IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Bob Beecher, Leading Base Runner In National League.

Photo by American Press Association.

Bob Beecher, the Cincinnati Reds' speed boy, is again leading the National league bag thieves. The Reds' outer gardener is one of the fastest runners in the game, besides being a brilliant outfielder. Last year Beecher gave Ty Cobb a great run for the base running honors of the country and ended the season with eighty to his credit.

Value of Thoroughbred.

The value of the American thoroughbred for breeding purposes has been appreciated by foreign countries, and within the last few months there have been several attempts by the heads of famous foreign breeding stables to secure noted American stallions for breeding purposes in Europe.

Some time ago an English firm of horse breeders visited America for the purpose of securing a high class thoroughbred to stand at the head of a prominent stud for the breeding of polo mounts and, it was stated, offered the sum of $7,500 to Allan Pinkerton for his famous Galloway Booger Red. The offer was refused by the American sportsman on the ground that the get of the thoroughbred would in all probability excel that of any other polo sire in the world and would stand for the breeding of mounts to retain the international polo cup for America.

English Horse Racing Rules.

The English Jockey club at its annual meeting, recently held, made some important alterations in the rules governing horse racing. some of the changes having been demanded for years past by members. The most important change was the repeal of the rule permitting four furlong races for the two-year-olds, this rule having been in force for nearly ten years and arousing much criticism from various sources owing to the supposed harm it has wrought in that class.

By a vote of 22 to 7 the club upheld the adverse criticism. and, on the ground that such a short race for colts demanded gate training at the expense of future development and was a lottery, the colt first off usually having all the chances, decided to prohibit all races under five furlongs for two-year-olds.

The First Olympic Games.

The Olympic games were inaugurated in the eighth century at Pyrgos, near the northwestern coast of Peloponnesus. Originally organized to inculcate the rigorous Spartan requirements of endurance and strength in war, they were gradually brought at the twenty-fifth Olympiad to include chariot racing, when the word hippodrome was first used; wrestling, boxing, leaping, quoits, running, etc.

For many years the games were an annual occasion for the assembling of the world's strongest men, but with the decadence of Greece they gradually fell into desuetude and lapsed for centuries until revived at Athens under the auspices of the king in 1896.

Many Good Young Catchers.

Few Central league backstops have gone to the big leagues in recent years, but most of those who have gone up stayed. Forrest Cady is dividing the work with Bill Carrigan for the Boston Red Sox, and Alva Williams is working regularly behind the bat for Washington. Cady was with Evansville in the Central, and Williams was with Terre Haute. Jack Onslow, with Fort Wayne last year, has made good as second catcher of the Tigers. Williams and Cady went to the American league from the [illegible] circuit.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

The Iconoclasts.

Fair Phryne, they [illegible] not shameless—
[illegible]
[illegible] was blameless
As white as the [illegible] she bared.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
In every [illegible]

Now Sappho is cleared of the fable
That wedded romance to her name.
She lived (so they tell us by cable)
A model and virtuous dame.
Her conduct was rigidly proper
In spite of her amorous [illegible],
And gossips who [illegible]
But wasted their time.

What next? Will they tell us that Thais
Was prudent and proper and prim?
That a gentleman's chances with Lais
(In a manner of speaking) were slim?
Was Salome a saint petticoated,
The victim of scandalous fames?
Were the lips of Aspasia devoted
To prisms and prunes?

Away with your critical history!
Its findings we look at askance.
Shall these dames be denuded of mystery,
These heroines robbed of romance?
Shall any old science professor,
With cherished traditions get gay?
No! A health to Dame Gossip, who—bless her!—
Preserved them for aye!
—Chicago Tribune.

Striding Ahead.

There was a thin and nervous woman who could not sleep. She visited her physician, and he said:

"Did you eat anything just before going to bed?"

"Oh, no, doctor!" the patient replied.

"Well," said the physician, "just keep a glass of milk and some biscuit beside you, and every night the last thing you do make a light meal."

"But, doctor," cried the lady, "you told me on no account to eat anything before retiring."

"Pooh, pooh!" said the doctor. "That was three months ago. Science has made enormous strides since then."—Philadelphia Record.

A New Hand on the Machine.

The New Windsor hotel of Carroll, Ia., offers the following typewritten bill of fare:

cereal,
steamed rice,
broiled,
tea bone steak   sirlion steak
braided yeal chops with ravy,
boiled frnankfords with sour craut,
cold meats,
roast beef,
caned salmon,
eggs to order,
cold slaw,

Always.

"Well, are you still firmly determined not to support the ticket?"

"Who said I wasn't goin' to support the ticket?"

"You said so before the convention—unless your favorite candidate got the nomination."

"My dear sir, the man who gets the nomination is always my favorite candidate."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Patient Experiment.

"What are you going to call that mule of yours, uncle?"

"Well, suh," answered the driver of the animal, "I ain't made up my mind. I's tried all the names I could think of, an' I's g'ineter keep on [illegible] mo'. If I ever finds one he pays any 'tention to, da's whut I's g'ineter call him."—Washington Star.

No Chance For Him.

"There," said the ambitious young man when he had finished his great epic, "that's done! Now all that is necessary is to find a publisher and cause the public to become interested in me. Confound it! I have no friend whose wife would be willing to cause a commotion by eloping with me."

Gasoline, Not Kerosene.

"What's this? You say your boy is burning too much midnight oil? I thought he got out of college two years ago."

"He did. He was arrested twice this week for speeding with a bunch of joy riding friends."—St. Louis Republic.

Congenial Topic.

Mrs. Bridgely—Seems to me you're pretty unsociable for a husband. You never talk to me when we're alone nowadays. Say something.

Bridgely—All right. What in the deuce makes that girl so slow with the supper bell?—Chicago News.

Wanted the Formula.

"What interested me most in my travels," said Henpeck, "was the mummy of a queen I saw in Egypt."

"Wonderful, eh?" asked his friend.

"Yes. It's wonderful how they could make a woman dry up and stay that way."—Philadelphia Press.

Modern Childhood.

"My three-year-old boy has written a novel."

"Well, keep him away from the magazine interviewers. Too much publicity isn't good for a growing child."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

He'd Tried It.

Bill—If kept continuously running a watch will tick 160,144,000 times in a year.

Jill—How do you know?

Bill—Oh, I've tried it many a time.—Yonkers Statesman.

One of the Difficulties of Civilization.

"Why do you always eat a square meal before dining out?"

"So I can give my entire attention to the management of the various knives and forks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

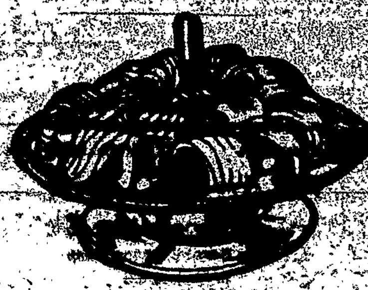
Quite Tame.

"The mosquito is a vicious creature!"

"Not at all. He'll eat right out of your hand."—London Telegraph.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Combination Butter Dish and Ornamental Mold.



An ingenious butter dish which serves as a mold for the butter as well as in the capacity of a receptacle is being manufactured in France. The dish is made in two parts, the upper one telescoping into the lower. Butter is placed in the lower dish and the upper, which is perforated, is placed over it, and when it is forced downward into the lower dish the butter is forced upward through the perforations in forms.

German Apple Cup.

Select fine grained apples, one for each service; core and pare, leaving on a section of the skin in the shape of a ring near one end of the apples. Cut heart stalks of celery very fine, but do not chop. Mix the celery with mayonnaise dressing, to which half the bulk of whipped cream has been added. Add also more salt and pepper. Use this mixture to fill the hollow centers of the apples, rounding it up above the apple a little. In the center of the mixture in each apple set a tiny heart leaf of lettuce. Place the apples on lettuce leaves and serve at once. The ring of apple skin gives a little color to the dish. The end of the apple on which it is left should be upward. If the apples must stand after paring rub over the exposed surfaces very lightly with the cut side of a lemon. This will prevent discoloration.

Cream Fish Chowder.

Put a fish weighing about three or four pounds into a wire basket. Set in the kettle with about three quarts of boiling water. Salt to taste. Cook about fifteen minutes, or until done without breaking. Have ready as many potatoes as you wish, with two onions, the onions cut very fine. Take out the basket, turn the fish out on a platter to cool and put potatoes and onions in the fish water. Cook until done. When done thicken. Pour into a tureen, with a tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of milk and a few crackers. Remove skin and bones from the fish, being careful not to break in small pieces. Put the pieces of fish in the tureen. The heat from the chowder will warm the fish enough.

To Restore Velvet.

Velvet when creased may be restored by steaming and pressing. To steam place a damp muslin cloth over the underside of a hot iron which has been turned with the flat side up. Hold the velvet with both hands and draw it gently over the wet cloth, allowing the steam to pass through the velvet. As the muslin dries put another wet portion over the iron and continue drawing the velvet over until all the pile is freshly raised. Do not touch the surface of the velvet until quite dry, when it should look like new.

To Cook Cabbage.

Have plenty of salted boiling water in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Plunge the cabbage in, top downward, leave it uncovered and let it boil until tender. That will be from twenty minutes to half an hour. Take it out into a colander, drain well, put into a hot dish, add lots of butter, some salt and pepper and serve at once. It will be as delicate as cauliflower and the color be retained.

Pineapple Peel Juice.

Cut the peel of the pineapple into small pieces. Weigh and take same quantity of sugar. Make a sirup of one cupful of water to each pound of sugar, then add pineapple to sirup. Boil fifteen minutes, slow, steady boiling. Let stand overnight, then strain and squeeze in cheesecloth. Bottle and put on ice or in a cool place. This makes a fine pudding sauce and is delicious on boiled rice.

Sour Milk Biscuits.

Rub a spoonful of butter into one quart of flour, wet up with one quart of sour milk, into which you have previously stirred one teaspoonful of saleratus which has been dissolved in a little hot water. Use as much more flour as you find necessary to make the dough stiff enough to roll out to one inch thick. Cut out as usual and bake in quick oven.

Duchess Potatoes.

To two cupfuls of potatoes add one teaspoonful of melted butter. Beat until light and smooth, then add six tablespoonfuls of milk or cream and the yolks of two eggs well beaten. When well mixed and seasoned with salt and pepper add the beaten whites. Fill hot gem pans and brown.

For Fishbone In Throat.

To remove a fishbone from the throat cut a lemon in halves and suck the juice slowly. This will dissolve the fishbone and give instant relief.

FOR THE CHILDREN

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... game continues until a certain number—300 or 500—as previously agreed upon, has been reached. The side first scoring that number of points is victorious.

Flag Etiquette.

The capitol at Washington is the only building which the national statutes provide shall indicate by the presence of the flag that the house or senate is in session. Mr. Roosevelt was the first president to insist that the hoisting of the stars and stripes should indicate that the president was at home and to forbid its being hoisted over the White House while he was out of town. In all foreign countries the presence of the standard indicates that the ruler is in residence.

The stars and stripes are hoisted upon all government vessels irrespective of whatever other flags may be flown, and flags are raised on all government buildings every morning at 8 o'clock.

At every military post or station the colors are hoisted at the first notes of the reveille or at the first notes of a march, if a march be played before reveille. All day the flag flies until the sounding of the last note of the retreat, when [illegible] plays the "Star Spangled Banner." In time of warfare the flag is displayed on all seacoast or lake forts at the commencement of an action and during a battle in which the fort may be engaged, whether by day or night.—Joe Chapple's News Letter.

A Candle Experiment.

A very pretty effect may be produced by causing a candle to burn while almost immersed in water in a tumbler. The experiment, which is simple, is made in the following manner.

Insert a nail—not too heavy—in the lower end of the short candle in order to make that end heavier and place the whole in a glass containing enough water to reach the upper edge of the candle without wetting the wick.

At first thought nothing seems stranger than to expect a candle to burn in such a situation, but it does burn, and the reason is simple enough. As the candle burns it grows lighter and lighter and rises gradually as it diminishes in length, so that the lighted end always remains above the surface of the water.

Moreover, the outside of the candle being cool will melt much more slowly than usual, and the flame will make a little hollow in the center. This hollow place also helps in making the candle float and preserves the wick from contact with the water. Thus the candle will continue to burn in its strange candlestick until the wick is consumed.

Conundrums.

What is the difference between a summer dress in winter and a pulled out tooth? One is too thin, the other is tooth out.

Which is the oldest piece of furniture in the world? The multiplication table.

What is the difference between a cake baker and a bill sticker? One puffs up paste, the other pastes up puffs.

Why is a spendthrift's purse like a thunder cloud? Because it is continually light(e)ning.

Which is the best land for babies to be in? Lapland.

What class of girls gives tone to society? The Belles.

Why do gypsies never become insane? Because they lead no-mad lives.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Arithmetical Puzzle.

Select a number that is odd.
(But it must never be three),
[illegible]
It even then will be.
Answer.—Seven, even.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

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JOSEPH E. DAVIES.

... He is only thirty-five and is the youngest [illegible] Davies has established headquarters in the Hotel Knickerbocker, New York city, and will probably [illegible] in Wisconsin until the [illegible]

A Tardy Explanation.

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Q. E. D.—Chicago Post.

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