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IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

How Catcher Henry Was Discovered.



It must be true that ball players are born and not made. True, all of them need to have the rough edges taken off and experience to perfect them but a good ball player is usually so from the time he starts out.

In Henry, Washington has picked up a player who is sure to shine, and no one excepting Scout Mike Kahoe deserves credit for his being with the team.

Kahoe was sent to Amherst to look over a pitcher named McClure. He saw him and dismissed him from his mind, because he did not think that he was cut out for a major league career. But it was the big, husky youngster who was catching him that attracted Kahoe's attention, and he immediately laid lines to secure him. Instead of bringing back the map he was sent after Kahoe secured Henry, and in so doing he probably brought a player who will do much to make the Nationals a winning aggregation.

FOR THE CHILDREN

What Was It?

Guess what he had in his pocket.
Marbles and tops and sundry toys.
Such as always belong to boys?
A single apple, a leather ball?
Not at all.

What did he have in his pocket?
Each bubble pipe and a rusty screw.
A brass watch key broken in two,
A fishhook in a tangle of string?
No such a thing.

What did he have in his pocket?
Gingerbread crumbs, a whistle he made,
Buttons, a knife with a broken blade,
A nail or two with a rubber gun?
Neither one.

What did he have in his pocket?
Before he knew it it slyly crept
Under the treasure carefully kept.
And away they all of them quickly stole—
'Twas a hole!
—Child's Hour

A New Kind of Policeman.

Did you ever hear of a bear acting the part of a policeman? Yet I knew one, and although he did not wear a uniform nor helmet nor did he carry a club, he captured a thief. His name was Bruin, and he danced to gather in the pennies for his young Italian master. Late one afternoon the Italian stopped at a farmhouse and begged to stay all night. He ordered Bruin to dance for the farmer's children, and before retiring he shut the bear in the barn for safe keeping. During the night the family was aroused by a great noise coming from the barn and a loud cry of "Help! Help!"

The farmer ran to the spot, followed by Bruin's master. They saw a strange sight Bruin with his huge arm around a man's neck, buging him tightly. The bear was muzzled, so he could do the man no great harm, but the man was too frightened to notice the muzzled bear. The man was a dishonest neighbor who had entered the barn to steal a fine calf. In the darkness he had stumbled over the bear who seized him and held him fast.

The Italian called out, "Bug him, Bruin!" The bear continued to bug until his master called him away, and the neighbor went away a frightened and wiser man.

Serpentine Tag.

Every boy and girl plays tag, but few are acquainted with it in its liveliest form—namely, as serpentine tag. For this good variation a large square is drawn on the ground or on the bare floor, and the person who is to be "it" takes up the position within this bounded line while the rest remain outside.

He is armed with a long wand, as the end of which is a tuft of raw cotton dipped in flour. Any one crossing the chalk line or, in fact, venturing within reach of the tufted wand can be tagged if the latter can catch him.

A white flour mark on dress or coat is proof positive that a boy or girl has been tagged. As soon as anyone is tagged he must take the free hand of the person tagging and accompany him in his sorties against other invaders. Each person who tagged joins hands with the pursuers, and it is when the pursuing line has become really long and unwieldy that the game is funniest and most exciting, though there is laughter all through it.

Plants and Animals.

Plants are like animals in many ways. The animal breathes, so does the plant. The animal has veins through which the blood flows, carrying life and vigor to every part. The plant, too, has veins through which the plant's blood flows to every part.

Through the center of the leaf runs a tough, heavy vein from which are sent out many branches. These in turn send out smaller branches, and these last still smaller ones until the whole leaf is covered with a network of veins. The moisture is drawn from the earth through the roots and carried by these veins to every part of the leaf.

Look again at the surface of the leaf and you will see little pores. Through these the leaf breathes, taking in the air as we take it into our lungs. But the leaf takes that part of the air which the animal cannot use, and the animal takes the part the plant cannot use. In this we see the wisdom of God, who made all things.

Runner Monument to Quit.

Jack Monument, the senior and junior mile champion of the United States, has announced that he will never run another race. This dire news came in a letter from Monument to Trainer Lawson Robertson, notifying the Irish-American coach that he would not be on the job this year. Monument gives business cares as the reason for his leaving the cinder path. Monument's decision to quit athletics is a distinct loss to the sport. He is known as a quiet, gentlemanly fellow and as game a man as ever put on a running shoe. It is thought that the coming on of real summer weather and a few peeps at his fellow athletes in action may induce Monument to reconsider and come out on the path for another season. All the influence that the Irish-American Athletic club can bring to bear will be used to get the mile champion into his running togs again.

Holmer to Race Abroad.

Hans Holmer, who recently defeated Lungstrom in a fifteen mile race in New York, has received an offer from a European promoter who was present when Holmer won the Powder Hall Marathon at Edinburgh, Scotland, and who wants to take Holmer on a tour of the world. He has asked Hans to come to England immediately after his race with Lungstrom and from there proposes going to Italy, Africa, South America and Australia.

Kilpatrick After All Around Title.

J. B. Kilpatrick, Yale's track captain, will enter the all round championship at the meet to be held in Chicago in June. The track and football star weighs nearly 300 pounds. He is a good man in the weights, hurdles and the jumps. He will compete against Garrels, the famous Chicago athlete; F. O. Thompson of Los Angeles and other western stars.

Japanese Maxim.

Not every one knows that the group of three monkeys so often seen in photographs from Japan represent a favorite maxim of the Japanese. One monkey holds his hand over his ear that he may "hear no evil," the center one covers his mouth with his hand that he may "speak no evil," and the third covers both eyes with his hands that he may "see no evil." This group is found above one of the temples of Nikko and was carved by a famous left handed sculptor.

For the Children

A Charming Little Princess of Greece.



The pretty little girl holding the doll is a real princess. She is the Princess Irene, younger of the two daughters of Crown Prince Constantine, heir apparent to the throne of Greece. She is one of five children, three of whom are boys. Her mother is the Princess Sophia, sister of the German emperor. Her grandfather is the present king of Greece, is George, second son of King Christian of Denmark, and her grandmother is Olga, eldest daughter of the Grand Duke, Constantine of Russia. George was elected king of the Hellenes in 1913.

A Boy's Predicament.

At a sugar mill on the island of Barbados the men in attendance were shortening all when a native boy who did not let go soon enough, was carried aloft by the great forty-five foot wall. He fortunately had all his wits about him and managed to get his feet around a bar of the shaft and to hold on to the one above. In this position he was carried round, the mill revolving with increased rapidity as the man whose duty it was to feed it had rushed out at the first alarm. A cry was raised to choke the rollers with cane and thus stop the mill, and this was done at the imminent risk of breaking some of the machinery and so ruining the mill altogether. After six complete revolutions the mill was stopped, fairly choked by the bundles of cane thrust into its jaws, leaving the shaft, to which the boy still clung, uppermost, and the ninety feet from the ground. With marvelous nerve he proceeded to climb down that perilous ladder and reached the ground. It is estimated that he traveled nearly 1,900 feet in his aerial journey and half that distance with his head downward.

Selected Words.

The game of selected words is played thus: The company may be divided into sides, each ball selecting a word, the object of one side being to find out the word selected by the other. The word must be the name of something well known to both sides. Words of two or more meanings are the best to be selected, such as pen, post, mail, fall, deer, etc. The answers are thus more varied and the words more difficult to select. Each side asks questions of the other, which should be answered in a plain, matter of fact, truthful way. The side guessing the hidden word in the fewest questions is victorious.

Conundrums.

Why is a baby like wheat? Because it is first cradled, then threshed and finally becomes the flower of the family.

What is that which is sometimes with a head without a head, with a tail and without a tail? A wig.

When are tailors and house agents both in the same business? When they gather the rents.

Why are the tallest people the laziest? Because they are always longer in bed than others.

What class of women are apt to give tone to society? The belles (bell).

The Small Gray Edious.

"The small gray mouse ran east And the small gray mouse ran west And could not tell in the best Which way was best.

The small gray mouse ran north, And the small gray mouse ran south And scurried back and forth To escape the kitten's dreadful tooth-lined mouth.

But kitty thought it precious fun To see the panting mouseie run. And when it almost got away Her furry paw upon its back would lay.

But kitty grew too vain and sure. She thought she had the mouseie secure. She turned her head; she shut her eyes. That was not wise.

And ere she knew The mouseie spring up on the chimney flew. Whence it had been could not surmise. So the head of the mouseie was the mouseie's fate. —St. Nicholas.

Young, but Wise.

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"Why should she think that? You're much older than she was when she got married, aren't you?"

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ANIMALS' TOILETS.

Fur Seals Are as Particular as Women in Fixing Up.

The cat carries her clothesbrush in her mouth for with her rough tongue she cleanses her glossy coat as a boy brushes off his clothes. She licks one of her front paws and rubs it over her face and she is ready for her breakfast.

Foxes, dogs, and wolves do not use their mouths when they need to wash and brush, but scratch themselves vigorously with their hind paws and are as fresh as ever.

The cow with her long, rough tongue combs her coat of hair until it is clean and curly. The horse more than any other animal depends on his owner to keep his coat in proper condition, but often he will roll on the green grass or rub himself down against a tree or fence.

Field-mice comb their hair with their hind legs, and the fur seal in a similar manner spends as much time as a woman in making herself look smart.

Although the elephant appears to be thick skinned and callous, he takes great care of his skin. He often gives himself a shower bath by drawing water into his long trunk and blowing it on the different parts of his body. After the bath he sometimes rolls himself in a toilet preparation of dust to keep off the flies.—Our Dumb Animals.

GAMBLED FOR A GIRL.

Prince Lucien Bonaparte Won a Bride From His Brother Pierre.

It is said that the two brothers, Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte and Prince Pierre, in their early youth when shooting mounds in the mountains in Corsica, came across a beautiful peasant girl with whom they both fell violently in love.

Who she was and whether she favored both brothers or neither I cannot tell. Be that as it may, they quarreled. Les deux chevaliers of old would no doubt in similar occurrences have had recourse to lance and sword. The Corsican princes decided to play for their belle a game of cards. They went to the nearest inn and wrote and signed a paper agreeing that which ever won the game should marry the lady fair. Prince Lucien won and, faithful to his word, a short time after married her.

She never left the island, as far as I know. Prince Lucien lived in England, securing to her a comfortable income, which she received till her death, some years ago, the spring of 1851.—From the Princess Murat's Memoirs.

Flower Perfumes.

A garden full of flowers is more fragrant when shadowed by a cloud than when basked in sunlight. It is the conclusion to which experiments of a French scientist lead. He asserts that it is light and not as commonly believed, oxygen that exerts the greatest influence in dissolving odors. According to the same authority, the intensity of the perfume given off, by a flower depends upon the relation between the pressure of water in the cells of the plant, which tends to drive out the essential oils that cause the odor, and the action of the sunlight, which tends to diminish water pressure in the cells. Sprinkling the plant increases the turgescence and as a consequence a more copious production of perfume. At night the air round a flower bed is heavy with odors, because then their emanation is not opposed by the sunlight.—New York Tribune.

The Shapes of Eggs.

There was recently held before the Zoological society of London a mathematical discussion of the differences in the shape of eggs. A few eggs, like those of the owl and the tortoise, are spherical, or nearly so; a few, like the grebe's or the corkswan's, are elliptical, with asymmetrical ends; the great majority, like the hen's, are ovoid, or bunter at one end than the other. The hen's egg is always laid blunt end foremost. Eggs that are the most unsymmetrical are also eggs of large size relatively to the parent bird. The yolks of eggs are spherical whatever the form of the entire egg may be. This has been shown to be due to their being inclosed in a fluid, the "white," which makes the pressure everywhere on the surface of the yolk practically constant.—Scientific American.

Just a Bit Too Apt.

To eke out his salary the people of a small country church gave their pastor a donation party, among the presents being a fine new dress coat for the pastor and a pretty bonnet for his wife.

On the following Sunday as they walked up the aisle in their new habiliments the choir inadvertently struck out with the voluntary—much to the discomfort of the sensitive clergyman and his wife—"Who are these in bright array?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

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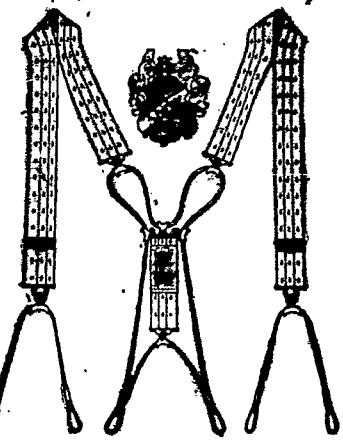
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