## BALL PLAYERS MUST KNOW.

**Stars of the Big Leagues Leave Little to Guesswork.**

Each man in a major league must know not only the strength but the weakness of every opponent, and the array of facts and information concerning players that each pitcher can muster up is amazing to the layman. Late last season Boston presented a new outfielder who, as far as I can learn, never had played in a major league before, and no one of the Chicago club knew him or ever had seen him play ball, yet all were perfectly familiar with him, his peculiarities, batting habits and disposition. On the way to the grounds Brown and Reulbach, one of whom was to pitch, went minutely over that new man, mapping his position at bat, the way he swung at a ball, the kind of ball he could hit and what he could not and exactly how fast he could reach first base. Steinfeldt was warned that the man was dangerous on a trick bunter and that he always bunted toward third. When the pitchers got through discussing the opposer Kling and Chance analyzed him as a base runner.

"I think," Kling remarked, "we can catch that fellow a couple of times if he gets on bases today. If he reaches second I'll pull off that delayed throw Let Joe cover and Johnny stall."

In the third inning of the game the unfortunate youngster reached second base on a hit and a sacrifice. On the first ball pitched to the next batter he raced up toward third. Kling motioned as if to throw, Tinker covered second base like a flash, and Evers stood still. The feraitt at first made a jump toward second base; then, seeing Kling had not thrown, he slowed down. Tinker, walking back past him, remarked: "We'd have caught you that time, 'old pal, if Kling had thrown." For just one fatal trice the youngster turned his face to return to Tinker's reproach, and in that instant Kling threw; Evers met the ball at second base, jabbed it against the runner and before he knew what had happened he was out. That man really was caught in the bas on the way to the ball grounds, for the play was executed exactly as Kling planned.—American Magazine.

**German Business Woman's Idea.**

One of the cleverest young business women in Germany, well known in Berlin society and considered one of the prettiest girls in the German capital, has just secured on behalf of the company of which she is chairwoman a contract from the Belgian State railways which marks the last thing in railway economy effected by a foreign government. Miss Steefe's syndicate has received permission to collect all newspapers and paper of every description left in carriages on the Belgian railways and in return contracts to manufacture and supply free of charge from the paper thus obtained as many cardboard tickets as the railway may require.

It is estimated that the company will make a profit of from 12 to 15 per cent a year.—Bystander.

**One of Life's Sad Facts.**

Pay days come and pay days go, but bills go on forever

## AFTER THE CIRCUS.

Now the last roasted peanut is swallowed,
The last clown has gone on parade.
The last sugared popcorn been followed
By the last of the last lemonade.
His eyes, once so big, that shone brightly
Through all of the glad afternoon,
Are shut, and his fingers close tightly
And cling to his gaudy balloon.

The last acrobat's been applauded
And shuffled his way from the ring
The last horseback rider's been loaded.
The clown, with his sugar loaf hat,
Has gone with his gewgaws and spangles,
The driver has made his last hoop,
And here in my arms are brown tangles
Of curls and a boy fast asleep.

One sticky hand rests on my shoulder,
One hide-and-seek before it's much older
That shrinks and cries for the glad afternoon.
His dreams, it may be, of the maddest
Of nonsensical nonsensically hurled—
The tiredest, sleepiest, gladdest
And stickiest boy of the world.

And, oh, but the spangles were splendid!
And, oh, but the music was grand!
The side splitting clown laughter blended
With soul stirring airs by the band
Till naught of the glad marvel lingers
Save what in his dreams he may keep
As he clasps his balloon with close fingers
And rests in my arms, fast asleep.

And so from these joys without number
He's caught of the glitter was gone
He went to his dream-laden slumber,
Where on plays the music and on
For him all the revel is maddest,
For him not a flag has been furled—
The tiredest, sleepiest, gladdest
And stickiest lad in the world.

—J. W. Foley in Youth's Companion.

**In Kidville.**

"Say, boss, you better hire a boy to do my work this afternoon. I feel as if I was goin' to be took sick about 2 o'clock."—New York World.

**The Real Effect.**

"I have been working like a beaver for the last week," says the prominent citizen. "You know I am to deliver the address of the day at the Fourth of July celebration at Blinkville."

"Ah!" replies the listener. "It must be a great deal of work to get up a different speech each year."

"It isn't that at all. The mental effort comes in inventing a new title for the same old speech each year."—Chicago Post.

White kid gloves may now grasp with impunity the straps of the new open pay-as-you-enter cars on the Third avenue line. The hanging straps are completely covered by a celluloid sheath composition of pure white. They are to be cleaned every day and washed with a sponge, and they can be perfumed and disinfected if necessary. The board of health is said to be delighted with the innovation and warmly approves the effort to make the devices slippery Alpine heights from which wicked brothers would slide and break their evil necks. The new straps are soon to be placed in all the cars of the system.—New York Herald.

**Little Things Worth Knowing.**

No shoes should be left on a farm horse's feet longer than two months and on a road horse not more than six weeks.

Barrel salt is too coarse and dissolves too slowly to make good butter salt. Fine table salt is always the most economical to use.

During the last twelve years the yearly average agricultural balance of international trade in favor of our country increased from $234,000,000 to $411,000,000, or 75 per cent.

In digging a root cellar one eight feet in diameter and seventeen feet deep will hold 202 barrels of thirty-one and a half gallons, if ten feet in diameter and eleven feet deep it will hold 205 barrels.

When the staple article of diet is cornmeal mush, fried mush, corn bread, with corn fed meats, and for trimmings cane sugar and cane syrup, and the chief topic of conversation is corn growing, as it is with some people, it certainly looks as if it were an example of a one sided ration.

Leguminous hays are very much more nutritious than the hays from other grasses, even such as time honored timothy. The clover and beans contain about nearly twice as much protein as the ordinary grasses. The manure from the legumes contains a proportionately larger share of nitrogen and more potash than the manure from other grasses.

This waterproof leather preservative recipe is said to have been in use among New England farmers for over 100 years: Take one pint of boiled linseed oil, half a pound of mutton suet, six ounces of clean beeswax and four ounces of rosin. Melt and mix over a fire and apply while warm, but not hot enough to burn the leather. Lay it on plentifully with a brush and warm it in.

**An Ice Telephone.**

In laying the telephone wires to the Begino Masaliko observatory, an old observatory on Mount Rosa it was found impossible to use either the overhead or underground methods. The snow and glacier ice prevent the latter and the fear of storms the former. On the other hand, an insulated cable would sink in the ice if laid on it. So the plan has been tried of laying the wires on the ice, trusting to this for insulation. This is the telephone line in Europe, the observatory standing at a height of 14,538 feet.—London Standard.

**When Lincoln Died.**

Terrible as was the tragedy of that April night, it is still true that Lincoln may have died at the right time for his imperishable fame. He had conducted to a successful ending the most tremendous civil war ever waged and never committed a single serious mistake. He did not possess Hamilton's brilliant genius, but Hamilton never saw the future more sagaciously. He made no pretensions to Daniel Webster's magnetic oratory, but Webster never put more truth in oratorical form for popular guidance. He possessed Benjamin Franklin's immense common sense, and that twenty line address on the battlefield of Gettysburg is the high water mark of American authentic eloquence. It is fitting that after such a career his own life should be the last to be lost in that stupendous struggle. He had called over 200,000 heroes to lay down their lives, and then his own life was laid down beside the humblest private soldier or drummer boy of Gettysburg or Chickamauga.—Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler, in Homiletic Review.

**A Good Character.**

They were trying an Irishman charged with a petty offense in an Oklahoma town when the judge asked: "Have you any one in court who will vouch for your good character?"

"Yis, your honor," quickly responded the Colt. "There's the sheriff there."

Whereupon the sheriff evinced signs of great amazement.

"Why, your honor," he declared, "I don't even know the man."

"Observe, your honor," said the Irishman triumphantly—"observe that I've lived in the county for over twelve years an' the sheriff doesn't know me yit! Ain't that a character for ye?"—Kansas City Star.

**Far as He Got.**

Helen—Why, he yawned three times while I was talking to him!

Myrtle—Perhaps he wasn't yawning. He may have been trying to say something.—Modern Society.

## ELECTRIFYING THE SOIL.

**Interesting Experiments by Farmers in the North of Germany.**

At Hoppegarten, near Berlin, Dr. Breslauer has given a practical demonstration of the fact that existing technical means admit of the crops being considerably hurried in very great cost by the application of the electric current. The experiments which have been carried for two years past in Sweden, England and Germany have led to a conclusion important for the future of agriculture. Farmers have long known that frequent thunderstorms, such as often occur in the fourth German lowland during the summer months, have a very favorable influence on the growth of the crops. More than thirty years ago the Swedish professor Lemstrom proved that the rapid growth of plants in the polar regions was attributable to the strong electricity of the air found in those parts. Generally speaking, the first attempt to increase fertility by spanning a net charged with electricity across the fields was carried out by a Dr. Pringsheim on his property at Krychanowitz, near Breslau. He succeeded in obtaining an increased production of 128 per cent from strawberries, 120 to 140 per cent from beet and 32 per cent in the case of beans and barley. But the necessity for always having to remove a net which was stretched across the ground at a very low height before the usual agricultural work could be proceeded with made the process too expensive for practical utility. The electrical engineer Neumann then tried a net with strong alternating currents, which still proved effective when erected at the height of five meters from the ground, in this manner no longer hindering the harvesters at their work. Experience soon showed that an equally sure result could be obtained by erecting isolated masts at intervals of ten meters and attached to one another by thin wire. Sir Oliver Lodge was able to prove that in this system an increased production of from 30 to 40 per cent of wheat and barley could be obtained, the proportion of glutinous flour in the grains being a higher one, so that the market price of the electrically fertilized wheat increased by 75 per cent. The latest experiments, which have been carried out on a larger scale by Dr. Breslauer, were intended to convince the German farmers of the practical utility of this process.

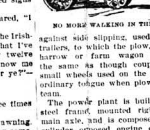
**Horseless Cultivator a Success.**

What the inventor says will be a great boon to small farmers, as the invention, it is claimed, will do the work of six horses, is in use in Oklahoma, but it can be adapted to any locality. It is a gasoline tractor and is a help in plowing, harrowing, harvesting. It will keep running as long as it is fed gasoline.

Built with a two cylinder motor, the tractor has plenty of power. It has two speeds, forward and reverse, and is easily operated from an extension seat, from much the same position a driver would occupy with his team.

It is mounted on an orchard trimmer, having low, wide wheels, narrow tread, short wheel base and short turning radius. A special feature is that the tractor may be driven from the seat of the ordinary wheel plow or harrow, enabling one man to drive and operate the levers of this plow and cultivator with perfect ease and convenience. It is a one man machine, light in weight, with all control levers conveniently arranged.

To obtain the greatest efficiency the front wheels are made the traction wheels; also the steering wheels. In the rear are smaller plain wheels, close together, with flanges to hold



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against side slipping, used simply as trailers, to which the plow, cultivator, harrow or farm wagon is hitched the same as though coupled to the small wheels used on the rear of the ordinary tobacco when plowing with a team.

The power plant is built in a stiff steel frame, mounted rigidly to the main axle, and is composed of a two cylinder opposed engine of standard make, rated at twenty-four horsepower. The cost of the new invention is $1,000.

**Best Sugar All Right.**

Owing to an opinion sometimes expressed that beet sugar is not as satisfactory for making preserves and jellies as cane sugar, the California experiment station studied the question under commercial and domestic conditions. Of 2,000 cans of cherries, apricots, plums, peaches and pears prepared with sirups of different strengths and stored for two years in cases under rather unfavorable conditions only six cans from the beet sugar lot and seven cans from the cane sugar lot were found to be spoiled, evidently owing to imperfect sealing. This shows, according to a report of the station, little other lack of foundation for the idea that fruits do not keep well when preserved with beet sugar and that such sugar does not work well in the country.

**Goats Clear Underbrush.**

A herd of goats will clear the underbrush from a farm in a very short time. For the last five years a herd of forty goats in the vicinity of Lawrenceville, Ind., has been eating and working off different farms, so that the time the animals have changed owners ten times.


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