IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Larry Lajoie, Who Will Make Other Stars Hustle.

Nap Lajoie, the former manager of the Cleveland Americans, gives every indication of coming into his own this year, and Messrs. Ty Cobb of Detroit and Eddie Collins of Philadelphia will have to watch for their laurels or they will be snatched away by the big Frenchman, who led the league four times in batting. Since he joined his teammates this season Larry has been walloping the sphere like a demon and fielding in sensational style. It is figured that being relieved of managerial duties has something to do with the improvement in the playing of Lajoie. During his career as manager the big Frenchman fell off woefully in his batting, but now that he is free of cares he will make all the stars hustle to outshine him.

Keene Plans Racing Campaign.

That James R. Keene has planned a great campaign for his stable of horses, forty-four in number, now in training at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., under James Rowe, was made known by his lavish entries to the Saratoga stakes, which closed recently. Mr. Keene is the most extensive nominator in the stakes, and his forfeits alone would amount to thousands of dollars. He has named twelve two-year-olds in each of four stakes—viz, [illegible], Hurricana, Arondack and [illegible]—and has made nominations to every one of the stakes.

In addition to having James Butwell to ride his horses, Mr. Keene has also engaged Gans, a jockey who has ridden many winners in the last twelve months and who will be able to ride at less than 100 pounds. Racing men predict that the Keene colors will be seen in nearly every race to be run in 1910. Mr. Keene holds the record as having won in 1907 more than $400,000 in stakes and purses.

Cuban Fans Know Baseball.

Baseball in Cuba has its following of fans who want to know every play made in a game. The Havana papers bulletin the contests play by play, the same as is done in the big cities in the United States. An American makes the following comment on the writing of baseball on the island protected by Uncle Sam:

"El Americano of fair intelligencia has little trouble finding his way about on the Cuban page sportiva. Baseball idioms suffer little while being done into Spanish. In fact, they practically remain as they are, for want of Castilian equivalents perhaps. Here is a sample 'running' description of an inning:

"'Magee called ball; Merkle se sacrificia; Archer hit; Simon struck out; Archer se robo la segunda y al tirar alli strike; Magee se oolo home; McMillan dead ball; Camnitz tiniendo dos strikes, le tire a plancha; total, 1 carrera.'"

Gardner Will Be Yale Star.

Bobby Gardner of Chicago, the national golf champion, has decided to divide his time between golf and track athletics. He was the greatest point winner for the Yale freshman track team last year in its dual meets with Harvard and Princeton and will be relied upon for help in the pole vault and high jump by the Yale track team in its spring meets. He is capable of making twelve feet in the pole vault, and he should score for Yale in both the intercollegiate and the dual meets against Harvard and Princeton. He also will be on the golf team in the matches which are played outside of the dates on which Yale holds its three track meets of the season.

Canadian Lacrosse Invasion.

The Toronto university lacrosse team is negotiating for a game with Harvard on Soldiers' field, Cambridge, in connection with the Canadians' trip to the United States during May and June. Games have already been booked with Hobart, Cornell, Johns Hopkins and West Point.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Heaves in Horses.

The feeding of dusty and musty hay and grain, coupled with irregular feeding, sometimes will bring on the heaves. Leaky barn and shed roofs that permit the feedstuffs to become damaged by the water are indirectly responsible for many cases of heaves.

In mild cases the heaves may often be cured entirely by turning the horse out to pasture for a few months. In fact, when a horse first shows signs of them he should be taken off dry feed altogether, if possible, and turned to grass with the hope of effecting an immediate cure and before the disease has reached a stage where it becomes incurable.

If a heavy horse cannot be put on pasture, however, he can be greatly relieved by feeding no hay except at night and then only a small amount. Give only clean, bright hay entirely free from dust, and it will do no harm to dampen it. His corn and oats should be soaked. It is well to limit the amount of water as much as possible, and when necessary to work the horse he should be given no water for at least an hour previous to going to work.

Feeding potatoes or turnips will help in effecting a cure. If the horse refuses to eat these vegetables when fed in the regular manner, thinly slice a few and mix in with the oats or ground grain at each feeding.—W. Purdue in American Cultivator.

Alfalfa Seeding Test.

In a seeding test of alfalfa at the Ohio experiment station a crop sown at the rate of fifteen pounds per acre produced 8,678 pounds of hay per acre in three cuttings, but this was only thirty pounds more than was produced by a crop sown at the rate of ten pounds of seed per acre. The yield of hay from twenty pounds of seed per acre was 8,557 pounds, from twenty-five pounds of seed 7,878 pounds and from five pounds of seed 7,863 pounds of hay. These plots were seeded June 27, 1907, and a comparison of the stand July 31, 1907, and May 2, 1908, showed a shrinkage of 153 per cent where five pounds of seed were used and of 30 per cent where twenty-five pounds were used.—American Agriculturist.

Value of the Separator.

No dairyman can afford to be without some good separator these days, says the Denver Field and Farm. A separator will remove practically all the butter fat from the milk, while the old method of skimming may leave as much as 25 per cent of all the butter fat in the skimmilk. Butter fat is certainly too expensive for hog feed. Any good hand separator will leave less than five one-hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat in the skim and thus will effect a saving of from $4.50 to $8 a month for each cow over the old fashioned gravity systems of creaming. In addition to this, it is well to bear in mind that with a hand separator a richer and better cream can be skimmed and that the skimmilk can be fed immediately while still in warm, sweet condition.

Vitality of Seeds.

In considering left over seeds the difference in their life should be taken into account. Onion, parsnip, salsify, beans, peas, corn and parsley are of doubtful value after the first year. Beet, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, lettuce, melon, radish, squash, tomato and turnip if kept in a dry place will be good for two years or even longer. It is very easy to test the vitality of all seeds by placing them between two layers of cotton batting and kept quite moist between two dinner plates, with the upper plate turned bottom up over the layers of batting. By this method the seed can be examined each day and finally counted out and the proportion germinating accurately determined.—Denver Field and Farm.

The Farm Tools.

Keep the tools sharp. A sharp tool, whether it be ax, hoe or mowing machine or any other tool with a cutting edge, works a great deal easier and does more satisfactory work than a dull one. Many persons never think of sharpening the hoe, but if the edge is filed or ground it is a great deal nicer to use.

One of the handiest things about the buildings at any season of the year is a ladder with hooks on the top end so as to catch over the peak of the roof, thus enabling one to go anywhere on a building when patching or in case of fire.—American Cultivator.

Quick Separation of Cream.

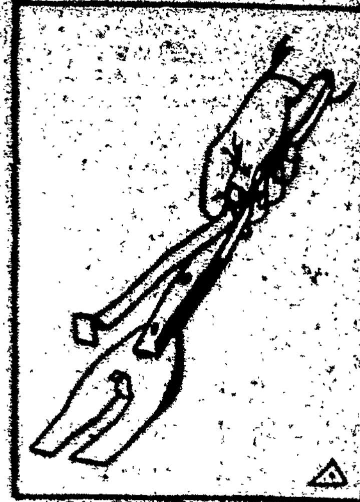
Cream kept ever so clean if left to stand warm will sour or otherwise spoil very quickly. One of the most frequent mistakes is to not separate and cool the cream quickly after milking. Milk should be separated as quickly as possible after milking and the cream at once put in a tank of cold water and cooled to the temperature of the water, tested by a thermometer, before it is left to stand. The water should be changed about three times a day, morning, noon and night.

Location of Poultry House.

The poultry house should be located on well drained land where the water will get away in a few minutes after a rain. Both house and yard should be dry at all times. Ventilation should be secured without drafts, and the house should be arranged so that it will be as convenient as possible to look after, especially when there are several flocks.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

A Pan Lifter That Prevents Burned Fingers.



The pan lifter, designed by an Ohio man, is a simple enough little thing, but it is one of those little things that mean much to the people who have occasion to use them. It means thousands less burned hands to women who cook, and anybody who has ever burned his or her hand will understand that this is no small blessing. The lifter consists of a long handle with a supporting blade and an upstanding piece on this blade to act as a stop for the bottom of the pan. To the top of this handle a strip of metal is flexibly fixed, with the free end fashioned into a hook. The supporting blade is thrust under a pan, the flexible finger pressed down until the hook engages the rim, and the whole can be lifted about with the greatest ease and comfort. There is no danger of burning the hands and no necessity for using cloths to carry the pans about as a protection from their hot sides.

Laundry Lore.

Soak very dirty clothes and save endless rubbing and wear. Have tepid suds and add about one tablespoonful of kerosene, which is wonderfully helpful in removing dirt and also some stains. Soap the worst spots, then roll each piece tightly and pack the tub about half full. Drain off the cold water and pour hot water over them. In an hour they may be washed and put to boil. Have the water boiling when the clothes are put in. Cover the boiler with a lid and steam will clean and whiten them. Borax may be used freely with all white clothes. Never allow colored clothes to soak, and never mix different colors in the tub. Wash the pieces separately and get them ready to hang on the line as quickly as possible. Folding the sheets makes them easy to handle.

Renewing Mahogany.

Many pieces of fine furniture now stored in garrets would be in use if cleaned and made presentable. This may be done by removing the varnish with a sharp chisel an inch or more wide, lapping it on a fourth of an inch each time and scraping down to the wood. Uneven places may be softened with wood alcohol and scraped with a putty knife. Finish with a cloth wet in alcohol. Smooth the surface with sandpaper and finish with coach or waterproof varnish. Where varnish has turned white, wet with alcohol without rubbing. If this does not restore it, hold a redhot iron near it. The blemish will disappear.

Calves' Hearts Baked.

Soak two calves' hearts in strong salt and water one hour, changing water twice during that time. With a small sharp knife sever the valves, making a hollow center for dressing. Make a dressing as for poultry, stuff carefully, stand hearts on end in a small pan, put a small strip of salt pork over each, add one cupful of boiling water, cover and bake two hours. Remove hearts from pan, rub one rounding teaspoonful of butter in same amount of flour and add to gravy. Let boil and then strain over hearts on plates.

Selecting Vegetables.

Never consider a withered vegetable if you can afford the fresher one. It will be tasteless and indigestible when cooked and so is dear in the end. Get only as many berries as will be eaten the same day if you have a keen sense of taste, and when the summer corn comes in be sure you ask for sweet corn and make sure of it by seeing that the grains are small, tender and pearly. Field corn, which is coarse grained, without sweetness or any delicate taste, is very often palmed off for the choicer ear.

Rule For Soap.

Melt a ten pound pail of grease. Add a can of potash to a gallon of water. Pour the melted grease slowly on to this. Add seven teaspoonfuls of borax. Stir in a big stone jar for twenty minutes or till thick. Pour into empty pasteboard boxes. When dry cut into cakes. Try not to use it till it is well dried, of course.

Doughnuts Without Eggs.

Boil one good sized potato. When done mash it and add one cupful of sugar, one and a half cupfuls of sour milk, one teaspoonful of lard, one-quarter cupful of granulated cornmeal, one teaspoonful of soda, a little nutmeg or lemon extract and flour to make stiff. Fry in good hot lard.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Struggle With a Big Fish.

An interesting fish tale from the gulf of Mexico relates the adventures of five sailors who were running a small schooner down the coast off Corpus Christi. The vessel was gliding along smoothly when the monotony of the voyage was broken by a six foot tarpon landing upon the deck from the water. The big fish at once began making things interesting on the boat, and for a time it looked as if the crew would have to jump overboard to escape being knocked lifeless. They finally regained control of their nerves, however, and decided to have it out with the fish, so one of them seized an ax and the others handspikes, and at the tarpon they went. The struggle was long and fierce, and one of the sailors was knocked overboard by coming in contact with the tarpon's tail. A rope was thrown him, and he was pulled back on deck. At last the fish succumbed to the repeated blows of the ax and handspikes and lay along the deck as dead as a mackerel.

Game of Card Receiver.

A group of boys and girls sit in a semicircle. One end is called the head, the other the foot. The person at the head holds a card receiver full of paper slips, supposed to be visiting cards. On these slips are written the names of well known persons. The next one of the company says, "Oh, tell us, Mr. (or Miss) Gray, what noble guests have called today?"

The head person selects a slip, and from his knowledge of the name written there he must give a full description, and the questioner must try to guess the name of the famous visitor. If he fails to guess it he must go to the foot. If he guesses it the head man must go to the foot. Then the new head man takes the card receiver, and the person next to him asks about the distinguished guest. Of course the questioner [illegible] be assisted in guessing by any of the rest of the company.

An Optical Illusion.

The following is a curious and interesting experiment: Take a piece of cardboard about five inches square. Roll it into a tube with one end just large enough to fit around the eye and the other a little smaller. Hold the tube between the thumb and finger of the right hand—do not grasp it with the whole hand—put the large end close against the right eye, and with the left hand hold a book against the side of the tube. Keep both eyes open, and there will appear to be a hole through the book, and objects seen as through the hole instead of through the tube.

The right eye sees through the tube, and the left eye sees the book, and the two appearances are so confounded that it is impossible to separate them.

Why and Because.

The players are seated in a ring, a lady and gentleman alternately. The lady asks the gentleman beside her what object he would choose to be if he had the choice. Suppose he replies, "A necklace," then the lady privately asks him, "Why?" He must reply without hesitation, "Because," then give a reason. It might be, "Because I could be worn around your neck."

Then the second lady asks the gentleman next to her the same question, but he must choose a different object. When all the ladies have questioned the gentlemen they in turn are questioned by the gentlemen. Any one hesitating or failing to answer must pay a forfeit.

Buttonhook Ball.

An old croquet ball which has served its usefulness in the game might still be of value to the handy little girl who likes to make pretty articles for her room. After scrubbing and drying the ball gild it with gold paint. Then screw into it small brass hooks, so that they will be in a line right around the large part of the ball. At the top fasten a bow of ribbon which has many loops that cover the top of the ball. One loop should be made longer than the rest, so that the buttonhook or key rack may be suspended. In order to have this rack match the color used in the room select ribbon for it the same shade as that used on other fancy articles hanging near.

Birthdays In China.

In China all the boys born during the year have their birthdays celebrated on the same day, no matter what date the real birthdays are. It is a great occasion, for the Chinese banners are hung out and processions take place. How would you like it if all children in this country had their birthdays in the same way and had one great big birthday party instead of many little ones?

A Ride on the Trolley.

Said Dolly to Polly: "Now, this would be jolly!
Let's all go to ride on the trolley!"
But Daisy was lazy and said they were crazy,
"'Twas too hot to go on the trolley."
"It's chilly," said Milly. "I think you are silly
To want to ride on the trolley."
Said Lizzie: "I'm bizzy. Besides, I get dizzy
When I go to ride on the trolley."
Lily Cook took a look at her new birthday book
And wouldn't leave that for a trolley.
"There's many a penny," said [illegible] Jennie,
"Paid out for our fares on the trolley."
Said Polly to Dolly: "Though it would be jolly
To have a nice ride on the trolley,
It's funny, my honey, but we have no money,
And so we can't ride on the trolley."
—[illegible]

LOVED FOR HIMSELF

"Yours always—Marion."

The photograph on which the words were written stood upon the mantel shelf.

The young man who read the inscription aloud was described in Debrett as Sir Anthony Elliot, Bart., grandson of the late Sir Robert Elliot and fifth baronet of his name.

"Marion" was Lady Marion [illegible], the daughter and sister of an earl, a society beauty and one of the richest heiresses in England. They were to be married in the spring, and he was on the point of starting in order to join the party at her country home.

A servant tapped at the door and entered.

"If you please, Sir Anthony, a gentleman of the name of Crosse wants to see you."

"Crosse? I don't know the name. What is his business? Did he say?"

"Says he's come all the way from New Zealand on purpose to speak to you."

He was shown in.

"Sir Anthony Elliot, I presume?" he queried.

"Yes," said Tony. "Will you take a chair? I am rather pressed for time."

"The business will not take me long to explain," he said. "In fact, it can be told in two sentences. I am here to inform you that you have no more right to the name you bear than I have. [illegible]"

There was a moment of silence. Tony's cigarette went out. He threw it into the grate.

"You make a very strange assertion," he said slowly. "Will you kindly explain yourself?"

"With pleasure," replied Crosse. [illegible]

[illegible]

Crosse handed him two papers. [illegible]

"And your object in unveiling these [illegible]?"

"Certainly," said Crosse calmly. [illegible]

[illegible]

He wrote to Marion that important business would detain him in town for a few days [illegible]

[illegible]

"I don't know what it all means, but of course I'm ready to do whatever you wish, Tony." [illegible]

"Tony, your luggage? Didn't you bring any?"

"No," he said slowly. [illegible]

[illegible]

"Is that all?" she cried. [illegible] You frightened me to death. I could not imagine what terrible thing had happened."

"You don't seem to understand," he said. "I'm a pauper, a nobody, and I'm Anthony Brown!"

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