

SPORTING EVENTS

EARLY BASEBALL

The Game in the Days When it Was Played With Bare Hands—Masks Were Not Used Then

"Can you imagine a modern baseball team playing the game bare-handed?" asked a gray haired fan while discussing diamond doings of long ago. "There would be plenty of business for the bone setters and so many errors in the field that the sport would develop into a burlesque. Yet I can remember the days when ball players never wore gloves and when catchers had neither masks nor mitts. It required great courage to face a swift pitcher and lots of nerve to get in front of a hot grounder."

Many of our citizens who played baseball more than thirty-five years ago will tell you that broken fingers, bone bruises, split palms and torn finger nails were everyday accidents and that a player who showed the white feather was tabooed. Before gloves and masks were invented catchers had endless troubles. The old timers who dared to stand close behind the batsmen had teeth knocked out and noses fractured by the foul tips that could not be avoided. Soon came a habit of putting a piece of solid rubber in the mouth made in such a manner that it covered the lips and provided protection for the teeth. It proved so efficient that all the leading catchers adopted it. But even then it was dangerous to catch close up until James Tyne, the former Harvard player, invented the mask, a cumbersome affair with broad strips of flattened iron that covered the face, but also partially obscured the backstop's vision. Then came the catcher's gloves, one for each hand. These gloves

were of light kid, with no fingers and little or no padding. Catchers who handled swift deliveries, therefore, soon found that the gloves did not come up to the requirements, so it was a common thing to see backstops stuffing grass into the gloves to protect the palms of the hands.

One of the first National League catchers to use a left hand glove with fingers was Meyers of Indianapolis, more than twenty-five years ago. Somebody made a glove for him that caused a general laugh. The fingers were so long and the surface of the glove was so broad that Myers found it difficult at first to hold a pitched ball. He was catching the great Henry Boyle in those days, and Boyle had blinding speed. Meyers had broken all of his fingers, also both thumbs, in handling Boyle with the fingerless gloves, so that he readily tried the new one, and after much perseverance he proved that it had merit. After that all the catchers adopted a finger glove for the left hand. That glove was improved upon when the manufacturer put solid leather tips on the ends of the fingers to protect the nails.

Buck Ewing, Silver Flint and Charley Bennett, three of the greatest backstops the game ever produced, were among the first to adopt the mitt, which was a comparatively light affair, but made it impossible to injure the fingers of the left hand. As the manufacturers gradually increased the size and weight of the catcher's mitt the mania for gloves became general. The in and out fielders adopted them, some using the mitt until the baseball rule makers were forced to legislate against the practice.

When the rule stipulating the size of the glove to be worn was passed the catcher was allowed to wear the same heavy mitt, while a lighter one was assigned to the first baseman. But all the other fielders were com-

pelled to use a finger glove weighing not more than half a dozen ounces. Before the in and out fielders began to wear gloves, however, many stars made remarkable records for the Chicago for many years barked. The old man was a mark for such swift throwing infielders as Ed Williamson and Fred Pfeffer, who tried in vain to make him wince. Many times Anson went home from the ball field with swollen fingers and very painful bone bruises, but never used a mitt or a glove until near the end of his diamond career.

With the popularity of the glove came an improved style of mask. The wires were made smaller and stronger, with the padding firmer. Later on the mask had a visor of leather to keep the sun out of the catcher's eyes, together with a steel protection for the neck and throat. The chest protector came into use in the eighties, but at first it was not inflated. It was a flat affair with a bamboo frame over which was a buckskin covering. This did not prevent catchers from being partially knocked out by sharp foul tips in the bread basket, so the pneumatic chest protector was hailed with delight and is now indispensable.

Roger Bresnahan was the first major league catcher to wear shin guards such as cricketers use. He was ridiculed at first, but when a special make was put on the market Roger was vindicated. The guards now worn by many backstops have a joint at the knees so that they do not impede catchers in their hurry after foul flies. The guards are adjusted quickly and prevent many serious injuries.—New York Sun.

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Finnamore May Play With Cape Breton League

Art Finnamore, the well-known ball player, is likely to play with the Cape Breton League this season, and has already agreed upon terms for joining the Glace Bay Club.

The Cape Breton League has proven a good league for the players in the past, and Arthur will be drawing just as much money there as he would get in the N. B. and Maine League, and will not have to go to the trouble of settling up his difficulties with the National Association, as it is semi-pro. ball in the mining country.

Johnson Anxious to Win Pennant

Washington, April 21.—Walter Johnson says he will pitch seventy games if necessary this season to win the pennant for the Washington team. The great pitcher believes that his team has a splendid chance to cop the bunting in the American League this year. Johnson says that he never felt better than he does this spring. He also remarked recently that if the Senators win the pennant he will ask Manager Clark Griffith to allow him to pitch the first four games in the world's series. According to many experts, Johnson is the greatest twirler in the game. He has tremendous speed, fine control, and his twists have elusive breaks that puzzle the heavy hitters. His pitching last year did much to put the team in second place, the highest position the Washingtons ever finished a season in its history.

Joe Wood led the American League pitchers in victories. He batted .290, his hits including 13 doubles, a tri-



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ple and a home run. He made but four errors in 43 games. Eddie Plank, who lost but six games, ranking next to Wood, batted .267 and fielded without an error. Walter Johnson, the pitching marvel, hit .264, six doubles, four triples and two homers going to his credit. He also fielded his position splendidly. Jack Coombs, who won 21 and lost 10 games, batted .255, and did not make a fielding error.

A Baseball Poem

Casey At The Bat is a baseball poem of old and just renown. The New York Post has discovered another, from which it quotes these verses:

"Play ball," again the summon runs Through City, hamlet, town and state,

Like the long roll of martial drums That call a warrior to his fate, Where he may snatch the victor's crown From Fame upon the scarlet field,

Or, fighting to the last, go down, To be borne home upon his shield.

"Play ball!" A countless horde of fans From various vantage points descry The colors of the gathering clans And raise once more the battle cry. The waves of sound are outward hurled To verge in one deep clarion call That echoes half around the world, "The game is on! Play ball! Play ball!"

Jack Johnson was Fined \$1000.

Chicago, April 23.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, was fined \$1000 by Judge Carpenter in the United States District Court today, after charges of smuggling a \$1000 necklace had been dropped, and the heavy-weight had pleaded nolle contendere to charges of concealing from Federal officials the fact that had jewel was forfeited to the Government, and lry in his possession. The necklace probably will be sold at auction. The action winds up the lesser of two cases which Federal authorities have against Johnson. He is still to come to trial on an indictment charging violating of the Mann Act.

The necklace was brought into this country when the pugilist's first white wife, who afterwards committed suicide, returned from an European tour.

The thermometer registered 90 in the shade Thursday of last week, and about the same on Friday. It is quite a bit cooler this week, and the early peas planted will not grow rapidly with the present temperature.

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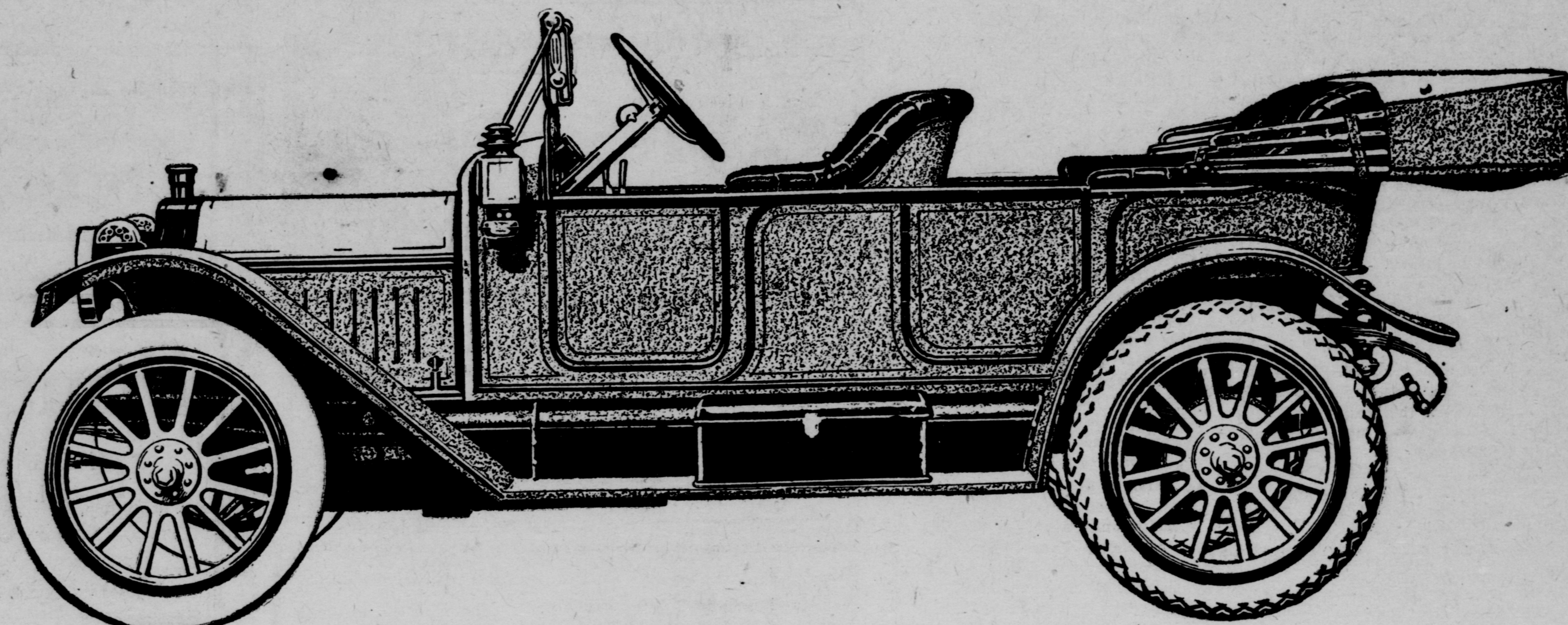
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Drive—Direct to bevel gears in differential; propeller shaft running on Hyatt alloy steel roller bearings, with ball thrust. Special high carbon steel drive shaft; carried on Hyatt alloy steel roller bearings. Differential gears, open hearth carbon steel forgings, case hardened, pinion, case hardened nickel steel. Teeth, corrected form, insuring uniform strength in both pinion and bevel gears.

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