

MATTY'S BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP



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It is my opinion that a lot of ball players are becoming too ambitious. Ambition is a great thing, during the championship season, but I believe many big leaguers, especially pitchers are overdoing it by playing ball all winter. They may get more money each fiscal year this way, but they won't last as long. You take the wise boys, and you won't find them playing much winter baseball. This notion was put in my head when I observed the way "Bob" Russell of the White Sox has been working for the San Diego club this winter. He fanned forty-four batters in four games recently and is not easing up at all at the one time in the year when he should. Russell is the kind of a pitcher who is losing ambition, too much of it. I know his type, for I made the trip across the continent in the world's tourist party with him. He is a fine young fellow, and a great pitcher, but he should watch out if he wants to last as long as possible in the Big League.

You don't read about any strikework records being compiled by Walter Johnson in the off season. He is a great believer in taking his comfort for his salary during the period of rest. The big Washington twirler puts in his winters on his farm and forgets baseball completely. He even refuses to read it. Johnson is very proud of the live stock he raises in Coffeyville, Kansas, and he enters his stock in all the local shows and fairs. He overdoes the farm himself, and this keeps him warmed up during the off season, and in the open. I have often thought I would like to get a farm if I knew how to make the soil do the right thing by me. The trouble is that a man must keep reading agricultural journals and taking post graduate courses now to make money in the farming business, and I don't see the use of any business if you are not going to get a profit out of it.

It is Johnson's ambition to stay in the game for a long time. When the Giants played in Washington on their

way north after the spring training trip last year, I had a little talk with Johnson. He complimented me on having lasted for twelve years in the big league, and then said:

"You know, I made up my mind two years ago to stop burning them over except when the tightness of the situation made it necessary. I used to put on all my speed all the time when I first broke into the league but it does not get you anything except a strikeout record, and records don't keep you in the league when the old soup bone begins to kick. I want to wear as long as 'Cy' Young and you have, if possible."

Johnson is a very sensible pitcher. He took me for a little ride in his automobile around Washington at this time, and he made a kick that gave my wrist a wrench. It twinged for two days. Billy Evans, the umpire, happened to be with me when this came off and noticed I had hurt my wrist a little.

"What do you use your right arm for, Walter?" he asked me. "It seems to me you are taking a terrible chance."

"I thought it over after that, decided I did not want to be put out of baseball by a kick of a motor, and have cranked with my left hand ever since. Which wing do you use, Matty?"

"I twist her with the salary wing," said I, "but I'm careful never to pull down on her or spin her."

"I wouldn't take that chance if I were you," cautioned Johnson.

Johnson is right about this, too. He certainly would be foolish to be spinning temperamental motors with that arm of his which is worth, in big league circles, at least \$100,000, according to my estimate of values.

There are a lot of ball players with valuable arms taking chances with them every day when they crank automobiles. A man may be the best batter and the fastest base runner in the big league, but, without a good arm, he is of little value in any position on a first class team. He won't hold a job as a regular, either, with a weak wing.

What is the use of having a player in the outfield who can spear any fly ball he can reach, and who is fast on ground hits, if he cannot cut off runs at the plate with his throw? He would lose many a ball game for his club through the run of the season if a manager were foolish enough to keep him in the outfield. It is the same with infielders. It might be contended that a second baseman does not have to throw the ball far to get it to first, but how about the times he has to shoot it to the plate to break up a double steal on a short throw? As soon as the opposing clubs discover that a player has a weak arm, they run wild on him when he has the ball. There is no place in the

big leagues for the weak armed except as pinch hitters, and that is not a very satisfactory job for an active man. But look at the players who are taking chances with their arms. During the recent world's series "Ty" Cobb had an automobile which he drove around New York. I have seen him spin the motor when the engine was cold with the spark advanced so that it was liable to kick back. This is not criticism. I have done the same thing myself. Cobb is of that impetuous type which insists that

a motor start no matter what the risk. "Eddie" Collins does the same thing when his self starter has not enough pressure. "Chief" Bender is another careless cracker with a valuable wing. After Doyle had been hurt in an automobile accident just before the world's series last fall, McGraw was sore. "I wish," said the Giant leader half seriously, "that while the National Commission is passing so many laws, it would pass one that forbids a ball player running an automobile."

MOSCOW'S SILENT CLUB

London, Jan. 9.—Most readers will remember the brother of Sherlock Holmes and the queer club to which he belonged. It seems that there is in real life a club similar to the one imagined by Sir Conan Doyle. The Moscow Prefecture has just confirmed the statutes of a newly formed club in that city the chief feature of which is the absolute silence imposed on its members within the club

precincts. Any infraction of this cardinal rule involves a monetary penalty. The club is well appointed and luxuriously equipped. It is furnished with billiards, chess, cards and other games. Gesture is the only medium of intercourse among its members. The same rigid regulation obtains at the club buffet and in the diningroom, as well as in the library and general rooms. Orders are conveyed to the silent waiters by means of tablets they carry.

NEW CITY TRAVELER

Gordon G. Kennedy, who has been connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company in this city, has severed his connection with that company and entered the employ of C. F. Francis as city traveler. His business connections in the city have made for him many friends who hope that in his new field of work he will have the same success.

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Regular 25.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 19.85	Men's 15.00 Tweed Suits,	Reduced to 11.90
Regular 28.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 21.80	Men's 20.00 Tweed Suits,	Reduced to 16.35
Regular 35.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 27.90	Men's 25.00 Tweed Suits,	Reduced to 19.85
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WATERPROOF COATS		All Blue and Black Suits at Big Reductions.	
\$ 7.50 Waterproof Coats,	Reduced to \$ 6.45	MEN'S REEFERS	
10.00 Waterproof Coats,	Reduced to 8.30	Regular \$ 5.00 Reefers,	Reduced to \$ 3.95
13.50 Waterproof Coats,	Reduced to 11.45	Regular 8.00 Reefers,	Reduced to 6.45
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20.00 Waterproof Coats,	Reduced to 16.70		

BOYS' TWO-PIECE SUITS (Ages 8 to 16 Years.)		BOYS' RUSSIAN AND FANCY OVERCOATS (2½ to 10 Years.)	
Regular \$ 4.00 Suits,	Reduced to \$ 3.20	\$ 3.50 Coats,	Reduced to \$ 2.80
Regular 5.00 Suits,	Reduced to 3.95	5.00 Coats,	Reduced to 3.95
Regular 6.00 Suits,	Reduced to 4.80	7.00 Coats,	Reduced to 5.60
Regular 8.00 Suits,	Reduced to 6.40	9.00 Coats,	Reduced to 7.20
Regular 10.00 Suits,	Reduced to 7.95	BOYS' REEFERS	
Regular 12.00 Suits,	Reduced to 9.60	\$ 6.00 Reefers, Now \$ 4.80; \$ 7.50 Reefers, Now \$ 5.95	
		9.00 Reefers, Now 7.20; 10.00 Reefers, Now 7.95	

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Suits that were \$3.75,	Now \$2.95	\$ 5.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to \$ 3.85
Suits that were 5.00,	Now 3.95	6.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 4.80
		8.50 Overcoats,	Reduced to 6.80
		10.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 7.95
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		18.00 Overcoats,	Reduced to 14.40

SOME SPECIALS IN BOYS' DEPARTMENT—SMALL LOTS OF WANTED ARTICLES		GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SAVING IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS	
Boys' 3-piece Suits to fit boys 12 to 15 years, Clearing at Half-price		English Worsted Half-hose, regular price 25c, 30c.	
Boys' Blanket Coats, were \$3.95,	To Clear \$2.93	Worsted and Cashmere Half-hose, regular price 35c, 50c.	
A lot of Russian Suits, for boys and 3 years,	At Half-price	Men's Heavy All-wool Sox, regular price 20c,	Sale Price 16c
A lot of Girls' Tailor Made Coats,	At Half-price	Men's Heavy All-wool Sox, regular price 25c, 35c,	Sale Price 19c
Boys' and Girls' Knitted Caps, were 45c, 50c, 60c. Your Choice 25c		Working Men's Gloves and Mitts, were 50c, 75c. Sale Price 39c Pair	
Girls' Navy Tams,	To Clear at Half-price	Working Men's Gloves and Mitts, were 85c, \$1.00.	

STORE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY TODAY TO BE IN READINESS WHEN THE SALE OPENS TOMORROW		Our entire stock of Lined and Unlined Gloves at Sale prices.	
Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, regular price 50c, 65c.	Sale Price 39c	Men's Suspenders, were 50c, 75c,	Sale Price 37c Pair
Heavy All-wool Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, regular price 75c.	Sale Price 59c	Men's Suspenders, were 25c, 35c,	Sale Price 19c Pair
Heavy Pure Wool Shirts and Drawers, regular price \$1.00.	Sale Price 79c	Come and see the values in Men's Linen Handkerchiefs.	
Many other bargains in Men's Underwear. See them.		4-ply Linen Collars, 15c each,	Now 6 for 49c
Men's Negligee Shirts, regular price 75c to \$1.00,	Sale Price 59c	E. & W. Celebrated Linen Collars, \$2.00 per dozen.	
Men's Negligee Shirts, regular price \$1.25, \$1.50,	Sale Price 79c	4-ply Linen Cuffs, 25c pair,	Sale Price, 6 for 75c
Men's Negligee Shirts, regular price \$1.50 to \$2.00. Sale Price \$1.19		Men's Umbrellas, were \$1.00, \$1.25,	Sale Price 79c
High Grade English Taffeta Flannel Shirts, regular price \$2.50 to \$4.00. Sale Price \$1.89		Men's Umbrellas, were \$2.00, \$2.50,	Sale Price \$1.46
Men's White Shirts, short bosom, regular price \$1.00. Sale Price 79c		Great bargains in Neckwear, regular 25c, 35c, kind Now 19c; regular 50c kind Now 37c; regular 75c, \$1.00 kind	Now 59c
Men's Heavy Tweed and Flannel Shirts, were 75c to \$1.00. Sale Price 59c		20 Per Cent. Discount off all Jewelry.	
Men's Heavy Tweed and Flannel Shirts, were \$1.00, \$1.25. Sale Price 79c		Entire stock of Leather Goods at 20 Per Cent. Reductions.	
Flannelette and Cotton Night Shirts, were 75c, 85c. Sale Price 59c		Any Hat or Cap you need at big reduction in price.	
Flannelette and Cotton Night Shirts, were \$1.25,	Sale Price 79c		
Very great bargains in Men's Pyjamas.			
Men's Sweaters at very great savings. \$1.00, \$1.25 kind for 75c; \$1.75, \$2.00 kind for \$1.19; \$2.50 kind for \$1.78; \$3.50 kind for \$2.78; \$4.00, \$5.00 kind for \$3.98.			

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