

Braves Are All Stiff and Sore

Spring Training Puts Kinks in
Their Muscles — Egan Will
Not go With Boston This Year

(By J. C. O'Leary in the Boston Globe)
Miami, Fla., March 7.—Lame ducks
would be the fittest of sprinters in
comparison with the Braves when they
got up this morning. Every one of

Stallings' men was sore and stiff when
starting for the baseball park. The old-
timers were just about as badly off in
this respect as the youngsters, and al-
though they have been through the same
thing before, just now they seem to
think they are just a little bit worse
than in other years.

The past two days have been rather
cool here—that is, between 55 and 75,
which is regarded as cool in this locality
—and the boys are hoping that it will go
to 85 or 90 today, so they will get a
bolting which will help to take the kinks
out of their muscles, and the stiffness
out of their joints. It looks as if they
would get their wish.

Nothing has been said to them yet of
the proposed military drill, and this

morning would not be a good time to
spring a proposition of that kind. Drill-
ing on the ball field twice a day is about
all they want to think about for a few
days now. Such a proposition would
"disturb" better next week.

The throws began to fall a little short
of their objective yesterday, and there
were unmistakable signs that action
was being had on the distant exercise
that has been indulged in since pro-
ceedings opened at Tatum Park on Mon-
day.

Manager Stallings is working his pitch-
ers carefully, and hopes that by tomor-
row or next day they will be in shape to
worry through three innings. If they
are, there will be an exhibition game be-
tween the first and second teams.

Such games last year proved very in-
teresting, more so, in fact, than those
played with outsiders, as Stallings so
divided his squad as to make the nine
pretty evenly matched as to strength.

He will try the same plan this spring.

There was much speculation as to
whether Johnny Evers would stand a
hard siege of training because of the
severe attack of neuritis, which pre-
vented him from playing the latter part
of last season. It is, of course, too
early to determine to a certainty whether
he will or not.

Certainly it is, however, that he has
never worked harder the first two days
out than he has this time, and he is
satisfied that he will be able to go
through all right.

The more Stallings sees of his new
men, Rawlings and Massey, the better
he likes them. These boys are both
infielders, the former a shortstop and
the latter a second baseman. One of
them is more than likely to make good
and fill in as utility fielder in place of
Egan. Dick may not be seen again with
the Boston club, as Manager Stallings
is trying to place him somewhere as a
manager in a minor league.

The infield seems to be pretty well
fortified and it is the outfield that will
cause the Boston manager the most con-
cern until the championship season is
well under way. While he has a raft
of material in which there is speed galore,
it is a question how some of the
chickadees will perform if they are
given a chance to perform in the big
league games.

Major expects to have a good year,
and if he does there will be no question
as to his getting his old job in left field.
Joe Wilhoit will have to show some-
thing better than he did last year in or-
der to be secure. He covers a lot of
ground and does pretty good work in
the sun field, but he was woefully weak
at bat. With such men as Edgar Col-
lins, George Twombly, Joe Kelly, Larry
Chappelle and Ed Bailey fighting for
positions, and a lot of them good hitters,
Joseph has got to hump himself.

Bailey is just out of college. He is a
sweet hitter, but not yet a finished
fielder. If Collins had been played regu-
larly last season it is thought he would
have been a better man in the outfield
than was Snodgrass. Twombly is good
enough to give any of the other out-
fielders a run for their money. He is a
fight for the job. Kelly is of the same
all-round calibre.

Bob Gill, the Boston College pitcher
who is being tried out was the first one
of the players to suffer injury. He was
hit on the index finger of his pitching
hand with the ball yesterday and slight-
ly hurt. The injury is nothing but
what should be all right in a day or two.

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idea, took the work seriously for the
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ed. As a matter of fact, for raw re-
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position of a soldier, then came "atten-
tion," "right dress," "right face," "left
face," "about face," "squad right and
left," and marching.

The players, notwithstanding their
short term as warriors, had a fairly sol-

idier bearing as they wheeled into for-
mation by fours and marched smartly
around the field in their playing togs.
Sergeant Gibson was not without a sense
of humor. He smiled audibly when at
the command of "salute" several pupils
raised the wrong hand. "The salute,"
he explained, "is always made with

the right hand." The erring south-
paws didn't have to be told again.

NEWS OF THE BOXERS

Mexican Joe Rivers and New York
Jimmy Duffy will box in New York on
March 28.

Young Saylor and Pete Hartley will
clash in Brooklyn on next Saturday
night.

A bout between Jim Coffey and Bill
Hennan has been called off.

Charlie White will take on Stanley
Yokum at Rochester, N. Y., on March
27.

Eddie McGoorty, who remained in
Australia to play the ponies, is broke
and is going back in the ring.

Jim Tracy, a young heavyweight who
was unearched in Australia, is to go
against Colin Bell at Sydney this month.

Snowy Baker, an Australian promoter,
writes: "The story that Darcy has had
to go to America to box so as to be able
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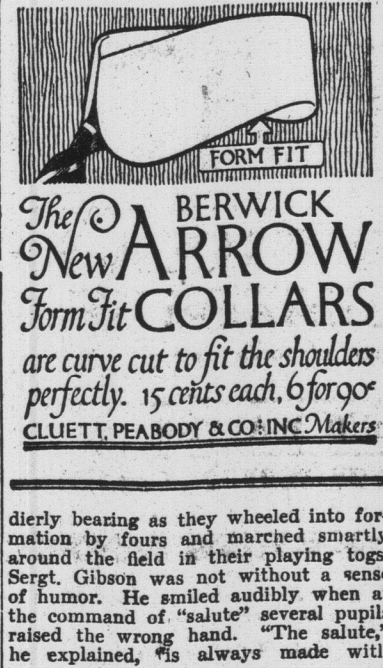
Macon, Ga., March 7.—Preparedness, so far as the baseball players of the New York American League Club can contribute to it, began yesterday. Capt. Huston's pet scheme was set in motion, and the captain himself was one of those who deployed, about faced, in a few elementary manoeuvres which constituted the first day's drill.

Sergeant Gibson, U.S.A., recruiting officer here, took the baseball squad in hand for an hour. All of the players, officials of the club and most of the newspapermen accompanying the team took part. Messrs. Huston, Sparrow and Donovan had some trouble in keeping their stomachs back so that their line could right dress properly, but they were as nimble as anybody on their feet.

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