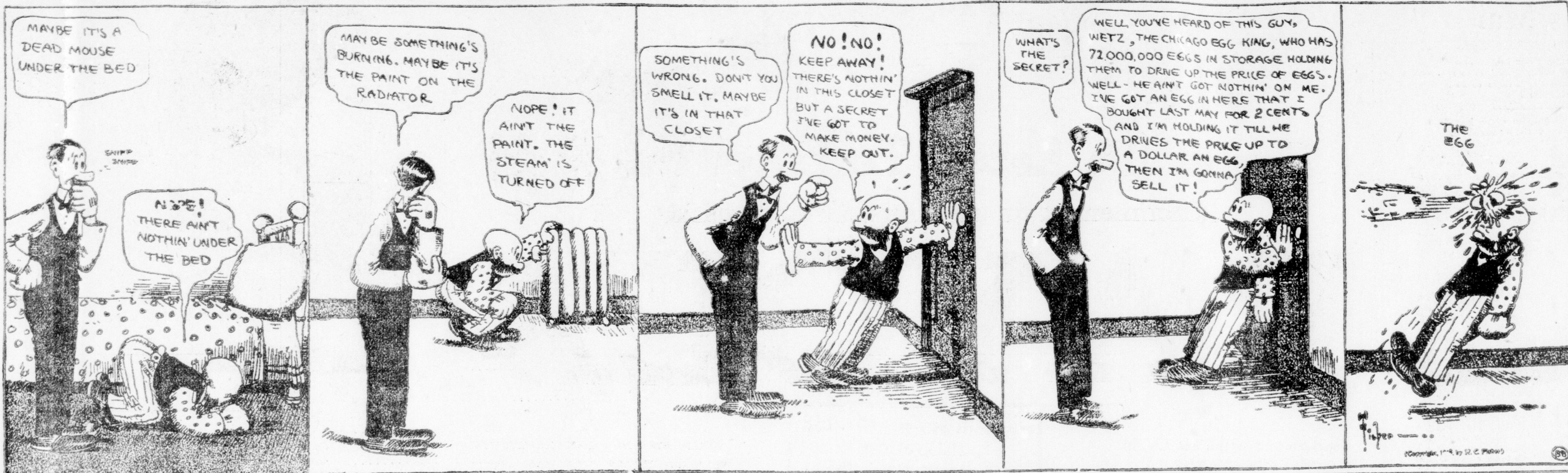


STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Is An Expert Eggsper



By "Bud" Fisher

THISTLE CLUB
EUCHRE SCORES

Major G. W. Hayes Heads the List With 96 at Weekly Event.

The following were the scores made at the Thistle Club euchre tourney on Friday evening: Major G. W. Hayes 96, R. W. Youngs 89, W. J. Braumton 88, George C. English 86, J. W. Pith 86, H. Hartley 85, P. G. Galbraith 84, J. McIntyre 84, C. B. Laur 83, H. Coleman 83, L. Hamby 82, H. Rennie 82, L. Edwards 81, A. E. Chapman 79, H. R. Laurie 78, O. C. Barrie 76, G. T. Mann 74, W. D. Watson 70, J. F. Bryant 70, S. D. Swift 69.

There was a friendly curling game between a few who wanted to try out the newly-made ice, and apparently the old game has lost none of its attractiveness, judging from the amount of noise made by the two rinks.

BEST LIBERAL BOWLER
GETS CHRISTMAS TURKEY

The members of the Liberal Club are nearly all in the contest for the Christmas turkey hands, which is to be given to the bowler who has scored the highest points in a game up to Christmas. It is proving very popular as Christmas approaches. The turkey will be given away next Saturday night to the winner.

Cobb's Batting Average
.369 for Twelve Seasons

BY AL MUNRO ELIAS.

On August 30, 1905, a tall, angular youth, aged 19, walked to the plate in the Yankees-Tigers game. "Who is he?" asked one fan of another. "Oh, some rookie that Bill Armour dug up," was the reply. "Name is Cobb, I think—Ty Cobb. Come from the south."

"Any good?"

"I don't know. This is his first game as a big leaguer. He's supposed to be something of a hitter. Here's his chance to show."

The "rouster" walked to the plate, took his position and faced Jack Chesbro, then in the hey-day of his wonderful pitching career. Jack looked over the "kid" and decided it would be fairly easy to fool him with a straight, fast "rouster," you know, are a bit afraid of the whirlwind heaves of the big league veterans. So Chesbro shot the ball to left field with all the speed he could muster and—bowl! The blonde southerner had swung, had met the ball fairly and it traveled like a rifle shot to left field. The buster batted around to second base before the ball was retrieved and two Detroit runners—McIntyre and Lindsay—ran home for tallies.

Continues to Strive.

And from that day when Ty Cobb, in his first time at bat as an American leaguer, whanged out a two-acter and scored two runs, he has been the sensation of the baseball world—has risen to a height no other player has ever reached. His grand batting average of .369 for twelve years marks him as the most remarkable batsman of all time.

Cobb is the king of batsmen. Over the sweep of twelve seasons he has faced the pitching of nearly 200 twirlers—the great, the near-great, the ordinary and the dubs. And here below are tables that I have compiled which show what the "Georgia Peach" has accomplished during his twelve years as a major leaguer against each famous pitcher—each club.

"Bullet Joe" Bush is one of the best pitchers in the Cobb circuit. Yes, it has been against this star of the Athletics' staff that Cobb has done



TYRUS COBB.

his greatest batting. He has faced Bush in eleven games, been at bat 33 times and maced out eighteen hits for a grand average of .474. Scott, of the White Sox, also has been "big" for the southern slugger. Ty has met Scott in twenty games, went to bat 10 times and averaged 33 hits for an average of .471.

Even Johnson is Easy. Walter Johnson adds no terrors for Cobb. The Tiger swatman has collared with the Senatorial wonder in 30 games. He has batted against him 78 times and secured 35 hits for an average of .355. Eddie Plank, now of the Brooklyn, has had the most duels with Cobb. He has pitched against him in 32 games. Cobb went to bat 200 times against the "Southpaw of Gettysburg," punched out 68 hits and averaged .340.

The late Adie Joss was the pitcher whom Cobb feared most of all. Before Joss came to swallow death some years ago, he worked against Cobb in 25 games. Cobb batted 65 times against the former star of the Cleveland club and got only 24 hits, for an average of .253.

THREE-FINGERED BROWN RELEASED.

Miner Brown, the three-fingered marvel of the old Cub machine, managed by Charles, has been unconditionally released by the Chicago club, and probably will not be seen again in a major league. Owner Woodmen of the Cubs is trying to land a managerial berth in the minors for the great three-fingered twirler, whose frequent and spectacular slide duels with Mathewson furnish some of the brightest and most spectacular events in the history of the game.

PRACTICE TONIGHT

The Liberal Booster, O. H. A. junior team will hold a practice tonight at Simcoe street rink, between 6 and 7 p.m. All players are requested to turn out.

DE GRUCHY PRESIDENT
OF O. R. F. U. FOR 1917

New Officers For Coming Year Elected
—No Senior Teams Played in the Past Season.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—The O. R. F. U. held their 33rd annual meeting in the King Edward Hotel on Saturday afternoon. President John De Gruchy, Toronto, presided. The financial statement showed the balance on hand to be sufficient to carry on the business. Secretary-Treasurer Hewison, in his annual report, drew attention to the fact that there were no teams playing in the senior or junior series the past season. The following officers were elected for the year:

Honorary president: Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Toronto; first vice-president: C. O. Carley, Toronto; second vice-president: J. A. Russell, S.A. Woodstock; third vice-president: Hugh Galt, Toronto; secretary-treasurer: R. Hewison, Toronto; senior representatives: W. Hoare, Toronto; J. W. McAllister, Hamilton; intermediate representatives: J. A. Russell, S.A. Woodstock; eastern: L. Smith, Toronto; junior representatives: A. E. Thompson, Kingsville; W. C. Ferguson, Toronto; and J. Robbins, Hamilton.

TO SUSPECT PLAYERS
INSULTING OWNERS

Baseball Magnates Will Make the Practice of "Sawing Out" a Costly Affair.

Ball players who abuse magnates in the future will be disciplined. This evil has become so flagrant that the governors of baseball are determined to put an end to it.

Last summer a certain club owner was vilified by several National League players, but after he had filed charges the case was dropped. The other night a prominent magnate was verbally assailed by a player, who had been released for alleged misconduct last season. The magnate was subjected to a string of insults in a public restaurant and received no protection. Other club owners in recent years have been openly abused by ball players in the hearing of spectators.

As a result the big leagues have decided to punish some of these offenders with indefinite suspensions. If the same tactics were employed on the soccer tracks, the guilty persons would be ruled off the turf, so why should unruly players who indulge in obscene language during altercations with their employers be allowed to go unscathed?

JOHNNY COULON GETS
\$67,000 FOR BUILDING

Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight champion, has saved his ring earnings to invest in real estate. The diminutive Chicagoan recently sold a 24-apartment building for \$67,000 and purchased a new home for his mother.

Coulon does not consider himself through with the ring and plans to engage in a series of contests this winter. He has been offered a match in Liverpool, Eng., with Jimmy Wilde, the British 112-pound champion, and may accept.

HARVARD WANTS PLAYS
TO GOVERN PERIODS

Harvard favors making the customary football periods contain so many plays rather than terminate at a given time, says a Cambridge report. This attitude is not taken because of the declaration that the first period of the recent Harvard-Yale game was out short almost five minutes.

The members of the football committee at Harvard have long favored the idea, and Fred W. Moore, Harvard's representative on the rules committee, is expected to suggest such a change at the next meeting of the organization. Percy D. Haughton expressed himself heartily in favor of the scheme. Such a ruling would prevent several abuses of the game, most notably playing for time. Golf and baseball are pointed out as sports which are not governed by the time clock.

O'LEARY TO MANAGE CLUB.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Charles O'Leary, formerly with the Detroit Americans, signed here today to manage the San Antonio club of the Texas League next season.

LONDON CURLERS' BONSPIEL TO-NIGHT.

The London Curling Club will open their curling season tonight. The ice is in fine condition and it is expected that a number will turn out. The first bonspiel will be held at 7 o'clock this evening, when three six-end games will be played, the prize to be a china tea set.

Bowling



MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

BY "DICK"

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Empire Brass	3	0	100%
Scott-Chamberlain	2	1	66%
McGarry	2	1	66%
Whites	2	1	66%
Hymans	2	1	66%
Cowans Hardware	1	2	33%
Blue Labels	1	2	33%
Murray Shoe	0	3	0%

The Empire Brass whitewashed the Murray Shoe five Saturday night by taking three games from them. C. Hawkins of the Empire Brass Company made the highest total score with 485, while Victor Lang made the highest individual with 125.

The teams and scores:

EMPIRE BRASS.			
V. Lang	120	122	130—472
C. Hawkins	148	168	182—498
T. Tilson	138	137	145—420
W. Crawford	124	118	122—408
G. Palmer	146	144	148—438
	758	751	720—2239

MURRAY SHOE.			
A. Troup	121	118	103—442
C. Minger	123	109	158—490
A. M. Kitterick	123	107	115—405
B. Rythorns	104	112	108—424
H. Wilson	140	124	128—492
Domarec	147	140	205—492
	655	725	714—2094

The Empire Brass meet the White Midgets tonight in the Manufacturers' League.

The munition makers take the lead in the Manufacturers' League.

HOCKEY GOSSIP

St. Matthews and Centennial Church teams will play an exhibition game on New Year's Day.

Fitzpatrick, Lancaster and Clarke, a trio of the Booster stars, promise fast work for the season.

The Anglican Church League will have a meeting Tuesday evening in St. Matthew's Church, East London. Representatives from all Anglican churches of the city are requested to be present.

The Liberal Club will have a workout tonight.

St. John's Anglican Church team would like to play an exhibition game with any other church team any time before Christmas.

Wilson, Hardy and McRitchie are some of the 149th Battalion hockey stars.

St. Matthew's Church will have a workout early this week.

George Taylor and Russell Leachbrook are two St. John's Anglican hockey stars, from whom a great deal of speedy hockey is expected.

St. James' Presbyterian Church has a fast hockey team, with Bill Macoe and others.

C. Pendleton and H. Dickinson are two of the Colborne Street Methodist hockey players who will do much to land the championship of the church league for their team.

GIANTS' NEW UNIFORMS
TO BE GAY WITH COLOR

Uniforms gay with violet will adorn the members of the New York National baseball club when they play at the Polo grounds next season, says a New York dispatch. The garb will be generous, if not gaudy, and not unlike the kind worn in 1913, when the team last won the pennant. The home uniforms will be white with violet stripes, violet and white stockings and white caps with violet trimmings. The away tickets will be of royal purple. The road uniforms will be blue and gray with violet stockings.

FORTUNE INVESTED IN TRAP-SHOOTING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Statistics just compiled show that there is \$20,000,000 invested in baseball and \$40,000,000 invested in trapshooting in the United States. Trapshooting is a vastly bigger sport than a great many persons imagine.

SARNIA O. H. A. TEAM
IS LINING UP STRONG

Imperial City Septette Has Material That Will Give Its Opponents a Hard Battle.

SARNIA, Dec. 17.—That local hockey fans will have the opportunity of witnessing some great exhibitions of the great Canadian winter pastime is evidenced by a visit to St. Andrew's Arena, where the players and prospective wearers of the blue and white colors for the coming season are getting in their initial workouts. Last year's team reached the coveted goal and won the intermediate championship, and judging from the material now in the city this season's septette should be up near the top runs of the O.H.A. ladder when the balmy spherule of spring puts an end to winter sports. The grouping in this city, as a three-team group will be more quickly concluded and the winners will step into the second round of the schedule in a short time. Hillman, the speedy centre man; McCart, the stalwart defence man; and Joe Dwyer, guarding the nets, along with McLean, Doris, Finch, Dods, Brady, and the newcomers, which includes such well-known men as Kenneth of Bowmanville, Roy of Winton, McCullough of Brownburg, Que., Powell of Parry Sound, Rose of Peterboro, and with several other lesser lights the locals should be able to furnish the fans with all the thrills necessary.

In the junior circles there is material for a fast aggregation, both in the St. Georges Juniors and the Sarnia Juniors. The players who are well known are Sedgwick, Carson, Wright, Lucas, Stewart, Parsons, Brown and others who may turn out and make speed before the first game is scheduled. With a continuance of the present cold weather, it is probable that for the intermediate team in the near future.

FRED MITCHELL
GETS SHECKARD
TO COACH CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Word was received at the Cub office today that Fred Mitchell, new manager of the Cubs, has signed Jimmy Sheckard to coach the north side ball club next season.

Sheckard was one of the members of the famous old Cubs' machine under Frank Chance that won so many pennants.

It was also reported that Mitchell has taken the bit in his mouth and blocked deals previously made by President Wasmuth. He stopped the trade of Lavender for Demaree, and now is after Jake Daubert, the Brooklyn star, offering Lavender for Daubert.

FRANK MORAN MATCHED
TO OPPOSE SMITH

Frank Moran and Gusnost Smith have been matched to meet in the Cleveland rink, Brooklyn, tonight. Dick Curley is matchmaker for the new club, which has been organized, the owners being Jim Buckley and Paddy Mullins. It is planned to spend \$5,000 in fitting up the clubhouse, so as to afford a seating capacity of 8,000.

Big League Owners To
Abolish Bleacher Seat

National League Magnates Maintain That Unless Cheaper Price Is Replaced That the Business Will Become Losing Proposition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Permanent abolition of the bleacher seat—the twenty-five cent seat—is foreseen in the action of the National League favoring a reduction of the seats in this popular section of the baseball grandstand to a "minimum." The clubowners are desirous of doing away entirely with the 25-cent seat, its explanation, but in the cities where they have been a fixture for years the proposed change will have to be made gradually.

In cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati, where there are more than 5,000 of the cheaper seats, the price of the majority of these seats next season will be raised to fifty cents, it is said, and several of the clubowners assert that in another year the twenty-five-cent seat will be abolished.

President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Club, who favored the movement, claimed that if something was not done to increase the revenue and cut down expenses, the business of operating baseball clubs would become a losing proposition.

FOURTEEN TEAMS ENTERED
IN SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

Spencer and Carroll Comprise Canadian Team to Start in Annual Grind at Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Fourteen teams of the fastest bicycle riders in the world were entered for the mid-night start in the twenty-fourth annual six-day race here tonight in Madison Square Garden. The field is smaller than in any previous contest, as the management wish to avoid accidents through crowding or inexperienced riders, whose presence on the track retards the faster men in the sprints. Following is a list of the names and make-up of the contesting teams:

American-Australian—Goulet and Gronda.

Australian—McNamara and Spears.

Swiss-French—Egg and Dupuy.

New England—Hill and Drobach.

New York—Root and Madden.

Long Island—Carman and Wiley.

Bronx—Kaiser and Cameron.

Dixie—Belgian—Waldour and Linart.

Newar—Smith and Kopsky.

Rocky Mountain—Lawson and Mitten.

New Jersey—Eaton and Ryan.

Belgian-Italian—Bohr and Bello.

Boston-San Francisco—H. Orht and Thomas.

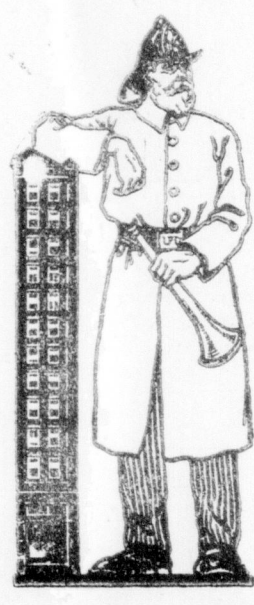
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