

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Christy Mathewson at Practice in California.

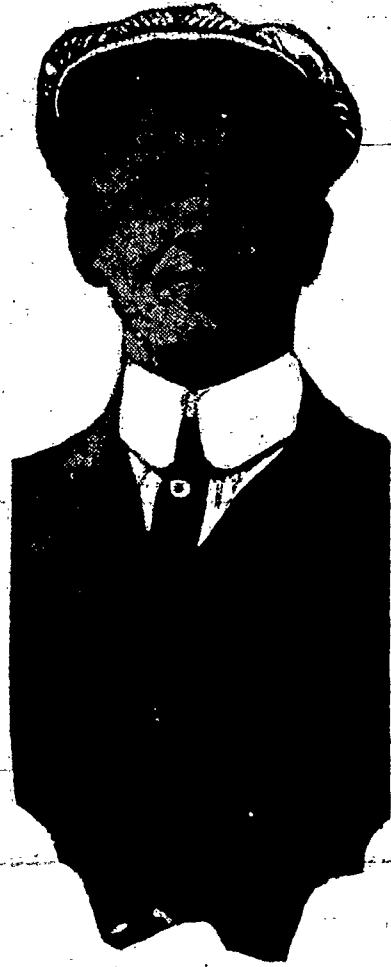


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Christy Mathewson, idol of the New York fans, is bound to get in another record-breaking season in the big leagues. Last year the veteran was the most consistent winner in the National league, and he is now working out in the warm air of southern California in an endeavor to strike a winning stride at the season's opening. Matty figures on thirty victories during the coming pennant chase and predicts another winning team for the Giants.

Power Boat Races.

Preparations are being made for the southern championship speed boat races, which will be held over the Matanzas course at St. Augustine, Fla., during the first week of April. Secretary Hopkins already has a fine list of entries, including many of the fastest speed boats afloat, and a number of others are still to be heard from. For the accommodation of the boats which have to be removed from the water in case of damage during a race work has begun on the erection of a suitable house just south of the Power Boat club. This structure will be built to accommodate at least six boats and will be fitted out with hoisting facilities to quickly handle the craft and lift them from the water.

Princeton in Soccer League.

Princeton will compete in the Inter-collegiate Soccer league in their spring series, according to the action taken by the executive committee of the Athletic association. The Tigers have been making progress in this sport, and it is expected that with membership in the league even more interest will be shown. Sixty men reported to Captain McMaster in the fall for the autumn season, which resulted in seven victories, two defeats and one tie. Practice for the league series of games with Harvard, Haverford, Columbia, Cornell, Yale and Pennsylvania will commence this month. The opening game will take place in March.

Childs to Coach Indiana Eleven.

Clarence C. Childs was chosen football coach at Indiana university, to succeed James Sheldon, who resigned at the close of last season. Mr. Childs if he accepts will begin his duties Sept. 1 next and will remain at the university during the entire school year. Mr. Childs is a graduate of Yale 1912 and has a successful record as a football coach at Wooster university, Wooster, O. He played guard and tackle on the Yale eleven and as a hurdler was a member of the American team that won the majority of the track events at the Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912. Mr. Childs is twenty-nine years old.

Richards Can't Compete.

The faculty committee on student affairs at Cornell refuses to sanction Alma Richards' participation in track athletics in any outside meet. Richards, who captured first high jump honors in the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912, has received many invitations to compete in games in New York city and elsewhere. Richards is a freshman and will be allowed to compete only in meets in which Cornell's freshman team participates.

Hard on Gavigan.

Tommy Gavigan, the American mid-dleweight who has been fighting in Paris, is disgusted with the place and will soon sail for home. Tommy fought a French fighter a few weeks ago, and after being forced to pay \$150 for being two pounds overweight he lost the decision and also only received \$150 for his end.

ROUND THE WORLD

New York in 1913 erected 372 new buildings, costing \$15,916,468.

One in every three persons in Australia has a banking account.

Philadelphia Welshmen have opened a new clubhouse costing \$35,000.

The buffalo of the United States and Canada now number about 3,000.

Norway and Sweden are adopting electric elevators in apartment houses.

The membership of the Philadelphia Fencers' club is nearly dominated by women.

A French scientist says the brain is not necessary for the maintenance of human life.

Experiments with the artificial incubation of ostrich eggs in Australia have proved successful.

To the close of 1913 Alaska had produced known mineral wealth to the value of \$248,300,000.

The wages paid the musical instrument workers of this country amount to about \$30,000,000 annually.

Motorboats are now popular on the rivers of Paraguay. Fifty or sixty are now in use on the Asuncion.

In Britain sixty-one businesses, representing seven trades, are owned by sixteen firms, capitalized at \$55,000,000.

Denmark is said to have the most comprehensive system of unemployment insurance of any country of Europe.

In the United States there are three times as many native born women as all the foreign born men and women put together.

The deaths of about 1,000,000 persons in the Punjab region of India are charged to the plague since it began eleven years ago.

Russia's population is increasing at the rate of 2,500,000 a year. It now stands at about 147,000,000, of which 100,000,000 are peasants.

Discoveries of extensive deposits of limestone and silica in the Philippines have led to the formation of a company to manufacture cement there.

It has been figured that no less than 60,000 birds are killed annually in England alone by dashing themselves into lighthouses during night flights.

Automobile builders claim that more power is being developed in the United States by motor engines than in all the commercial steam power plants.

Owing to the printers' strike at Prague, the leading newspaper, the Narodni Listy, was recently produced by photography from typewritten copy.

In case of illness employees of the London postoffice may be absent on full pay for as much as six months and on half pay for another six months.

The municipal authorities of Tokyo have asked the government to approve a plan involving the expenditure of approximately \$10,000,000 for additional water facilities.

Japan, aside from shipping one-third of her exports to the United States, now dominates the trade of China in piece goods, which formerly were largely obtained from Great Britain and America.

The Stormbird, undoubtedly the oldest operating steamship afloat, is engaged in trading on the New Zealand coast. She is an iron vessel, built on the Clyde in 1854, and went to Australia the same year.

A farmer living near Brentwood, England, went to a moving picture show in that town during a visit and learned by a picture shown on the screen that a fire had in his absence destroyed the stables and sheds at his farm.

Russian peasants formerly sold their wine in advance to middlemen, realizing only about one-half the value of the product. Last year, however, there were only a few such transactions, and the peasants expect to do without the middlemen in the future.

Women employed in the textile industry in Germany are in a majority over the men, there being 400,000 females as against 371,000 men. In the clothing industry the women outnumber the men, there being 228,000 women to 97,000 men employed.

Not since 1860 has the output of quicksilver been so low as last year, which showed the smallest production except in three years, since 1850, when the commercial production of quicksilver began in this country. The decrease amounted to \$279,887.

With the advent of the motorboat in Venice, during the last few years the number of gondolas has been steadily diminishing, and now it is reported that the gondoliers are about to lay down their oars and form themselves into a body of motorboatmen.

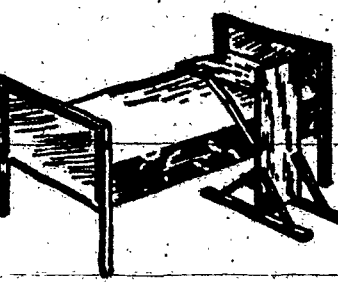
Roman antiquaries are beginning to think that the story of Romulus and Remus is not a myth. Commendatore Boni, who is in charge of the exploration work, believes that he has found the tomb of Romulus and also the remains of the first city which the founder traced with his plow.

By law a native Samoan is not allowed to sell his land, and the freeholds held by whites are seldom for sale. The German government is averse to planters coming in with a small amount of capital. Land on the beach in the municipality of Apla, a strip four miles in length, is valued at \$1,000 per acre.

L. A. Dansereau, publisher of a French newspaper which has not been published for more than six years, received recently an answer to a puzzle printed in the paper eight years ago. The writer admitted that he knew the paper was no longer published, but hoped that as he had been working all the eight years to solve the puzzle he would receive a prize.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Handy Homemade Table For Use of Invalids.



Any one at all used to tools can easily make this little movable invalid's table, which will be found of great value in case of sickness. It also makes an excellent sewing table. The table proper is hinged to the upright board so that when the brace seen at the side is pulled off the projecting pins which fasten it to the horizontal piece it will drop flat against the upright. The lower supports are nailed on, but the upper brace is fitted with two small auger holes which fit over projecting steel pins driven into the table and the upright.

A Dressing For Linoleum.

The following mixture will make the linoleum soft and will increase the length of its life. Melt on a steam bath one ounce of palm oil with eight ounces of paraffin; afterward thin with four ounces of kerosene oil. Rub it on the linoleum with a soft woolen cloth. Wax polish is also good for this purpose, using either the commercial article or mixing some from beeswax and turpentine to form a paste. This, however, only brightens the surface and helps it to keep clean longer than the ordinary way of cleaning, and it will not keep the linoleum soft as will the dressing.

Potato Rusks.

Mix together one pint mashed potatoes, one cup sugar and one cup liquid yeast. Let stand in a warm place overnight and next morning add one scant cup butter, one cup sugar, two or three well beaten eggs and warm sifted flour, enough to make a sponge. Set in a warm place to rise and when light knead, using no more flour than necessary. Let rise again, then shape into small buns, put in well greased pans, let rise till light, then brush the tops with sweet cream, sprinkle with sugar and bake in a moderate oven.

Potato Rolls.

Pare and boil until soft four good sized potatoes, then mash them smooth and add one heaping tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of salt, one or two well beaten eggs, one pint of sweet milk, lukewarm, and one scant pint of light bread sponge, with enough flour to make a dough that can be kneaded. Set in a warm place to rise and when light shape into balls the size of an egg. Let rise again and when very light bake fifteen or twenty minutes in a moderately hot oven.

Butterscotch.

Bolt together a cupful sugar, a cupful molasses, one-half cupful butter, a tablespoonful soda (measured), stir often to prevent burning. Drop a little in cold water. If it hardens quickly and is brittle remove from fire. Flavor with lemon and vanilla, teaspoonful of each. Have a large dripping pan ready, made so by greasing with butter. Pour candy in this, when nearly cool, BREAK IN SQUARES. You can have bottom of pan covered with peanuts. Pour this candy over it.

Smothered Veal.

Put the veal in pieces convenient for serving and season with salt and pepper. Roll in bread or cracker crumbs and put at once into a hot frying pan in which are two tablespoonfuls of butter and drippings mixed. Brown quickly on both sides and then cover closely. Put in the oven and bake thirty or forty minutes, or until the meat is well done, according to the kind of fire. A very hot fire will cook it sooner.

Handy Glove Cleaner.

Skimilk, which can be had at any minute in a house, will clean kid gloves much better than gasoline. Stretch the glove out on a clean cloth and take a clean white rag, wring it out in the milk and proceed to rub the spots. Frequently wring out in the milk and renew if it gets too soiled. Wipe with a dry cloth when done and when almost dry stretch the fingers out across the hand.

Corn Dodgers.

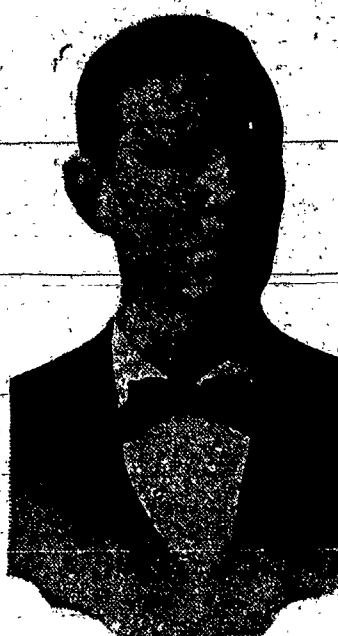
Into a mixing bowl put one pint of white cornmeal. Scald it by adding enough boiling water to moisten the meal, stirring all the time. Work in one tablespoonful of butter or lard, a teaspoonful of salt, one well beaten egg and two tablespoonfuls of milk. Make into cones with the hands, put into a well greased pan and bake in a hot oven until done.

Raisin Fudge.

Two cupfuls sugar, one of rich milk, butter size of egg. Stir until bubbles break on top. Add one-half pound nut meat, one pound raisins chopped fine. Let come to boil, remove from fire, beat well, pour into buttered pan. Cut in squares when nearly cold.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

W. W. Rucker, Sponsor of Presidential Primary Bill.



Representative William W. Rucker of Missouri, author of the presidential primary bill recently introduced into congress, is chairman of the house committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress. In his message to congress on the subject President Wilson said: "I urge the prompt enactment of legislation which will provide for primary elections throughout the country at which the voters of the several parties may choose their nominees for the presidency without the intervention of nominating conventions. I venture the suggestion that this legislation should provide for the retention of party conventions, but only for the purpose of declaring and accepting the verdict of the primaries and formulating the platform." Mr. Rucker's bill is based on the president's suggestions.

A native of Virginia, Congressman Rucker's boyhood was spent in West Virginia, to which state his parents had moved on the breaking out of the civil war. At the age of eighteen he went to Charlton county, Mo., to take the study of law and was admitted to the bar. In 1896 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Charlton county, holding that office until 1902, when he was chosen circuit judge. In 1908 he was elected to the Fifty-sixth congress and has since been regularly returned.

Director of the Mint.

George Evan Roberts of Fort Dodge, Ia., who has been mentioned as a possible member of the federal reserve board, was appointed director of the mint in 1906 and is famous as the author of several books on financial and economic questions. He first won attention in the monetary world with his book, "Coin at School: In Finance," written in answer to "Coin" Harvey's arguments. This was during the memorable free silver campaign in 1900. In 1907 Mr. Roberts resigned as director of the mint to become president



of the Commercial National bank of Chicago. In 1910 he was reappointed to his present position.

Mr. Roberts is a native of Iowa, fifty-seven years of age, and began his business career as a printer's apprentice. In a few years he became owner of the Fort Dodge Messenger. He owns it yet in partnership with his brother. He retains his interest in his paper as a matter of sentiment, he said recently. Mr. Roberts is of Welsh descent. His father was a potter and emigrated from New York to Iowa, sailing down the Atlantic coast into the gulf of Mexico and thence up the Mississippi. Director Roberts has never been active in politics in the sense of office seeking, although he was state printer of Iowa in 1882. As an editor, however, he wielded a large influence in political affairs of the state of Iowa.

Opposed to Athletics.

Lafayette college under President E. D. Wardlaw, who has now resigned as the result of what was in effect a student "recall," had "a growth without precedent at Lafayette," and excelling the record of other colleges of its class. He was opposed to college athletics.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Egyptian Eye Game.

Egyptian eye is a very simple yet amusing game. To play it a screen must be put across the end of the room with holes cut in it about the height and size of a human eye, allowing a little variation in the height to include the tall, short and medium sized. A clothboard covered with newspapers makes a good screen for the purpose.

Introduce the game by inquiring of those present if they think they can recognize the eyes of their companions under any and all circumstances. You will find that most people are quite confident that they can do so. Invite half the company to step behind the screen and place one eye at the opening cut for that purpose. Then allow each of the remaining portion of the company to examine the single eye and name its proprietor. It will be found almost impossible to recognize with any degree of certainty the eye of even the dearest friend or nearest relative, nose and mouth visible by themselves through similar appropriate openings are almost at difficult to identify.

Sir Walter Scott's Friend.

Did you ever hear that Sir Walter Scott, who wrote "The Lady of the Lake" and "Ivanhoe," besides many other beautiful poems and novels which you will read some day, had a child friend named Marjorie Fleming, of whom he was very fond? Marjorie was a dear little girl of seven when the great Sir Walter used to "nap" her up in his plaid and carry her off to his room, there to play with her until the two made the house ring with their laughter. Marjorie taught the great man to "count out" with the rhyme:

Wonner, twower, tickery, seven;
Alby, crackaby, ten and eleven;
This ten, musky dand;
Tweedle-up, tweedle-am, twenty was;
Berie, orie, outie;
You are out!

A Faithful Dog.

The dog is more than any other animal the servant, the companion and the friend of man.

Even after his master's death his love continues. Dogs have been known to refuse to leave their masters' graves.

Some years ago a poor man died in a large city. His dog followed the body to the burial place. Next morning he was found lying on the new made grave. Though driven away several times, he always returned.

Taking pity on the faithful animal, the keeper of the ground gave him food. Afterward a storekeeper who lived near him fed him every day.

This lasted for four years, during which every night, even in the coldest weather, the dog lay on his master's grave.

When the dog died he was buried near his master, and the figure of a dog has been placed over a drinking fountain in a street near the grave to tell the story of his faithful love.

Peruvian Bread.

In Peria the native bread differs little from that used a thousand years ago, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. The Peruvian oven is built of smooth masonry work in the ground. Usually it is about the size of a barrel, and many of those now in use have been used for a century. The fire is built on the bottom and is kept burning long enough to heat thoroughly the bottom and walls of the oven. The dough is formed into thin sheets about a foot long and two feet wide and slapped against the side of the oven. It bakes in a few minutes and is set out to cool. The dough is made from rice flour and milk, and the bread is sweet and nourishing and may be bought in the native markets for a penny a sheet.

Riddles.

What kind of vice is that which people dislike if they are ever so bad?
Ad-vice.

Why is a lazy young dog like an inclined plane? Because it's a slow pup (slope up).

Why is a thief in a garret like an honest man? Because he's above doing a wrong action.

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

What is the difference between men and women at a tiresome lecture? Men go to close their eyes, women to eye their clothes.

The Brave Barnacle.

There was a little Barnacle stuck closely to a ship. As though the raging, roaring waves the vessel went keeling. "Oh, my," exclaimed the Barnacle, "This trip will be our last; unless through all this tempest 'I manage to stick fast!'"

The waves dashed o'er them mountain high, And loy was the air, But plucky little Barnacle kept sticking closely there. And when at last, all danger past, The vessel came to land, The happy little Barnacle felt very, very grand.

He swelled with pride, "Hooray!" he cried, "I've conquered wind and wave! I bravely stuck fast to my post, Out-bobbed ship-to-saver!"

The sailors, too, it's very true, Showed splendor, nerve and pluck, But I could see they needed me, So to the ship I bravely came, To be the ship's Yarned Companion.

LOVE PUT TO SEVERE TEST

Wooer's Trick Nearly Spoiled a Wedding.

"Tell me frankly, Agnes, what do you think of my bride?"

"Personal appearance?"

"Yes. You can judge of his mind in one meeting."

"Frankly, then, I don't like the look of his left eye."

"Oh, dear! Have you noticed that?"

"You appear to have noticed it yourself."

"I have been worried to death about it."

"Has he explained it?"

"I have not asked him to do so."

"My advice is, you, Louise, to give him an opportunity to explain. If he doesn't, I would break the engagement. I wouldn't marry a man who would keep anything back."

"My resolution was taken. Last night, after a long talk, I asked him:—

"Why do you wear a monocle? It is so frightfully stylish."

"Because, sweetheart, I consider it useless to wear two glasses when I can see as well with one."

"I notice you always wear it before your right eye."

"Yes. That is the better eye of the two."

"Don't you think," I said, "that of the eye of a marriage it is the best of each of the parties to it to expose every defect, no matter how trivial?"

His brow contracted slightly. "You mean that I should be blind to the eyes you would break the engagement?"

"You wrong me. I only wish the perfect confidence. I don't want to find out anything after we are married."

"You'll have it all to find out," he said coolly. "And more important matter than defective eyesight. You may find that I have an important disposition, a bad temper, a grasping determination, faults enough to make you a poor husband for any woman."

"That is a risk we all have to run, and since we are betrothed, and our own faults there is no objection to our confessing them. But if, for instance, I wear false teeth or say that I am of good wood—"

"I would love you just the same."

"It would be a pity for the sake of content if I permitted."

He showed very plainly that I had offended him.

"Very well, I will make a confession which may cause you to break the engagement with me. But, will you place you in position to be bound by your decision. I will write my confession on a scrap of paper and leave it with you. Take plenty of time to come to a decision whether or not you will live with a man who writes me."

Going to my secretary, he took a bit of paper and a pencil and wrote his message, then, without looking, he hurried from the room. I returned breathlessly till I heard the door close after him, then sprang eagerly for the paper he had left on the desk. Great heavens! What a revelation!

"I wear a glass eye."

"I sank down on the sofa limp as a wet cloth. Never, never; I can never live with a man with a glass eye. The horrid thing would stare at me the first thing in the morning and condemn its dreadful ugliness till the last thing at night. No! It is all over between us."

But what a catastrophe! Poor Paul! How sensitive he is about it! I don't wonder that he is so. If it is such a terrible thing for me to look at how much more terrible it must be for him! Besides, he suffers all in losing me that I suffer in losing him.

I must be as gentle as a dove in breaking my decision to him. There is no need to take time. My mind is made up. We must part forever.

I took up the pen that he had just laid down—I kissed it as I did so—then began to write a note which when I read it seemed very harsh. I wrote as often, then another and another till I had written half a dozen, each growing more tender, more loving. The last was simply, "Come back and let me comfort you for life."

When he came I was alone in the room to which he was ushered. I looked for a serious, melancholy expression, but was astonished to see a very merry one. He clasped me in his arms, saying:

"Louise, pardon me if I am a little late. Just as I was about to read your note my glass eye fell on the floor, and as I am very nearsighted I spent some time hunting for it."

"Never mind, Paul, dear. You will always have me to find it for you."

"You see," he said, taking off his monocle, "when I hold it off there I'm as blind as a bat for my left eye in addition to nearsightedness has anti-naturalism."

He looked at me, both his eyes fairly dancing. The truth rushed upon me. His glass eye was his eyeglass.

"I suppose that the knowledge that after all he had two natural eyes should have made me inexpressibly happy. On the contrary, it made me inexpressibly angry. I tore myself from his embrace and was fleeing from the room when he caught me in his arms, and covered my face with a shower of kisses. I bitterly complained that he had played me a trick. He declared that I should thank him for giving me the opportunity to prove the solidity of my own mind in remaining to him in his second betrothal."