

ing subsided when a truant officer appeared in the offing, vaulted the fence and, swooping down upon Shorty from the rear, carried him ignominiously off to the Entrance Grade. His vacant position in the eyes of his team mates was too valuable a one to be easily filled and they gathered in caucus to deliberate upon the choice of a successor.

"Dere's Mutt Smith," suggested the left fielder.

"Not on yer life!" cried Duffy, the catcher, through his mask. "He's a liar an' a southpaw anyway!"

"How 'bout Billy Grogan, bellhop at the Kings?" another of the team asked.

"Naw, he's good enough on the pitch but he don't play fair," said Duffy.

"I say, fellers," Jimmy Dolan broke in, "I know a kid what kin pitch. He's English, bah jove, but you bet he has some muscle. He's got de goods. Lemme fetch him?"

"Trot him out," said Duffy.

When Jim Dolan, shortstop of the Stripe Sox, spoke, his word was law.

Cornelius was running the divergent chromatic scale on the piano when Jimmy thrust a cautious head in at the parlor door of suite 80, and called:

"Yoo hoo! Come on out and play ball Con. Chuck de girl game an' come an' pitch fer de Stripe Sox."

There was no help for it, however. The match with the "Cubs" coming off at two next afternoon left no time for initiating another new member and if Jim Dolan said the English bloke could play ball—

Play ball! The agile little figure in the pink buster suit with the silk hose and patent leather shoes began to pitch with the ease and accuracy of a "big league" giant. Swift and telling was his aim and the crowd which had come to jeer remained to applaud.

"You'll do kid," was Duffy's verdict at the close. "Be here at one-thirty sharp to-morrow."

When four o'clock of the next day had arrived and Cornelius Reginald had failed to appear for piano practice, Nurse Hoadley instituted a search with Doctor Spotswood, the English physician who had just arrived in Canada, and together they brought up in the rear of a huge crowd which was surging about the park fences overlooking the ball game. A "tiger" had just been let loose, the game being over, and the victors were being carried aloft by admiring friends. Foremost in the march of honor was Cornelius in his pink apparel, borne high by four enthusiastic young Canucks, howling like demons.



The Fonogorijski Regiment gives three cheers for their ally, King George. These are some of the crack Russian troops who are at present stemming the German advance into Poland. The picture was taken on the occasion of the visit of a distinguished British correspondent.

The rest of the team huddled together in a corner of the vacant lot next to the park which served as field for half a dozen ball teams, fell apart into seven separate human interrogation points as Jimmy and Cornelius vaulted the park fence and approached the "diamond."

"Hully mackerel fellers!" ejaculated Duffy, while the right fielder howled out: "Look whut's comin' ter pitch! Git on t' de curls!"

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Three more cheers and a tiger!" cried Jimmy Dolan. "Hustle, boys, I've got to be back on de bench at four thirty."

Again the applause from a hundred throats.

The nurse and the doctor made their way to the front where Connie now stood, surrounded and breaking open a torturous path, finally stood before him in this his hour of triumph.

"What is the row about?" began Miss Hoadley, dazedly.

"Row ma'am!" cried Duffy, "de row is dat dis youngster has won us de bronze cup from de whole eastern league!"

"Naw," said Jimmy, emphatically to Pike Peterson, "I ain't goin' ter bellhop no more after dis week. De English Doc sez 'Caunada has done wondahs foh the boy.' He sez too dat de're ain't no trace of de con about him now. Dey're all goin' ter live in dis country. Mr. Desb'rough de kids pater if. Know sez 'I don't know whether it was Cawnada or Jimmy.' An' what d'ye t'ink Pike? He's goin' ter send me to de Art School nex' week an'—I'm sure goin' ter pay him back when I get dat newspaper job."

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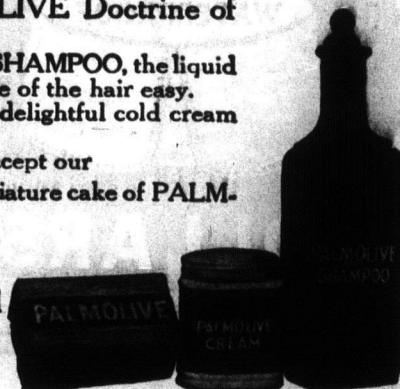
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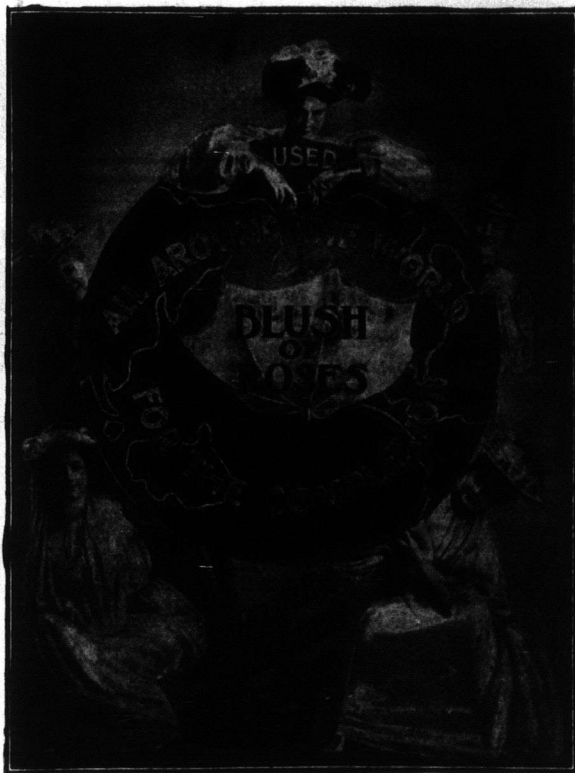
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