

BIG HEARTED BALL PLAYERS GIVE THEIR NAMES TO THE AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS

(New York Sun)

Ball players are human after all, although the cynical try to picture them as having no hearts.

"All they care about are their base hits and their appetites," remarks the cynics.

"All right, then, try to explain this away: When the present season began two boys with autograph albums stationed themselves in the extreme north corner of the left field bleachers at the Yankee Stadium, where they would be within reach of the pitchers and catchers passing to and from the bull pen. Their intention was to obtain the autographs of all players passing that way.

Pretty soon the procession started and the boys got busy. A pair of big battery men from Philadelphia, known as the Athletics, strolled down the left field line and prepared to get ready to limber up. They might be needed at any minute, for when their New York rivals go into a batting mood it generally takes more than one pitcher to put the brakes on before the game is wrecked.

The big pitcher and catcher certainly looked from the stands as if about the last thing they would want to do was to stop and sign their names on anything but pay checks. Where others might consider baseball play, these fellows acted as if they thought it was work—and it certainly is to them.

"However, as they neared the corner of the bleachers the autograph boys shouted to them and they slow-

ed down. The boys soon made known their intentions and the players hesitated and then stopped. They seemed to be deliberating on whether to sign their names or not. Then the heart began to speak: "Here are a couple of kids who have come here for something more important than to just while the time away. They want your autographs. Come on, now be good fellows and sign in the book," is what is said.

And so like obedient sons the big players meandered over, too a fatherly look at the autograph book, accepted the proffered fountain pen and wrote their autographs. This done, they picked up their baseball gloves and passed on into the bull-pen, probably feeling much better for having done this little act of kindness.

Pretty soon another pair of Athletic battery men came ambling down the same route. They kept throwing back glances at the diamond to see what was taking place thereon. But they continued to draw nearer the corner where the autograph hunters were stationed behind the bleacher fence. As soon as they reached the corner the boys hailed them and the players stood still.

"Hey, let us have your autographs," yelled the kids.

"Our what?" queried the players.

"Your autographs. Sign here in the book with the rest of the boys," replied the youngsters.

"Sure we will, sure thing," replied the big fellow. And they did.

So it went on until the boys had all

CHOOSE YOUR WIFE BY WHAT SHE EATS

Chicago, June 12—One should judge his dinner companion not by how she eats, but what.

"If the woman you intend for your wife orders a pimento cheese sandwich, a strawberry sundae and coffee and calls it a dinner, let that be her last repast, as far as you are concerned, because with so little food judgment she probably will become a dyspeptic with the disposition peculiar to that disease, and not a fit companion for life."

This is the advice to young men given by Miss Mildred Slattery, home economics expert with the National Food show held here.

"On the other hand," went on Miss Slattery, "if the girl should order this menu: Asparagus soup, creamed liver, spinach, and a desert of gelatin, slip the ring on her finger for she is probably a good cook, and will make you a good wife."

Ex-Leatherneck—At last I've succeeded in forgetting what the war was like.

Ex-Gob—What did you do.

Ex-Leatherneck—I went to see all the war movies.

the players they could possibly get hold of signed up. It was a good afternoon's work for the ardent autograph seekers, but a better day's work for the good cause—that of proving that after all ball players have hearts in spite of an apparent outward indifference to things concerning others than themselves.

GOOD WORK DONE IN CAMPAIGN FOR THE BLIND

With reports received to date at the headquarters of the campaign for the blind totalling \$152,127, the half-way mark has been reached. Only a very few of the 634 communities that have been organized have completed their collections. Many did not start the collection until this week and a few will not start until the first of next week. General chairman William McT. Orr is urging all community chairmen to complete the canvass of their districts as soon as possible. Letters have been sent to 60,000 men and women throughout the Maritimes explaining in detail the purposes of the campaign, who will act as the custodians of the fund, and what will be accomplished for our sightless fellow citizens.

Judging from such complete reports as have been received, it is evident that the people are thoroughly aroused to their duty toward our unfortunate fellow citizens, and their sympathies, combined with their business sense have caused them to make a very generous response. It appeals to every business man as the efficient and economical method to pursue to raise in one great effort sufficient money to take care of the problem of the blind for years to come, thus doing away with the cost and labor of making an appeal every year. As the people realize that there will be no further appeals for the blind they take this into consideration in making their contributions.

The central executive announced yesterday that if each community will obtain its full quota, the success of the campaign will be assured.

THE DAYS OF WOODEN SHIPS AND IRON MEN

Shediac, June 5—The recent deaths of Capt. Joseph A. Read, of Fredericton, formerly of Hopewell Cape, at the age of 86, (Commander of the Bark Edna B. Smith, owned by J. Nelson Smith, of Coverdale, and the last of New Brunswick's great fleet of square-riggers) and James I. Sealey, aged 87, who was engaged in the ship-building industry in Shediac and Kent county, recalls the days when ship yards were busy at Moncton, Dorchester, Sackville, Albert County, Kent County, the Saint John district, the Miramichi and elsewhere in this province.

As an indication of the extent of ship-building up to 1873, just 55 years ago, 13 years after Capt. Read first went to sea, it may be interesting to quote from the Dominion Maritime department statistics. The total tonnage registered in Canada at that time was 1,073,718, distributed among 205 full-rigged ships, 542 banks, 15 barkentines, 66 brigs, 557 brigantines, 620 schooners, 133 wood boats, 5 sloops, 1 yacht, 48 scows, 2 steam-lifts and 558 steamers, a total of 6,783 vessels.

The New Brunswick statistics were: 95 full-rigged ships, 143 barks, 5 barkentines, 10 brigs, 78 brigantines, 620 schooners, 133 wood boats, 5 sloops, 58 steamers, a total of 1,147 vessels with a combined tonnage of 277,850.

For Nova Scotia the figures in 1873 were: 87 full-rigged ships, 340 barks, 34 brigs, 393 brigantines, 5 barkentines, 1,958 schooners, 20 steamers, 2 sloops, total 2,803 vessels with a combined tonnage of 449,701.

The tonnage of Prince Edward Island at that time brought the total for the Maritime Provinces to about 800,000 out of the 1,073,718 for all of Canada.

COUNTRY NEEDS MUSIC TEACHERS

New York, June 12—What this country needs, in the opinion of John Erskine, author and musician and teacher, is more good music teachers in the high schools and fewer cheer leaders to lead the singing of silly songs.

Mr. Newlywed—This steak tastes queer.

Mrs. Newlywed—I can't understand it, dear. I did burn it a little but I rubbed vaseline on it right away!

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