

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

A Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, of Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

BASE BALL.

SOMETHING ABOUT BASEBALL.

According to Frederick J. Haskin, an American newspaper writer, the people of the United States last year paid \$5,000,000 for admission to base ball parks. More than \$2,500,000 was paid in salaries to professional players in the two major and thirty-one minor leagues of the country, and altogether 40,000,000 people saw professional ball played, or half the population of the United States, if it had turned 38,500,000 it is estimated, called the umpires opprobrious names, the total number of disparaging remarks made publicly about the umpires reaching the handsome figure of 12,788,540.

THE FIRST GAME.

The game of baseball was evolved in the early forties from the old games of rounders and town hall, and as early as 1845 a code of rules had been devised. Eight years later the first newspaper report of a baseball game appeared in the New York Sunday Mercury: "The Gotham and Knickerbocker clubs played a match on 21 June—21 runs constituting a game." This modest paragraph was the forerunner of the massed columns that modern newspapers devote to the game. At the time the Knicker-

bockers and the Gothams struggled for supremacy, they did so for the joy of the sport, and it was not until after the Civil War that baseball began to be played for the amusement of the spectators.

THE FIRST PROFESSIONALS.

In 1857, a team called the Washington Nationals, made up of Civil service clerks, undertook the first record tour. Ten games were played, the Nationals winning nine and losing to the Forest City team of Rockford, Ill. The pitcher who contributed to the downfall of the Washingtons was A. G. Spaulding, famous in later years as a manufacturer of baseball supplies, and one of the promoters of the Washington tour was Arthur P. Gorman, afterwards United States Senator from Maryland, and a leader of the Democratic party. The first professional team was the Cincinnati Red Stockings, which soon forced recognition from the amateur organizations. Thenceforth the multiplication of professional teams and leagues was rapid, and speedily they overhauled amateur clubs. The reason was that the professionals, by giving their whole time to the game, were able to reach a degree of skill that the best amateurs could not attain, and the public soon developed a censorious spirit that was intolerant of what we now call "ragged" playing.

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TAMMANY IN IRELAND.

Rumor That Richard Crocker Will Enter Politics.

New York's Boss Tiger May Succeed John E. Redmond as Leader of the Nationalist Party—Has Spent Most of His Time in Britain Since 1897.

London, June 3.—There is a persistent rumor in Parliamentary circles here that Richard Crocker is about to enter Irish politics, and may possibly succeed John E. Redmond as leader of the Nationalist Party. Since his retirement from the active leadership of Tammany, and even for some years before, he has spent most of his time in Ireland, and has been interesting himself of late more deeply in the affairs of his native island. Crocker is an Irishman by birth, and, though nearly all of his life has been spent in New York, he is ambitious now to shine as a leader on this side of the Atlantic.

Richard Crocker was born in Black Rock, Ireland, in 1843, and when two years of age was taken to America by his parents. He secured his education in the New York schools, and at twenty-five years of age became an Alderman of the city. Early in his municipal career he became a member of Tammany Hall, and strenuously and successfully opposed the notorious Tweed ring. Step by step he improved his position in the Hall, stopping at nothing that would further his own interests, and, being shrewd and persevering and an organizer without a peer, it was but a short time until he was the leading tiger of them all, and New York lay at his mercy. For years he kept carefully in the background, and successfully prevented his power from becoming a matter of serious consideration. In 1897, however, he took an open and active part in Greater New York's first Mayoralty campaign, and succeeded in electing his nominee, Robert A. Van Wyck, first Mayor of the city. Soon after that contest he withdrew to the estate which he had purchased at Wantage, in England, and while ostensibly living the life of an English squire, he continued to rule New York and to draw his revenue from her coffers.

The Moncton Transcript thinks that the caucus of local government supporters to be held here on Thursday evening should pronounce on the question of conducting local politics on federal lines. It says that all the members of the government have declared themselves supporters of the Liberal government at Ottawa, and that their friends in the legislature should do the same.

Where Courage is Needed.

The Teniskaming Herald laments the cowardice of some of its fellow-citizens whose action injures the town in this wise: "There are in the Town of New Liskeard no less than a full half dozen silk hats—tall toppers, whose opulent size and silky sheen would give this struggling municipality an appearance of prosperity, second only to automobiles and asphalt pavements. It is in the interests of the town that such an impression should be made. Let the idea go forth that they who settled here are well-to-do, and what is now a town would soon be incorporated as a city. What a mighty thing is front and what more well fed in appearance than a silk hat. The man who can use a stove-pipe for a lid is certainly above the mere subsistence line. It may at least be said that he has not pawned his surplus belongings. What more suggestive of the capitalist. With silk hats walking about of a Sunday morning, vying with the sun in glory, Liskeard would take her place among the established centres of the earth. Beneath the ordinary Christy she sinks to the common place of a country town."

Ceylon's Seaside Season.

On the coast of Ceylon the fishing season is inaugurated by numerous ceremonies, and the fleet of boats then puts to sea. Fishing, when allowed, generally commences in the second week of March and lasts from four to six weeks, according to the season.

Defenders of the Law.

The cafes and hotels of New York are rivaling each other in the almost oriental splendor with which they have fitted up small rooms for dinner and after theater parties. At one cafe near Broadway the sides of one of these rooms are composed entirely of mirrors, after the French fashion, while the ceiling is covered with green leaves and grapes, bunches of pink and purple grapes of glass, within which are electric lights. The effect is that of a beautiful arbor. Another cafe has mirrors reflecting small red lights throughout the room, while the ceiling, also of mirrors, is an exquisite imitation of moonlight, the effect of which is obtained by electric inclosed in globes of the color and sheen of moonlight seen through a delicate tracery of faint green leaves.—Exchange.

Literally Speaking.

Hi Harix—Heow be yore son gittin' along sense he went tew th' city? Si Meadowgrass—Oh, he's flourishin'. Hi Harix—I'm powerful glad tew hear it. What's he doin'? Si Meadowgrass—He's a teachin' penmanship in one of them business colleges.

His Name.

Lawyer—What is your full name? Witness—K. K. K. Karl Benson. Lawyer—What do all the K's stand for? Witness—Nothing; the minister who christened me stuttered.—Boston Transcript.

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THE AFTERGLOW.

There's a light of wondrous softness
Called by some the afterglow,
And it follows day's receding
As the shadows come and go.

There's a light of Time in fancy
That bedims that afterglow,
As its shadows are extended,
To the years of long ago.

Long ago, when boys were marking
Not the years in rapid flight,
When the sun would reach the zenith,
Then decline to sombre night.

And beyond the worth of story
It that time we called our own,
As the cycles worked their changes,
While the speeding years have flown.

Not for you and I the vantage
Other boys have crowned with fame,
Nor for you and I the willow,
All forgotten but in name.

Still we plod our steps, if weary;
Manhood's burdens must be borne,
Though each glow lapse into darkness,
May it dawn a fairer morn.

And whatever may be the ending
Of our lives when they must cease,
Let us hope that in earth's turmoil
We have won a higher peace.
—Clifford Kane Stout.

A WOMAN'S BACK WAS NOT MADE TO ACHE

Thousands of Women suffer Untold Misery Every Day with Aching Backs That Really have no Business to Ache.

Under ordinary conditions it ought to be strong and ready to bear the burdens of life. It is hard to do housework with an aching back. Backache comes from sick kidneys, and what a lot of trouble sick kidneys cause.

But they can't help it. If more work is put on them than they can stand it is not to be wondered that they get out of order. Backache is simply a warning from the kidneys and should be attended to immediately so as to avoid years of terrible suffering from Kidney trouble.

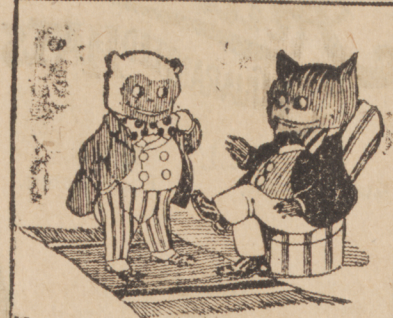
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A Sociable Storm.



Puggy—Weren't you rather lonesome on the fence last night in that storm? Kitty—Not a bit. It rained cats and dogs!—Woman's Home Companion.

Claude Duval.

This gallant robber of men's purses and ladies' hearts was of French extraction. Duval became so rich with his ill gotten gains that he was enabled to retire from the profession and return to France. But a quiet life, free from the excitement of his old career, did not agree with his adventurous spirit. He returned again to England and resumed his avocation. At length he was captured at the Hole in the Wall, in Chandos street. While in prison awaiting his doom many ladies of position visited him and endeavored to obtain his release, but justice was inexorable, and he was hanged at Tyburn in January, 1670. His epitaph in St. Paul's church, Covent Garden, speaks of him as "Old Tyburn's glory, England's illustrious thief," and tells us:

Here lies Duval. Reader, if male thou art,
Look to thy purse; if female, to thy heart.
Much havoc has he made of both.

—St. James's Gazette.

A Miss and a Find.

It was the habit of the Rev. James Spurgeon, grandfather of the great preacher of that name, to pray each evening under a certain oak tree in a secluded wood in Honeywood park. One night he dreamed, the story goes, that Satan appeared, and threatened to tear him in pieces if he followed his accustomed route to the tree. There was another path by which he might go in safety. Remembering his dream, Spurgeon felt sorely tempted the next night to take the route in which Satan was not. But this would be to capitulate. Trembling in every limb, he made his way by the path in which the danger lay. He reached his goal in safety and in prayer and song returned thanks for delivery from peril. When his prayer had ended he rose to return. In his path lay a piece of solid gold "as large as a curtain ring." An inquiry failing to discover an owner, he retained it and when he married had his wife's wedding ring made from his curious find.

Cures Woman's Weaknesses.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe one of the Editorial Staff of THE DAILY MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (*Holcus Dioica*) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":

"A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator... makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system." He continues "in Holcus we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Fyfe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Holcus (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; atonic (weak) condition of the reproductive organs of women; mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly period), arising from or accompanying an atonic condition of the digestive organs and pelvic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invigorating remedy can be better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Holcus, and the medicinal properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root: "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. R. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flooding) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription faithfully represents all the above named ingredients which cure the diseases for which they are recommended.

Irremediable.

Fan—I wasn't expecting to be called on to say anything, you know, and when the president of the club asked me to make a few remarks I just went all to pieces. Nan—You remember I told you those buttons on the back of your waist wouldn't stand the slightest strain, don't you?—Chicago Tribune.

Few Left-handed People.

About 94 per cent of otherwise normal people use the right hand in preference to the left; 6 per cent are left-handed, and it is a curious fact that one-third of the 6 per cent are ambidextrous.—Portland (Ore.) Journal.

The Pastor's Pity.—A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure healed me. I pity them who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-tops." Sold at the Central Pharmacy, 24 J. Ryan.—138.

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