

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

Jack Barry, Athletics' Short Fielder, May Have to Quit.



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Jack Barry, famous shortstop of the Athletics and a cog in the \$100,000 infield, may be forced to give up baseball this season.

Athletics Poor Attraction. Despite the fact that Connie Mack's team is one of the greatest combinations that have ever been developed in baseball, the Athletics are not a good attraction at home or on the road.

Philadelphia fans do not know the Mack players, who seem to have but few acquaintances. Baseball is a business with them.

Marty O'Toole is Due. After several years of rather mediocre work it is predicted that Marty O'Toole, the \$22,500 beauty, will come through this year and pitch the kind of ball that was expected of him.

Naps Look Good. Though the Cleveland Naps are bringing up the rear of the American league race, that team stands as good a chance to finish in the first division as does any of the other western teams.

Dodgers a Big Surprise. The showing made by the Brooklyn club thus far has been one of the surprises of the National league race.

Benson Sets Record. Edward Benson of the San Francisco Olympic club broke the world's record in the high jump at the Pacific coast conference meet.

Chappelle Still Ill. Larry Chappelle, the \$18,000 beauty of the Chicago White Sox, will not be able to play before John I. Chappelle is still confined in a hospital in California as the result of his recent attack and blood poisoning.

ROUND THE WORLD

Gold coins are practically never seen in Japan.

Bolivia is soon to have four new rail way lines.

Leeds, England, has adopted the commission form of government.

Holland still reclaims land at the rate of between 20,000 and 25,000 acres a year.

New York has more bachelor girls than any other city in the United States.

Duluth's city hall waste paper is now baled and sold for the benefit of the city treasury.

It is difficult to sell American goods in Germany, where their taste is considered too strong.

The United States sold to other countries about 2,000,000,000 gallons of petroleum last year.

Cleveland's new St. Luke's hospital, to cost \$500,000, will be equipped to care for 250 patients.

A Cincinnati man was arrested the other day for ordering 500 pairs of trousers made to his measure.

Two eminent German physicians reported the case of a child that lived until its fourth year without a brain.

A noiseless bowling alley is a French novelty, one having been invented in Paris in which the clash of falling pins is silenced.

It will take till 1925 to get rid of all the paper coins circulating in France and substituting for them the new nickel coins.

At a recent dinner of college students in Iowa City, Iowa, cheers for the college were given successively in twenty-two languages.

About 30,000,000 hares and rabbits are killed yearly in the British Isles and nearly 1,000,000 partridges and pheasants.

New York has inscribed the names of thirty-two police heroes on bronze tablets placed over the entrance of police headquarters.

After two years of experiments the Philippine government is about to begin practical work in planting camphor trees all over the islands.

The number of ships passing through the canal between Lake Superior and Lake Huron amounted last year to nearly three times the number passing through the Suez canal.

The latest fashion in Vienna is to wear flowers tinged on the edges with blue or green.

When flowers are presented a poem or letter is written on the petals with a fine pen.

Since 1890 sheep keeping has been declining in this country to a very marked degree. The number of sheep in that year was 61,500,000, while the present number is 10.2 per cent less.

The importation to Spain of cottonseed and rapeseed oil is practically prohibited. The custom house denounces the imports with wood pitch or coal tar to prevent the adulteration of olive oil.

Automatic apparatus has been perfected to enable trains running at high speed to pick up any number of mail bags without injuring their contents and to deposit others gently in troughs beside the track.

Married for nearly seventy years, Mr. and Mrs. William Batty of Brighton, Selby, England, who are both almost ninety years old, claim that they have never been photographed in their lives.

Manufacturers of artificial legs are compelled to find a substitute for the English willow, which has been here before used because of its lightness and strength.

The Port Orford cedar of the Pacific coast has many of the necessary qualities.

Hundreds of simultaneous mass meetings were recently held in the different cities and towns of Austria in favor of woman suffrage.

At all of these resolutions were adopted declaring that it was the general demand of Austrian women for the vote in parliamentary and local elections.

Assisted by a trolley car Alexander Morton moved a large house from one location to another in South Norwalk, Conn. in less than thirty minutes.

The city authorities gave him only so much time in which to do it, and with the aid of a car and a large gang of men with rollers the trick was done.

There is a growing inclination in Sydney, Australia, to introduce into multiple articles the American method of placing permanent fittings in all rooms of a house so that the tenant will need little furniture and the walls of the place will not be destroyed by the moving about of large objects.

Among the eggs that are not fresh is one that is at least 1,500 years old. It was found recently at Nikopolis, in Egypt, in the tomb of a child whose name was Sextus Rufus.

Already more than eighty tombs have been explored in that vicinity. Among the finds are gold jewelry and elegant lamps.

Tuberculosis is one of the most serious public health problems of the orient. Active organizations to fight this disease have been formed in Japan, the Philippines, India and Australia.

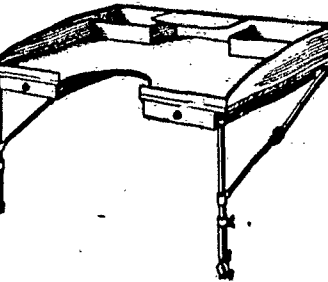
A movement is on foot for a national organization in China, and in a number of cities local work has been started.

Egypt is solely a producer of raw material. Its entire needs of manufactured goods and prepared material are met from abroad.

Raw cotton represents four-fifths of the total value of its exports, and cotton and seed four-sevenths of the remainder.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

An Adjustable Bed Desk For Use of Invalids.



An adjustable desk or table for an invalid or convalescent can be made as shown in the sketch, says Popular Mechanics.

To Broil Chickens. Few cooks seem to be able to broil a chicken so that it is cooked through and not burned.

Asparagus Soup. Put a bunch of asparagus to boil in enough slightly salted water to cover it and add a small onion, a sprig of parsley and a stalk of celery.

Rye Bread. One cake of yeast, one pint of scalding milk, one pint warm water, three tablespoons sugar, one tablespoonful lard, one of butter, three teaspoonsful of salt, one quart wheat flour, two quarts of rye flour.

Almond Pudding. Blanch four ounces of sweet almonds and three of bitter almonds, dry them and pound very fine.

Fried Salt Pork. Cut the slices thin and fry slowly turning to fry both sides.

To Keep a Dress Clean. For use on rainy days get a piece of wide elastic long enough to go around the dress just below the hips.

Washing Flannels. Instead of wringing flannels by hand it is better to put them through a wringer, which squeezes the water from the fibers instead of twisting and mauling them.

Painting Flower Boxes. Don't paint flower tubs or boxes green. There is enough of that color in nature.

When Cleaning Brass. Don't clean or polish brass without wearing a pair of old gloves.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Brigadier General C. J. Bailey, Coast Artillery.



Photo by American Press Association

Should the exigencies of the Mexican situation demand such action for their re-enforcements for General Funston would be landed in Vera Cruz in short order.

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Conundrums. What is the difference between one yard and two yards? A fence.

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Surprised and pleased I went upstairs with dustpan, brush and broom.

That night a sudden gale arose. As softly as I could I put one of her windows down.

But when her cord at length is full it varied this will tell of patient effort day by day.

Rich fruitage brings from seeds I say, God bless the campfire girls And their quaint chain of beads!

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FOR THE CHILDREN

The Humming Bird's Coat.

A long time ago there lived a little humming bird. It was not a pretty bird, for its feathers were dark brown, but it was a happy bird.

It had a kind heart and was happy when it was in the garden among the flowers.

But soon the winter came—the flowers died, the sun shone seldom, the rain came and it was very cold.

The little bird didn't know where to go. Now Fairland was under that garden, but this the bird didn't know.

There it was always summer and flowers bloomed continually.

One day a little fairy came up to see what this world is like and was walking through the grass when it met a large black spider.

Now, fairies are much afraid of spiders, for spiders are the fairies' power. The poor little fairy could not move as the horrible thing drew nearer and nearer and to help was at hand.

Suddenly there was a whir of brown wings, and a long bill poked the insect until it was dead.

The fairy was so grateful to the bird for saving its life that it took the bird back to Fairland to spend the winter. In the spring when the bird went to the garden again it wore a beautiful suit of silvery purple and crimson, which the fairies had made for it.

Since then all humming birds have worn this kind of suit.

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A BLUFF THAT WENT THROUGH

A Chicagoan's Amusing Adventure in Berlin.

The best bluffer I ever knew was Ned Thornton of Chicago. One winter Ned and I met in Berlin and went together to a student's ball.

While Ned was dancing with a very pretty fraulein a young fellow who evidently had a claim upon her came up to him and said:

"I will pigstick you."

That's the way they have over there of telling a man that he's got to fight. Ned turned upon him with well assumed fury and replied:

"And I will let the sawdust out of your eye."

Later a dapper officer with a wasp waist stepped up to Ned and handed him a card on which was engraved "Lieutenant Ernst von Batterstein."

Ned, understanding that the officer addressed him as bearer of a challenge, whipped out his own card on which he had scrawled, "Instructor of Fencing, No. Dearborn Street, Chicago, U. S. A."

You see, Ned had known very well what was coming and with his usual quick foresight had prepared his first move. With a magnificent sweep of his arm he referred the lieutenant to me, and I agreed to meet the gentleman at a cafe in the Unter den Linden in half an hour.

"Ned," I protested as soon as we were alone, "you can't bluff one of these young Germans with so palpable a device as that. My opinion is that we'd better jump the town. You know well enough you've never handled a foil in your life, and at shooting you couldn't hit a ten story building at ten paces. We don't duel any in America, and it's no disgrace to flee from these fellows who do. All we have to do is to lose ourselves for the rest of the night and take an early train in the morning."

"Oh, there's some better way out of it than that. Do you know what General Grant said when going to attack his first enemy? He said that the other fellow was probably as much scared as he was, and so he went on. Well, I've put at least the possibility into this young man's head that I'm an expert, and if he doesn't believe me he won't be sure that I'm not. You go and talk with his second and hear what he has to say."

I met Von Batterstein and to help Ned on his little assumed a confident air. I said as little as possible; for when a man is playing a desperate game it's best to let him do it all himself. The slightest interference with Ned in this instance might cost him his life. When the lieutenant asked what weapons my friend as the challenged party would choose I simply replied, "Foil, of course!" and as to other details I left them entirely to him, except that the affair should be settled at once, as my man had an engagement in Paris with a pupil who needed his services in an affair of the same sort.

I flattered myself that this was keeping up the "instructor in fencing" illusion pretty well. If the principal on the other side had been an officer in the army the pretense couldn't be relied on, for a soldier can't very well back out from sure death. But the would be pigsticker was a civilian, and that wasn't so bad. The officer didn't appear in the least frightened, but he was got the man who would have to meet a fencing master.

It was arranged in order that Ned should meet his engagement in Paris, that we should be at a rendezvous where such affairs are settled at 6 o'clock the same morning. I went back and reported the outcome to Ned.

"What are you going to do?" I asked. "You're certainly not going to let this fellow run a sword through your vitals."

"Oh, I'll keep up the bluff till the last minute, and if the thing goes against me I'll find a pretext to slide out with honor."

At 5.30 we took a carriage and drove to the rendezvous. I had left the procurement of the weapons to the enemy, saying that my principal could fence as well with a cutlass as a foil and I would rely on them for weapons.

When we got on the ground the pigsticker was looking over a stock of foils and testing them, evidently thinking that if he was to meet a fencing master who didn't care whether he used a foil or a cutlass he must be carefully armed. It looked to me that the bluff game was up and Ned would have to wriggle out.

Just before taking position Ned sent me to the enemy to say that since he didn't wish to kill his antagonist he would give him the choice between losing an eye or having his nose cut off. I was to bring back word which of these the pigsticker preferred to lose.

I saw by the appearance of the principal on the other side when this cool proposition was announced to him that we had made a break. Von Batterstein took it to him, and they stood apart talking earnestly—I was in suspense as to the issue. Presently the lieutenant came to me and said that his principal had decided that the contest was too unequal to be undertaken and that since his enemy was about to leave for Paris the cause of the disension would be removed.

Well, there was more palaver, but that was the end of it. The principals shook hands, and Ned invited the pigsticker if he ever came to Chicago to visit his academy on Dearborn street.