

# In the Arena of Sports

## A Great First Baseman.

Hal Chase of the Cincinnati Reds not only is the champion batsman of the National League, but also he is regarded as the star first baseman of that circuit. His fielding average last season did not equal that of Jake Daubert of the Robins or Konert of the Braves, but he made plays on frequent occasions that convinced baseball critics that he stood in a class by himself.



Photo by American Press Association. HAL CHASE

Chase, when he played with the Yankees, was the best first baseman in the American League, but his indifferent work at times made him lose favor so that when he jumped the White Sox to draw a big salary from the Buffalo Bobs his departure wasn't regretted. In fact, many persons believed when he signed with the Cincinnati Reds a year ago that he never would display his former skill, either as a batsman or as a fielder. Chase changed his tactics as soon as he put on a Cincinnati uniform. He cut out his foolishness and buckled down to the hardest kind of work. He batted last season with the championship batting average of .330 for 112 games.

**Golf at Atlantic City.**  
The Country club of Atlantic City has selected May 3, 4 and 5 as the dates for its annual spring golf tournament. Six sixteens will be provided for, as usual, and there will be a handicap on the last day.

**Babe Adams Goes to Minors.**  
Charles B. (Babe) Adams, formerly pitching star for the Pittsburgh National team, has signed a contract with the St. Joseph-Western-league team.

## Neglect to Drink Water a Common Dietetic Fault

If you would have health you must drink good water and plenty of it. Just now, when spring is beginning operations, Dr. Nature shows the way, says the Country Gentleman. It's water everywhere and in everything. Man consists of 82 1/2 per cent. water, and water makes 70 per cent of the entire body weight. The habits of man's cells are aquatic. Recent medical books written by the highest authorities of America and Europe—books published within the past two years give new emphasis to the need and value of water in the human system. One of the most authoritative states that water is entitled to rank as a food because it enters into the structural composition of all foods as well as into the tissues of the body. One of the most universal dietetic faults is neglect to take enough water into the system.

The time is coming when every enlightened farmer will have his water supply inspected regularly. In our better days we shall have a service that will give to every section an examination and supervision of water used by human beings. In some states analysis may be had at small expense, and it is fitting in the face of Provi- dence not to profit by this. The cost is nothing as compared to the benefits. And keep this in your mind: You cannot maintain your health and efficiency unless you drink good water freely.

**ASPIRATION.**  
Ah, when shall all men's good  
Be each man's rule and univer-  
sal peace  
Lie like a shaft of light across  
the laud,  
And like a lane of beams athwart  
the sea  
Through all the circle of the  
golden year?  
—Tennyson

## Smartly Said

Hate yourself and other fellows will follow suit.

Worry has never been known to lift even a feather.

Some fellows wait until the ice is pretty thick before casting their bread upon the waters.

At the end of the honeymoon the bride realizes that peaches and lemons look very much alike on the tree.

If you do not realize what a fool you are you can at least understand what a fool the other fellow is.

In many instances of reform it would be better if the embalmers could work in conjunction with the reformer.

It is apparent that many of the poets who saddle Pegasus ought to be imprisoned for cruelty to animals.

The optimistic man is never quite as enthusiastic after he has endeavored to touch a few friends for a loan.

No matter how she looks, a woman always feels the difference between a twenty-five dollar and a ninety-eight cent hat when it is on her head.

## Motoring Troubles and How to Overcome Them

Some persons seem unable to learn how to shift gears, nor exactly what shifts are required (particularly if their cars have selective or progressive type shifters, probably because they do not realize how important the how and when of gear shifting is, and have not taken pains to master the instructions or are just naturally not prompt in their movements. Shifts should be noiseless smooth, without a jerk, says a writer in the Farm Journal. One bad shift may cause immediate and serious trouble. At the least, each bad shift seriously shortens the life of the entire driving mechanism behind the clutch.

Broken axles are a common result of driving so that one wheel slips while the other pulls and of getting a wheel in a rut or drain. Such breaks have been caused by using a beaded grip- ping new tire of one driver and an old, smooth worn one on the other.

A careful study of the oiling chart is so important that it cannot be mentioned too often. The manufacturer knows how often each part needs oiling, and the kind of oils or greases that will give best results in each part. Follow instructions and don't use cheap grades—they're too expensive.

A missing cylinder or one not giving full power is probably the most common of all motor troubles, and the un- even, jerky pull is extremely wearing on all driving parts. You can break a cord by jerking that you could not break by a steady pull. The jerks caused by a missing or loading cylinder have that same effect on the entire driving mechanism. It is commonly due to bad spark plugs or leaky valves or to the adjustment on cars using that system. Make the trouble good before you wear your shaft out of true or lose an bearing or break something.

## Light as Chaff

The fight between Pat and Mike was waxing fast and furious. It had progressed to the extent that each had for gotten what it was about originally, and they were wholly oblivious of the gathering crowd with an urbane and gen- eral person in a frock coat put in "Come, come, my man," he said, gently plucking Pat's ear by the sleeve. "You don't want to fight, I can tell by your looks. Your face is too beautiful."

"Two b' mine! Two b' mine, is it; ye spalpeen?" followed Casey. "My face is two b' mine, is it?"

And wallow went the gent in the frock coat into the muddy gutter.

Nothing but Love.

Algernon (after being accepted)—Have you ever loved before?

Angela—No, I have often admired men for their strength, courage, beauty, intelligence or something like that, you know, but with you, Algernon, it's all love—nothing else.

Not to Be Humbugged.

A big mass meeting was being held in Blimville. The well groomed and slick looking individual who was trying to separate the town from its money arose to make a few remarks.

"Follow citizens," he opened up, "apropos."

"Just a minute, mister," said a small, sandy whiskered man. A hook of money once crossed the speaker's face.

"What can I do for you?" he asked.

"I hate here a pocket edition of Webster's dictionary, and I want to look up that word 'apropos.' I don't intend to sit here and let some oily tongued stranger slip one over on us," replied the sandy whiskered man.

"You are a little suspicious, I see," said the speaker. "Now, that word to which you refer means—"

"Never mind what it means," he said. "I'm looking for it."

"I let a smooth talker sell me a unicycle one time. He said it was the last word in convalescence, and when I paid the expressage on it I found I had purchased a wheelbarrow."

## Commander of British Army in Mesopotamia

The recent successes of the British Mesopotamian expeditionary forces on the Tigris river, resulting in the capture of important cities and the retreat of the Turkish army, has completely re-established the English prestige in that region.

Kut-ai-Amar, a strategic military position on the Tigris river leading to Bagdad, was surrendered to the Turks.



GENERAL FREDERICK STANLEY MAUDE

On April 28, 1916, after General Townshend, with a British force of some 10,000 troops, had withstood a siege since the previous December, the present offensive, which resulted in the capture of the town by the British, was begun on Dec. 19, 1916.

General Frederick Stanley Maude, commander of the Anglo-Indian forces, is in his fifty-third year and entered the army in 1871. He served in the Sudan with distinction, receiving the Khedive's star. From 1899 to 1901 he served in South Africa and was decorated with the queen's medal. General Maude was military secretary to the governor general of Canada after he returned from South Africa, remaining there three years.

**THE PILGRIM.**  
Give me my scallop shell of quiet,  
My staff of both to walk upon,  
My scrip of psalms, immortal diet,  
My bottle of salvation,  
My gown of glory, hope's true gauze,  
And thus I'll take my pilgrimage!  
—Sir Walter Raleigh

## Mother's Doll Story

### The Tulip Bed

There was once a small boy who loved to do in the garden.

So one day his papa said, "Jack, how does it like these tulip bulbs to plant?"

"Oh, daddy," cried Jack, "I'd like them best of anything!"

After luncheon Jack took the bag of tulip bulbs under one arm and whistled loudly.

Now, what do you think he was whistling for? Not to make music, he was whistling for his dog, Mike, who always went everywhere with his master.

"Here, Mike, you carry the spade!" cried Jack.

And Mike took the little toy spade between his canines and trotted off into the corner of the garden where his master liked best to dig.

Of course they had a lovely time Jack dug holes in the ground about three times as deep as the tulip bulbs. Then Mike would drop in a bulb and Jack would fill the hole, and both of them would jump on the earth. They both were not very heavy, so a tulip would have no trouble growing right up past the hard earth.

But alas for the blossoms! After supper that night Mike still felt hungry. Probably spring is a very hungry time for all growing things. Anyway, Mike went out in the garden quite alone, scratched up his master's bulbs and set his canines teeth right through the juiciest bulbs there. He kept a shoe button eye on the nursery windows, and when he had finished his mischief he "rattled" into one and went sound asleep on his bulb salad.

**Conundrums.**  
Why is a widow like a gardener? Because she tries to get rid of her weeds.  
When is a pretty girl like a ship? When she is attached to a "boy."  
What makes everybody sick but those who swallow it? Flattery.

Why is a man in danger of losing his way? Because he is guided by the directions of strangers.

When is a bill like a gun? When it is presented and discharged.

What fruit is like a statue? F-I-g-u-r-e.

Why is a cigar loving man like a tall- low candle? Because he will smoke when he is going out.

Why are pretty girls like fireworks? Because they soon go off.

## Inspiration Miscellany

### Office Boys

In the American Magazine is an article by J. O. Armour, in which he says "There is no function of our company to which I attach more importance than the hiring of office boys. These used to be a time when a boy was just a boy. Today he is a potential department head."

"Several years ago I had occasion one forenoon to send a note to a superior in our office building. My own boy was away on another errand, and a new messenger answered the call. The note was never delivered."

"How are boys hired here?" I asked.

"Oh, we take almost any boy who comes along," I was told. "Some of them are employed because their fathers work here."

"This statement set me thinking, and it resulted in the development of the system by which the hiring of boys has become a very painstaking part of our business."

"We have not tried out any of the new 'systems' bearing on character analysis. A cleanliness, good manners, good physique, mental ability and good habits are primary requisites."

"This general system has one drawback. The ranks of our office boys and stenographers are being continually disrupted by the graduation of these employees into positions of higher responsibility. Once a bookkeeper all ways a bookkeeper is not true here."

### Human Affairs.

If a great change is to be made in human affairs the minds of men will be called to it. The general opinions and feelings will draw that way. Every fear, every hope, will forward it and then they who persist in opposing, this mighty current in human affairs will appear rather to resist the decrees of Providence itself than the decrees of men. —Thomas Burke

## Character

Character shows itself in the face. Some, indeed, learn to dissemble and control their features, but though many be deceived, the observant eyes some look, some movement of an eye lid or eyebrow or curl of the lip, betrays them. Deception, long practiced will surely leave its mark on the countenance. Dissimulation, selfishness, greed, cruelty, lack of conscience, make indelible marks on the face. We all try to appear as we are able. To have a charming appearance, a face that wins admiration, one must have beautiful traits of character. If one indulges in ill temper, in selfishness or other disagreeable traits the face is less attractive. Sorrow leaves its lines, pride, and pique do not hide ugliness within. If one is kind, unselfish, cheerful and trying to create a cheerful atmosphere about him, it will show in his face. Hard work will not erase the marks of a lovable disposition. Think good thoughts, think of the beautiful, of the true and the beauty of the soul will shine out on the face, making even the plainest features pleasing. —Milwaukee Journal

## One Great Truth of Life.

The one great truth to which we need to come is that a successful life lies not in doing this, or going there, or possessing something else. It lies in the quality of the daily life. It is just as surely success to be just and courteous to servants or companions or the chance corner as it is to make a note, speech before an audience, or write a book, or make a million dollars. It is achievement on the spiritual side of things. It is the extension of our life here into the spiritual world that is alone of value. This extension is achieved, this growth toward higher things is attained, by our habitual attitude of mind. It develops by truth and love and goodness. It is stimulated by every ennobling thought, every unkind or unkind act. —Lillian Whiting

## Your Mother.

Young man, did you ever put your arms around your dear old mother, who has loved and cared for you, and tell her that you love her and are grateful for the tears she has shed and the prayers she has offered for you? She may think that you love her with out your assuring her that you do, but it costs you but little effort to tell her, and your words may bring more joy and sunshine to her heart than you ever dreamed of.

## Wise Observations

Do not be overkeen to thrust your opinion upon folks. They doubtless have an assortment of their own.

It sometimes takes an empty cistern to make a man look out for a rainy day.

In preparation for seed sowing do not omit a few seeds of kindness.

A great deal of advice should be well shaken before being taken.

The ideal state is "a sound mind in a sound body," and it is possible by a right course of living, consistently carried out, to approach this condition.

Don't take chances and wall at results.

## SELF KNOWLEDGE.

By all means use sometimes to be alone.

Salute thyself, see what thy soul doth wear.

Dare to look in thy chest, for 'tis thine own.

And tumble up and down what thou findst there.

Who cannot rest till he good fellows find.

He breaks up house, turns out of doors his mind.

—George Herbert.

## What Women Like to Know

### Smart Sport Coat

The sport coat herewith illustrated is of gold velours, with convertible collar and facings in a huge brown and gold



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check. The cut is the thing. A loose fall from the shoulders and buttoned to the very bottom. Hat is crowned with cherries and foliage.

### Cleaning a White Coat.

A white coat may be cleaned by brushing the following mixture well into the cloth the way of the nap: Mix some powdered pipe clay and whitening, some fuller's earth and a little stone blue dissolved in vinegar, in sufficient quantities to form the whole into a paste, rub into the coat and leave it to dry. When the coat is quite dry, rub it well, beat it to get the dust out and then brush.

### Mending Gloves.

When mending a rip in a kid glove, buttonhole neatly over each side of the rip, putting the needle through the holes made by the original stitching and taking one or two stitches over both edges at each end of the rip. Then sew closely over the cords formed by buttonholing, cutting the edges together. This looks much better than when merely sewed together, over and over.

### Darning Lace Curtains.

When mending small holes in lace curtains darn them before the curtain is washed, but when there is a hole that requires a patch, wash the curtains first, stretch and dry; then cut a piece of the top with which to make the patch, trim off all frayed edges around the holes, dip the patch in raw starch and press it over the hole.

### Rheumatism Remedy.

For inflammatory rheumatism take a piece of gum camphor about the size of an egg, pulverize and dissolve in a cupful of melted lard, rub in well on the inflamed parts twice a day as warm and as long as it can be endured.

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