The Men Who Will Fight For the World's Championship

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tains it is because Matty wears a six and seven-eights hat and that it would be awkward to call him "Big Six and Seven-Eights."

C. Mathewson has been pitching baseball in the Big League almost ever since anybody can remember, that is, anybody except Honus Wagner, the famous German blight of Pittsburg, around whom the National League was practically built. Matty has taken an important has in the history of the United States, beside such well known characters as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Washington was the father of his country, and Mr. Lincoln freed the slaves, while C. Mathewson had a whole lot to do with correcting the Giants of a chronic habit of finishing in last place in the National League. It is easier for most school boys to remember Matty's pitching average than it is for them to tell you off hand the cate on which Columbus discovered America.

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Matt was been in Factoryvill, Pa., in 1300, b that was never blamed for that, because he moved out of the town as soon as he realised what he had done. His early ambition was to play a slip horn in the Factoryville band, and he turned out to be a good musician except the he could never produce any music. The leader used to give him a muzzle bading slip horn that had been made haraless by treatment, and then he would go through the motions and the proprietor of the orchestra would collect for twelve pieces when only cleven were delivering. It is easy to see from this that Christy began his career of deceiving folks early in life and has been at it practically ever since with some few exceptions, notably when pitching against "Joe" Tinker, formerly of the Cubs. His slip horn experience taught him that success means the gentle art of getting away with it.

Matty pitched a whole lot of baseball before he came to New York, receiving his start with the Factoryville team when a mere boy and appearing successively for the Keystone Academy, Sgranton Y. M. C. A., Bucknell College, Taunton, Mass., and Norfolk, Va., clubs. "Phenoa" John Smith, then the manager of Norfolk and now a policeman in New Hampshire, told George Davis, the Giants' manager, about Matty, and he came to New York in 1900 when New York needed him.

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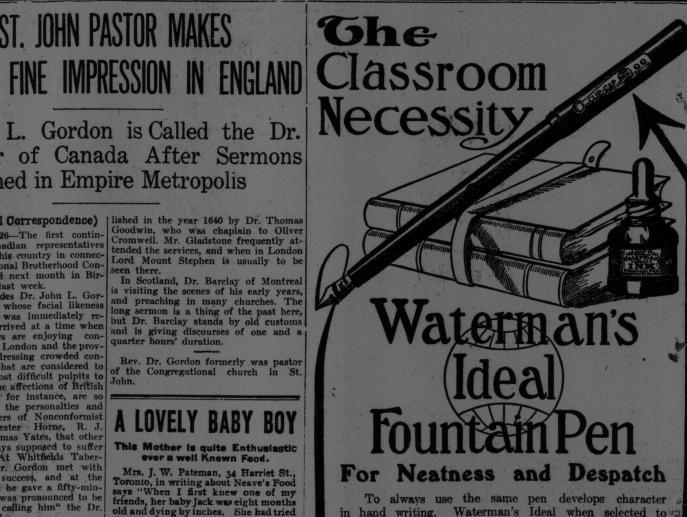
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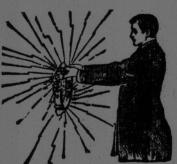
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