

### IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Hans Lobert, Smart Philly Baseman.



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The majority of National League baseball experts are of the opinion that Hans Lobert of the Philadelphia Nationals covers more ground than any other third baseman in the older circuit.

Although he appears somewhat clumsy to some spectators, very few balls get by Hans Lobert is a remarkably fast runner and holds the record for circling the bases. He is now hitting the ball at a .300 clip.

What Makes a Ball Team? James McAleer, some time "teacher's pet" in the Han Johnson school of baseball and author of the celebrated six cylinder comic, "Players, not the manager, make a ball team," can look about the baseball world and see more or less exactly just how wrong he was when he made the statement.

The two conspicuous examples this year upstating the McAleerian hypothesis are Charles Herzog and Branch Rickey. Both of these leaders came into authority with more or less "joke" outfits.

By an injection of ginger, enthusiasm, intelligence and fight into their men Herzog and Rickey have put two militant factors into the field, substituting for two nonentities last season. The success of the Cincinnati Reds and the Browns over last year is due entirely to the personal equation represented by the managers of the clubs.

McAleer believed that there wasn't such a thing as a successful team unless it had the individual strength. He believed that a winning team could be assembled in thirty minutes and used to cite as evidence the fact that his all star nine trimmed the world's champion Athletics three games in succession in their tuning up games before the title series, with no preparation whatever and with few signals.

McAleer had a wonderful aggregation that year, with Johnson, Cobb, Miller, etc., in its makeup. Of course such a club could not help but win. Aside from directing the runners from third base, McAleer never called plays for his team, never ordered the pitcher what to pitch, had no system of training but hard work, put young players through no regular course of teaching save what they might pick up from watching the veterans—in short, his school was no school at all, and players if made under his regime were self made.

Army-Navy Game in Washington. The annual Army-Navy football game, probably will be played in Washington hereafter. The house committee on military affairs reported favorably the resolution authorizing the secretary of war to permit the use of Potomac park, just south of the White House, for the game. The report says that it is the opinion of the committee "that Washington is a suitable place for the playing of the game." The resolution provides that the secretary of war shall have full charge of the Army-Navy game. He is authorized to delegate authority to the army and navy athletic association, which has charge of the annual football event. It is provided that the government shall be subjected to no expense through the playing of the game in Washington.

Ranking Tennis Players. Anthony F. Wilding, famous Australian tennis player, places the first ten players as follows: Norman E. Brookes (Australia); Maurice E. McLoughlin (America); James Cecil Parke (British Isles); E. N. Williams 2d (America); Andre H. Gobert (France); Otto Froitzheim (Germany); H. Roper Barrett (British Isles); T. M. Mavrogordato (British Isles); F. G. and A. H. Lowe (British Isles).

I think that the best man," says Mr. Wilding, "under these—and the closest to them—is Mex Decugis, the French player. Possibly he deserves a place even higher up, but on that I'm doubtful."

### ROUND THE WORLD

Jaffa is surrounded by 4,500 acres of orange groves.

Air guns were first made in Germany in 1856 by Guhr.

Beggars are no longer permitted on the streets in Philadelphia.

"Church to Let" is a huge sign on Dominion square, Montreal.

Last year California recorded one marriage every seventeen minutes.

Chicago is to have a government laboratory for analyzing drinking water.

Boston levies special taxes on all advertising signs on fences and buildings.

Kansas City compels the placing of all billboards ten feet back from lot lines.

Cambridge, England, now has a school to educate pupils for commercial careers.

The use of concrete for mine supports instead of wood is increasing rapidly.

The annual coal production of Nova Scotia exceeded 7,000,000 tons for the first time last year.

The Moscow Museum of Apiculture, the oldest in Europe, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year.

Perfumed writing ink is London fashion's latest fad. It may be obtained in a variety of colors and odors.

Revolution damage claims presented to the Chinese republic's government now call for more than \$2,700,000.

Korea has 100,000 native and 22,000 Japanese fishermen. The total catch last year was valued at \$0,000,000.

Pumps are used very little in China. The natives dig their own wells where water is found at the depth of a few feet.

Electric refrigerating systems are now being installed in florists' shops to keep flowers in cold storage until sold.

Philadelphia is urged to spend \$500,000 for a beautification monument at the limit of South Broad street boulevard.

The United States' bill for diamonds the last decade has been just about enough to buy and build the Panama canal.

In the course of one year more than 9,000 persons were identified by their finger prints in the London police court.

Ultram Bridges and wife of Cleveland have decided to live apart for a year. If not then reconciled they will seek divorce.

A beautiful new flower has been evolved by a resident of California who has succeeded in budding a rose to a blackberry bush.

An unloading crane at one of the ore ports of the great lakes takes a twelve ton bit every time it dives into the hold of the vessel.

A Danish nerve specialist places his convalescent patients on top of a piano that they may be benefited by the vibrations as it is played.

A New York store window presents an ever changing array by being built in three tiers, which are constantly shifted by a hydraulic elevator.

The wearing qualities of rubber footwear will be increased by manufacturing it on the same lines as are now followed by the tire manufacturers.

Under the new regulations every soldier and officer in France receives a special annual bonus of 200 francs for every child under sixteen years of age.

A century ago a workman with the tools of that time could make 5,000 pins a day. Now, with modern machinery, a workman can turn out 15,000,000.

The city of London (England) guardians are about to eliminate the word "pauper" and to substitute the word "inmate" in all official documents, reports, correspondence, etc.

A submerged oak forest covering several square miles, from which logs more than 100 feet in length have been taken, was discovered by Russian engineers while dredging a river.

The guillotine that once decapitated thousands of hapless Frenchmen on the Place de la Concord is now in London at Mme. Tussaud's waxworks exhibition, on Marylebone road.

German naturalists are interested in the fact that the wild rabbits of that country seem to be changing their habits, among other things building their nests above ground instead of in burrows.

Although South America imports about \$15,000,000 worth of canned goods annually, the United States furnishes only about 18 per cent of the total, of which the principal item is canned salmon.

Since November, 1914, six states and one territory have given the ballot to women. Seven states are to submit the question of woman suffrage to voters next November and five states in November, 1915.

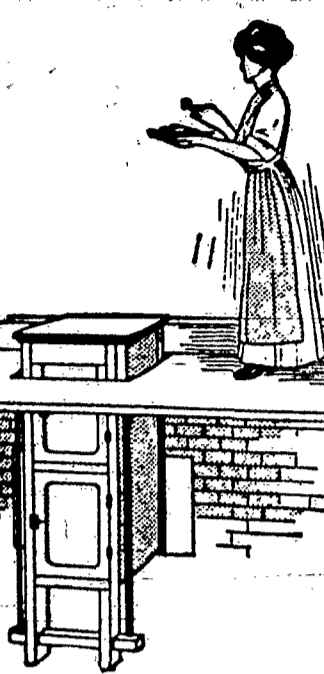
Apparently the most abundant bird in the United States east of the Mississippi river is the robin, with an average of about fifty pairs to the square mile, or a hundred million robins in the eastern United States.

Following are the latest estimates of population in the reconstructed Balkan states, according to the Geographical Journal: Turkey, 10,000,000; Bulgaria, 4,500,000; Roumania, 7,514,000; Serbia, 4,547,000; Greece, 4,363,000; Montenegro, 640,000; Albania, 1,000,000.

Under one of the new rules recently promulgated by Colonel Goethals a vessel may enter Gatun locks from either end of the canal and, without passing through the locks at the other end, may return to the original point of entry of the canal without payment of additional toll.

### HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Dumbwaiter That Saves Climbing Stairs.



A convenient dumbwaiter, which may be installed in any home where the kitchen is over the cellar, has just been patented. The top lies flush with the floor. A press of a button or a pull of a lever and the dumbwaiter rises from the cellar right up into the kitchen. It is perfectly ventilated, finished within and without in white enamel, all the openings are screened, and it has several compartments. A slight shove returns the waiter to the cellar without bump or jar. It saves climbing stairs and yet occupies no space in the kitchen.

Care of Brushes. It is generally understood that washing a brush softens the bristles, and at the same time the brush must be kept clean to be sanitary as well as slightly. An ideal way to keep a brush clean without washing it so frequently is at least once a week to rub the bristles thoroughly with bran, afterward combing out the bran. This removes all grease and leaves the bristles stiff and firm. Should the bristles of the brush become too limber to penetrate the hair thoroughly they may be stiffened again by washing them in hot water to which have been added a couple of spoonfuls of ammonia. Finish by dipping the bristles in water to which salt has been added. The brush should be dried in the open air with the bristles up.

Italian Stuffed Tomatoes. Six tomatoes, two ounces of bread-crumbs, one ounce cheese, four eggs, parsley. Cut the stem pieces off six tomatoes, remove cores and seeds and fill with the following mixture: Two ounces of breadcrumbs soaked in vinegar and strained, one ounce grated cheese, two hard boiled eggs, finely chopped; a dessertspoon finely chopped herbs (basil or savory), pepper and salt to taste. Mix well with two beaten eggs and fill tomatoes with the mixture. Cover the top of each tomato with breadcrumbs mixed with finely chopped parsley, put a small piece of butter on each and put on a greased baking pan. Cook in a slow oven twenty minutes.

Panned Tomatoes. These are excellent served with roast meats. Put in a pan with two ounces of butter six firm tomatoes that have been cut in halves. Cook slowly on the top of the range for ten minutes, then brown quickly in the oven. Remove the tomatoes to a hot platter, and make a sauce by adding to the browned butter two tablespoonfuls of flour and after it is rubbed smooth one pint of milk. Stir until boiling. Season well with salt and pepper and pour over the tomatoes. Garnish with parsley and points of toast.

Lemon Pie. Beat together one cupful of sugar, one level tablespoonful of flour, juice and grated rind of one lemon, yolks of three eggs. Just before putting the filling in the crust add one and one-fourth cupfuls of fresh milk. Bake curiously and not too long. Beat the whites of the eggs stiff, add one-third cupful of sugar, over pie with this meringue and brown lightly in the oven.

Emergency Lemonade. Grate the rind of six lemons. To this add the juice of a dozen lemons and let stand overnight. In the morning take five pounds of sugar and enough water to make it thick sirup. Remove from the fire and when cool strain the juice into it. Place into jars that are sterilized. Two teaspoonfuls of this sirup added to a glass of water are sufficient.

English Raspberry Pudding. Well butter a pudding dish and line with thin slices of stale bread, fill up with fresh raspberries and a few red currants, sprinkle well with sugar and cover with slices of bread slightly thicker than the lining slices. Cover with greased paper and tie down. Steam one hour. Serve with cream.

Lettuce Greens. Lettuce that is too old to be eaten green makes a delicious dish when cooked as spinach or any other green.

### NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Count von Moltke, German Army's Chief of Staff.



Next to Kaiser Wilhelm himself, the most important personage in the German army is General Count Helmuth von Moltke, chief of the general staff. The position is the highest in the German military establishment, and, according to a rule of the general staff, no one not physically sound may remain a member of it. Even fat men are excluded from the most honored department of the army.

Eight years ago Count von Moltke, who is a nephew of the famous Von Moltke of the Franco-Prussian war, was appointed to the position held for thirty years by his illustrious uncle. He was then fifty-eight years of age and is therefore now sixty-six. He is generally regarded as a capable leader in the field, but his enemies have expressed doubts as to his possession of those far higher talents necessary to plan a great campaign. In the war with France he served as a lieutenant and was awarded the Iron cross for bravery. From 1882 to 1891 he acted as adjutant to his uncle on the general staff, and it took him all that time to advance from captain to major.

When the old man died, however, the young kniser, who considered the name Von Moltke an adornment to the royal house, sent for the nephew and made him one of his aid-de-camps. From that time his advancement was rapid, but it was not until 1903, when he was appointed quartermaster general, that he was regarded as a probable successor to the man who had done so much for Germany. General Count von Moltke is a giant in stature, standing over six feet in height. Strong, robust and with a majestic presence, he has been a power on the staff since his appointment.

Alexander of Serbia. While the outbreak of hostilities among the great nations of Europe has cast into the shade the conflict between Austria and Serbia, the fight is being hotly waged on the borders of the little kingdom. Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is taking an active part in the war and is a soldier of some experience.



The crown prince is the second son of King Peter and became heir to the throne about four years ago, when his elder brother, George, was forced to renounce his claims. Alexander bore the brunt of much of the Macedonian fighting in the late Balkan war, together with the soldiers of the First army. He took a conspicuous part in the battles of Kumanovo and Monastir and acquitted himself with great credit. The crown prince is twenty-six years old and is a handsome young man rather above the average height, with olive complexion and dark eyes. Unlike his elder brother, he is a man of good habits and clean life. As crown prince of Serbia he receives an annual allowance of \$00,000 from the state.

### FOR THE CHILDREN

A Geographical Game.

Most girls and boys like games that exercise the wits. Here is a good one for a dull day or a long evening:

A leader is chosen, and every player has a pencil and paper. The leader then selects a word—"Republic," for instance—and each player writes all the geographical names he can think of beginning with R, the first letter of the word. Three minutes are usually allowed for each letter. When the leader calls "Time" every one should stop writing.

The leader then reads his column of names, and as he calls a word all the others who have it say "Yes" and draw a line through it. If all have the word that is the end of it, but in case some have failed to write it then those who have it write after the word the number of those who have it not. These numbers count for game at the end of the play. When the leader has read all the names on his list the player at his left reads the words remaining on his list, marking numbers after them, as before. If the next player has any words left he reads them, and so on through the company. Then each one adds his numbers and sets down the total and is ready for the next letter, E. The leader calls "Begin!" and at the end of three minutes "Time" and they proceed as before.

The party may be divided so that sides may play against each other instead of each one for himself. Whenever a name is challenged the writer must tell something about it and where the place may be found. Any number may play—the more the merrier.

Riddles.

What tongue is it that frequently hurts and grieves you and yet does not speak a word? The tongue of your shoe.

Why is the root of the tongue like a dejected man? Because it's down in the mouth.

Why, in France, is an egg sufficient for a meal? Because an egg is "un oeuf," and "enough is as good as a feast."

What is black and white and red (read) all over? A newspaper.

Why is a ladder like a prizefighter? Because it is made up of rounds.

Who are the two largest ladies in the United States? Missouri and Mrs. Sippi (Missouri and Mississippi).

Why is a drunkard hesitating to sign the pledge like a skeptical Hindu? Because he is in doubt whether to give up his jug or not (Juggernaut).

What is the difference between a chatterbox and a looking glass? One speaks without reflecting; the other reflects without speaking.

Dogs in Warfare. Belgium, France and Germany lead in using dogs for purposes of war. Considering how well fitted dogs are by nature for certain sorts of police work indispensable in wartime, it is curious that more of them are not in use.

Hand to hand fighting has, of course, been virtually done away with in modern warfare, and, therefore, dogs are not so formidable as of old, but for entry duty or the seeking out of wounded on battlefields dogs are invaluable. This was shown clearly during the Russo-Japanese war.

Far back in the time of the ancients dogs served as sentries. Emperor Charles V. and Philip, king of Spain, employed them in this way, and Napoleon consulted Marmont to fasten dogs to stakes around the walls of Alexandria to watch and guard.

It is well known that dogs' senses are far more acute than those of humans, especially the senses of scent and hearing, so invaluable in police work.

Glass Cut Without a Diamond. There is a certain method of cutting glass without the aid of a diamond that is comparatively little known.

Take a piece of common string and, after dipping it in alcohol, squeeze it reasonably dry. Then tie the string tightly around the glass on the line of cutting. Touch a match to the string and let it burn off. The heat of the burning string will weaken the glass in this particular place.

While it is hot plunge the glass under water, letting the arm go under up to the elbow, so that there will be no vibration when the glass is struck. With the free hand strike the glass outside the line of cutting, giving a quick, sharp stroke with any long, flat instrument, such as a stick of wood or a long bladed knife, and the cut will be as clean and strong as though made by a regular glass cutter.

Chain Puzzle.

When guessed correctly, the meanings of each of the following words contain five letters, and they will link—that is, the last two letters of one word will be the first two of the next word. Like this, jelly, lyric: 1, interior; 2, mistake; 3, regular arrangement; 4, to rub out; 5, a covered vehicle carried by men; 6, a joint; 7, smallest; 8, a rock; 9, an Ethiopian; 10, a water bug; 11, the result of this puzzle. Answer: 1, ladder; 2, error; 3, order; 4, erase; 5, chain; 6, ankle; 7, least; 8, stone; 9, screw; 10, roach; 11, chain.

Thoughts.

When a little child is naughty and is cross with everything, All his thoughts are changed to horns. That go flying off to sting.

When a little child is happy, Then his loving thoughts, I think, Are turned to floating butterflies. All white and gold and pink.

### A KINDLY DEED AND ITS REWARD

Happiness Came to a Man When Least Expected.

Everybody said that John Gaunt's name fitted him admirably—not so much that he was a thin man, but that he was such a plain one. As for his modesty, it was of the first water. There was but one occasion when he got the better of it, and that was when he presumed to ask Cornelia Wadsworth, a girl very much younger than he, to marry him. Her reply to his proposition was that she would not marry a man a quarter of a century older than herself.

"Yes," he said, "I'm too old for you, altogether too old. Besides, I'm not such a man as such a girl as you ought to marry. You are always doing good, while I don't remember in all my life having performed but one good act."

"What was that?" asked Cornelia.

"It's connected with another reason why you wouldn't want to marry me. Years ago when I lived out west in a lawless community and it was necessary to elect a sheriff of my county the people, realizing that the sheriff was likely to be killed almost any day by some desperado, cast about for the man, who could best be spared and pitched upon me.

"One day a murder was committed on a farm lying out in a sparsely settled region, and I was sent to arrest the murderer. He was strongly suspected of the murder. He wasn't a murderous looking man at all, but a peaceable farmer with a wife and two little children. He was very much surprised, but made no resistance, leaving his sorrow-stricken wife to look after me without the least trouble.

"There were some suspicious circumstances that pointed to him as the murderer, but he was such a respectable appearing man and told his story so honestly that he was acquitted.

"There was a man in those parts—I always believed he owed the accused some grudge—who declared that if he wasn't hanged by the county the job would be done by a committee. The day the trial came to a conclusion I learned that this fellow was in town and an effort would be made to lynch the prisoner as soon as he was made free. So instead of turning him out I took him to my house.

"That night I was awakened by a hammering on my door, and, taking my gun, I raised the seal of an upper window and asked what was wanted. I saw a dozen men below and knew well enough without asking what they had come for. When they told me I parleyed with them, having sent one of my deputies I had kept in the house on purpose, to some of the best men in town notifying them to come and help. I held the lynchers till they saw persons hurrying from different directions. Then they tried to batter down my door. They couldn't do this very easily, for I always kept bars ready and had slipped them in place. Seeing that I had baffled them, their leader shot at me, giving me a wound of which I bear the scar today. Then the party, seeing my men gathering in large numbers, made off for re-enforcements.

"A horse and buggy was got out of the barn, and, though wounded, I drove my man away under cover of the darkness. You see, I couldn't let any one else do it, as I was sheriff. No one ever knew where I took the man, but no one ever saw him in that region again. I went out and got his family and carried them to where I had taken him. The reason why I mention this work as a good act is because his wife told me it was: 'There was a little girl in the family that I carried in my arms. She looked at me kind of queer and when I went away gave me a hug that I've never forgotten.'

Cornelia listened to this brief narrative with a constantly growing interest. When it was finished her shining eyes were fixed on John Gaunt, her lips were parted, her breath came quick.

"What was the name of the man you saved?" she asked.

"Harlow—William Harlow."

Miss Wadsworth continued to gaze upon John Gaunt with an expression that, had he not been a stupid fellow, would have set his heart bounding.

"You see," he continued, "that you're right not to take a man for a husband who, besides being much too old for you, never did but one good act in his life, and I have always considered that to be nothing more than any one would have done under the circumstances."

"I think any good and brave man would have done it," replied Cornelia.

"Just so," said John, evenly convinced from her words that even what he had been told by the wife of the man he had saved was purely emotional.

"But sometimes," the girl went on, "being good and brave even in the line of duty counts for a great deal. The world is full of heroes and heroines, but they don't always meet with a merited reward. You saved a man's life, and in saving his life you saved his wife and children from a terrible blow and lives of misery."

"I never happened to think of it in that light," said John.

"Heaven sometimes sends us a reward for doing a good act long after it has been done. You wish the love of a woman. I will be that woman. I am the little girl who hugged you. My father changed his name after his trouble. I am Cornelia Harlow."

And for the second time in her life she hugged her father's preserver.

—St. Nicholas