, when he lost the decision to Bill Johnson in a fifteen-round contest in his native city.

DON'T WANT CHAPMAN.
Captain T. L. Huston of the Yankees says that no attempt would be made to secure Roy Chapman of the Cleveland Indians to play second base next year. The captain declared that Manager Donovan would depend on Fritz Malsel after Joe Gedeon had received another opportunity to play the position. Malsel's throwing arm should be as strong as ever in the spring. Huston says that it would be hard to obtain Malsel's equal as a hitter and base stealer, also that the little fellow ought to play the keystone bag as well as the average. The decision to pass up a deal for Chapman is due to the belief that he has lost his speed because of a broken leg. The Yankees offered \$25,000 for Chapman's release last winter, but C. W. Somers, former owner of the Cleveland, turned the proposition down.

LEADING PITCHERS.
Grover Alexander and Walter Johnson rolled up a greater number of victories than any others last year, and the same two are still the main winners. Alexander is the Big Chief of the pitching tribe. The star Philly marksman holds two distinct honors:
1. He is the only pitcher in either league to bag more than 30 victories.
2. He holds the major league shut-out record by having smashed the old mark by two games.
There isn't any question about Alexander's supremacy in both circuits. But taking the National League alone,

TRAINS AT PASADENA.
The Chicago National League club has virtually decided to establish its 1917 spring training camp at Pasadena, Cal. Charles Weeghman, president of the club, announced yesterday, Tampa, Fla., will be abandoned in favor of the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

A WOMAN
WONDER AT
BILLIARDS

New York, Oct. 22—Miss Clara Catharine Heywood of Cynwyd, one of Philadelphia's beautiful suburbs, entertained a large gathering at Maurice Daly's billiard hall last night. She played two games with William Gershell, one of 150 points at straight rail and one of 150 points at 18.2 ball-line. She won the first by a score of 150 to 94 and the second by 150 to 132. The greatest billiard expert of her sex Miss Heywood, who is nineteen years of age, began playing billiards in March, 1911. For two years she practiced on a 4½x9 table in her home. During that period she played frequently with Dr. R. H. Switzer, a skillful amateur. The progress she made caused Dr. Switzer to recommend that she take instructions from Harry P. Cline, Philadelphia's foremost professional, who has held championships at three cushion caroms and 18.2 ball-line. Under the tutelage of Cline she advanced steadily.

In her present form it is inconceivable that she can beat 400 out of every 500 men who play billiards. Among the amateurs of Philadelphia she has defeated are Dr. Walter E. Uffenheimer and J. Cope Morton, the Union League champion, both of whom have performed in class A national tournaments. At 14.2 ball-line she has run 75. A run of 60 and a grand average of nearly 6 in a series of games reflects her ability at 18.2.

Her comprehension of the fundamental principles of the game of billiards is almost intuition, and her ability to apply those principles combines genius and art. With her cue hand held at a right angle from her shoulder and firmly gripping her cue her stroke is positive, incisive and accurate. In this respect her wielding of a cue is a strong reminder of the late "Wizard" Jacob Schaefer, and she plays better billiards than the "Wizard" did when of corresponding age. Her skill as an executant of fancy shots in general and massé shots in particular is astonishing, while her position effect and ball-line nursing would do credit to famed experts. In the opinion of Maurice Daly her grasp of the intricacies of the game and her resources of execution promise much. "All she needs," said Mr. Daly, "is practice that will develop technique and finesse to make her the equal of the best amateurs. By having due regard for details of play she can progress just as Schaefer, Ives and Hoppe did, and I believe she will."

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HORSE TRAINER HERE.
Horsemen will be interested to know that William Hood, of Halifax, formerly trainer for Bert Lint and later for Mr. Acker, will open a stable in this city and will make his home here. Mr. Hood is the man who brought out Little Smoke and sent her to a record this summer. Mr. Hood will proceed to Boston, where he intends to purchase several fast horses.
RECENT CHARTERS.
Sch William E Litchfield, Philadelphia to Newfoundland, coal, \$2.50. Sch Ellen Little and Samuel W Hatheway, Turks Island to Boston, salt, p. t. Sch Frank Brainard, Philadelphia to Jacksonville, coal, p. t.
SCHOONER NOTES.
The Sch Nettie Shipman arrived down river Sunday night from Brown's Flat with a cargo of piling, which she will take to New York. She is 237 tons register and is commanded by Captain Trynor.
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