

# Snapshots at the Sports Arena

**Pratt Playing Great Ball.**  
Derrill Pratt, the sterling second baseman of the St. Louis American league baseball club, is hailed as being about the class of the league at the middle corner. Pratt is being put up a fine game and was largely instrumental in the winning streak of



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DERRILL PRATT.

the Browns. He is a good batter and applies in the field. About a year ago he had ambitions to become a manager and had nearly completed arrangements when the deal fell through because the Browns refused to let him go.

**Ebbets' New Shortstop.**  
The Brooklyn Robins are no stronger than their shortstop, and Charles Ebbets has taken his first action toward adding strength to the one glaringly weak link in his chain. He has purchased Jack Kelleher from the Denver team of the Western League. Ebbets is enthusiastic over securing Kelleher, who is pronounced a coming star. He is almost five feet ten inches in height and weighs 165 pounds. He has been playing baseball for four years and is only twenty-two years of age. Kelleher had a trial with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1912, but was turned back to the Springfield club and went to Indianapolis in 1914. Last season he was with Denver.

## Light as Chaff

**Ascent and Descent.**  
Paddy, the hod man, was a new arrival on the job. Having gone to the top of the building and failed to return, the foreman shouted up, "Come on, Paddy, what's keepin' ye?"  
"Sure," cried Paddy, "I can't find my way down."  
"Well, come down the way ye went up!" shouts the foreman.  
"Fair, an' I won't," says Paddy, "for I came up head first."

**A Wise Father.**  
A Kansas family, so relates former Senator J. L. Bristow of that state, moved to town, and when the boy presented himself at school he was asked by the principal, among other things, as to his favorite poem.  
"The Village Blacksmith" was the response. "I recite it every time we have company."  
"Does your father ask you to do it?"  
"Yes, ma'am," said the boy. "He says he thinks it keeps us from having much company."

**Scottish Pride.**  
To the true Scot of there is no place like his land and no people like his people. Not that he doesn't get away from both as soon as he can. But the pride is still there.  
When the Royal Scots Greys were honored by having the czar appointed as their honorary colonel, an officer in the regiment told the news to his servant.  
"Donald," said he, "the czar of Russia has been appointed colonel of our regiment."  
"Indeed, sir?" "Is that so?" exclaimed Donald. "It's a verra fine thing fur him." Then a puzzled expression, slow over his face, and he scratched his head thoughtfully. "Bez parry don, sir," he added, "but will he be able to keep both jobs?"



**Not in the Way.**  
"Come, n' ye, and be baptized!" the colored evangelist was pleading to his congregation.  
"But Ah's been baptized by the Presbyterians," said Rastus.  
"Lord!" cried the Baptist minister. "ye only been dreed benned!" Country Gentleman.

**Courage is Modest.**  
As a rule, the man who is brave does not waste much breath in announcing the fact.

## GREEN SHELLED FLEAS.

Tiny Parasites That Attack Nearly All Fresh Water Fish.

Scarcely any species of fresh water fish is free from the attacks of the little disklike fish flea, its flattened, greenish body being pressed close against the skin of the fish.

The so-called fish louse is neither fear louse, but a member of a simple group of crustaceans, well known to naturalists for the parasitic habit of most of its members.

It is far from having reached the ultimate degeneration of the chronic parasite, however, and often forsakes its victim to enjoy the pleasures of the free.

I have watched the fish fleas during these excursions into the open water, apparently engaged in their gambols—tiny greenish disks dashing hither and thither in direct course, diving suddenly downward or upward or turning over and over in a series of rapid somersaults, which have been reckoned to number some hundred a minute.

Should a fish flea wish to rejoin a host it approaches until it is caught up in the swirl of water which accompanies the movement of the fish, and, so soon as it touches, it lays quick hold upon the skin of its victim by a pair of peculiar sucker-organs, placed on the under surface near the mouth—London Tit-Bits.

## VAST AREA OF TEXAS.

Some of the Magnificent Distances in the Lone Star State.

Those who live in the east and north have little or no conception of the magnitude of distances in Texas. Here are just a few figures that will help to illustrate the vastness of area of the Lone Star State.

The distance from Houston to El Paso by the nearest rail route is 835 miles, which is only 114 miles less than the distance from New York to Chicago, 947 miles.

It is 820 miles by rail from San Antonio to El Paso. This is 114 miles greater than the distance from Chicago to Pittsburgh.

The distance from Echo, Tex., the most eastern point on a direct railroad route, to El Paso, is 644 miles, or three miles less than the distance from New York to Chicago.

The distance from Brownsville, Tex., on the gulf coast, the easternmost point on the Texas-Mexican border, to El Paso, the western terminus of the border, is more than 1,200 miles. This is greater than the distance from New York City to Tampa, Fla., or to Springfield, Ill. It is greater than the distance from New York to St. Louis by 140 miles.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Diana of Ephesus.**  
Ephesus was one of the twelve Ionian cities of Asia Minor and was situated in Lydia, near the mouth of the river Caystrus. According to Strabo, it was founded by Antandrus, son of Codrus. It ultimately came into possession of the Romans, and in the time of Augustus it was the greatest place of trade of all the cities of Asia west of the Taurus. St. Paul resided there three years, but the destruction of its great temple by the Goths in 260 A. D. gave it a blow from which it never recovered. This was the famous temple of Diana. Near the western extremity of the town are still to be seen some massive structures, which have since 1818 been carefully excavated. It is now certain that these stand on the famous temple site.

**Joss Sticks.**  
The composition of the candles called joss sticks, which are used in all the religious ceremonies of Buddhism, for a long time remained a mystery. The preparation of the sticks being intrusted to certain persons chosen from a limited class. A French chemist, however, learned the manner of making joss sticks in Indo-China. A stem of bamboo is rolled in a preparation containing fourteen different odoriferous drugs, two of which are significant as showing a knowledge of chemical and physical properties. These are acrolein, which serves to protect the sticks against the attacks of rats and mice, and camphor, which causes them to burn steadily without being periodically extinguished.

**His One Regret.**  
"There's no use trying to deny it," remarked Mrs. DeFlatt. "This is the worst cock we've had yet. There positively isn't a decent thing to eat on the table."  
"That's right," rejoined DeFlatt.  
"But," continued his wife, "there's one thing in her favor. She can't be beat when it comes to washing."  
"Why we can't eat the washing," sighed the hungry husband. Chicago News.

**Would Help Some.**  
"What'er—what sort of a part has she in your show?" Do you think she'll please the audience?" he queried anxiously.  
"She ought to. She gets killed in the first act," replied a sister contemporary. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**No Chance For It.**  
That sensation, said to be the finest in the world, of finding a two-dollar bill in an old vest never happened to us and never will. When we are through with a vest there are no pockets or any thing. Kansas City Star.

**At the Home Place.**  
The Catcher—And how do you like married life, Jerry? Shortstop (newly wed)—Well, Jake, she's just like an umpire. She never thinks 'm safe when I'm out. Park.

Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.—Goethe.

## Tasting Woolens.

Pure woolens are adulterated even more than silk because they are in greater demand and also because they are quite easy to imitate. Many a yard of cloth sold as "pure wool" contains from 30 to 60 per cent cotton. Blankets sold as "half wool" have frequently been found to contain only 10 per cent of pure wool. There are machines today which cleverly wrap wool around cotton threads, and the finished product has every appearance of being "all wool." Another method of adulterating is by taking cotton thread and "feting" short woolen threads upon its surface by means of heat, moisture and pressure.

A purchaser may be fully convinced from the appearance and feeling of cloth that it is all wool, but the only safe method is to take home the sample and make tests. Immerse the sample of so-called wool in oil of vitriol for about two minutes. This will destroy the cotton, but the wool will not be affected. Another test is to moisten a sample with 50 per cent nitric acid. This will turn the wool yellow, but the cotton will retain its color.—Washington Post.

**Harvest From One Ad.**  
Do you know what was the largest harvest ever reaped from an advertisement?

It was the settlement in Pennsylvania of 100,000 German colonists at Germantown, which was the first German settlement in America. We also know that in fifty years double that many thousand Germans came to William Penn's colony.

Furthermore, history tells us that wars and religious persecutions in Germany caused this then unparalleled exodus of men and women.

But what brought them to Pennsylvania and so made of this the German commonwealth? An advertisement written by William Penn himself and distributed among the Germans along the Rhine, who had been stricken by the "Thirty Years' war." Philadelphia Ledger.

## Won by—Good Looks.

One man in English history owed his success in life almost wholly to his good looks. It was George Villiers, first duke of Buckingham. James I. was wanting a private secretary, and when young Villiers applied for the position the king was much impressed with the beauty of his person and the gracefulness of his manners. He gave him the place, and that was the beginning of a great career. From that time to the end of James' reign the history of England was in great part the personal history of George Villiers, the adventurer—first the cupbearer, in a few weeks, knighted, then made gentleman of the bedchamber and knight of the Order of the Garter; then successively he was made a baron, a viscount, an earl, a marquis and lord high admiral of England.

## Snubbed the Composer.

Gustav Mahler had a queer experience in Munich one day for which his name was partly responsible. His new symphony was being rehearsed, and he took advantage of an hour's interval to get some fresh air. "On return to the building," says a Munich paper, "he lost his way and tried to reach the hall through a corridor in which plasterers were at work. 'You cannot pass through here,' he was told. 'But I am Mahler.' 'Mahler is the German for painter,' 'You look it,' was the unsympathetic reply of the man who blocked his way. 'We are not ready for the painters yet, so run on.' And the composer, realizing that argument would be useless, plunged into the labyrinth and finally reached his destination."

## Matter of Taste.

Now comes a learned man, a doctor, who says there is no reason on earth why people should not eat bugs. Well, this is a free country, doc, and just to show you that our heart is right we hereby notify you that you are welcome to our share of potato bugs and buffalo moths if the per capita supply does not satisfy your appetite. P. S.—Would you advise eating them with sugar and cream or salt and vinegar?—Ohio State Journal.

## Back to Her Tender Years.

Boarder.—This beef is very tough. It is evidently from an old cow. Mrs. Henshield.—Let me tell you, sir, that the tenderest beef I ever ate was from a cow fifteen or twenty years old. Boarder.—That easily explained. The cow was so old she was childish.—Chicago Tribune.

## A Woman and a Trunk.

Griggs Watson surprised that the customs inspector didn't find those things you smuggled in? Briggs.—Oh, no. My wife stowed them away, you see. She can pack things in a trunk where she can't even find them herself.—Exchange.

## Much Needed.

"What do you think of the Don't Worry club?"  
"S'all right. Only I wish some one would start a Don't Worry Other People club." Boston Transcript.

## Truth.

Truth is a torch, but one of enormous size, so that we blink past it in rather a blinking fashion for fear it should burn us.—Goethe.

## Limited Time.

"Does the landlady give you your meals on time?" (Sadly) "Yes, but I fear she won't trust me much longer." Dallas News.

There are 4,000,000 tons of stone in the ground in Chicago.

## General Sakharoff Of the Czar's Army Wife of Canada's New Governor General

To Lieutenant General Sakharoff, one of the ablest officers of General Brusiloff's staff, has been awarded the credit for the capture of the city of Brody, Galicia. During the Boxer uprising in

The Duchess of Devonshire, wife of the new governor general of Canada, is a famous hostess and has been Queen Mary's mistress of the robes for a number of years. She is one of Queen Mary's most intimate friends. The duchess has six children, two sons and



GENERAL SAKHAROFF.

China General Sakharoff rendered distinguished service in quelling the outbreak in Manchuria, for which he received a personal letter of thanks from the czar. He also took a notable part in the war with Japan.



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four daughters. Of slender build and with small features and dark hair, the duchess invariably wears quiet looking gowns. She is the daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne and is no stranger to Canada, having lived there with her brother when he was governor general.

## Spanish Rice.

Put into a saucepan two tablespoonfuls of dripping or butter, when very hot add half cupful of rice which has been well washed and dried. Stir frequently, and when browned add a small onion chopped finely, two tablespoonfuls of cooked tomatoes (either fresh or canned) and season with salt and pepper. Cover the rice with hot water and cook until tender, adding more hot water if needed.

## ARTISTIC DECORATIONS.

- Smooth pine planks cut in the o right lengths and stained will o accommodate many books.
- Ordinary store boxes fastened o securely together will make o charming window seat. Provide o a long cushion covered with cre- o tone or casement cloth to match o the window draperies for this o window seat.
- Hang a fringe of the same ma- o terial around the three sides to o hide the boxes. Bank the win- o dow seat with cushions.
- If a bed is placed in the room, o select a small one. Have a cov- o er made of the same material o used for the window seat to slip o over the bed when not in use.
- A screen will effectually con- o ceal the dressing table if the sit- o ting room mu- serve as a bed- o chamber.

## The Children's Play Corner

### What Time Is It?

It requires two players who understand this game, a leader and his accomplice. The accomplice leaves the room, while the leader and the rest of the party remain inside. The leader asks the players what hour they will choose for the accomplice to guess. Suppose some one says, "Four o'clock." The assistant is called in, and he questions the leader, saying, "well, what time is it?" The leader answers thus: "Don't you know?" and then, "Doubtless dancing time." The assistant immediately says, "Four o'clock," to the general mystification of the company. The key is that each hour from 1 to 12 o'clock has been named according to the letters of the alphabet in rotation, from A to K. The leader in answering must be very careful to begin each answer with the letter indicating the chosen hour; thus in the above the assistant noticed that each answer began with "D," and D being the fourth letter of the alphabet indicated that 4 o'clock was the time chosen.

### Brazil Nuts.

The Brazil nut is a native, as its name indicates, of foreign countries. The Brazil nut tree grows to a height of fifty to eighty feet and is a majestic ornament of the woods. But sometimes, if a traveler is not careful, he is bombarded by the mischievous tree, for the shell or fruit is as large as a child's head and is so hard that a blow from it would hurt badly. Inside of these cases or shells are the three cornered Brazil nuts that are sold here.

### Three Riddles.

1. Why is a book like a watermelon? Answer.—Because both are read inside.
2. What is it that goes round and round the house and never leaves a track? Answer.—The wind.
3. There was a green house, and inside the green house was a white house, and inside the white house was a red house, and inside the red house was a blue house, and inside the blue house was a yellow house. What was it? Answer.—A watermelon.

### Got Wrong Idea.

"Willie," called mother, "come here right away. How many times do you want me to call you?"  
"Why, ma," returned Willie, "how did you get the idea that I wanted you to call me at all?"

### Word Building.

Rearrange the letters forming a famous ancient city and a word of refusal and have a president of the United States.  
Answer.—Rome, No; Monroe.

**Minding the Baby.**  
Milly has to mind the baby. When he takes his noontime nap, Trusty's tall keeps time like music. To the rocker's tap, tap, tap!  
"Hush-a-by," sings Milly softly. Until baby shuts his eyes. Trusty's tall is wagging slower. He forgets to snap at flies.  
Milly's "Hush-a-by" grows fainter; Stilled now are the tap, tap, tap! Baby, Trusty and Nurse Milly. All the three are taking naps.  
—Youth's Companion.

