

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Lapp, Athletics' Promising Young Backstop.



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Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics says that in Lapp he has one of the most promising young catchers in the country. The Athletics' manager believes that in another year he will come pretty near being the best receiver in the junior organization. Lapp has a strong whip and has a good head. Besides being a good backstop, he is a heavy hitter. His batting average for forty five games is .348.

McAlier Has No Use For Collegians. Jimmy McAlier doesn't think much of college pitchers. Although he is badly in need of good pitchers, McAlier refuses to scout the colleges for material.

McAlier says the average minor league pitcher has an easy time fooling college hitters, and a college pitcher doesn't need more than a seven-ball. Most college pitchers have hit and nothing more, he says. He points out for example of failures Walter Clarkson, Harvard's pitching wonder, who failed to make good with New York, and later with the Naps, and DeMott, who is having trouble to make good with Omaha after having had a fair trial with the Naps.

Caddies Are Very Scarce. Not long since a golfer asked the question, "What becomes of the caddies?" The estimate that there are 500,000 golfers in the United States has given rise to the remark that there must be nearly as many caddies. Many golfers who began play in the United States back in 1884 are still making their rounds of the links, but several generations of caddies have come and gone. Where are they?

Schoolboys make up a large percentage of those who carry clubs, and most of them do it for a little extra money for themselves, while others have been a help in their homes, where help was needed.

Sallee Says He Is Best Southpaw. "Slim" Sallee of the St. Louis Cardinals, rated one of the best southpaw pitchers in the business when he is right, loves to discuss his eccentricities on the ball field and, more so, his failure to down the demon rum.

Sallee honestly believes he is a better southpaw than Nap Rucker, Leland or Wilkie and makes no bones about saying so either.

There is not a question of a doubt that Sallee is one of the finest left handed pitchers when he is on the water wagon. He was fined a couple of times last season for imbibing too much of the red water.

Wrestling Popular Abroad. Wrestling is the popular sport in Europe, with the exception of London and Paris, where boxing is also popular. In Russia, Germany and other European countries the mat game has first call. In Warsaw they have wrestling tournaments which last three and four weeks. The tournaments occur seven nights a week, four bouts each night. The prices are 35 cents to \$2.50 for the preliminaries, the prices being doubled for the finals. The tournaments are run off in hippodromes or stadiums which hold 25,000 spectators.

Offside Rule Abandoned. Apparently the abandonment of the offside rule has been an unqualified blessing to polo. The day of "wooden play" has passed, and, best of all, the English players have been surprised and cheered to find that the new order has made it possible to keep combinations play up to the same high standard.

FOR THE CHILDREN HUMOROUS QUIPS

An Eastern Story.

The sultan of Western Hindustan, yearning to fly, had marched round in the rear of the Fortian army and interposed between them and their country. They believed, however, that he was utterly routed and loudly expressed their joy. One vizier remained silent and on being asked by his master why he did not share the general joy replied that he did not believe in this easy victory and offered to prove that the enemy's army was even then marching toward them.

Inventor of the Compass. Flavio Giola introduced or improved the mariner's compass about the conclusion of the eleventh century. Previously a needle was magnetized by the loadstone run through a piece of straw or wood and fastened in a shallow dish containing water. Then as the old chronicler says: "The point infallibly turns toward the pole star, and when the night is dark and gloomy and neither star nor moon is visible they set a light beside the needle, and they can be assured that the star is opposite to the point, and then by the mariner is directed on his course. This is an art which cannot deceive."—National Magazine.

Authentic and Genuine. No better illustration of the difference between the two words "authentic" and "genuine" can be given than that given by Bishop Watson. He says: "A genuine book is one written by the person whose name it bears as the author. An authentic book is one that relates matters of fact, as they really happened. A book may be genuine without being authentic, and a book may be authentic without being genuine." To this Webster adds: "Some writers speak of an authentic document in the sense of a document produced by its proposed author, not counterfeit."—Chicago News.

A Flower Game. A new version of "drop the handkerchief" is played by forming a ring with one child staying out. Each child takes the name of a flower or shrub. The child outside the ring has a small branch in her hand, which she drops behind the player, calling out the flower name of the player. As she does this she starts to run around the ring with the one called close at her heels. Whoever reaches the vacant place first wins, and the other must stay outside the circle. If she forgets the flower name or calls the wrong one, she must pay a forfeit. All forfeits are paid when the game is ended.

An Indian Game. Firing the arrow is a game that Indian boys like to play, and they are very skillful at it. A clever player sometimes has ten in the air at a time, but you can be glad if you have three arrows up at once. Provide yourself with a bow and several arrows. Shoot up in the air and the aim of the game is to have as many arrows as possible up in the air before the first arrow falls to the ground. Accuracy is the most important part, and the sending of the first arrow way up high is the other necessary achievement.

Street Caddies. The caddies, cakes, etc., that are sold from push carts in the streets soon get covered with dust and germs, and every child should remember Kipling's lines to the children of India, for they are as true here as there:

Then that takes cakes
Which the Purse man takes
Makes dreadful mistakes
Dorothy's Mustn'ts
"I'm sick of 'mustn'ts,'" said Dorothy D.
"Sick of 'mustn'ts' as I can be.
From early morn till the close of day
I hear a 'mustn't' and never a 'may.'
It's 'you mustn't' be there like a steely-headed.
And 'you mustn't' sit up when it's time for bed.
'You mustn't' cry when I comb your curls.
'You mustn't' play with those noisy girls.
'You mustn't' be silent when spoken to.
'You mustn't' chatter as parrots do.
'You mustn't' be pert, and 'you mustn't' be proud.
'You mustn't' grieve or laugh aloud.
'You mustn't' rumple your nice clean dress.
'You mustn't' nod in place of 'ya.'
So all day long the 'mustn'ts' go
Till I dream at night of an endless row
Of gobble 'mustn'ts' with great big eyes
That stare at me in shocked surprise.
Oh, I hope I shall live to see the day
When some one will say to me, 'Dear, you
Mustn't' be afraid of 'mustn'ts,'" said Dorothy D.
"Sick of 'mustn'ts' as I can be!"
—Miss Wheeler Wilson.

The Simple Maiden.

There were once a simple maiden, and her simple name was Dottie. She had a simple twinkle in her eyes. There was a simple dimple in her cheek. She was simple in all things. Her simple mother who had no dimples, no twinkle, no simple things. The things she said were simple. And she things she did were simple. A simple girl, simple girl, simple girl. But the simplest maid that ever simply smiled away still be clever. In her beautiful stem-plot-tee.

The Fashions of an Old Friend. The burglar went at work on the burglar proof safe. "What's holdin' you back, Jess?" growled the second one anxiously. "Why, dey're put some 'kind o' special proof stuff over de door," replied the first one. "An I can't get me tools 'sposed it."

The Inexpensive Life. They talk of an official at Washington, known by his friends as a "math or 'close' man, who has many a pair of eyes at work with his wife, all by reason of that very closeness. On one occasion a friend had the misfortune to enter just as the pair were settling an argument touching some question of household expenditure. He was just in time to hear the husband say: "See here, Maria, you cannot hood-wink me in these matters. Do you think me 'I have tried an' tried you for nothing?" "I shouldn't be at all surprised," was the wifely rejoinder.—Harper's Magazine.

Stalights on Mythology. Tantalus, up to his chin in the pool of water, leaned forward once more to take a drink, and the water vanished in its customary manner. "Oh, well," he said, "I'm so individual cup, anyway." Thankful that the cooling liquid which he was not permitted to taste was not presented to his longing gaze, in the still more tempting guise of a bubbling cup, he waited till the water rose again to his chin and absorbed what he could of it through his pores, as usual.—Chicago Tribune.

Mutual Distrust. "That new statesman is giving you quite an argument." "Yes," replied Senator Borghum. "It's the same old story. He thinks we need reformation, and we think he needs information."—Washington Star.

The Nearest He Had Ever Come to It. "Pa, did you ever ask for bread and get a stone?" "No, but I often asked for a biscuit and got something resembling a brick."—Chicago Record-Herald.

By Design. "I hear your chauffeur had a run-away. Bad accident?" "No, it wasn't an accident at all. He ran away with my wife."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Had He? "Are you anywhere near the head of your class in school?" "Nope, not very near, but I kip lick the kid that is at the head of it."—Houston Post.

Evasive. "He is what you might call an adroit man?" "Decidedly. His sins never led him out, and his debts never led him in."—Puck.

Monsters. A dinosaur wandered out from prehistoric days. A monster, said, he strolled about. Our public to amuse. He saw the "famous" thing. Around the polished curve, and as he dodged he cried, "That thing, with sharp teeth and eyes!" He asked upon the dinosaur. And heard it grin and whistle. He saw the thingy that far, so blue, yet all at ease. "What's he up to?" what fearful chance? "He's just a dinosaur," he said. "It is a dinosaur with a dinosaur's grin." The poet, old times, for me! —Washington Star.

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLES

W. S. Vare, Who Would Be Mayor of Philadelphia.



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William Scott Vare, who seeks the Republican nomination for mayor of Philadelphia, has been recorder of deeds for the past ten years. The primary elections take place Sept. 30, and Mr. Vare has the support of Mayor Bayburn, the present incumbent. Opposed to him are United States Senator Boies Penrose and State Senator James P. McNeohol, leader of the Republican party in Philadelphia. The machine candidate is George H. Ellis, Jr., banker and alleged foe of trusts, who was formerly a Democrat. Recorder Vare has been in politics since 1905, when he was elected to the select council, to which office he was re-elected. Three years later he was chosen recorder of deeds and has since been twice re-elected.

Would Probe the Panic. If the idea of Senator Robert E. La Follette of Oklahoma prevails the financial panic of 1907 will be largely probed by the senate next winter. Just before the close of the extra session of the senate a resolution was introduced asking for an investigation into the causes leading up to the panic of 1907 and the benefits secured from it for stockholders or corporations.—Immediate Post.



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Adoption of the resolution was not asked, so the resolution went over until congress reconvenes. Senators Keith of Indiana, Works of California, Reed of Missouri, Page of Vermont and Clark of Wyoming were named in the resolution as the investigating committee. Senator Owens is a native of Virginia, fifty-five years old and has Cherokee blood in his veins. He was nominated in June, 1907, as the choice of the Democracy of Oklahoma for the United States senatorship in a state-wide primary and was elected by the unanimous vote of the legislature the following December.

Prince Louis Saved to the Navy. Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, who is well known in America, is regarded in England as one of the men who would receive an important command in case of war. Curiously enough, Prince Louis wished to abandon the navy when a midshipman because of the difficulty he found in mastering the English language. The late King Edward, then Prince of Wales, heard of the boy's intention and went for him. He persuaded him not to abandon his career and saved for the British navy one of her most notable admirals.

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