CHUB COLLINS' GOOD STORY

Thrilling Tale of a Game in Which This Brilliant Player Was Robbed of a Home-Run.

Collins Played for Hamilton and is Well-Known to Chatham Baseball Fans.

Hamilton Herald.

That gay old jollier was in the grand stand again on Saturday. After climbing the steps, he stood for a few momets, viewed the surroundings, smiled, a propitious smile, adjusted his eyeglasses, and made straight for a vacant seat in front of a bevy of pretty young ladies and their male escorts. Right and left in front of him the seats were crowded with a good sample of Hamilton's athletic young men. I thought there would be a jolly time if he would uncork another of his baseball stories, and as he is a cuckoo at that biz I hunched a few seats nearer to him and waited for developments. The Saints were having a warming-up canter and throughout the practice he used his efforts to ingratuate himself into the friendship of those sitting around him. He spoke in a most gentlemanly and dignified manner for the benefit of the ladies. His first break was:

"I exceedingly regret that the man-

"I exceedingly regret that the man-agement of this spacious and beautiful baseball park has not had the fore-thought, or maybe the financial means, to provide cushions for the seats in the grand stand. It should not be tolerated one moment that the fair sex should be expected to occupy such un-

One young lady spoke out timidly: "There's a gentleman." He made no reply, but lifted his

mitting their statement, then there are uncommon colds, colds which are dan-gerous; for many a fatal sickness begins with a cold. If we could tell the com-

ety is rarely recognized until it has fastened its Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical coughs, bron-chitis, "weak" lungs and other organs of respiration. It in-

creases the sup-ply of pure, rich blood and builds

ziness and sick headache.

one of the speediest base runners that ever played the game? Besides this he was an all-round good fellow and as brave a man as ever handled a ball." "Say, boss, your spreading it on a 'little thick, ain't you?" spoke up a young man. Your pipe is out.



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And you with the glistening raven locks,
How will your life begin
Will you open the door when Cupid
knocks,
Or give him a cynical smile that mocks,
And never let him in?

But ah! little maid with the eyes of blue-And smiles like sun-lit hours,
The secret you hold is plain to view
For Cupid has knocked and entered, too,
And your life is strewn with flowers.
—Jean C. Haves.

Panama in recognition of the compli- gum!" shouted the refreshment

ment.
"What do you want for 10 cents?" spoke up gruffly one of the young men. "Why didn't you bring your easy chair with you?" "Tut, tut, my young friend. It is

the ladies that add grace to the game a murderous crowd. Perhaps you are by their presence, and also surround not aware that I am an old ball playit with a refining influence that would er myself, and a retired umpire. I not be otherwise. Remember, little think the two greatest umpires that kindnesses granted to the ladies cost ever cast their peeps up the alley and nothing and they are slow to forget

There was a shuffling of feet and almost an outburst of applause. The ladies thought he was just lovely "Cigars, peanuts and chewing gum!" shouted the refreshment boy. "Confound this nuisance"!' said the

sporty getleman, when the boy acci-cidentally knocked off his Panama, at which the ladies giggled and the men laughed heartily. "It's just like old times in Dundurn park, in the palmy days of the International League when Billy Stroud was a baseball magnate and had the refreshment dispensary as well. It seemed to me that it was always a thirsty crowd who gathered there. Between innings they were continually wetting their whistle, and when the players were knocking out base-hits the boys were peddling circus lemonade and cigars, but then, it is hard to blame Bilty Stroud, for he had to make both ends meet. He was paying all the gate money in salaries to Collins, Pete Wood, Rainey, Mc-Query, Swartwood and half a

The mention of these names and from the manner of his conversation he now had all the men sitting around him interested, as well as the ladies. "Say, boys, can any of you tell me if Chub Collins lives around here yet? I have been away from Hamilton for a long time. I would like to see him

very much."
"Yes, he lives in Dundas," was the quie response. "He is now mayor of that town, and highly respected. Since is elected to that honorable positiobody calls him Chub. It is s, but his most intimate friends mes venture to call him Charyou know that he was in his e of the highest salaried and

again making his rounds. "Go away back and sit down, boy, and when this game is over I will

buy you out." "As I was saying Chub was a brave man. He saved my life once from across the home plate were Bob Emslie and myself, both Canadian boys." A young man was rude enough to stretch his cramped anatomy and

yawn out loud.
"Let us at all times act like gentle nen, I will continue. I was visiting in this city. An important game was on between Hamilton and Utica. The regular umpire missed the train

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reached for it and met it fair on the nose. It sailed out into deep centre, and into the trees that were against

the fence, you will remember. The centrefielder started for the woods, all the men on the bases started for the plate, and Chub was sprinting around the bases for all he was worth for a home run. Everybody thought that the ball was over the fence, and that Hamilton had won, but the centre fielder got under the tree and caught the ball, and I called Chub out. The fielder then threw the ball to second, and then it was passed to third, making a complete triple play and Hamilton lost the game.
"The crowd on the stands made

root for all they were worth and that

Hamilton would surely win, and if they did there would be free high balls for

"Cigars, peanuts and chewing gum," shouted that boy again.

fresh young man to the back of the

grand stand and turn loose on him.

offer a silver dollar to the man that will do the job well."

"As you are interested, I will finish

the story. At the end of the sev-

enth inning the score was 5 to 4 in favor of Utica. The eighth was a cipher for both teams. In the first

half of the ninth Utica drew a big

goose egg. Hamilton came to bat for

its last chance, and how th efand did

root. The first man up got a pass, the next made a single, and the third also got a pass. With the bases full and no one out I thought my troubles

were at an end. The men and women in the grand stand were wild with excitement, Such a scene I hope

never to witness again. Chub Collins

was the next man to bat. Picking up his favorite wagon tongue he stepped

"One strike," I called the first ball

"'You're rotten,' shouted the crowd

in chorus, and they commenced to

leave the stands again to give a physical demonstration of their dislike for

"I was not always a praying man,

but I commenced to repeat the prayrs that I learned at my mother's knee

in boyhood days, and look for a means of escape. Chub held up his hand and

motioned the crowd back to the stand.

He seemed now to have complete control over that crowd that acted more like wild Indians than civilized be-

A nervous young lady could not con

troi herself any longer, and she said

"The pitcher again stepped into the box, and Billy Stroud and Pud Myers

signalled the fans again to root to rattle him. He wound himself up in a knot, and when he had unwound him-

self he delivered an out curve. Chub

'Wasn't that terrible?"

to the plate.

"I wish some one would take this

rush for me. Chub Collins was by my side as soon as the crowd to protect dences and business houses, in addime. I was escorted to the little brick dressing room, and after the crowd had moved toward the gate I made my escape by rear of the grand stand and over the Grand Trunk tracks.

"But the queer part of the story is that that long hit of Chub Collins' did go through the trees and over the fence, and was good for a home trun I was so informed by a reputable citizen the same evening. The deception was worked by a young man sitting on the fence. When he saw the ball sailing through the trees he threw one he had in his hands into the trees and the centre fielder caught it. Hamilton lost the game on what I thought was a correct decesion; I nearly lost my life and Billy Stroud threw a shoe. "See here, old man, Chub Collins might have been the greatest second baseman that ever was, but he never made a home run in his life. You are a liar and the rtuth is not in you, and that's no dream," and the young man

hat said it was mad. "My young friend, do not use such coarse language in the presence of ladies and gentlemen. Always be polite, and never doubt a gentleman. have told the story as I ---"

"Cigars, peanuts and chewing gum," shouted that irrepressible boy.

He bought his new made friends a smoke each and told the boy that if the ladies wanted chewing gum to collect from him. A few pleasantries were exchanged during the balance of

TEXAS FLOODS

Dallas, Tex., July 31. - Six lives lost in the floods was the total re- Madame Barlow. It appears her hu Marcos valley and one at Wylie.

An accurate estimate of the losses is impossible, but with the damage to

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railroads, the drowning of live stock, the washing away of bridges, resition to the damage to cotton and other crops, it is safe to say that a million dollars will be a conservative amount. No news has come from the 400 to

500 wood choppers cut off by the flood in Richland Creek bottoms, but it is not now thought any lives were lost there. The Brazos river, after inundating rice farming lands for 200 miles south

of Waco, is reported falling steadily at Waco, but rising slowly below Hearne. It is estimated that there are from 3,000 to 4,000 acres of cultivated land under water near Hearne. A rough estimate of the number of acres of cotton and other crops prac-

tically ruined in the Brazos bottoms The names of those drowned in San Marcos valley are not known, but two were negroes. At Wylie, Chas. Davis attempted to save his wife and baby from the flood. The baby was lost General Passenger Agent Price says the damage to the roadbed of the International & Great Northern

FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH.

will reach \$100,000.

Montreal, July 30 .- Madame Joseph Chouinard took out an action in the civil courts to-day against the Canadian Pacific Railway for ten thousand dollars. The husband of plaintiff was killed on January 28 last in the com pany's yard at Farnham, by an engine striking him. The contention is that the accident was due to negligence on the company's part.

An action for \$15,000 against the Lachine Hydraulic and Land Co. was en-tered in the civil courts to-day by ported yesterday-five in the San band was killed some time ago, while working for the company in question. His death was caused by an electric examined the second

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