

SNAP-SHOTS

AT VARIOUS SPORTS

Not having heard that Burns and O'Brien have been matched again for 17 or 18 hours, it stands to reason that they must have signed articles in earnest. In the meantime one Mr. Johnston is going around with nothing more to get fat on than surmises emanating from the pens of overzealous sport scribes.

Tom Sharkey, who gave Jim Jeffries the hardest fight of his career, said recently that the boiler-maker would have an easy time of it against any heavyweight.

Said Tom: "Burns used to be my partner. As a champion he's a joke. Jeffries could take all the heavyweights of today, have them waiting in the dressing-room with their tight and bath robes on and knock them out as fast as they could walk out to the ring in single file. I know Jeff better than anybody else. I ought to be as fast and as clever as Jim Corbett ever was in his life. He could catch O'Brien in a round and put him out with a punch."

"Jeff," said Jim Corbett, "is faster and more clever than I ever was. He's the most remarkable boxer that ever lived. I thought that I had a chance the last time I fought him, but I'll tell you honestly that from the second round on I was hoping he'd hurry up and knock me out. He took his time. He could have finished me whenever he wanted to. When he did finish me with two terrible blows in the body he hurt me so that I felt the effects for months afterwards."

Baseball and hockey are about on a par for uncertainty. Reversals of form are common in both games, and it is toss up, and take your choice. "I never crow," said Pitcher Earl Moore, of the Cleveland, the other day, "as baseball is too uncertain an occupation. One day you pitch your arm off, you have control and speed and yet you lose. Another day you just lob the ball over the plate, giving numerous bases on balls, and then get away with a victory. A pitcher, under these circumstances, has no reason to become chummy. The same thing applies to ballplayers in general. Stars come and go and are forgotten. Today you are at the top of the list, and the fans declare you are the only ballplayer that ever lived. Tomorrow some other man may be filling your shoes and if he makes good you are quickly lost sight of. Star players have their part in the game and their army of friends, while they last, but after all it's the only game that people go out to see, and a winning team, no matter who the members of it may be, gains the loyal support of the fans."

Congratulations, Scribe Fowler. As secretary of the City Hockey League the right man has been put in the right place.

The City Hockey League will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 in the parlor of the Tecumseh House. Representatives of the various teams are requested to be present.

Listowel will now have to be placed upon the map, as it defeated Preston Pointers by 7 to 0 in the first O. H. O. game of the season.

A burlesque game of hockey, that is, an intentionally burlesque contest, was brought off in Toronto a day or so ago. They have enough burlesques in Hogtown without trying to manufacture them.

Apologies of the above, it might be well to recall that the Toronto baseball team gave an excellent burlesque on "baseball as it is played" during the past season.

Southpaw: Can you tell me in what group St. Thomas will play?—Nosey.

Answer.—I cannot. The Saints are not expected to play. They are suspected of being merely on the figure-head order.

T. S. Andrews, of Milwaukee, Wis., sporting editor of the Evening Wisconsin, has published his 1907 Sporting Annual Record Book, containing records of all the noted fighters, trotting, pacing, running, bowling, athletic, baseball, etc. The book contains many fine illustrations of the world's prominent fighters, and all the up-to-date records. It is now the leading sporting annual of the country. Copies can be had for 12 cents by addressing the publisher.

The Soo News says that there is only one way in which the Canadian Soos can be strengthened, and that is by team work.

What's the matter with garlic, onions, or hamburger?

In Pitt in Cornwall they are fearful lest they stack up against professionals. In Pittsburgh (and other places) the hockey men are trembling lest someone ask them to play against amateurs. Everybody has his troubles; but some imagine that they are getting more than their share. Frank Grieron is saying nothing, but saving lots of wood. In commenting on Grieron's notion of plying into the affairs of the Montreal Rugby players one party was unkind enough to say that it was only drifted wood that Frank was cutting. But what's the use of casting up? Can't you see for yourself?

Another Indian phenomenon was exploded when the Hamilton road race came off. Joe Charles, who was touted as a dark horse, proved "not such a muck." He wound up in fifth place. Even that is better than being an "also ran."

It is a popular belief that the big professional billiard players receive large purses for their work. The following New York dispatch will do much to remove the fancy:

George Sutton almost lost money in spite of the fact that he retained the 15-2 championship in his match the other night with Hoppe.

The receipts for tickets were \$300 less than the expenses, and but for the fact that Sutton won \$500 from Hoppe he would have been a financial loser, as a winner, under the rules governing championship matches, takes all the receipts and assumes all the expenses.

Before the game was played Maurice Daly offered to give \$3,000 for the house if he should be given exclusive management.

No, the principals would not have it. Rather, Hoppe, sen., opposed it, if all reports are true, and Sutton permitted himself to be influenced by Hoppe, pere, rather than accept a proposition made by a billiard manager of experience and judgment.

Whether the elder Hoppe or Sutton had most to do with the arrangements for the match no one seems to know, but it is the general impression that it was very badly bungled in that a sentiment was permitted to spread through billiard circles that Sutton would be easy prey for his young opponent.

As a natural result few thought the match would be particularly interesting and many remained away. As it happened, it was not an interesting game, but due to no wonderful superiority on the part of "Willie" Hoppe, as the clever boy was clearly out of form.

There has been an occasional tendency to "over manage" Willie in the past, and while his father has great reason to be proud of so clever and delightfully mannered a son, it must not be forgotten by Hoppe, sen., that there are other billiard players in the world than his boy.

Sutton made about \$500 on the match. If Maurice Daly's offer had been accepted he would have been \$2,000 ahead. Merely a difference of \$1,800 because the business end of the affair was bungled.

The promoters of the fight club at Rhyolite, Nev., are awaiting a reply from Bill Squires, of Australia, in regard to meeting Jim Jeffries in the squared arena. Bill is fortunate—he is very absentminded, and it is very probable that he will forget to send a reply. It were better if it were so. Better for the public—and better for Bill.

BASEBALL.

BELL REINSTATED.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—The National Baseball Commission today granted the application for reinstatement of George G. Bell, who was carried on the reserve list of the Brooklyn National League Club for 1906, but who refused to sign the contract tendered him or report to the club during the past season. Bell's reinstatement is conditional upon his paying a fine of \$200.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY ON THE COAST.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26.—In the first of the games for the Rugby championship of the Pacific coast, the Vancouver all-star team here yesterday defeated Stanford University, champions of California, by a score of 11 to 9. Three thousand people were present and the weather was like a May day. The English rules were used.

WATFORD DEFAULTS FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON TO WOODSTOCK

Montreal Seniors Downed by Cornwall—Berlin II. Beat by Guelph.

Woodstock, Dec. 26.—The Watford junior hockey team have defaulted to Woodstock. The game was to have been played here next Friday night, but Watford sent word yesterday that they would not be here and thus the game goes to Woodstock. The first game to be played by Woodstock will be with Brantford at the latter city next Monday night.

WILL BECOME PROFESSIONAL. Montreal, Dec. 26.—The New Glasgow, N. S., hockey team, which is to play the Wanderers tomorrow for the Stanley Cup, arrived here today from the east. They are confident they have a chance to win.

Regarding their action in coming in spite of the action of the Maritime Amateur Athletic Association, they state they are going for a professional team, independent of the Maritime Association, and expect to get all the support they need.

MONTREAL SENIORS LOSE.

Cornwall, Dec. 26.—The hockey season opened here with a match between the senior Montreal team and Cornwall, and, although the Factory Town team was handicapped by the absence of several of their best players, it won out by a score of 4 goals to 2. The amateur epidemic which has struck Montreal made the knights of the winged steel rather squeamish about playing against out-and-out professionals, and, while they stood for the others fellows, who played in the senior lacrosse league last summer, they drew the line at "Reddy" McMillan because he had figured in the international professional league. The bluff worked all right, and McMillan was a spectator of the game, as well as "Newey" Lalonde, who was assistant referee; J. E. Morrison, Hank Smith and others, who will probably wear Cornwall jerseys in the Federal League this season.

MORE CERTIFICATES FILED.

The following O. H. A. certificates were filed at Toronto yesterday: Kingston—Frontenac (junior)—A. Cook, P. Dowdley, J. Metcalfe, W. Lumbe, M. Tinsley, R. Crawford, W. Lemmon. Welland (intermediate)—C. W. Hager, F. O'Brien, W. Jones, A. Gorman, L. Ballencourt, F. Kilty, N. Britton, W. D. Ross, G. B. Ross, O. Gilchrist, L. R. Foley, W. Staph. Owen Sound (junior)—R. M. Wilson, Bert Yule, R. Cruickshank, N. K.

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KID HERMAN HAS GRIT IN PLENTY; FOUGHT WITH JAW BONES BROKEN

Stayed Through Vicious Go With Kid Abel and Earned a Draw—His Record.

Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 26.—Students of fight games have taken notes of past performances of "Kid" Herman, and betting men in Tonopah look upon the Chicago fighter as more than a possibility in his coming match with Gans.

During his ring career Herman has shown his class on several occasions by coming right back and defeating men that have defeated him. In his first fight with Clarence Forbes, who at that time was considered the best in the business, the Ghetto champion lost in six rounds by the decision route. When they met again Herman showed improved, and put Forbes away with a hard right to the jaw in the sixth round.

Meeting several lesser lights in the ring, Herman easily carried off the honors. He next tackled "Kid" Abel. This fight was most vicious from the start to the finish, Herman having both his jaw bones broken. In his first round. Notwithstanding this fact, he managed to stand off his opponent for six rounds and secured a draw.

That Herman's grit and determination cannot be doubted is shown from the fact that after receiving these terrible blows from Abel, he fought on, protecting his head and jaws especially, and then earning a draw decision.

After this he met and defeated many of the best boys in the feather-weight division. Charlie Neary came along about this time and put a crimp in Herman's aspirations for the championship, knocking him out in April, and securing a decision over the "Kid" a few months later. Nothing daunted, Herman pegged along, knocked out Clarence Forbes and checked the career of several promising youths. He tackled Charlie Neary for the third time, and gave him a beating that will ever be remembered by the Milwaukee man, securing the decision in the tenth round. This was at Denver.

His next fight of importance was with Tommy Mowatt, the fighting conductor, of Chicago, whom he easily defeated in six rounds. Then came his contest with Benny Yanger, which he lost after one of the most stubborn contests seen in the arena. Herman was never satisfied that Yanger was his master and to prove it issued a challenge to the Tipton Spider and easily disposed of him.

Since Herman has been in California he has met three men who were top-notchers in their class. In two of these with Herrerra, who gave him a beating the hardest fight of his life, the referee gave a draw decision, which was claimed unjust by practically every man in a pavilion at Los Angeles; in the other one with Abe Attel, the public also thought Herman should have had the decision. His disposal of Eddie Hanlon is still fresh in the memory of fight fans.

A big factor in Herman's favor is the fact that he has not been defeated in nearly four years and has been constantly climbing upward during that period.

Since coming to Tonopah the "Kid" has surprised the followers of the game by the way he performs on the road

Douglas, R. E. Greenwood, G. N. Elvin, M. G. Rhyna, W. H. Fletcher, H. M. Johnson, W. McQueen, H. W. Hertl, L. Loos.

Ingersoll (junior)—H. Smith, B. C. Gayer, F. Kelly, J. Clark, A. S. Multhead, F. Jones, G. P. Beck, E. Nos, G. C. Hog, E. Gregory, J. Barrow. Penetang (junior)—J. A. McGibbon, J. Davlin, D. D. McGibbon, A. Orisome, N. Clouthier, A. E. Copeland, E. Corban, J. McLaughlin, C. Spear. W. S. Hancock, of Toronto, will referee the Owen Sound game at Markdale tomorrow night.

A referee is asked for the Ingersoll match at Paris Friday.

Sandy Burrows has been suggested as referee for the Kingston-Frontenac play at Brockville Friday.

BERLIN II. BLANKED.

Guelph, Dec. 26.—The exhibition game of hockey played in the Royal City rink here last night between Berlin and Guelph intermediates resulted: Guelph, 10, Berlin 0.

MOOSEJAW IN GOOD SHAPE.

Moosejaw, Dec. 26.—So far the Moosejaw practices have been excellent, and the results very satisfactory. Matt Brown, the ex-Rat Portage player, who is captain, believes in plenty of practice, and "Toad" Edmunds, formerly of Stratford, at rover, keeps the forwards going all the time. Hockey is expected to be a boom here this year, and probably 50 players are in training for games in the various series.

MIDGETS DROP ONE.

Lindsay, Dec. 26.—The Lindsay Midgets juniors were defeated by the Port Perry O. H. A. intermediates by the score of 6 to 2.

The game was very fast from start to finish, but the Midgets were inclined to rough it too much, decorating the ice frequently.

The best man on the ice was Leon Koyl, point of the Lindsay team. He is a very strong player. The Midgets will have a fast team this year, but lack the system of combination, which the Port Perry boys excelled in last night.

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and in the gymnasium. He is a glutton for work and no man is too big or too little for the Chicagoan to tackle. The determination with which Herman started his training stunts has caused the sporting element of Nevada no little concern, and when he steps into the ring on New Year's day he will have more than one of them holding tickets on him.

The sale of seats so far has been more encouraging to the promoters, and by the time the real sea opens quite a rush is expected. Reservations by mail and telegraph are coming in.

The fight will be held in what will eventually be the greatest prize fight arena the world has ever seen. By the time that the building now under construction is completed it will be equipped in every detail with apparatus for the accommodation of spectators, fighters, attaches, etc., in such a way as to place it in a class by itself.

When Joe Gans and Kid Herman book up for a title fight it will be a starter of the structure that is only a Tonopah on the pugilistic map in very large letters. The lack of time between now and the New Year day contest has given the club to build a structure that will have to be regarded after the original plans, and which, when finally completed, will cost the Casino Athletic Club more than \$40,000.

The arena covers a lot 140 feet square. The ring platform is in the center and is 24 feet square. It is three and one-half feet above the floor level, and is surrounded by a double row of press seats. Three rows of boxes run back from the four sides of the ring, each box having a seating capacity of twelve persons.

CURLING.

NEW RINK OPENED.

Stratford, Dec. 26.—Stratford's handsome new curling rink was opened for the first time on Christmas Day. There is ice space sufficient for four rinks and the building throughout is one of the best appointed in Western Ontario. The devotees of the roarin' game are looking forward with pleasure to a most enjoyable and successful season.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

MOUNTED MEN CHALLENGE.

On behalf of the mounted officers of the Sixth Field Battery, Major Mills has issued a challenge for a game of indoor baseball with the Seventh Regiment, and the deft has been taken up.

The contest will probably take place in a few days.

ATHLETICS.

GALT CLAIMS THIS CHAMPION.

Galt, Dec. 26.—Galt has several champions in the athletic realm. Among them is one who shines on ice. He is A. P. Agnew, of Winnipeg, champion fast skater of the Northwest, and is in town on a visit to relatives and friends. An old Galt boy, he is glad to get back to the good town. Mr. Agnew offers to give an exhibition of his work against a relay of other skaters, and it is likely the novel contest will be pulled off this week. Another ice champion who belongs to Galt is Bruce, of Minneapolis, a fancy skater.

Mile in Less Than 50 Seconds

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—As soon as the six-day race in New York was over, Bobby Walthour, the local bicycle rider, and world's champion cyclist resolved to break the record now held by Charles Murphy, who rode a mile in 57 2-5 seconds behind a train. Walthour will try to cover a mile in less than 50 seconds.

The race will be run at Daytona Beach, Florida, either on Jan. 27 or 28. The pacing machine will be a 100-horsepower motor, with a hood which will keep the wind off the pace follower.

YALE APPROVES NEW FOOTBALL

No Changes in the Rules To Be Advocated for Another Year at Least.

New York, Dec. 26.—Football as played under the new rule, has won the unqualified approval of Yale men, and are advocated for another year at least. In speaking of the season the Yale Alumni Weekly says, in part:

"If any one thing stood out in special prominence at the two final Yale games last month, it was the much-desired proof that critics said was needed for the retention of the game, that football can be played in a sportsmanlike spirit. This year, in the Yale-Harvard game, as it was apparent to the few on both sidelines who knew what was going on in the scrimmage, it was only a vindication of the new rule; it was an answer to the criticisms that had been made of the game throughout the country, both in the press and from academic chairs. If the judgment of the majority of the men who make the daily papers and who are influential in university life counts for anything, football has been saved."

"Any game that is worth playing is worth playing for the game itself, and not for the immediate joy of winning. As it was played this year under the new rule, it was a game worth playing for the sport of playing it, for the touch and go of opposed skill and spirits, for the sheer human joy of pitting fleetness and strength and quick thinking and concerted plan and action against the same qualities in an opponent."

There was little opportunity for this sort of thing in the old football. In that game, now happily history, quick thinking and individuality in play were subordinated to the mass play, by the shoulder wedge of the two rush lines, by the road-runner style of attack that plunged through a hole opened up in the line by tactics that too often gave opportunity for unclean and unfair play. Legislation rarely corrects evils, but the legislation on the football rules this year happily made impossible repetition of last year's tactics, and made possible the game of this year."

The tournament will consist of fifteen games, and there will be three prizes offered. The first will be a solid silver cup, second a solid silver cup, and third a solid medal.

Billy Bell has received over 40 entries up to date, and expects to line all the boys up for the contest. The tournament will begin shortly after the holidays.

DURNAN SHOULD WIN FROM TOWNS

Certainty That He Can Beat Australian If He Is Willing to Work.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Mr. Lawrence Solman today received a letter from Charlie Cummeford, from Sydney, N. S. W., dated Nov. 23, announcing the arrival of Eddie Durnan and Alex. Solman. He says:

"The boys arrived O. K. They had a very rough passage, but are looking fine. If Eddie is willing to work it is a certainty that he will win. If he cannot beat Towns I am going into the rowing business myself. The Pennsylvanian will give Durnan and Towns \$1,000 to row there, and as it is only 45 minutes on the train from Sydney, I think they would be mad not to accept, and especially as it is a fresh-water course. They will be able in a few days just where they will row, and then Eddie will get to work on the course on which the race will take place."

Mr. Frank Coffee, who has been in Australia for many years and has amassed a fortune there, is in Toronto today, and he says the Penarth course is decidedly the one to take. The Paramatta is a tidal river, and is besides tricky. Mr. Coffee formerly resided here, and in Guelph, and on his return from Australia he will, with Charlie Cummeford, who leaves tomorrow, look after Durnan's interests.

THE RING.

STRIKE LASTED SEVEN ROUNDS.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Billy Weller knocked out Jimmy Strike at Riverside Park yesterday afternoon in the seventh round of what was to have been a fifteen-round bout. It was one of the best contests that has been seen here for a long time.

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Toy Boy 9 to 2, Rusik 14 to 5, Debar 1 to 2, Toboggan 4 to 1, Morales 7 to 2, Henry Watterston 5 to 1.

Baseball Talent of High Order Is Scarce Article

Baseball talent of high order is scarcer than the proverbial hen's teeth, says Carl W. Chester in an American exchange. Every nook and corner of ballroom is being subjected to a microscopic search for material with which to strengthen the major leagues, and Class A organizations, but the demand greatly exceeds the supply, making it imperative for the club owners to resort to trading in order to secure a player or two capable of adding strength to their teams. Young blood of promising order commands a high premium. A dozen clubs, all in a bunch, may be hot after a youngster and much diplomacy indulged in by those seeking his services to outdo the other. Subterfuge and coin generally gain the day.

When the ratio of minors making good in the major leagues is considered—it is only 1 to 6—the strenuous struggle for possession seems hardly worth while. In numerous instances the high rank club owners feel sanguine that they are being goldbricked, but are willing to take a chance, slight as it may be, of securing a jewel in the rough. If the recruit makes good they feel amply repaid for their trouble. If, finally, he is branded N. G. they heave a sigh of relief, and ship him back to the minor ranks and immediately proceed to take further chances in the baseball lottery so unproductive of prizes.

The long green cuts the powerful figure in the game, those club owners possessing it invariably get the big end of the stick, those with the simoleons in their jeans being in a position to outbid their less fortunate associates burdened with poor teams and fewer opportunities of securing the cream of the baseball maris.

Speculation in baseball flesh is not always attended with good results. While a player bartered for may be a topnotcher he may knock everything else in rendering indifferent service caused by disgruntled feelings on account of not receiving the larger slice of the purchase price, or of disinclination to play with the team to which he was allotted. And there may be a dozen other reasons. A Pacific Coast League player who was sold to the Boston Americans lately refuses to go to that club because they are tailenders. Another player has declined to play in the south because it would take him too far away from his best girl. Homesickness, and lack of

any money.

all. The space aft of the mainmast is a little less than half that area. "But it wasn't more'n two minutes before rip, smash; the ice outside began raising' hell. I suppose the tide had lifted it an' caused it to break up some. We all went out of deck and worked most of the rest of the night."

"What could you do in a case of that kind?" "Eat 'Em Alive" was asked.

"Oh, stand an' watch the ice, that's about all. That was a Christmas as was a Christmas; but this one is a farce. Nothin' doin', an' no money to do it with."

In the mess room Steward Percy played solitaire, watched by a couple of other members of the ship's company, and by Teddy the cat. The Roosevelt carried two cats named Percy said, and two kittens were born in the winter. One of the old cats died from the cold, and the other was stolen at the Vineyard Haven on the way to New York. A specially heated future has been invoked to take care of the thief.

It required some care to keep the cats shut up on the long voyage and away from the dogs. The Roosevelt brought back some fifteen of the latter. A few were lying on the coal in the open hold yesterday, and apparently enjoyed the cold wind that came through the lifted hatch.

As the launch cleared away for the return to shore after its last trip yesterday the crew leaned over the rail to say good-by.

"Wish you would send out a plug of tobacco if the lighter comes back," sang out one voice. "I'm all out. The voice went on, 'New York right over there, an' me begin' for tobacco.'"

A good part of the crew had counted on getting off to New York on a near home for Christmas dinner. Then they learned that they would not be paid off before Wednesday. Four lucky ones, including Able Seaman George Clark, No. 1, and Able Seaman George Clark, No. 2 (a relation), and Bo's'n Jack Murphy had money left over from their Sydney landing, and were brought over to Manhattan in the afternoon.

Fragments of salt corned beef and duff littered the table in the fore'sle. Duff is a sort of plain pudding made with flour, baking powder and water.

"There's what's left of our Christmas dinner," said Fireman Clark. "Don't look much like New York, does it? You ought to have seen us a year or two ago, same as we were black an' blue. The result? Oh, I guess it was about even."

"Sure," came from one of the bunks. "There was so much zero up there that the score was 0-0."

"After we had got tired of that, Charlie Percy, the steward, piped all hands to grub-6 o'clock, your time, that was."

"We were split up in three camps, same as usual—cabin, mess room and fore'sle—though we at the same grub. There was muck ox-fine meat, that—deer meat, hare."

"In fact, everything," interpolated the bunk over in the further corner. "Hare, fresh bread, and duff and coffee," the fireman went on, unperturbed. "You can put down 'most to 'most to have eatin' dog came later, and didn't come to them who stayed on the ship at all. That was con-fined o the sledgin' party."

"We had sixty Eskimo on board, twenty families. After dinner we started a quadrille aft of the mainmast, and called in the Eskimo women. One of the crew had an accordion, and we had the phonographs. Everything started fine."

The fore'sle is about 20 by 14 feet over

and under new surroundings are other drawbacks.

During the running of a major league pennant race when the pace is being hit up hot, and some of the teams are faltering, he who could furnish two or three star players to the team in need could command a small fortune for so doing. Even now, in the interim, he who could hand over that persistently sought pair, Lumley and Jordan, to Muggsy McGraw could leave the Isle of Manhattan with pockets lined with gold.

It is like breaking in a colt to initiate minor league blood into major league ways, and the experiments have proven costly. The proportion of those making good is so few that club officials have become disheartened and now hardly know which way, or where, to turn.

Not every man "can tell a ball player when he sees one." To that respect Manager Armour, of Toledo, is conceded to be the best judge in the country not excepting Ted Sullivan, the Cincinnati scout, who has "had a line" on more players than any other man in the business. Good ball players do not grow in bushes although sometimes growing out of bush leagues. The man who can spot them on sight is gifted beyond the ordinary in baseball discernment and worthy of a large stipend.

The interim may aptly be termed doing time, as it is in the days between seasons when club owners endeavor to do up each other in the way of trades for players, the market being short on young material. It is also the time when the mighty dollar accomplishes that which neither persuasion nor little figure can do, the result being that some clubs deteriorate in playing strength while others gain.

Connie Mack is a firm believer in young blood. Since the termination of the American League season, he has traveled thousands of miles in search of talent much of his time having been spent in California, sizing up the Pacific Coast League players. Thus far he has signed 37 men and some of his old players are certain to receive the tin can as sentiment cuts little figure in baseball and only those up to the Mack standard are wanted by the Athletics' astute manager.

The supply of good material fails to keep pace with