

Anything to Please Our Customers

By "Bud" Fisher

My dear Mr. Fisher... I have been a reader of your cartoon for several years and have had many good laughs at them...



HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU, EDDY? ANYTHING TO OBLIGE

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING. Two Men League. The match in the Two Men Bowling League rolled on Saturday night in the Victoria alleys resulted as follows: Roxborough 82 84 80 106 483 892-5...

HOCKEY. Bank League. The Montreal-Commerce team blanked the Bank of Nova Scotia 8-0 in the opening game of the Bankers' League in the Queen's Rink Saturday evening.

ATHLETIC. A New Record. New York, Jan. 3.—A new junior indoor record for the 12-pound shot—fifty-two feet and four and a half inches—was made by Wallace C. Maxfield, of Dartmouth College tonight.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT. Gumboat Smith—"I won as I thought I would. But I found Pelkey a much tougher customer than I had expected. Nobody can afford to take any reckless chances with him; he sure has got one wallop."

LEVINSKY GETS DECISION. Battling Levinsky was given the decision over Jim Coffey, of Dublin, in a six-round bout in Philadelphia Saturday. The fight was flat throughout.

MORAN WANTS BOUTS. New York, Jan. 5.—Owen Moran, English lightweight, is here looking for bouts. He is very anxious to get on with Leach Crose when the latter returns from the coast.

An Outcome of The Defeat of Wells

Milwaukee, Jan. 1.—The defeat of Bombardier Wells may prove a blessing in disguise to the ring game in England for the Sporting Chronicle of London has come forward with an offer of \$25,000 to the man who will be developed among the heavyweights in the next year and be considered fit to match for a championship contest.

ALLERTON, and was born at Chapel-Allerton 48 years ago. Captain of the Harrow cricket eleven in 1888, he was captain of the Cambridge University team in 1892. From 1893 he became a regular player in the Yorkshire County eleven and was such a conspicuous success that he was chosen to play for England against the Australians.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1. Blackburn Rovers, 0; Aston Villa, 0. Bolton W., 6; Manchester U., 1. Bradford C., 2; Middlesbrough, 8. Chelsea, 2; Oldham A., 1. Derby C., 4; Tottenham H., 0. Everton, 2; Newcastle U., 0. Manchester C., 2; Sheffield U., 1. Sheffield W., 2; Burnley, 6. Sunderland, 1; Liverpool, 2. Notts Forest, 1; Hull C., 2. Woolwich A., 1; Preston N. E., 0.

Southern League. West Ham U., 6; Bristol R., 1. Merthyr T., 1; Queen's Park, 1. Plymouth A., 1; Swindon T., 1. Southampton, 0; Cardiff C., 0. Reading, 2; Exeter C., 2. Coventry C., 2; Portsmouth, 2. Crystal Palace, 8; Millwall, 0. Watford, 8; Brighton and Hove, 1. Norwich C., 6; Southend U., 0. Gillingham, 1; Northampton, 1. Gillingham, 1; Northampton, 1.

Why He's Going. "We are thinking of going south for the winter." "What's the trouble? Somebody ill?" "No." "Has your husband business interests down there?" "Not at all. Heretofore he has held that wintering in the south was ridiculous and extravagant." "Oh, I see. Now that he can afford the trip he wants to make it."

THE HAPPY ONE. "Baron Dollesberg's horse won the race and with it thirty thousand dollars." "Well, who is that man up on the roof of the grandstand acting as if he were mad?" "Probably one of the Baron's creditors."—Lustige Welt.

JOE PAGE HAS NEW RULE FOR BALL GAMES

Trying to Eliminate Deliberate Passing of Good Batmen SENDS IT TO BAN JOHNSON. Baseball World Now Agitated Over This Question and Effort Being Made to Frame Regulation That Will do Away With the Practice.

Baseball world is agitated over the matter of a pitcher deliberately passing a good batter in order to have a better chance for his side with a less able hitter succeeding him. Managers and fans alike see that this practice spoils many an interesting moment in the game but it is recognized as difficult—in fact impossible—to prove when a pitcher does this deliberately; and because of this the rule makers are up against a stone wall.

Except that with runners on second and third base only, runner or runners shall be allowed to advance a base. Provided that, with first base occupied, the succeeding batsman shall be legally entitled to first base by having received a base on balls before having two strikes called on him (as defined by rule 49).

Here is how Mr. Page figures that this rule would work:—Take a game between the Philadelphia Athletics and Detroit. It is the ninth inning, Detroit at bat and two men out. The score is three to two in favor of Philadelphia. Bender is pitching and there are Detroit runners on second and third bases. Ty Cobb comes to bat.

Under Mr. Page's suggested rule, Bender still could pass Cobb but not until he had had two strikes and it is not unlikely that if two good ones came Cobb's way he would meet one of them. If Bender passed Cobb before he had two strikes then the runner on third would automatically go home and the score be tied. With this condition to meet, Bender's manager would never allow him to give the pass.

Mr. Johnson's views on Mr. Page's suggested rule will be awaited with interest. "When I was shipwrecked in South America," said Captain Boswip, "I came across a tribe of wild women who had no tongues." "Mercy" cried one of the listeners of the fair sex. "How could they talk?" "They couldn't," snapped the old sailor. "That's what made 'em wild."

AMUSEMENTS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday IMPERIAL. Daniel Frohman Presents the Internationally Famous Play "LEAH KLESCHNA" In Four Strong Acts.

EXTRA—A Promenade in Rome City of Constantinople. Dolar Vielleu—Balladist. ORCHESTRA Full Orchestra Afternoon and Evening.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON. This is a recent picture of Shackleton, British explorer, who will lead an expedition across the Antarctic continent.

HEAD OF MINERS. Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who was "kidnapped" and deported from the copper zone at Calumet, Mich.

NOTE: The Harem Captives has never been shown in St. John, tonight are "Sure Fire" Hits.

AMUSEMENTS

OPERA HOUSE. THOMPSON-WOODS STOCK CO. A Brand New Play For a Brand New Year. The 1914 Success Up to the Minute. "WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY" Dramatized from the Famous "Mary" Stories.

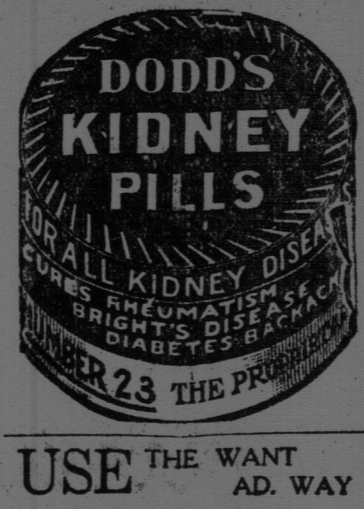
NOTICE! The annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Co. will be held at the office of the company, 159 Union St., Opera House Block, St. John, at 8 p. m. o'clock on Thursday, January 8th, 1914, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors and for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

RELIANCE DAYS—FIRST WEEK OF NEW YEAR BETTER PICTURES. EVERY ITEM A PLEASING ONE. A PROGRAM OF REAL MERIT.

EMPRESS HAS FINE WESTERN PROGRAM! "The Senorita's Repentance" SELIG WESTERN. "The House Divided" ESSANAY WESTERN. "Father's Chicken Dinner" BIOGRAPH COMEDY. "The Suffragette Minstrels" BIOGRAPH FARCE.

GEM—"ALL FOR SCIENCE" Edyth Wood—New Song Hits. Labin Drama of a Counterfeit Gang With Pretty Low Touches. "The Death Trap" M. W. BURNHAM AND GEM ORCHESTRA. CRANE WILBUR an Finniest of Comedies—Side-Tickler in Life of "The Newbyeds". "The Couple Next Door"

"HAREM CAPTIVES" AT THE STAR. Two-Reel Pathe Sensational Turkish Melodrama. A Couple of "BUNNY Among The SUFFRAGETES" Warm Fun Genuine Screens. "A THREE-TO-ONE-SHOT" For Cold Nights.



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