

# Mutt and Jeff--There Was Only the Difference of an Apostrophe At That

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## COBB LEADS BATSMEN; FANS ONLY 43 TIMES

Bobby Roth Has Seven Homers, Sam Crawford Nineteen Triples and Bob Veach Forty Doubles

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, baseball's greatest player, ran true to form during the past season and led the American League in batting, just as he did in several previous campaigns. Ty's batting mark at the close of the season was .370 and he had no near rival for the honor. Veach, George of Boston ranked next to Cobb, with a mark of .360, but he played in only eighteen games. Eddie Collins was the real runner-up and his mark was .352 for 135 games. Others who batted above .300 and played in more than half of the scheduled 154 games, were: Speaker, .322; Fournier, .322; McInnis, .314; Veach, .313; Kirtley, .310; Jackson, .308. Dan Johnson's .300 class for 1915 contains only thirteen names, and four of these took part in twenty games or less. Besides the eight mentioned above and the four who took part in only a few games was Babe Ruth of Boston with .315 for forty-two games. The mighty Sam Crawford of Detroit missed the select circle by 1 percentage point, and he played in every game in which his team took part. Amos Strunk of the Athletics missed the select crowd by three percentage points. Perhaps the most interesting batting performance of the campaign was that of George Sisler of the Browns. This youngster, who joined Ricker's team at the close of the college season, batted at a .285 clip for eighty-one games. Ten doubles, two triples and three home runs are included in his collection of seventy-eight hits and he fanned only twenty-seven times in 274 times at bat. Quite a record for a youngster breaking into the major leagues from a college ball club.

Bill Donovan's Yankees had no representatives in the .300 class. Paddy Baumann, who played the infield with a role for the greater part of the season, led the Yankees with the stick with a mark of .292 for seventy-six games. Mabel, who was up in the select circle most of the season, led the regulars with a mark of .281 for 133 games. Cook, High and Hartwell were the other regulars who batted above .260. Cobb was not content in his batting

leadership. He led also in stolen bases with a total of ninety-six thefts. This is the highest mark made by any player in either major league under present conditions. Cobb led the league in number of hits, 208, and also in total bases, 274, though he did not lead in doubles, triples or home runs. Other members of the Detroit outfield made up for Ty's failures, however, as Bob Veach led the way in two base hits with forty, and Sam Crawford led in triples with nineteen. In the absence of J. Franklin Baker there was no great home running by any one player. Bobby Roth transferred from Chicago to Cleveland in the Joe Jackson deal, led the league in homers with seven.

Fritz Mabel of the Yankees, who performed the marvellous stunt a year ago of stealing seventy-six bases on a .230 batting average, had only fifty-one thefts to his credit this year, though he batted hard all season. Mabel ranked second to Cobb this season and Eddie Collins, with forty-six steals, was third.

Back Weaver of the White Sox and Oscar Vitt of the Tigers tied for the lead in sacrifice hits, each having forty-two. Eddie Collins led in receiving bases on balls with a total of 119, but Cobb, Bush and Bert Shotton were close rivals, each having 118. Chapman of Cleveland led in strikeouts with eighty-two. Cobb is charged with forty-three strikeouts in 568 times at bat.

Only three players took part in every game played by their respective teams during the season, Cobb and Crawford of Detroit and Pratt of St. Louis. The Tigers had a clear lead in team batting with .268, as compared with .260 by the world's champion Red Sox, who finished in second place. The Yankees were last with .233. The Tigers played only one game more than the Red Sox, yet both were beaten out by Carrigan's men in the pennant race. These figures tell a tale of effective pitching by the Boston boxmen and weakness in the same regard by the other two clubs. The Tigers led the league in doubles. Chicago in triples and the Yankees in home runs.

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## HARVARD HAS SIGNED MITCHELL

Former Member of St. John Alerts Succeeds Sexton, Formerly of Shamocks

The Harvard Athletic Association has engaged Fred Mitchell of the Boston national league team, formerly of the St. John Alerts to coach the Harvard varsity players next spring. The contract provides for the coach's services in the case this winter, and also until after the conclusion of the Harvard-Yale championship series next June. Harvard also has the privilege of signing Mitchell for another year if the first season's work is satisfactory.

The new coach, who succeeds Frank Sexton, formerly of the St. John Alerts, is a professional at Cambridge, will work under the direction of the Harvard graduate baseball committee, the members of which are E. H. Nicholson, '16; B. Wendell, Jr., '12 and Channing Frothingham, '12. Last year Percy Haughton coached the nine after Dr. Sexton's sudden resignation, but at that time there was no chance that he would continue to remain in charge of baseball.

Haughton's football contract with the H. A. expired last month, but the athletic committee is confident that he will continue to remain as supervisor of football even if an additional field coach is engaged. Fred Mitchell, the new baseball coach received his unconditional release the other day from President Gaffney of the Braves and will start work with the Harvard candidates early in February.

## NO GERMAN FLAGS FOR NEW JERSEY BOY SCOUTS

New York, Dec. 13.—Members of the Boy Scouts of Montclair, N. J., refused to carry on their meeting in Wilde Memorial Chapel the other night until German flags that had been used as decorations for a recent entertainment were removed.

No scout masters were present. The meeting had scarcely begun when one scout noticed the German flag and formally called the attention of the chairman to its presence.

The Scouts got busy and took down every German flag. Flags of other countries were untouched.

## Perfectly Simple

During a school tea a kindly lady sat regarding one of the young guests with evident alarm. Undismayed by the lady's glances, the young hopeful demolished plate after plate of bread and butter and cake. At last the lady could stand it no longer. Going up to the arch, she said:

"My boy, have you never read any book which would tell you what to eat, what to drink, and what to avoid?"

"Why, bless yer, ma'am," replied the young gentleman, with his mouth full of cake. "I don't want no book. It's very simple. I eat all I can. I drink all I can, an' I avoid bustin'."

## BRAVED PERILS TO SERVE KING

Major Huntington Made a Thrilling Journey From Alaska—Many Others Lost Lives on Same Trip

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—One more story of how Britishers have been coming from the ends of the earth to fight for flag and empire is made known here.

Major S. A. Huntington, of Vancouver, fifty years of age, and a veteran of two wars, who arrived here this week, has been attached to the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders by the militia authorities, and has left to join his regiment in Victoria.

From the Far North.

A year ago Major Huntington set out to re-enlist. He was in Alaska at the time, at the foot of the Nazina Glacier, in the Tanana Hill district. He was secretary to Mr. Bratner, a consulting mining engineer, who represented the Guggenheims and Rothschilds in the north. Huntington had been through the South African war, and he was filled with a desire to join the colors again.

Mr. Bratner was taken ill, so Major Huntington decided to take the sick man out with him. They crossed the glacier by dog sleds and took to a canoe when they reached the Tanana river. Mr. Bratner became worse and lay in the bottom of the canoe. They covered more than 600 miles by canoe, and for 400 miles never saw a human being. Five other canoes started out about the same time. They contained ten men and two women, but they have not been heard of since. Major Huntington eventually reached Dawson along the Yukon, and came out by way of White Horse and Skagway.

## Rounded Up Allens.

He wanted to join the Canadian Expeditionary force, but was asked to take part in rounding up alien enemies in the Rockies. This task occupied him some months, but at last all were returned and he came to Ottawa where he secured his attachment as major to the 72nd Seaforths.

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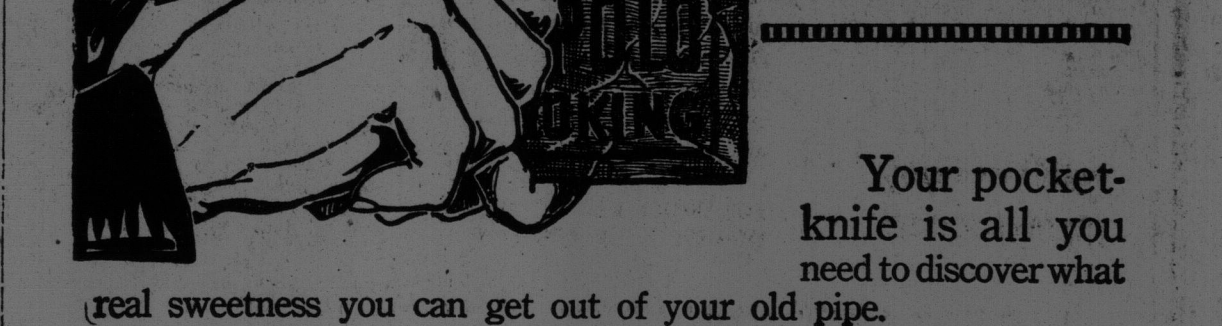
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