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Much Speculation as to the Outcome Between the Boston Braves and the Philadelphia Athletics in the Premier Event of the Year.

National leagues will meet in the opening games of the World's championship struggle of 1914. While this will be the twenty-third series for play the American League champions of the twenty-third series for play the American League champions. will be the twenty-third series for to play the American League champremier baseball honors, thirty years have elapsed since the initial battle for the World's championship of the baseball diamond was won by the Providence, R.I., "Grays," champions of the National League in 1884, when they took three straight games sociation of that year. Todate 22 championships have been decided, unavoidable lapses have occurred in eight of the intervening seasons, the years in which there were no cometitions for the title being 1891, 1893, 1898 to 1902, inclusive and 1904. From 1884 to 1890 the contests

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were between the winning teams of the National League and American Association and from 1894 to 1897 the Temple Cup series kept the annual contest confined to clubs in the National League. Then there came : lapse of five years until 1903, the post season battle was revived when the

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[By Special Wire to The Courier] | Boston American pennant winners NEW YORK, Oct. 3—Before the close of the next week the pennant winning clubs of the American and National League. The championship of 1904 went by

sory for the pennant winning clubs to have their teams meet annually in when they took three straight games from the Metropolitans, the standard bearers of the old American Asfour of these games to receive the championship pennant and each mem ber of the winning team to be pre-sented with a suitably inscribed gold button. Rules governing the disbursement of gate receipts between the players, club owners and the National Commission were adopted and everything to the most minute detail being aranged satisfactorily, the championship series was established on a solid basis, and since 190, the post season struggles for the flag have been played regularly attracting increased interest each succeeding

> In 1905 the New ork Nationals de-feated the Athletics of Philadelphia, four games to one, under the new conditions, and the following year the rival Chicago Clubs mad the issue between them, the title going to the Chicago Americans, four ames gto two. Chicago and Detroit fought it out in 1907 and 1908, the Chicago Nationals of features their merican least tionals defeating their merican Lea-gue opponents from Detroit both times. The following year the Pitts-burg Nationals forced the Detroit Americans to to experience defeat for a third successive time. In 1910 the Athletics of Philadelphia won the series from the Chicago Nationals four games to one, and in 1911 Manager Mack of the Athletics wiped out the defeat of 1905 by successfully de-York Giants four games to two. A year later the New York Nationals succumbed to the Boston Americans and last year the Athletics brought the world's series flag to Philadel-phia for a third term by scoring a decisive win over Manager McGraw's New York team, four games to one. Since it was first won by the Pro-



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vidence team, the World's champion-ship emblem has flown from flag-poles on playing grounds in eleven states. New York has had the custody of the coveted pennant four times, through the efforts of the National League Club's players, and Chicago held the honor for a similar number of years, but the credit for winning it was divided between the National and American League teams, the former having captured it three times and the "White Sox" once. Three times has it floated over Boston parks its first visit there being credited to the National league club in 1892, while in 1903 and 1912 the American league acted as custodian. The Philadelphia Athletics who now have possession of the pennant for a third term, hope to keep it for at least another year.

When the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Braves go into action in the 23rd series for the world's championship baseball honors the diamond campaign will be fought out by teams which represent the old and new national sport. Although the average age of the leading players of the two combinations is not widely separated the Athletic's machine so famous and its success so strik ing that it appears old by comparison with the squad that George stalling whipped in shape in midsummer and thus won a pennant for Boston. Taking twenty odd players of the two teams as a basis it will be found that the average age of the Athletics is the average age of the Athletics is 26 1-2 years and the Braves 24 3-4

While less than two years in aver-

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age age separates the teams the extremes are more marked in the Athletics than the Braves. Plank, Bender, Coombs, Aldring, Lapp and Thomas, are all past thirty but the majority of those who will figure in the daily line-up are several years under this age. The three youngegst players in the squad are the pitchers, Bush, Pennock and Wyckoff. The American League representatives Bush, Pennock and Wyckoff. The American League representatives have the advantage in years of baset ball experience for the Philadelphia Club players average fully a year more in time spent upon the professional field than the Boston players. The Braves average is approximately five years with Johnny Evers heading the list with twelve years of play. In point of profesisonal service Plank leads the Athletics with thirteen years of baseball play and experience at his back. Bender is experience at his back. Bender i but one year behind and several others just fall short of double figures their diamond career. As a resu the Athletics average is six years not withstanding the fact that a number

of comparative youngsters are mar-shalled under the Philadelphia flag. The team which will act as th standard bearers of the National League, is an interesting combination o he youth and age of the diamond In some cases extremes have been blended by Manager Stallings in artful maner to make of the Braves a winning team. This fact is illustrated in two notable cases. Principal figures in the scheme of attack and defence which enabled the Braves to come to the front of the stirring race in the National League. Johnny Evers, veteran of nearly 2,000 games, a figure prominent in the recent history of sport, has worked in effec-tive collaboration about second base with "Rabbit" Maranville, barely more than a boy, playing his second season with a major league club. The ame combination of old and young is found in the recrds of the men of the outfield and of the pitching staff her of the team to be Otto Hess, with 33 years behind him. Almost a boy, Paul Strand at 19 years, is the baby

of the team. BASEBALL. National League.

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SERVIANS ADVANCING.

LONDON, Oct. 3-The Nish, Ser-Servian and Montenegrin troops which are marching on Sarayevo, Bosnia, Jahorina and Homanys and after several attacks on the Igrichta and Karlieva positions have gained a brilliant lieva positions have gained a brilliant victory nd occupied Vafresnitza.
"The enemy has bombarded Shabats (Servia); it is estimated that they fired 10,000 shells but the town was

THE STORY OF Waitstill Baxter

By KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN. Copyright, 1913 by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

"I caught hold of the chair to keep myself from falling and cried, 'I do not believe it!" 'Believe it or not,' she an-swered scornfully, 'it makes no differ-ence to me, but I can give you twenty proofs in as many seconds. We met proofs in as many seconds. We me at a Cochrane meeting, and he chose me from all the others as his true wife For two years we traveled together, but long before they came to an end there was no happiness for either of us. He had a conscience—not much of a one, but just enough to keep him miserable. At last I felt he was not believing the doctrines he preached, and I caught him trying to get news of you and your boy just because you were out of reach, and neglecting my boy and me, who had given up everything to wander with him and live on whatever the brethren and sisters chose to give us.'

"'So there was a child, a boy!" gasped. 'Did-did he live?' 'He's in the next room,' she answered, 'and it's him I brought you here for. Aaron Boynton has served us both the same. He left you for me and me for heaven knows who. If I could live I wouldn't ask any favors, of you least of all, but I haven't a penny in the world, thoug I shan't need one very long. My frien that's nursing me hasn't a roof to her head, and she wouldn't share it with the boy if she had-she's a bigoted orthodox."

"'But what do you expect me t do? I asked angrily, for she was stabbing me with every word.

"'The boy is your husband's child. and he always represented you as a saint upon earth. I expect you to take him home and provide for him. He doesn't mean very much to mejust enough so that I don't relish his going to the poorhouse, that's all.' "'He'll go to something very like that if he comes to mine,' I said.

"'Don't worry me with talk, for can't stand it.' she wailed, clutching at her nightgown and flinging back her hair. 'Either you take the child or I send somebody to Edgewood with him, somebody to tell the whole story.



Some of the Cochranites can support him if you won't, or, at the worst, Aaron Boynton's town can take care of his son. The doctor has given me two days to live. If it's a minute longer I've warned him and I warn you that I'll end it myself, and if you don't take the boy I'll do the same for him. He's a good sight better off dead than knocking about the world alone. He's innocent, and there's no sense in his being punished for the sins of other folks."

"I see it all. Why did I never think of it before, my poor, poor Rod!" said Ivory, clinching his hands and burying his head in them.

"Don't grieve, Ivory. It has all turned out so much better than we could have hoped. Just listen to the end. She was frightful to hear and to look at, the girl was, though all the time I could feel that she must have had a gypsy beauty and vigor that answered to something in your father.

"'Go along out now!' she cried suddenly. 'I can't stand anybody near. The doctor never gives me half enough medicine, and for the hour before he comes I fairly die for lack of it, though little he cares. Go upstairs and have your sleep, and tomorrow you can make up your mind.'

"'You don't leave me much freedom to do that,' I tried to answer, but she interrupted me, rocking her body to and fro. 'Neither of us will ever see Aaron Boynton again-you no more than I. He's in the west, and a man via, corespondent of Reuter's Tele- with two families and no means of gram Company, has forwarded the providing for them doesn't come back Servian official communication: "The away, Eliza! Take her away, quick!"

"I stumbled out of the room, and the have left the line between Srebmitza, woman waved me upstairs. 'You must now, and good reason, too. It's about him, and it'll be easy enough for you

o say he belongs to some of your own

"By this time I was mentally bewildered. When the iron first entered my soul, when I first heard the truth about your father, at that moment my mind gave way—I know it now."

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"Don't cry, my son; it is all past—the sorrow and the bitterness and the struggle. I will just finish the story, and then we'll close the book forever. The woman gave me some bread and tea, and I flung myself on the bed without undressing. I don't know how long afterward it was, but the door opened and a little boy stole in, a sad, strange, dark eyed little boy who said: 'Can I sleep up here? Mother's screaming and I'm afraid.' He climbed on to the couch. I covered him with a blanket, and I soon heard his deep breathing. But later in the night, when I must have fallen asleep myself, I suddenly awoke and felt him lying beside me. He had dragged the blanket along and crept up on the bed to get close to my side for the warmth I could give or the comfort of my nearness. The touch of him almost broke my heart. I could not push the little creature away when he was lying there so near and warm and confiding—he, all unconscious of the agony his mere existence was to me. I must have slept again. scious of the agony his mere existence was to me. I must have slept again and when the day broke I was alone. I thought the presence of the child in the night was a dream, and I could

"Mother, dear mother, don't tell me any more tonight. I fear for your strength," urged Ivory, his eyes full of tears at the remembrance of her sufferings.

"There is only a little more and the weight will be off my heart and on yours, my poor son. Would that I need not tell you! The house was still, and I thought at first that no one was awake, but when I opened the sitting room door the child ran toward me and took my hand as the woman came in from the sickroom. 'Go into the kitchen, Rodman,' she said, 'and lace up your boots. You're going right out with this lady. Hetty died in the night, she continued impassively. 'The doctor was here about 10 o'clock, and I've never seen her so bad. He gave her a big dose of sleeping powder and put another in the table drawer for me to mix for her toward morning. She was helpless to move, we thought, but all the same she must have got out of bed when my back was turned and taken the powder dry on her tongue, for it was gone when I looked for it. It didn't hasten things much, and I don's blame her. If ever there was a wild, reckless creature it was Hetty Rodman. But I, who am just the opp would have done the same if I'd been

"She hurriedly gave me a cup of cof fee and, putting a coat and a cap on the boy, literally pushed me out of the house. 'I've got to report things to the doctor,' she said, 'and you're better out of the way. Go down that side street to the station, and mind you say the boy belonged to your sister, who died and left him to you. You're a Cochranite, ain't you? So was Hetty, and they're all sisters, so you'll be telling no lies. Goodby, Rodman. Be a good boy and don't be any trouble to

"How I found the station I do not know, nor how I made the journey, nor where I took the stagecoach. The snow began to fall, and by noon there was a drifting storm. I could not remember where I was going nor who the boy was, for just as the snow was whirling outside so it was whirling in my brain.'

"Mother, I can hardly bear to hear any more. It is too terrible!" cried Ivory, rising from his chair and pac-

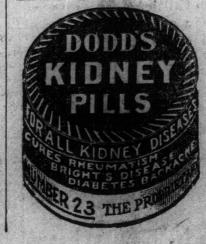
"I can recall nothing of any account till I awoke in my own bed weeks afterward. The strange little boy was there, but Mrs. Day and Dr. Perry told me what I must have told them-that he was the child of my dead sister. Those were the last words uttered by the woman in Brentville. I carried them straight through my illness and brought them out on the other side more firmly intrenched than ever." "If only the truth had come back to

you sooner!" sighed Ivory, coming back to her bedside. "I could have helped you to bear it all these years. Sorrow is so much lighter when you can share it with some one else. And the girl who died was called Hetty Rodman. then, and she simply gave the child her last name?"

"Yes, poor, suffering creature. I feel no anger against her now-it has burned itself all away-nor do I feel any bitterness against your father. I forgot all this miserable story for so long. oving and watching for him all the time, that it is as if it did not belong to my own life, but had to do with some unhappy stranger. Can you forgive, too, Ivory?"

"I can try," he answered. "God knows I ought to be able to if you

(To be Continued).



Battery Orders

Headquarters, Brantford, October 2nd, 1914.

Battery Orders by Lieut. Co., E. C. officer for duty for week ending ctober 9. Captain Henderson. Next of duty, Lieut. Kellett. Orderly Serant, Sergt. Smith; next for duty, rgt. Daniels. Orderly Corporat, orpl. Buluing; next for duty, Corp. lan.

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