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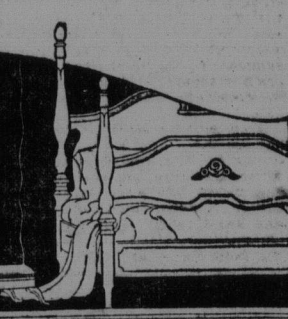
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# THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

## First Ball Club Formed In 1845

Runs Came Thick and Fast  
When the Knickerbocker  
Team Was in Operation.

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It was on Sept. 23, 1845, that the first baseball club in the United States, and therefore, of course, in the world, was organized. It was located in New York and the organizers of it were Alexander J. Cartwright, chairman; Duncan F. Curry, E. R. Dugan, Jr., W. H. Tucker, and W. R. Winston. It was called the Knickerbocker Baseball Club of New York. Another club called the New York Nine was organized shortly afterward, and the next season, the summer of 1846, these two clubs played the first game of baseball ever played between two regular organizations. The game was played at the Elysian Fields, Hoboken, N. J., then perhaps the chief pleasure resort of New Yorkers.

In those days, when the excellence of games is supposed to be measured by the paucity of runs scored, and when winning scores of 1 to 0 are not unknown and are highly esteemed, it is interesting to recall that in those early years a very different rule prevailed. Instead of the game being won by the team which scored the most runs in nine innings, it was won by the team which first scored 21 runs.

It was necessary to make 31 runs to win a game. Sometimes that number was scored in three or four innings; sometimes, indeed, in a single inning, and in consequence the game was then ended. On the other hand, a game was sometimes prolonged for four or five hours, through 30 or 40 innings, before the requisite number of runs was scored. It was because of this uncertainty as to the length of the game that the rules were after some years radically altered. Because there were nine players on each side, nine was the number of innings determined upon to constitute a game.

With that regulation in the early years enormous scores were not uncommon. Teams sometimes rolling up 35 or 30 runs, or even more, in nine innings. There were the days before scientific pitching, with its puzzling curves, was invented, and batters were able to "beat the ball all over the lot."

It may be added to complete the record that the first game between organized clubs, at Hoboken, in 1846, was won by the Knickerbockers over the New York Nine by the score of 21 to 1.

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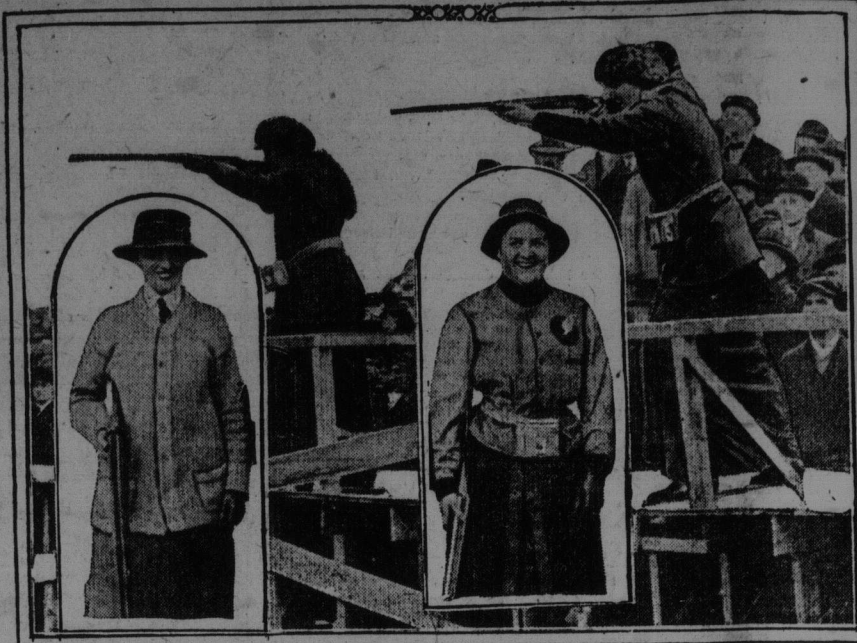
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## WOMEN SHOOTERS ARE PROFICIENT AT TRAPS



Following the organization of the De Nemours Gun Club, of Wilmington, Del., the first of the women's gun clubs, two years ago, it was predicted that within a few years every club worth while would be called upon to provide for women shooters, and the prediction has come true. Few gun clubs are complete now unless there are quarters for the fair Dianas. In some places the women form their own clubs and conduct them separately, but in many places they are conducted in conjunction with the men's trapshooting club. There are several women's gun clubs in the organizations that do credit to these clubs. In Spokane, Wash., the fair shooters have formed a women's auxiliary to the Spokane Gun Club. Some of the fair Dianas who have performed creditably at the traps during the last year are Miss Jessie Thorpe, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Mrs. F. F. Rodgers, Miss M. Hyland and Miss M. L. Boles, of the White Plains (N. Y.) Gun Club.

## SIMPLE SIGN LANGUAGE FOR MOTORISTS ADDS TO SAFETY

All motorists are fairly familiar with the straight arm signal by which one driver notifies those following him that he is about to turn to one side or another and warns those behind him that they must slacken speed. So far, so good, but as a sign language this lone signal leaves much to be desired as a means of communication between motor trucks and automobiles while in motion.

An ingenious physician of New York city, Dr. Theron W. Kilmer, has devised a five-finger code which bids fair to prove a boon to the motoring fraternity. By it the man at the wheel of one car will be able to communicate with the driver of another machine and give or ask for information that may be of help or vital importance. Dr. Kilmer thus explains:

"There has been no way heretofore by which passing motorists could speedily and intelligently transmit by signal a definite message, and yet all too frequently this interchange would save inconvenience, property loss, or perhaps even life. We have grown used to using the extended arm and hand as a warning, but it does not seem to have occurred to any one that we might amplify the practice by giving to the fingers of the signaling hand certain meanings, accordingly as we displayed one, two, three, four or all five of them. Therefore, I have devised a code using these five fingers which will cover five situations, bearing directly upon convenience and safety in motoring.

"I have submitted my scheme to Francis M. Hugo, Secretary of State, who is directly interested in all that concerns automotive vehicles. He has expressed his interest and, I am told, is disposed to urge the adoption and use of the five signals.

"In the absence of ready means of properly directing attention by the hand, it is to let the other fellow attend to his own wants and to find out for himself that something is amiss and likely to delay. It is all too human to dislike bringing your own car to a halt for the benefit of some one else who does not realize that there is something wrong with his outfit.

"But it is dawning upon a lot of us that there is such a thing as a Golden Rule well worth observing among people on wheels, and I am satisfied that my five finger code will encourage amenities that will prove of great practical value. A flat shoe is a pretty common occurrence. It is not always aware of the driver of a car to be aware of that defect.

One Finger.

One finger held up to that driver.

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## The Olympic Athletic Trials

Arrangements Completed in  
Montreal — Elimination  
Trials for Track and Field  
Events Will be Held on  
Saturday, July 10.

Montreal, April 29.—Arrangements for the holding of the Olympic elimination athletic trials were completed at a meeting of the Quebec branch of the Olympic Committee held last night at the M. A. A. A. club house. The elimination trials will be held for track and field events on Saturday, July 10. Trials for all provinces west of Ontario will be held at Winnipeg on the same day.

The trials in which the winners of the provincial competitions will compete will be held in Montreal on Saturday, July 17 and the team will sail for England on the following Saturday on the S. Mella.

## Speed Records Made By Milton

Under Auspices of American  
Auto Association Tommy  
Milton Covered Half Mile  
in 11.57 Seconds.

Dayton, Fla., April 29.—Tommy Milton yesterday concluded his record breaking dashes on Dayton Beach by covering the half mile in 11.57 seconds, and the kilometre in 14.40 seconds.

These new marks give Milton all the speed records formerly held by Ralph De Palma. His trials were under the auspices of the American Auto Association.

An injury to his eye Tuesday when his car caught fire caused Milton to postpone an attempt to break the twenty mile record. He was told by an oculist he must not drive again for a fortnight.

## Big League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
Boston 7; Philadelphia 1.  
At Philadelphia—  
Boston... ..00002000—7 4 0  
Philadelphia... ..00000001—1 3 5  
Batteries—Hugh and Walters; Nagler, Harris, Keefe and Perkins and Myatt.

St. Louis 2; Detroit 1.  
At St. Louis—  
Detroit... ..00000000—0 5 1  
St. Louis... ..00000011—2 6 0  
Batteries—Ohrle and Stange; Schlenker and Seaver.

Washington 2; New York 1.  
At New York—  
Washington... ..00000010—2 9 1  
New York... ..00000001—1 5 2  
Batteries—Johnson and Pichinch; Quinn and Ruel.

Chicago 6; Cleveland 1.  
At Cleveland—  
Cleveland... ..00000010—6 11 1  
Chicago... ..10000000—1 2 3  
Batteries—Williams and Schafer; Myers, Faeth and O'Neill.

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Brooklyn 3; New York 0.  
At Brooklyn—  
New York... ..00000000—0 5 2  
Brooklyn... ..30000000—3 7 0  
Batteries—Toney, Hubbell and Snyder; Mitchell and Kraeger.

Philadelphia 1; Boston 0.  
At Boston—  
Philadelphia... ..00000010—1 6 0  
Boston... ..00000000—0 4 1  
Batteries—Huggins and Tressor; Fillingim and O'Neill, Gowdy.

Cincinnati 8; Pittsburgh 2.  
At Pittsburgh—  
Pittsburgh... ..00102030—8 14 0  
Cincinnati... ..01000000—3 9 2  
Batteries—Rardin, Ring and Wingo; Carlson, Hamilton, Ponder and Lee.

Chicago 6; St. Louis 2.  
At Chicago—  
St. Louis... ..00000010—2 5 3  
Chicago... ..00000000—0 11 3  
Batteries—Doubt, Sherd and Clemens; Vaughan and Killefer.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Baltimore 11; Rochester 4.  
At Baltimore—  
Baltimore... ..01004010—11 13 3  
Rochester... ..01000010—4 10 1  
Batteries—Opfen and Egan; Carlson and Byers.

Reading 11; Akron 10.  
At Reading—  
Akron... ..00000100—10 30 3  
Reading... ..10000001—11 13 1  
Batteries—Hill, Phipps, Donovan, Outsp and Smith; Baruch, Baruch, Justin and Komick.

Postponed Games.  
Toronto at Jersey City: High winds and cold weather.  
Buffalo at Syracuse: Wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Standing.  
Won Lost P. C.  
Boston... ..9 2 .818  
Chicago... ..7 2 .778  
Cleveland... ..8 3 .727  
St. Louis... ..5 4 .556  
Washington... ..5 5 .500  
New York... ..4 6 .400  
Philadelphia... ..7 2 .222  
Detroit... ..0 11 .000

NATIONAL LEAGUE Standing.  
Won Lost P. C.  
Brooklyn... ..8 3 .727  
Cincinnati... ..8 3 .727  
Pittsburgh... ..5 5 .500  
St. Louis... ..5 5 .500  
Boston... ..3 5 .375  
New York... ..3 3 .333  
Chicago... ..4 8 .333

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE Standing.  
Won. Lost. P. C.  
Toronto... ..4 1 .800  
Akron... ..2 2 .500  
Buffalo... ..4 3 .570  
Jersey City... ..4 3 .570  
Baltimore... ..3 4 .400  
Reading... ..3 5 .286  
Syracuse... ..2 5 .286



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