

# IN THE SPORTING WORLD

Carl Weisman, Leading Pitcher of the Browns.



Photo by American Press Association.

Carl Weisman, leading pitcher of the St. Louis Browns aggregation, is a southpaw and stands six feet five and a half inches in his stocking feet. He is a good pitcher. He is the most improved pitcher in the American league. Banking forty-second among the American league pitchers last season in the matter of earned runs-American league teams averaged 3.41 earned runs per game as he worked this season so far Weisman has held the opposition to an average well under two runs per game.

Other facts about Mr. Weisman might be summarized in this fashion: He pitches fewer curve balls than most pitchers; he is one inch taller than Bill James; he is one-half inch shorter than Myles Main of Detroit; he has an undying ambition to be a 300 hitter and may be found any time in practice working with the bat, and he has, with Roy Mitchell, the most perfect control of any pitcher among the Browns.

**Rated the Umpire.** Players throughout the American league live under the impression that Harry Coveleskie, the Tigers' southpaw, can be rattled by the persistent whistling, singing or playing of "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

At different times this season opposing teams have tried to make the big Pole slip by following up this practice. They have yet to succeed, but ball players are persistent individuals.

New York's Highlanders started the game when Coveleskie was pitching a game at Detroit.

All through the first inning they whistled and sang and stamped their feet in accompaniment. A double play pulled Coveleskie out of a hole in the first period and in the second the Highlanders renewed their efforts.

Through the second inning and into the third they went.

Coveleskie, intent on pitching, paid no heed.

But behind the bat there was one person who possessed nerves that were not attuned to such music. This was Billy Evans. The league's best umpire finally bawled:

"Cut that out, you fellows. What d'ye think this is—a county fair?"

**Golf Courses Costly.** There are not many persons outside of those on the inside of the game of golf who fully appreciate what amount of money it requires to establish a golf course along thoroughly-up to date lines, nor to what extent a man will delve into his personal fortune for the sake of gratifying his heart's desire in the building of links which will rank among the best in the section. Not long ago 150 Philadelphia golfers were asked to subscribe \$1,000 each that a new course could be built in the Chestnut Hill section. When the National Golf Links of America was first projected at Shinnecock Hill, N. Y., there were \$1,000 subscriptions obtained in sufficient number to bring about the completion of a course now ranked as the greatest in the world. Nearly \$1,000,000 in all has been spent.

**Race Yachts Expensive.** Various estimates have been made of the cost of the Defiance, as well as the Vanitie and the Resolute, the yachts built to battle for the honor of defending the America's cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger Shamrock IV. The war has called off the races.

One of the latest places the cost of the Vanitie and the Resolute at \$200,000 and that of the Defiance at \$300,000.

**Strunk Seidom Mentioned.** The one player on the Philadelphia team from whom little is heard and yet who is one of the most valuable players Mack has is Amos Strunk, the center fielder. It is but on rare occasions that Strunk is ever mentioned in connection with the champions, and yet it is doubtful if, barring perhaps Collins and Barry, there is a player in the lineup who does more to help his team than he.

# ROUND THE WORLD

Paris, France, contains only one oak tree.

Sweden claims a population of 5,688,583 persons.

Spain last year imported 2,700,000 tons of coal.

Baltimore law school will not accept women students.

Belgrade, capital of Serbia, has 300,000 inhabitants.

Baltimore's public debt will soon reach \$100,000,000.

The steel trust spends \$750,000 a year in safety devices.

Police in San Francisco now have one day off a week.

Kansas City is planning a municipal farm for women prisoners.

In Tokyo the number of unemployed frequently exceeds 100,000.

The United States Osteopathic association has 4,000 members.

Seventy-five per cent of the trade of Egypt is with British possessions.

The personnel of the British navy is about double that of any other navy in the world.

Munster, Ireland, has a crop area of 1,287,207 acres and a population of 1,085,486 persons.

Dairen leased territory, China, has an area of 1,221 square miles and a population of 517,147.

John Burns, eighty-four, for twenty-seven years a park laborer in New York, is now homeless and destitute.

Three million dollars has been spent to bring the power of a waterfall ninety miles to Bombay for electric light and power purposes.

A single stroke of lightning in the Belgian Congo killed nine men and women and severely injured thirty-two other persons, two of whom died later.

There is a plan to safeguard Manila against the longest possible dry season by building high up on the Montalban watershed a two billion gallon reservoir.

The Washington National museum coin and medal collection of some 6,000 pieces includes several Chinese coins of the earliest type, dating back to about 2254 B. C.

Over 60,000 letters in reply to inquiries from all over the state were written by the faculty members of the Agricultural college, University of Wisconsin, during the past year.

The largest car ferry to ply on salt water in the world is nearing completion at Philadelphia and soon after the end of the year will begin service between Key West and Havana.

That he can produce one horsepower for each pound his engine weighs is the claim of the French inventor of a motor depending upon the explosive force of gunpowder for power.

From the waters of the northwest coast of Western Australia—a total of 25,440 hundredweight of mother-of-pearl shell was fished at an average selling price last year of \$1200 per ton.

Sunshine, next to pure air, is held to be the most valuable adjunct of nature for the cure of tuberculosis. Although cures have been made in cloudy regions, sunshine seems to give moral help and, other things being equal, is much preferred.

Investigations by the geographical survey of the erosion of numerous drainage basins of the United States show that the surface of the country is being worn away at the rate of about an inch in 700 years.

The Philippine Islands produce approximately 10,000,000 gallons of alcohol yearly. Almost all of this is made from the sap of the nipa palm that grows in great abundance in various swamps of the country.

Ground cork and a binding material have been formed by a French inventor into a cover for bottles that guards them against breakage and keeps their contents at a uniform temperature without using a vacuum.

Until quite recently the operators of hoisting engines at work on tall buildings were guided by hand signals, but there is now a successful electrical system by which the foreman controls the engine by touch buttons in a belt.

State monopolies and undertakings in Japan yield an annual revenue of about \$94,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 comes from posts, telegraphs and telephones; \$25,000,000 from tobacco; \$5,000,000 from salt and \$5,000,000 from forests.

There are large tracts of land in India—such as the deserts of Sind and the southwest Punjab—which are practically useless, but which to an important extent are now being opened up to agriculture by big irrigation schemes. These works are of three classes—wells, tanks and canals.

Private capital invested in timber lands, mills, logging railroads and other forms of equipment in the country reach an enormous aggregate, and the lumber industry, which employs 780,000 persons and has an annual output valued at one and one-sixth billion dollars, is the third largest.

The government of Chile has established an aviation school near Santiago, Chile, where army and navy officers are being trained with good results. It is proposed to fly over the Andes to Argentina, which calls for a sustained flight for an hour or more at an altitude of about 15,000 feet.

Four millings is generally considered the most important industry in Hungary. There are 21,000 flour mills in operation, about 90 per cent of which are small mills that supply only the demands of the localities in which they are situated. The remainder are steam mills equipped with the most modern machinery.

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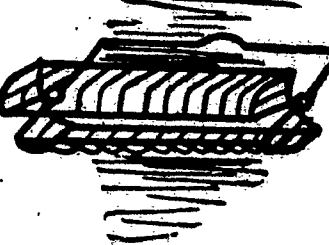
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# HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Wire Basket Prevents Billed Fish From Breaking.



To prevent fish breaking after being boiled a new device has been offered in the form of a wire fish basket which eliminates the trouble and preserves the shape of the fish. The fish is placed in this, and when the cooking is completed the basket is removed and the fish allowed to drop through the bottom on to a platter.

**Household Hints.** Cheeses may be kept moist for some time if the cut surfaces are rubbed over with butter and then the cheese is wrapped in paraffin paper and kept in a cool, dry, dark place.

Salt codfish or other fish is best wrapped in paraffin paper and then put in a box with an air tight cover.

If one's black gloves become a little rusty touch up the spots with a few drops of ink mixed well with a few drops of olive oil.

Do not complain if the tea or coffee loses its strength unless it is kept in tightly covered tins or jars.

The cup of tea or coffee will be infinitely better if the teapot or coffee-pot is scalded once just before being used.

**Testing Meat of Ovens.** The cook can never make a success of baking unless the oven is exactly right. If it is a little too hot or too cold all the cakes and pies will be spoiled. One can always test the heat by putting a piece of white paper on the oven shelf that is to be heated and leaving it there for two minutes. If the paper comes out still white or very slightly brown at the edges then the oven is cool. If the paper comes out a good deal browned, but not burned at all, then the oven is moderate. If the paper comes out brown all over and blackened at the edges the oven is hot. If the paper burns all to a cinder then the oven is much too hot for any use.

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Hailing from the Pyrenees, General Joffre, who is now sixty-one, is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique, Paris. At the age of eighteen he commanded a battery of artillery throughout the siege of Paris. After that war he took part in the Formosa and Tonkin campaigns and later was engaged in West Africa, directing the construction of railroads there. He headed the relief column that went to the assistance of the Bonnier expedition in Africa.

General Joffre also had a share in the conquest of Madagascar, of which he became commander of the Second army corps and just before his appointment as generalissimo of the army was director general of military education, a post for which he was particularly qualified as one of the best mathematicians of the army. It is alleged that no French commander stands higher in the estimation of the war departments at Berlin and St. Petersburg.

**King of the Belgians.** Albert, king of the Belgians, who, with his subjects, has so heroically fought the legions of the Kaiser, is of the ancient Walloon race, which in times past has again and again shown tenacious and indomitable courage in the face of invaders of their kind. The splendid stand made by the Belgians against the "greatest war machine of modern times" adds new luster to a fame renowned in the annals of warfare.

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