

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BOWLING.

HOW TO SCORE ON SPARES.

The Man Who Picks Up the Splits is the One to Get High Scores—Some of the Combinations.

Spare bowling is the side of the great winter game that distinguishes the expert from the average performer. The man who can pick up spares right along is the man who always has big scores.

But the element of luck is so awful strong in bowling that instead of the ordinary spares being left by the first ball, splits occur. These splits are the bane of every bowler and so varied are they that the greatest skill is needed to get the pins.

It would be impossible to give a list of all the splits for they are so different that hundreds of combinations are possible.

The most common split is the 5-10, familiar to every bowler or spectator. To pick it up the ball is sent down the alley to strike the 5 pin and the ball is reflected enough to the right to get No. 10.

The commoner splits are picked up as follows:

No. 1. The 5-7-9 split, ball strikes 5 pin lightly, sending the pin against 7, while the ball gets 9.

No. 2. The 4-7-9-10 split is difficult. The ball strikes 4 lightly on the left side, causing the pin to carom and pick up 9 and 10, the ball carrying 7.

No. 3. The 3-5-9-10 split is difficult. The ball must hit the 3 pin just full enough so that the pin will strike at the proper angle to send it against 9. Ball carries 10 pin.

No. 4. The 2-4-5-8-10 split is not as difficult as it looks. The ball strikes 2 pin full and passed between 4 and 5, carrying 8. No. 5 is hit thin, sending it across the alley, picking up 10.

No. 5. The 3-6-8-10 split is simple. The ball hits No. 3 one-third full on the left side and then gets 6 and 10. Ball carries number 8.

No. 6. The 2-4-7-6-9-10 split is a long chance indeed. The ball hits No. 2 on extreme left, the pin caroms and gets the 6, 9 and 10 pins, while the ball carries 4 and 7 pins.

No. 7. The 2-5-10 split is harder than it appears. The ball hits 2 one-fifth full and caroms and gets 5 and 10.

The railroad split as the 4-7-6-10 is known has been made, but upon rare occasions. To make it the ball must cut the 4 pin so fine that it slides across the alley and gets the 6 and 10 pins, while the ball picks up No. 7.

Like billiards, the possibilities of bowling are unlimited. A ball which strikes seemingly perfect leaves queer formations at times and causes wonder that such a thing is possible. Strikes are easier to get than difficult

spares and the man who can go through an evening picking up spares is the finished bowler.

THE TURF

CONDEMNNS USE OF HOBBLES.

Frank Wilson, who with Dick Wilson, the well known driver and trainer, owns Aileen Wilson, 2.04, the little pacing mare that was the sensation of the grand circuit last season, has placed himself on record as opposed to hobbles, and he has advocated a law prohibiting their use in the state of Indiana, his home state.

"Hobbles should be entirely barred," says Wilson, "because they hold the pacing horse down. He cannot break. He is also forced to allow himself to be driven, and any amateur can drive a winning race. The amateur has just the same chance as the expert. Not only Dick Wilson, but such drivers as Geers and McHenry won't use them; in fact, all of the best drivers in the country will not use them. Laws should be passed either in the several states or in congress prohibiting their use. Hobbles are responsible for three-fourths of the accidents that occur on the race tracks to-day.

"The horses fall when they break, and not only endanger the life of the driver, but those of every other man in the race. The horse is forced to pace. He cannot do anything else. It prevents the racing game from becoming a science. The time will come when the man who does not use hobbles will have a greater value fixed on his horses. Racing then will be conducted from a scientific standpoint. It will be the driver, as much as the horse and not a matter of machinery. It will put the first-class trainer where he belongs and will develop the driving and training business to a degree never before known."

THE RING

MOIR NOT A DUB.

The following communication was recently received by a Hamilton, Ontario newspaper:

"I noticed your head line announcing the Burns-Moir fight, and I would like you and all who read the article to understand that Moir is no big dub. You Canadians make an awful fuss about a victory like that, or any victory where a Canadian comes out on top. Moir is young at the game yet. He hasn't had the experience of Burns; but Burns will get his deserts if ever he meets Jack Johnson. You had it in when Shrubbs was knocking out all the Canadians of note by nothing less than laps, that he was a windbag, saying what he could do, but you are all in all with Longboat. He is your champion runner. Shrubbs could give him his desert and make a bigger dub of him than Burns made of Moir, but you

never had it in your paper how he made a terrible dub of all the Canadians he ran against. Longboat is afraid to meet Shrubbs, but the Gunner wasn't afraid to meet Burns. Don't talk about windbags or anything similar. I'll bet if Longboat runs at the Olympic games he'll get dubbed at London, old country. If Moir had a drop or two of Scotch blood in him he would be a dandy. It would put more life into him.

SCOTSMAN.

BASE BALL.

BASEBALLER BY GIRL SPORT WRITER.

The sporting editor of the Evening Chronicle, of Trinidad, Colorado, is a girl—Miss Eloise Young.

Her description of Kid Butts, short stop of the Trinidad Hurriers, as he came to the bat, with the score a tie in the ninth, two down and two strikes on him, has never been attempted in baseball.

"An awful hush, a hush as if the great, glad sun had suddenly gone blind and all the lights of a living world were about to be plunged in Stygian gloom, announced to the breathless multitude on the grand stand that the Kid was at the plate. His face, with its beauty of the old Greek gods, was pale and set under the golden bronze that bedewed his cheek. He had discarded the sleeves of his waist, and his arms, now decollete to the elbow, moved in the gleaming sunlight like bars of burnished steel.

"But it was in the glinting shimmer of his eyes that the Kid shot forth the promise of a hit. They were narrowed to a violet and sepi line with a dash of absinthe.

"All our hearts were fluffing and going pit-a-pat, like a kiddie's who is afraid in the dark. Fluffing with all the horrible alternation of hope and fear.

Part of the Kid's lingerie, below the knee had now become unfashioned from the garter and wrinkled something awful. Some of us looked upon this as an ill omen and I longed to pin it up. The Kid is always so careful about his clothes, so neat. He used to wear an apron when sliding to second, but the manager—a coarse person with red hair and no soul fire—objected. I think he is jealous of the Kid."

Eloise doesn't tell us how the Kid Butts made out on that memorable occasion, but we hope his violet and sepi glim picked out one for a homer, if only for her sake.

YOUNG CANADA.

Young Canada! big among nations, Three oceans embracing thy shores, Youth, full of great aspirations, Great prospects lie now at thy doors

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J.W. MATHIESOE.

Montreal, Jan. 15th, 1908.

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