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BOWSER IS BUSY.

He Telephones the Neighbors on a Matter of Business.

BUT THEY ARE ALL VERY RUDE

Our Little Warhorse Takes the Law into His Hands and Demands That the Snow be Cleared Off—He Neglects His Own, However.

By M. QUAD. (Copyright, 1913, by Associated Literary Press.)

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the sky grew dark and it began snowing, Mrs. Bowser sighed and hoped it would soon cease.

At 3 o'clock the snow was coming down for fair, and she shook her head in a solemn way as she looked out of the window.

At 4 o'clock there were sleighs kit along the streets, and Mrs. Bowser realized that she was in for it.

At 5 o'clock it was blowing and drifting, and turning into a blizzard, and the cook said to Mrs. Bowser:

"Mr. Bowser hates snow, and there'll be something doing when he gets here."

"Yes," was the hopeless, helpless reply. "Couldn't we hire a lot of boys to shovel?"

"There hasn't been one along." "We might get some of it cleared ourselves."

"It would blow right back again." "Mr. Bowser lives the eighth house from the corner, where he makes use of the trolley car. There would be no snow cleared off between him and the corner. He must plow his way through the drifts."

He would plow about five feet and then begin to mutter. At 10 feet he would begin swearing. At twenty feet he would lay it to Mrs. Bowser.

Halfway down to his gate he would decide to raise the biggest row ever heard in North America.

At 6 o'clock Mrs. Bowser was watching from the window, and she soon caught sight of the plow. He found the gate blocked with a drift and kicked at it like an army mule out for exercise. The gate finally opened. It had to leave town.

Up Against It. It was a struggle from the gate to the steps and up the steps, but Mr. Bowser is a desperate, dangerous man when facing snowdrifts.

"Isn't this something just awful?" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser as she reached out and pulled him into the hall.

"He didn't say." "He is lucky you didn't have far to walk. Let me brush you off."

He looked up his overcoat and hat without waiting for her, and the famished looked up at her with sympathy in his eyes. If there had been a word of hope it must be abandoned.

Still without a word Mr. Bowser led the way downstairs and seated himself at the dinner table.

"No boys came along to shovel off the snow," said Mrs. Bowser.

"Looks as if the storm would last tonight."

"I thought the snow would make the night."

"You are home all right, and I am glad of it."

No even a sniff. Mrs. Bowser gave it up and drew a bath and prepared to die game.

She made no further effort at conversation and as soon as the meal was finished she went upstairs and Mr. Bowser walked directly to the telephone. A Mr. Jacobs lived on the corner, and he was called for. He promptly answered.

"What is it?"

Mr. Bowser telephoned, "What about the snow on your side?"

"It is six feet deep, and you are blocking the blamed stuff there for people to wade through."

"You're storming yet?" "You're no difference. Jacobs, you don't know mean man!"

"How about your own walk?" "I tend to your affairs and I will tend to yours."

Then Slesmaker was called for, and Mrs. Bowser said to him: "The last winter I had to wade through the snow on your sidewalks because you were too darned lazy to

To Join Giants

(Continued from Page 9.) A Natural-born Player.

"Cooper is a natural-born ballplayer," McGraw said to me, when he returned here on Monday. "Instinctively he knows where to throw the ball when he gets it, and he never makes mistakes, or at least, he has not so far. It looks as if I had turned up a great ball player. And speed. He is fast. He made a play in Dallas that woke up some of the regular boys who were watching the game from the sidelines. One of the Dallas players drove a line single to right field. It looked like a sure hit, and the batter loaded down towards first base on it. Cooper fielded the ball like a flash. He took a glance at the runner saw he was 'dogging' on the hit and threw the ball to Thorpe in time to get the man at first base. It was a great play and saved him from getting a hit made against him. It was the only thing that looked like a hit off Demaree."

Thorpe Improving Rapidly. Several of the regulars watched the game. They arrived in Dallas on the way to Marlin and laid over there. Some of them were surprised at the playing and batting of both Cooper and Thorpe. They were more than surprised. They were worried. Cooper looks like a great outfield prospect. And Thorpe is improving every day. I never saw a man make such rapid strides in so short a time.

When the Indian first arrived here he was weak on ground balls and tangled himself all up in playing first base. Now he handles himself well and his footwork is excellent. He plays the bag instead of letting it play him.

"Gee," remarked Josh Devore after watching Cooper work. "I wish I had reported earlier."

Cooper is being hailed as a second "Tris" Speaker. He plays all balls naturally and bats like a regular. McGraw, for a man who seldom displays enthusiasm in the spring, is greatly worked up over the prospects.

"We are satisfied," said McGraw recently, "if we get a couple of good ones each spring out of the flock of recruits, but this year it looks as if we were going to get more."

Hold Outs Coming to Fold. So the holdouts are all coming into the fold, as I started out here by remarking. "Ty" Cobb and Sam Crawford, both of Detroit, have not yet come to terms, but the chances are that they will go to Athens, Ga., to work out with the Boston club, where George Stallings has his new charges in training. He isn't working there to get in shape for the spring automobile trade, that is a cinch. And yet, Max Carey of the Pittsburgh club is still hanging out on the fringe. Said he recently:

"I'm sorry things turned out this way. I told Dreyfus that I'd do no wrangling about it. I started out by making my grievances to the public. I didn't study seven years and hustle in the mercantile business for nothing. I'm through so far as the management is concerned. They won't hear from me any more. The club has got until March 15th to get me if they want me. If not I'll accept one of the positions open to me outside of baseball. I played a game last year that justified me in asking for proper pay. I'll get it or I will quit baseball."

Pirates not so Good. And while we are talking of the Pirates, it looks as if their great present chances this year, which glittered so brilliantly in the middle of the winter, have lost some of their lustre now. The pitching staff is just as good, but the Konetchy prospect, in the threatened trade with St. Louis, which would have been a great benefit to the team, has practically fallen through. The club will be no faster than it was last year, but it may be better conditioned by an early start in training. Clark realizes he lost some ground last season by the lack of condition of his team in the early stages of the race.

In my opinion the pitching staff of the Giants with Marquard's return is just as strong as that of the Pirates. And the team, as a whole, is lots faster and just as strong. With an even break in the luck we should breeze home first for the third time in succession. Of course there is always that old possibility of the team which has taken two championships, getting blase from its success. But there will be little chance of any of the Giants getting pennant weary. There are too many likely recruits for any of them to feel about their jobs this year. McGraw will keep them on edge all right.

Background at Polo Grounds McGraw told us the other day that he had given orders, just before leaving New York, to have the background in centre field painted a dull green, and the advertising signs which the batter faces taken away. This will give the hitters a perfect background against which to see the ball. While it will not help the pitchers any, it should be a great benefit to the bats.

For a time the background at the Polo grounds was one of the worst in the National League. The batter looked at glaring advertising signs which reflected the afternoon sunlight in a blinding way, and yellow bleachers. If the ball came to the hitter so that he could look at it, this uncertain bleacher background, sometimes he could not see it at all. "Kitty" Bransfield, the old Philadelphia first baseman, was one of the most vigorous complainers about this background, and really was responsible for its improvement. He got hit in the arm in a game at the Polo grounds one day and let out a terrible roar about the background in this lick. He was joined by both the home and visiting players.

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Orillia Won Game Again From Woodstock--Are Champs Now

Score Was 7-4 Last Night or 14-8 on the Round--Great Enthusiasm at Victory of the Lads.

ORILLIA, March 7.—After three years' hibernation, the local O.H.A. junior team last night achieved their ambition. In the game against Woodstock they repeated the score of the game at Stratford on Tuesday, winning by 7 to 4. They have therefore a six-goal lead on the round.

Orillia Scored First Four. The game last night was not up to the quality shown by the new champions in some of their former contests this season. The advantage of a three-goal lead and the notching of four straight goals before the visitors responsible. They have been in the junior series three years, and have been in the finals on each occasion. This season they had a clean sheet. They point to the fact that for two seasons they have not been defeated on their own ice.

Squad Won the Game. Orillia's speed won for them. Time and again they carried the puck right in on the Woodstock defence and left their checks standing in their tracks. Their combination work did not show until the last half, when they executed some pretty work. The forwards, particularly Jupp, aided their backs by aggressive back-checking and gave the Woodstock forwards little chance to spot.

In the last half, however, they relaxed somewhat, and the visitors broke loose with some of their wicked shots.

Woodstock Bunched Again. Too much bunching was in a large measure the cause of Woodstock's downfall. Numerous attempts at combination were spoiled in this way. They resorted very often to ineffective one-man rushes.

Leaving Jupp was the star of the game. He took aim at the net, but seldom failed to be in his place when needed. He intercepted passes time and again, and was the hardest back-checker on either forward line.

His speed and slick-handling were great assets. A number of times he seized the puck in his own goal and carried it right in on the Woodstock net. Butterfield was not far behind him. He was again in his element, and while not as spectacular as Jupp, his work was effective. Reid's work on the defensive was excellent.

Sandercock scored the only goal for the visitors. He was in the net when Jupp's shot from a long shot after a deflection from the defence struck the net.

For the visitors Sandercock and Childs were the best. The former used his body to better advantage last night and stopped the Orillia forwards in the early part of the game. His rushing was also good.

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last year, and when the regular goal-tender of the Woodstock juniors was unable to turn out this year he was selected to fill the vacancy.

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