

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Art Fromme Is Due For a Good Year.



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McGraw was severely criticised when he accepted Fromme in the Cincinnati deal. His critics admitted the Rhinoceros's ability, but accused him of being an in and outter.

McGraw said nothing, however, but has been quietly working Fromme into the Giants' way of playing baseball and now has him fit as a fiddle. Fromme can pitch like a whirlwind when he is in the mood, and Muggsy is keeping him that way.

Coombs to Return to Gams.
John Coombs, the Athletics' famous pitcher, will be able to get into the game again in about six weeks. That is the statement given out by the physicians who examined him. Coombs has been wearing a specially made brace to support his back since leaving the hospital last fall. This was removed about three weeks ago, when Coombs went to Philadelphia to be examined by Dr. J. B. Carnett, who has been treating him.

Dr. Carnett found that the old wound had healed and that Coombs suffered no weakness of the back. Coombs weighs 188 pounds and looks to be in fine condition. Dr. Carnett gave the pitcher permission to start exercising at once.

Fritts Has Good Record.
Salvor Fred Fritts, who defeated Tom Kennedy in New York recently, boasts of an impressive record as a "white hope." Fritts began boxing in the navy about eighteen months ago and to date has engaged in twelve bouts, boxing a total of fifty-six rounds. He won nine bouts by knockouts, and in only one was defeated, losing on points to Battling Levinsky.

Fritts won the heavyweight championship of the navy in two battles, knocking out the runner up in two rounds and then the title holder in four. Since leaving the service he has had ten bouts.

O'Day Having Trouble.
Hank O'Day is not having easy sailing with the Cubs. He finds that his infield is not of the proper caliber, and he is thinking seriously of making some changes. Unfortunately for Hank, he is not well-fortified with extra material, and he may find it very matter to make changes which will benefit his team. The loss of Evers naturally left a big hole in that infield, which until a few years ago was by far the most expert in the game. In the days of Steinfeld, Tinker, Evers and Chance that infield was a great one, but not one of these players is now a member of the Cubs.

Boy Fans Twenty-seven.
Westboro high school in a sixteen inning game defeated Marlboro high at Westboro, Mass., for the Middlesex county leadership by a score of 1 to 0. The feature of the battle was Whitney's pitching for the winner. The high school pitcher in the sixteen innings allowed the Marlboro batsmen only two hits, passed five and struck out twenty seven. Coleary, who pitched for Marlboro, was found for six safe hits and struck out fifteen of the Westboro bats.

Changes Resolute's Rigging.
Changes in the racing rigging of the cup defense candidate Resolute will prevent further trial spins for a short while. The Resolute has had three sail trials in Narragansett bay, during which her designer, Nat Herreshoff, and the managing owner, R. W. Emmerson 2d, have made a critical study of her performance and have decided upon certain changes in her rigging.

ROUND THE WORLD FOR THE CHILDREN

There are 12,272 donkeys in Spain. Cleveland will soon run street cars on Euclid avenue.

There are more islands in Lake Huron than in any other known lake. One playground in New York city occupies a site valued at \$1,800,000. Trinity church corporation, New York, now has assets valued at \$10,504,512.

Austria's eight universities and two independent theological schools have 31,646 students.

In Asiatic Russia there is considerable consumption of the meat of donkeys and camels.

In Great Britain the percentage of insanity is increasing faster than the growth of population.

It will require 20,000 horsepower of electrical energy daily to run the Panama-Pacific exposition.

More than \$100,000,000 has been spent in bringing and keeping the port of Liverpool up to date.

Women and girls who pass through Chicago alone will hereafter have the assistance of policewomen.

Dr. Paquet of Paris says he has found a paralytic running an engine on one of the French government railroads.

Gerhardt Klausen was recently sentenced at Barren, Prussia, on three separate counts to terms of imprisonment totaling 175 years.

The first electric plant within the arctic circle will be erected at a mission at Point Hope, Alaska, the power being supplied by a windmill.

An English aviator has equipped his machine with an acetylene flare which would burst into flame and form a signal should he fall into the sea.

At the beginning of last year there were in this country in actual operation 7307 national banks, representing a paid up capital of \$109,012,060.

In the city of Manila there is noted a rapid spread of public dance halls and their increasing patronage by soldiers and by sailors from visiting warships.

For reading directories printed in small type there has been invented a magnifying glass that obscures all but the line that is being read, to prevent confusion.

The oyster beds of California are located chiefly in San Francisco bay; those of Oregon in Yaquina bay; those of Washington in Willapa bay and Gray's harbor.

In the British house of commons there are only seven members between twenty-one and thirty, only three between thirty-one and fifty and only one more than fifty.

In the north Pacific ocean a new volcanic island has appeared in the Bonin group, three miles east by south of Iwojima Island. It is five miles in circumference and attains a height of 1,000 feet.

Lord Kitchener, the British consul general for Egypt, purposes to construct a comprehensive scheme of drainage in the delta of the Nile. Eventually about 400,000 acres will be reclaimed.

Following an annual custom, a Philadelphia firm is giving away, without any strings attached, fifty planes to families in which there are people of musical ability but unable to buy the instruments.

Katmai volcano's dust cloud, which caused a general haziness of the atmosphere over much of the northern hemisphere, reaching a marked maximum in August, 1912, appears to have now practically disappeared.

The long proposed Crocodile river (South Africa) irrigation scheme is likely to be realized, the cost being estimated at not less than \$3,310,000. The area brought into condition for cultivation will be 65,000 acres.

As the Greek government is of opinion that the British soldier is the best dressed fighting man in Europe they have instructed a well known London military tailor to design new uniforms for all their officers and men.

Heretofore the bars in the province of Quebec will not be adjusted to open until 7:30 a. m. half an hour later than at present. This is to prevent the workmen of the province from taking a drink on the way to work.

A machine has been devised for imitating the noise of an aeroplane engine with the object of alarming hostile troops. The Serbian and Montenegrin troops used a rattle during the Balkan war to imitate machine gun fire.

A Scottish woman who has just died left a will in which she instructed the executor to erect statues of herself, her parents, her brothers and her sisters—twelve statues in all—and to spend annually the sum of \$10,000 upon the same.

Complaints are made in Paris that tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, squashes—nearly everything except potatoes—have become so high priced that they are beyond the reach of working people, whose daily earnings do not exceed 80 cents or \$1.

Ghent, Belgium, furnishes practically all of the potted specimens of the symmetrical Araucaria, or Norfolk island pine, used as an ornamental foliage house plant in Europe and America. The United States imports at least 250,000 of these plants in small pots each year.

In one of the camps on the shore of Lake Sebago, Me., there is a fireplace containing sixty rocks, every one of which bears the likeness of the face of a man or animal. The rocks have been collected from many miles around, and the effect is heightened by glass eyes which have been added.

Campfire Girls.

Campfire girls, like all of their sex, have to do with a great variety of occupations, but as an organization they have chosen eight "crafts" in which they may win "honors." The very first one mentioned is the health craft, and a girl competing for honors in this important section may win one in each of thirty different ways. She may, for instance, swim 100 yards or qualify in any four standard styles of swimming, such as crawl, breast, overhand, etc., or she may play outdoor games for a certain number of hours each month.

Indeed, the greater proportion of health honors are gained by success in those athletic stunts suitable to girls—boating, horseback riding, etc. But a young woman may also win honors by keeping herself free from colds or headaches. There is also an honor for self control in diet (exit candy, gum, sodas, etc.). The outward badge of a health honor is a red bead, and a girl may be proud to have her necklace well stocked with them. Other divisions are home craft, nature lore, camp craft, hand craft, business, patriotism, national honor, the first giving a chance for honors in many kinds of home and domestic work.

Disappearing Animals.

Every year certain animals which used to wander in great numbers over the land are becoming more scarce. The bison and buffalo, which formerly were common, exist no longer, except for certain small herds in Yellowstone park and Canada, and those which are in a few game preserves.

The dodo is thought by many people to be a myth, but it really existed. Somewhat too bulky to fly, it was in appearance like a big pigeon, and hundreds and hundreds of years ago it lived in Madagascar. The dodo was practically devoured out of existence by explorers and sailors, and no live specimen has been seen since 1681.

It is thought by some people that the great auk is really not extinct, although a specimen has not been seen for over fifty years.

The great auks were common on the rocky islets of northern Scotland a hundred years ago.

Conundrums.

Why does an onion resemble a ring-bell? Because it follows peel.

Why is a sheet of postage stamps like distant relatives? Because they are slightly connected.

What is the color of a grass plot covered with snow? Invisible green.

When does a son not take after his father? When his father leaves him nothing to take.

If wood is worth \$200 a cord, what will a ton of coal come to? Ashes.

When is a bonnet not a bonnet? When it becomes a girl.

When does a girl become a two wheeled carriage? When she is a little sulky.

What low born, ill bred fellow has noble blood in him? A flea when he bites lords and ladies.

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? At the bottom.

An Amusing Toy.

Here is a little toy that any one can make. It is amusing and need not cost anything. Take a round box of tin, cardboard or wood and cut in the center of its bottom and lid a rectangular notch, turning back the tongues outward at right angles. Fasten the middle of an elastic band around a small lump of lead of such shape that it will hang down. Pass the ends of the elastic through the holes from the inside and attach them to the projecting tongues. Put on the lid and press down the tongues so that they will hold the elastic firmly. The plaything is finished. If you send it rolling across the floor the weight of the lead inside will twist the elastic band, and as this untwists it will roll the box back to you.

The Floating Needle.

Fill a wineglass or tumbler with water, produce a needle and challenge any one present to make the needle float on the water.

"After they have tried—and failed—produce a piece of tissue paper and lay it flat on the surface of the water. Place the needle gently upon it. In a little while the paper will sink, leaving the needle floating upon the water.

The explanation of this trick is that the needle will float if it is quite dry, but it is practically impossible to place it on the water with the fingers without dipping it right in.

If the needle is magnetized it will point north and south.

Feather in the Cap.

This little phrase is often used to denote some mark of honor or distinction. It originated from a custom, once almost universal, of adding a feather to the headgear of every one slain. It still survives in Scotland as an honor for the sportsman of a party killing the first woodcock.

Blindman's Buff.

Ah, catch me if you can! Catch me, catch me, catch me if you can! Was there ever such a game?

As "blind man's buff" No, there never was a game Like "blind man's buff!"

Our fathers and our mothers played before us. Our grandfathers and grandmothers before us. And I verily believe That the child of Mother Eve Played the same game. Played it just the same! Ah, catch me if you can! Catch me, catch me, catch me if you can!

THEFT OF THE KING'S WARRANT

Minion of Royalty Outwitted by a Girl.

Mary O'Rourke was a typical Irish girl—light hair with a tinge of red in it and a complexion like a ripe peach. Mary lived in stirring times when the people were struggling to be free from what they deemed the tyranny of the British sovereign.

Of one of Erin's partisans she had heard a great deal, but had never seen him. Dennis Shea was a young rebel taking an active part in the efforts to throw off British supremacy and was rapidly becoming a leader. The government was watching for some overt act on his part that would afford an excuse for his arrest and condemnation for treason. But of this the young patriot knew nothing. A gifted orator, he continued to speak to his countrymen of Ireland's wrongs.

Mary lived in a house with an English family who were very bitter against the Irish patriots. Donald Trevor, the head of the family, was a pursy, red faced, round man—indeed, a veritable John Bull, who didn't conceal his opinions. One evening when the mail coach stopped at the town a passenger alighted and asked for the home of Donald Trevor. It was pointed out to him, and with his traveling bag, he went to it and knocked. Mary opened the door, and the stranger said that he had been recommended to the house to stop, since Mr. Trevor was a staunch supporter of the king. Trevor took him in.

This special treatment of the stranger made Mary curious to know who he was. The best way to learn was to listen when Trevor and he were talking together. This was not very practicable, but Mary kept her ears open when near to the two men and knew they were excitedly talking about measures to hold the Irish in check. Then she caught the name Shea.

This induced her to take the chance of being discovered eavesdropping by being supposed behind a screen when she was supposed to have left the room. The two men were excitedly discussing the Irish cause, and she heard the stranger say:

"I have in my bag the king's warrant for his arrest. He will be tried at the next assizes, and within a month after that he will swing."

"That was quite enough for Mary. She went to the stranger's room, opened his bag, took out a parchment, unfolded it and saw the name Dennis Shea engrossed in large letters. Tucking it under her apron string, she closed the bag and, taking the warrant to her own room, touched a match to it and burned it.

There is in the Irish people a love for a joke which shows itself in the most serious moments. Seeing a pack of playing cards on a table, Mary took them up and, placing the knave of spades as the top card, she wrote on it, "I'm diggin' your grave." Then she went back to the stranger's room and placed the cards in the bag where she had found the warrant.

This happened on the morning of the stranger's departure, and he did not open his bag again till he arrived at the place where he had been told he would find Shea. The rebel was to speak that evening in the town-square, and shortly before the meeting the king's messenger opened his bag to take out his warrant. In its place was the knave of spades leering at him with the words Mary had written below.

Here was a pretty pass. The Britisher was obliged to leave the Irish rebel to talk his "treason" without interference. There was no use to hunt for his missing warrant, for he had no idea where he had lost it, and he did not doubt that some sympathizer with the Irish cause had destroyed it. He must get another warrant.—But a journey to England in those days and return was not the simple matter it is today. One must go to the coast over muddy roads by the slow coaches of that period, wait for a vessel to take him across the Irish channel and nearly cross England on a similar coach journey to London. Then he must pass over the same route in return.

There was nothing for the messenger but this long trip, but with true English persistence he started on his way.

The next day Dennis Shea received a call from a young woman who was a stranger to him. She was Mary O'Rourke.

"What can I do for you?" asked Shea. "Go into hiding!"

"Explains."

Mary told the story of the stranger who had stopped at the house where she lived and what she had learned about the warrant. She had got thus far in her story when Shea broke in:

"And you have come to warn me? Noble girl!"

"There's no hurry for you to be part in' with your friends," she said.

"Why not?"

"I stole the warrant, burned it and put a pack of cards in its place with the knave of spades uppermost, so that when he opened his bag he'd see it startin' at him."

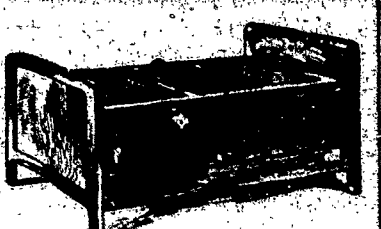
This was too much for Shea. He sprang for Mary, took her in his arms and covered her face with kisses.

Mary made no protest.

When the king's messenger reached London he found that the king had died during his absence, and the new sovereign made a change in the Irish policy. And Mary in due course of time became Mrs. Shea.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Folding Screen Cover to Keep Files From a Bed.



Folding screen panels to protect beds and cribs from flies and mosquitoes are the interesting part of a patent recently taken out. The screen arrangement is designed especially for babies' cribs, but it can be built on a large scale for any bed. It consists of two screened panels fastened permanently above the sideboards of the bed and another screen panel which serves as a cover. An ingenious hinged lever arrangement is fastened to one side of the cover so that it can be folded down on one side, out of the way.

Kitchen Kinks.

An apple placed in the bread or cake box will keep the contents moist.

A heated lemon will yield about twice as much juice as a cold one.

After rolling pie crust and fitting in pie plates set in the refrigerator until well chilled. Then fill the crusts and bake as usual.

When frying fish sprinkle the pan with salt before putting in the grease, and the fish is less likely to break up in turning.

Before using fruit jars boil them in salted water and water, using a tablespoonful of soda to a gallon of water. This destroys the mold germ.

When polishing the stove dip the finger tips in a little grease or oil and that will prevent the finger nails from being discolored.

Raised Doughnuts.

Old fashioned raised doughnuts are made as follows: One pint risen milk, bread dough, one cupful sugar, two eggs, one tablespoonful melted butter, spice to taste, four enough to roll out.

Put the bread dough into a bowl and work the other ingredients into it, the flour last. Roll out, cut and fry in deep fat. To prevent the doughnuts from soaking fat the fat should be boiling briskly when they are dropped in and only a few put in at a time, so as not to cool the fat too much. As they are cooked the doughnuts should be laid on paper to drain.

Cheese Cake.

One and one-half cupfuls cottage cheese, two tablespoonfuls cream, one-half cupful sugar, three eggs, juice and grated rind of one lemon (or, if preferred, one teaspoonful vanilla) and one teaspoonful melted butter. Press the curd through a colander, add the egg, well beaten, then the other ingredients, and beat all till smooth. Line a deep pie dish with paste, fill with this mixture, and bake thirty minutes. If desired, some currants may be added. Little tarts baked in patty pans are nice filled with this mixture.

Polishing Metals.

Brass that is badly stained can best be cleaned with one of the regular brass pastes. It can then be polished with a flannel and a little whiting if it was in an especially bad condition.

Nickel can be cleaned with whiting and vinegar if it is too badly stained to be cleaned with hot water, which really ought to keep nickel in good condition. Zinc can best be cleaned with turpentine. Any amount of rubbing with the usual cleansing powders may be unavailing in the case of zinc, but turpentine is effective.

Clogged Sink Pipes.

If any of the drains from sinks and wash basins seem to be clogged they can be cleaned with washing soda. A lot of it should be crumbled into the pipe, and then bubbling boiling water should be slowly poured over it. This solution will clean the pipe from grease, and if it seems still clogged a plumber's attention will probably reveal the presence of solid substances—hair or dust or bits of paper or cloth.

Cleaning Glassware.

When glass water pitchers or any other glassware becomes clouded from the sediment which settles at the bottom and on sides, caused by putting hard water into vessels, put old coffee grounds into the vessels to be cleaned and leave standing for several days. This cleans the glass wonderfully, giving it the same bright finish that it has when new.

Renewing Shoe Polish.

Box shoeblack frequently becomes hard and crumbly before the contents of the box are used. Put the box on the back of the range, and in a few minutes the heat will cause it to melt, forming a paste. When cold the contents of the box will be of their original consistency.—Country Gentleman.

Care of Hairbrushes.

Never wash hairbrushes with soap as this softens the bristles. Instead sprinkle a teaspoonful of baking powder over the bristles and wash the brush up and down and sideways in a deep bowl of water until clean. Rinse well and dry in the sun.

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

Lieutenant J. H. Towers, Naval Aviator.



Photo by American Press Association.

With Uncle Sam's feet in Mexican water is a section of the United States navy aviation corps. The corps went to Mexico on the battleship Mississippi, the aeronautic station ship which has been attached to the navy's aviation center at Pensacola, Fla., to aid in developing tactics of aerial warfare. The Mississippi has aboard, according to report, eight machines. Most of these are of the uniform short hull Curtiss flying boat type, designed in part by Captain W. I. Chamberlain, U. S. N., retired, for use over water and land.

These flying machines were the first of the water-like motorboats at high speed run and fly at any desired height. In the hands of Lieutenant John H. Towers, chief pilot of the corps, one of them was flown nearly 400 miles without a stop in little less than six hours' time. At Vera Cruz the aeroplanes will be of great service to the United States forces. They can spy out the land and keep the commanding officer in touch with the operations of the Mexicans.

When that can be raised by a lever which is not in use, the flying boat is hoisted on the land and is hoisted over the surface before sailing. Lieutenant Commander Henry C. Martin, commander of the Mississippi, is also an experienced aviator. The ship is equipped with a new catapult device for landing aeroplanes from her deck.

Lieutenant J. H. Towers is the youngest man to command the naval aviation school, which is currently being quartered at Annapolis and in winter at Pensacola or Guantanamo, Cuba. He has a brilliant record, having obtained the greatest height ever made by a hydroaeroplane and won the honor of the longest endurance test. He is a native of Georgia, twenty-two years old, and was appointed to the Naval Academy in August, 1904. He reached his present rank in the service in 1911.

Uncle Sam's Bluejackets.

The splendid work of the United States navy at Vera Cruz has been highly commended by officers of foreign navies who were in that port when the landing was made. The men, both bluejackets and marines, many

of them mere boys, behaved with great coolness and bravery. Furthermore, during the nine days' occupation of Vera Cruz not one of the 6,000 marines or sailors was reported for intoxication, according to a personal letter sent to Secretary of the Navy Daniels by Rear Admiral Fletcher.

Rear Admiral Frank E. Beatty, who commands the Third division of the Atlantic fleet, also paid tribute to the admirable behavior of the boys in blue, and those in khaki. Admiral Beatty was for three years commandant of the Washington navy yard and superintendent at the gun factory there. He is a native of Wisconsin, but was appointed to the Naval Academy from Minnesota.

Rear Admiral F. E. Beatty.

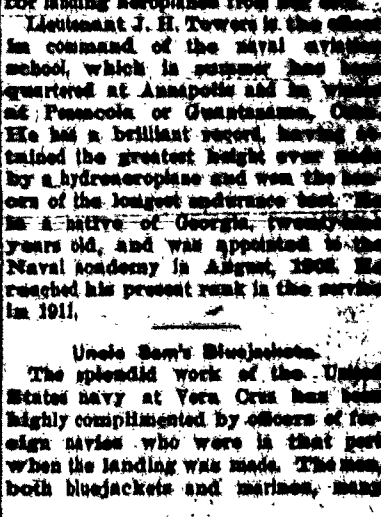


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