

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Lee Magee, Manager of the Brooklyn Federals.



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Lee Magee, manager of the Brooklyn Federal league club, played last season with the St. Louis Nationals. Last winter he jumped to the Feds, and Owner Ward put him in charge of the team. Magee is the youngest manager in any of the big leagues. His real name is Leo Roernachmeyer, and a few years ago he was assistant ground keeper at the Cincinnati ball park. Practicing with the players every morning, he developed into a very clever player, and soon he was in the National league. Magee's position is second base. Lee is a rather hot-headed youngster, and in the first championship game at Brooklyn he was put out of the game and fined \$50.

Lightweights a Poor Lot.

"The poorest lot of lightweights in the history of the ring since it now," says Frank Erne, former lightweight champion. "I don't like Welsh at all. I never saw Nelson, but I'm sure that Volcast could have whipped him at any stage of his career. I didn't go to see Shugrue or White because they are so poor that it would be wasting an evening. I think Elbowes McFadden, Dai Hawkins, Lavigne or Spike Sullivan could have cleaned them all up one by one."

"Joe Gans was a master. He could faint you into any position he pleased, leaving you easy prey to a solid punch, hard because it was so unexpected. He was the master brawler. You perhaps have seen an impromptu battle in a cafe. A man will be hit, sending him across the room. That man wasn't hit; he was pushed. Another man will swing and the other fellow will go flying sideways to the wall. Not a punch. He was pulled around. When Gans hit you you didn't move out of your tracks. You just crumpled dead to the door."—New York Sun.

Griff Will Develop Youngsters.

That the days of buying ball players at big figures are almost at an end is generally conceded. Manager Griffith of the Washington Americans already has declared himself on that proposition. He says his players hereafter will come from the lots and remote leagues and he will develop them himself. No longer will he recommend the club to dig down in its jeans for the purpose of spending its money for talent only a small percentage of which ever makes good. The satisfactory proposition about developing players is that they are usually very young when they reach the stage when they can be used regularly and consequently last for years, not necessitating the output of additional money from time to time.

English Golfers to Visit America.

Although it was rumored that none of the English professional golfers would visit America this year, it seems to be a certainty that, in addition to Harry Vardon, who has decided to play here, at least three or four others will come over in time to take part in the open tournament at Baltusrol, Short Hills, N. J., next June. Edward Ray, James Braid, George Duncan and J. H. Taylor are expected to make the trip, and their coming will be welcomed by golfers everywhere in this country, where the game is making wonderful progress.

Vale-Harvard Boat Races.

The chairman of the committee of arrangements for the Yale-Harvard regatta has announced that the varsity eight oared race will be rowed up stream on the Thames river between 4:30 and 5 p. m. on Friday, June 25. The morning race, which will start shortly after 10 o'clock, will be either a four oared event or one of substitute freshman eights and will be from Red Top to the navy yard. The regular freshman eight race will be from the navy yard to the drawbridge.

Herzog Optimistic.

Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds says his team is the best Cincinnati has had since 1906. All that he needs now, he thinks, to make sure of the first division is one more star pitcher. Herzog says his players are all hustlers and hitters. Charley Doolin and Tommy Leach have sided the team greatly.

POPULAR MECHANICS

Kuskokwim River Charted.

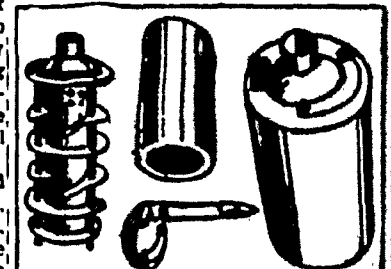
The recent announcement by the department of commerce of the discovery of a practicable channel into the Kuskokwim river, Alaska, attracted widespread interest. The interest will be renewed by a notice just issued by the department to the effect that the coast and geodetic survey has plotted two compass charts, one of Kuskokwim bay and one of the river. Both charts are supplemented by leaflets of sailing directions containing a full description of the course which should be followed, the landmarks and other details of importance to the navigator. These charts furnish the long sought answer to the question of how to reach in safety the mouth of the river from the sea. For the first time the navigator has the means to avoid the deceptive blind channels which penetrate the shoals of the delta and a guide to follow the river channel as it winds its way through the mud banks of the river bed.

How Timber is Often Damaged.

Experiments at the forest service laboratory of the department of agriculture have determined that the strength of a piece of wood may be seriously impaired by slight compression failures due to rough handling, says the Scientific American. Dropping a beam across a skid may cause a compression failure at the point at which the beam strikes the skid, and it will be at this point that the beam gives way when it breaks under a strain too severe for the weakened fibers to withstand. Hitherto unaccountable breakage in hickory wagon spokes and other presumably strong materials is now attributed to compression failures caused by windfalls in the period of growth or by hard usage in lumbering and manufacturing processes. These compression failures show themselves in the form of little diagonal streaks or wrinkles across the grain and are always a sure sign of weakness.

Silencer for Motor Engine.

Built on the same principle as a gun silencer, a device which eliminates the engine noises of light motor cars and makes their action as quiet as more expensive machines has been produced, says Popular Mechanics. It replaces the ordinary muffler and is claimed to lessen the back pressure caused by



MUFFLER DEVICE FOR LIGHT CARS.

the resistance of exhaust gases, thereby adding power and decreasing fuel consumption.

The arrangement consists of a series of chambers in which the gases are made to revolve rapidly after they leave the expansion chamber. The sound waves are broken and turned into a rotary motion, passing gradually from one chamber to the other until dissipated. In this manner both the sound of the gas explosion and the noise caused by rapid passage of gas through an exhaust pipe into the atmosphere are lessened. The appliance is simply constructed and may be attached to a car in a few minutes.

Triplex Glass Much Used.

Triplex glass, which created a good deal of comment when it was first announced a year ago, is now appearing on the market in many forms, especially in Great Britain, where it has caught the fancy of motorists. The glass is made into limousine windows, wind shields, etc. It consists, says the Scientific American, of two sheets of thin glass with a thin sheet of xylolite between them, the whole three sheets being combined by gineose and hydraulic pressure into a homogeneous mass. It cannot be shattered into splinters by any agency. It will crack and break under hammer blows, but no splinters will fly, endangering people.

China Wood Oil.

Among the oils which may be added to, or used as substitutes for, linseed, in paints, perhaps tung or China wood oil is the most important. When properly boiled and treated it yields a film which is hard and elastic, with heavy body and high gloss. One great advantage of this oil is that it forms paints which will dry in damp atmospheres. It has long been used by the Chinese and Japanese and is finding wide use for marine and waterproof paints, and there is no apparent reason why it should not be used more extensively for protective paints for iron and steel.—The Engineering Magazine.

Homemade Lawn Sprinkler.

With a short length of old hose a serviceable lawn sprinkler can be quickly and easily made. One end is provided with a regular coupling for connecting it to the line of good hose. The other end is turned up for several inches and securely wired to the main part, thereby shutting off any flow through it. Several cuts are made into it about halfway across and six inches apart. If the water is forced in the only means of escape will be through the slots, which will produce fine sprays, giving a good service as a manufactured sprinkler.

Milady's Mirror

Watch Your Teeth.

A good toothbrush if used conscientiously should not be in use more than two weeks at a time, and it is better to keep two in use so that each may have a period of drying out and airing. It never pays to buy too cheap a brush. If the price is at the expense of the bristles, in the first place, a poor set of bristles will not do their work well, and, in the second place, loosely fastened bristles are very dangerous if they slip down the throat, where they may catch and decay or penetrate the walls of the digestive tract. Always wash out the brush thoroughly after each application, and, by the way, a new brush should be soaked in a weak solution of bicarbonate of soda for two hours both to disinfect it from shop handling and to set the bristles so that they will not fall out so readily.

The teeth should be brushed at night, after each meal and upon rising. It is particularly important to clean them the last thing before retiring, so that food particles will not remain in the crevices to decay overnight when the mouth saliva is not active enough to prevent it.

During a long illness the teeth should be carefully cleaned when they cannot receive attention from a dentist. If this were done fewer teeth troubles would be laid to the ailment, which is not much more to blame than neglect of the mouth. See that the mouth is constantly washed out with a little bicarbonate of soda, which can be prepared by dissolving a teaspoonful of the bicarbonate (ordinary baking soda) in a pint of water and bottling it for use. Most authorities consider this better than too frequent a use of the hydrogen peroxide solutions which are not always good for the teeth.

Take Care of the Mouth.

Some fortunate girls are born to pretty mouths. A very few have the much sung Cupid's bow, with perhaps the added charm of a dimple. Others have a smile which transforms an otherwise plain face. A great many have very commonplace mouths, with no redeeming dimples. And some few, fortunately comparatively very few, have large mouths or distorted mouths. But no mouth is hopelessly ugly. Sometimes the teeth may be crooked, distorting the mouth, and here the dentist can give relief. But, oftentimes of all, the mouth is made homely by facial contortions, the habit of screwing up the lips when talking, or drawing the mouth up on one side when laughing. The mother of growing children cannot be too careful of their appearance.

Whatever the shape of the mouth, its defects can be balanced in a large measure by good teeth, healthy gums and red lips. There is absolutely no excuse in this age of successful dental surgery for misshapen or protruding teeth and similar mouth defects. With comparatively little pain the teeth can be straightened, and in case they must be removed because of their bad individual shape new ones will be inserted on a bridge, not on an unsightly plate.

Another advance in surgery which adds greatly to the beauty of the mouth is the invention of porcelain fillings, which are rapidly replacing the gold ones.

About Climbing Stairs.

Climbing stairs always has been thought to be very injurious to a woman, yet in many cases, if it is rightly done, it may be of real benefit and gradually strengthen the heart and shoulders instead of doing actually the reverse. Mount the stairs slowly with the body erect, the head and chest high, and allow the leg muscles to do the work. Try this for a week instead of the old way of bending the back and depressing the chest and see how it improves the general carriage.

A physical culture exercise that is unrivaled for giving one an erect and graceful carriage, straightening the shoulders and making them as level as those of a West Point cadet is done by this same stair climbing, only in this case with the arms hanging at full length. The hands should be clasped behind the back, with the fingers interlaced and the hands turned as nearly to back as possible.

Then, standing very erect, mount the stairs slowly, and before half the ascent is made every cell in the lungs will have been expanded many times. These exercises are excellent for any one whose heart is in good condition, but when this organ is in a diseased state it is well to avoid stair climbing whenever possible.

If You Wish the Bloom of Youth.

If you wish to have rosy cheeks be careful of your diet. Eat simple, nourishing foods; avoid pastries, sweets, all rich and spicy foods and oily meats, such as pork and veal. Drink milk, cocoa and chocolate instead of tea and coffee. Pure air, pure water and pure food are the first essentials to a pure complexion. So are sunlight, out of door exercises and sleep. A cheerful disposition has much to do with the health. There is a story told of a husband who objected to his wife using cosmetics. He told her that the best way to give the face a good color was to get a pot of rouge and one rabbit's foot, bury them two miles from home and then walk out and back once a day to see if they were still there. She is said to have tried it and found it to be all her husband claimed.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

William H. Thompson, New Mayor of Chicago.



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William Hale Thompson, who succeeds Carter H. Harrison as mayor of Chicago, is a Republican in politics and was elected by the largest plurality ever given a candidate—national, state or municipal—in the city. The new mayor is a native son of Chicago pioneer stock, which for three generations has been prominent in civic and business affairs. Although his family planned that he should go to Yale, he left his home at the age of fifteen and went to Montana, where he was cook on a cattle ranch, brakeman on a railroad and expert cowboy. Before the age of twenty-one he was a ranch owner and had accumulated a fortune of \$30,000. At this stage of his career his father died, and he returned to Chicago to take charge of the large holdings of the Thompson estate.

As a member of the Chicago city council in 1900 Mr. Thompson introduced the ordinance which created the first municipal playground for children. He predicted that the movement would become a national wide.

Mayor Thompson is a forceful and convincing speaker and a tireless campaigner. He announced his candidacy for the mayoralty on Dec. 22 last and from that date until election day was constantly on the job. Fifteen thirty-minute speeches a day was the rule. It is estimated that he addressed more than 500,000 persons during his strenuous campaign. He is about forty-five years of age and of powerful physique.

New Solicitor of the Treasury, Judge Lawrence Becker, the new solicitor of the treasury, takes a position that has been vacant almost since President Wilson went into office. The new solicitor falls from Indiana, is a very unassuming man and retired upon his new duties in a quiet and unobtrusive manner.

The solicitor of the treasury is not as the uninformed might suppose, an official of the treasury department, in-



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stead he belongs to the department of justice, and his duties are varied and manifold.

For instance, he is charged with much of the litigation of the government, and it is likely that he will have much to do with the case of the huge bank of Washington versus the comptroller of the currency. Among other duties of Solicitor Becker are those to give necessary instructions to United States attorneys, marshals and clerks of courts in matters and proceedings appertaining to suits under his superintendence. Further, the solicitor of the treasury must approve the bonds of United States assistant treasurers, collectors of internal revenue and department disbursing clerks. Also as law officer of the treasury department it is his duty to give legal advice to the secretary and other officers of the department on all matters arising therein.

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