TIM MURNANE ON BALL TEAMS

Size Up of Situation by Veteran.

American and National Clubs Compared--East Has Best Talent.

New Timber Can't Do Much Until It Has Passed One Season at Least.

Now that the time is near at hand when the great ball clubs must clear the decks for real action it might be interesting to size up in an offhand way the chances of the different clubs of both major leagues, says Tim Murnane.

The chances for any great results from new timber is never enough in baseball to give alarm, for the youngsters seldom make good the first year out, but are sure to show their best speed the second season, if given the proper encouragement.

Counting the new talent even up all-round, one can figure the failure with the close of last season, when the different combinations were playing the best ball.

In the American league both Cleveland and Chicago are in the race, while St. Louis and Detroit are bound to have a three-cornered race with Washington for the last three places. Each of the other clubs can be counted upon to be a big factor, and each of the five clubs will more than likely lead the race for a while or until the real test comes after July has passed.

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On general form Cleveland is strong, and will continue to tear up the ground with the strongest clubs, and yet no expert will name this club as a probable winner. Brilliant one day, the team has a lot of players who will take things easy. Fighting hard to down the champions, they will lose their strength when stacked up against a second division club and will not pull together.

I would rather pick Chicago than Cleveland, for the reason that the team has a superior leader in Comiskey, who will not quit when a race is close and every move counts. Cleveland will play her best game when not leading, and it's a question just what "Larry's" boys would do under a hot fire from a hardened enemy. Cleveland has a chance, but a slight one. Chicago has a fine lot of ball players, and with a pitching staff made up of men who could stand the gaff to the close, would make trouble. This team will put up a marvelous fielding game and play the fine points, but has no field leader vigorous enough to force the landing of a pennant.

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In the East Connie Mack must be counted on to make trouble for all, with very little chance of winning from two such "crackerjack" clubs as New York and Boston. The Quakers have some grand good players more than likely to be put out of the game, and the young blood being picked up by Mack outside the pitchers is not of an extra quality.

Now we come to the dangerous club, for Griffith's New York team will be much stronger than last season, and be in better shape to go on without worrying, a fault they labored under last season when they met Boston. The only lacking ingredient is the full amount of nerve in a pinch as a whole. But the team has some of the plucklest players, individually, in the profession. In fact, this is the finest ball team today in the land when all depends on the skill of the players, for they lead as hitters, base runners and fielders combined, with a superb knowledge of the fine points of the game.

Daniel Webster and the Brandy.

Mr. Webster's fondness for brandy gave one of his important clients a very bad twenty-four hours. He was called to Philadelphia to defend the Goodyear rubber patents, and the head of the firm met him at the station. When they had entered the carriage, he at once turned to Mr. Webster and referred to one feature of the evidence to be presented in the trial the following day.

"I speak of it, Mr. Webster," he said, "as it has a peculiarly important bearing on the case, and I thought you might not have understood its significance."

Mr. Webster, who was looking dreamily out of the carriage window, was recalled to a consciousness of his client's presence. He yawned, and, settling back against the cushions, remarked:

"I've always hoped I might some day come to Philadelphia, because I've been told that there is no place in the United States where they serve finer brandy. When I came away from Boston, I said to some of my friends, 'Boys, I'm going to find out about that Philadelphia brandy, and if I find that it really is the best, I shall have made a useful trip.'"

Several times Mr. Goodyear tried to draw his distinguished attorney's attention to the particular point at issue, but he never seemed to take the slightest interest in it. The brandy of Philadelphia was apparently the only topic which interested him, and he always recurred to it.

Mr. Goodyear left him somewhat dejectedly at his hotel. When he returned to his office his story was anything but inspiriting. "We've got a man who is supposed to be the greatest lawyer in the United States, and the only subject in which he takes any interest is Philadelphia brandy!"

That night, though, Mr. Webster worked in his room until after 2 o'clock, occasionally walking the floor, and marshaling his case into battle array. His plea the next day was one of his most impressive utterances in its power and logic, and the case, involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, was given to the Goodyears.—Stanley Johnson in Harper's Weekly.

Proposed to Five Girls in an Hour.

The art of wooing was practiced in an unusually practical way by Charles Hornig of Beckwith, Okla. Hornig came to visit relatives and friends in Waymansville. Since he has been in Oklahoma he has been successful and is now one of the prosperous young men of the new settlement.

It was suggested to Hornig that he take unto himself a bride before he left for his home, and reports from the village say that unless than two weeks he proposed to five young women of that neighborhood and in one hour asked five to be his wife. The eighth proposal, it is said, won him a bride, and he and Miss Ida Franks were married and have left for their Western home.—Kansas City Journal.

Don't Fear Batter, Says Nichols

Cardinals' Manager Tells of His Success as Twirler and Gives Good Reasons.

Charles Nichols, the veteran pitcher and manager of the Cardinals, when asked to what he attributes his success as a twirler, replied:

"Well, a man has to have several qualities to stay in the game actively as long as I have, but I think the principal thing is that I have never been afraid to let the batter hit the ball.

"I always remember the fact that a good batter cannot put more than one in three safe, a poor batter one in four, or even less. I never—or seldom, anyway—throw my arms off trying to strike a man out. It's mighty hard to fan a good hitter, and it doesn't pay to try it on a poor one.

"I let them hit it, but try to keep them from hitting it safe, never forgetting that I have eight men behind me just as eager as I am to retire the opposing batter. Years ago I practiced and developed a high, jump ball, one that passes over the plate at a man's shoulders and changes its course ever so slightly as it passes him. It's a hard ball to hit safe.

"To make a hard ball the batter must meet the ball squarely on the center, and my aim has always been to keep from doing that. If he hits under it the result is a fly that can almost surely be gobbled up by one of the fielders. If he hits it on top a grounder goes to one of the infielders. While this jump ball has been my most effective argument, I never worked it to death.

"My policy has always been to keep the batter guessing. A good hitter may strike wild at the first one, but if you give him another in exactly the same place he is quite likely to have it sized up and slam it out of the lot. Don't let him know where the next one is coming. A high fast one with a jump followed by a low, slow teaser will keep him guessing.

"I very seldom throw two balls in succession exactly alike, unless the batter is known to have a very serious weakness on a certain kind of ball or curve. Another thing that I never believed in is throwing wide balls on purpose. A good many pitchers think it policy to waste one or two occasionally. Not for me. I never could see the advantage of it. What's the use of deliberately throwing a ball that only wastes your strength and puts you in the hole?

"My object is to make the batter hit at the first one and the second one and the third one. By that time he is out or has made a hit, and the chances are three to one that it is the former. Of course I give bases on balls and pitch many wide ones, but it is never intentional.

"Study the batter; keep him guessing, make him hit, but keep him from hitting it safe if you can; don't be afraid to trust your fielders, and always keep in condition. Those are my rules, and I am pitching yet in the big league, though I started nineteen years ago."

Jeffries Coming West.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Billy Delaney writes a Vallejo sport that he and Jim Jeffries will return to California about June 1. Their show, which has been a success on the road, will close the season the latter part of May, and Jeffries and Delaney will spend the summer on the coast.

Jeffries is planning an extensive hunting trip in the Yellowstone park this summer, and Harry Corbett has been invited to join him. The Federal Government don't allow hunting in the famous park, but fine shooting is found in the adjoining territory. When Jeffries comes home some of the local clubs will try to frame up a fight for him. In case Rickards should make quick work of Berger it would give him a national prominence and he would be talked of as a formidable opponent. Rickards has the build of a great fighter, but it will take time and experience to tell whether he is or is not.

FRESH AIR AND VENTILATION.

Some Directions Relating to Bedrooms and Clothing.

First, and very important: Keep you bed and bedroom warm and dry during the day. An open window and a cold room will make the bed damp and cold, and give its unfortunate occupant a severe cold at least, if not worse. A damp bed is a veritable brooding-place of bacteria. Many housekeepers, having heard of the necessity of fresh air, leave the bedroom window open during the day, filling it with cold air when none is needed, and then close the window for the night, when the room is occupied and fresh air is needed in abundance. Any one can see how contrary to common sense such procedure is.

The custom of some housekeepers to keep the "spareroom" closed at all times and then opening it only or warming it just before putting a guest into, is to put it mildly, very thoughtless. Cold objects, bedding included, when exposed to sudden heat, condense the moisture in the air, and consequently such beds are always damp and cold, and are the most unhealthy, and should be avoided even by guests. Better go to an up-to-date hotel or walk home any number of miles, than to sleep in such a bed.

Second. All your clothing worn in the daytime, footwear included, open out and hang over chairs, or on hooks near the stove or register to dry and air during the night. If you neglect this simple, sanitary measure, your clothing will feel damp and cold in the morning, because it still contains the evaporations from your body during the previous day, and after a while your clothing will have an unpleasant odor from these evaporations. Drying and airing your footwear during the night will keep your feet from sweating, coldness and bad odors.

Third. Your bed and room, warm and dry, have plenty of lightweight bedding. Then just before retiring, close the door and open a window from the bottom. Where more than one person sleeps in a room, the window must be raised higher. This will give an abundance of fresh air while you sleep. Place the bed so that the fresh air current will not strike you directly. Protected in your dry, warm bed—as cozy as a bug in a rug—the air, cold, pure and fresh, freighted with oxygen, a very elixir of life, will quiet your nerves, will rest you, will soothe you, and give you healing and strength. When arising in the morning, close the window quickly and let heat come into the room. Then, dressed in your aired and dry day-clothing, you will feel clean, fresh and vigorous.

Fourth. Keep your living-rooms well ventilated in daytime. If no other provision is made for ventilation, get one of those attachments to a stove pipe or flue which take the cold air from the floor. Foul air being heavier than warm air, naturally sinks to or near the floor, and by the above mentioned apparatus escapes to the flue. How many sitting-rooms of even well-to-do people have a very offensive odor from lack of ventilation!

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MODERN SPORTS BORN LONG AGO

But Little New Under the Sun.

Golf One of the Most Ancient of All Known Sports.

Racing and Boxing and Bowling and Cricket Are Some of the Old-Time Pastimes.

Devotees of the game of golf are pleased occasionally to allude to it as an ancient and honorable sport, and they have the right to do so, but it is interesting to note that nearly all modern sports are equally entitled to the venerable and commendable appellation. Horse racing is one of the most ancient of pastimes, and, strange as it may seem, was originally of a semi-religious character. Horse racing, as far as history records, began in the year 212 in the chariot races at the funeral games in honor of Patroclus, and as a sport was well grounded as early as 1174.

Foot racing was a prominent feature of the first thirteen Olympiads and was, as it now is, a grand sport. Wrestling was introduced at the eighteenth Olympiad, boxing in the twenty-third, and at this same Olympiad chariot races became a feature of the contests. Boxing and wrestling rules have not changed as much as one would think ordinarily, since their introduction, although boxing was more dangerous in the early days, owing to the cestus that fighters wore.

Bowling and cricket have hundreds of years of experience before them. Bowls was introduced in England as early as the twelfth century and cricket was known in the fore part of the thirteenth. Curling is first mentioned in 1607 in Camden's history of the Orkney Islands, and yachting was originated by "Good Queen Bess" in 1588, although the first yacht race was not held until 1662, when Charles II., himself steering part of the course, won in a race against the Duke of York.

Baseball is modern. When one realizes that the present game was not perfected until about 1845 the modernity of the game is remarkable, compared with almost every other sport.

Sportsmen may find from the data here given that which is highly satisfactory. They are followers and admirers of things that have stood the test of centuries and flourished.

The Straw Hat in England.

Men with as yet only one foot in the grave can easily remember when the American picked himself out in the London crowd by his summer hat, but now in his belated conformity to an extinct ideal his head is apt to be one of the few cylindered or derbyed heads in the swarming processions of Piccadilly, or the paths in the park. No shape of straw hat is peculiar to any class, but the slouching panama is for pecuniary reasons more the wear of rank and wealth. With a brim flared up in front and scooped down behind it justifies its acceptance rather more with youth; age and middle age wear its weave and the tuscan braid in the fedora form; and now and then one saw the venerable convention of the cocked footman's and coachman's silk hat mocked in straw.

No concession more extreme could be made to the heat, and these strange cylinders, together with the linen liveries which accompanied them, accented the excesses in which the English are apt to indulge their common sense when they decide to give way to it. They have apparently decided to give way to it in the dress of both sexes on the bridle-paths of the park, where individual caprice is the sole law that obtains amidst a general anarchy. The young girls and young men in flapping panamas, in tunics and jackets of any kind and color, gave certainly an agreeable liveliness to the spectacle, which their elders emulated by expressions of taste as personal and unconventional.—W. D. Howells in Harper's Magazine.

Durable Dane to Trim James Edward

Battling Nelson Picked as Winner in Coming Match With Britt by Eastern Critics.

Battling Nelson to take the measure of James Edward Britt was the one best bet on Broadway, says the New York Telegraph. Ten thousand dollars changed hands between the Flatirons over Tuesday night's lightweight argument at 'Frisco. But the men who took the Young Corbett end of the wager were not disposed to be sore. They picked him because they had "strung along" with him in his previous encounters. He carried their money on sentiment and there was no gainsaying that he had been cleverly beaten.

"It was a good, clean fight and the best man won," said George Considine, who had some reason to be glad, as a big bet he wired to the ringside failed to connect. "Corbett was licked because he met his master. Nelson is the best lad of his weight in the world, and he'll take the measure of James Edward Britt in short order when they get together next month."

"The Simple Life" Too Late.

"Corbett was a trifle late in taking up 'The Simple Life,'" said "Rob Roy" Benton of Boston. "That's why he got licked. Master Rothwell was as clever a lad as ever stepped into a ring and he had a mighty punch, as Terry McGovern can tell you. But he used that hook too often across the bar. And you know 'the bird and the bottle' is like a blow below the belt every time to a man in the fighting business. Corbett showed for three rounds that he hadn't forgotten the knack of boxing, but his punches were shy on steam. That's what lets Master Rothwell out of the top-notcher class."

Though the sentiment was general in local sporting circles that Young Corbett's love of frivolity was entirely responsible for his pugilistic eclipse, there was no disposition to discount Nelson's cleverness. Everywhere he was given credit for putting up a stiff, cool-headed fight. The balance of diplomacy was all in favor of the group in Corbett's corner, but Nelson out-generaled his opponent from the start. He let Corbett wear himself out.

"The odds will be even money and take your pick when Nelson hooks up with Britt," said Tom O'Rourke, "but my money will go down on the Battling Swede. He seems to have the punch and the brain to direct it. He licked Britt the last time they met, though the referee said differently. These lightweight gentlemen don't excite me overmuch. They muss it up too violently. They do everything but take a good kick at each other, after the manner of our French friends. But Nelson seems to be about the best man of his weight, and I look to see him make a quick finish of Mr. Britt. I would rather he didn't press the issue, as Charley Mitchell is bringing over Jabez White and I think Jabez will find Britt easier picking than the Swede."

City Furnishes Dentists.

Municipal dentists are appointed and paid for by many of the large towns and cities of Germany. In Strasburg, for example, 2966 children were examined last year, 699 teeth were filled and 2912 extracted. The method of work is simple. The teacher brings his class to the dentist, who examines each mouth quickly and marks on a card each child has brought whether treatment is necessary. If so, the child must come again on a Saturday. Russia is also joining in the movement, and has already fitted up nine such institutions in St. Petersburg. And why not, or rather, why so late in coming, one might ask. If it is true that, generally speaking, good teeth are necessary to good health and long life, and if, also, a large and growing proportion of citizens have not good teeth, then it follows that the fact is one of public concern. Is it not, for instance, of much importance to the community that workmen should have good masticating and digesting powers, as that there should be $20,000,000 city halls, public parks, expositions, etc.? This little, or large, realization of preventive medicine has so far got into our American minds that we have ordered the soldiers' teeth to be attended to, and his Government service by so much enhanced. But the soldier is at last paid by the civil worker, and as to his teeth and service we are entirely indifferent.—New York Tribune.

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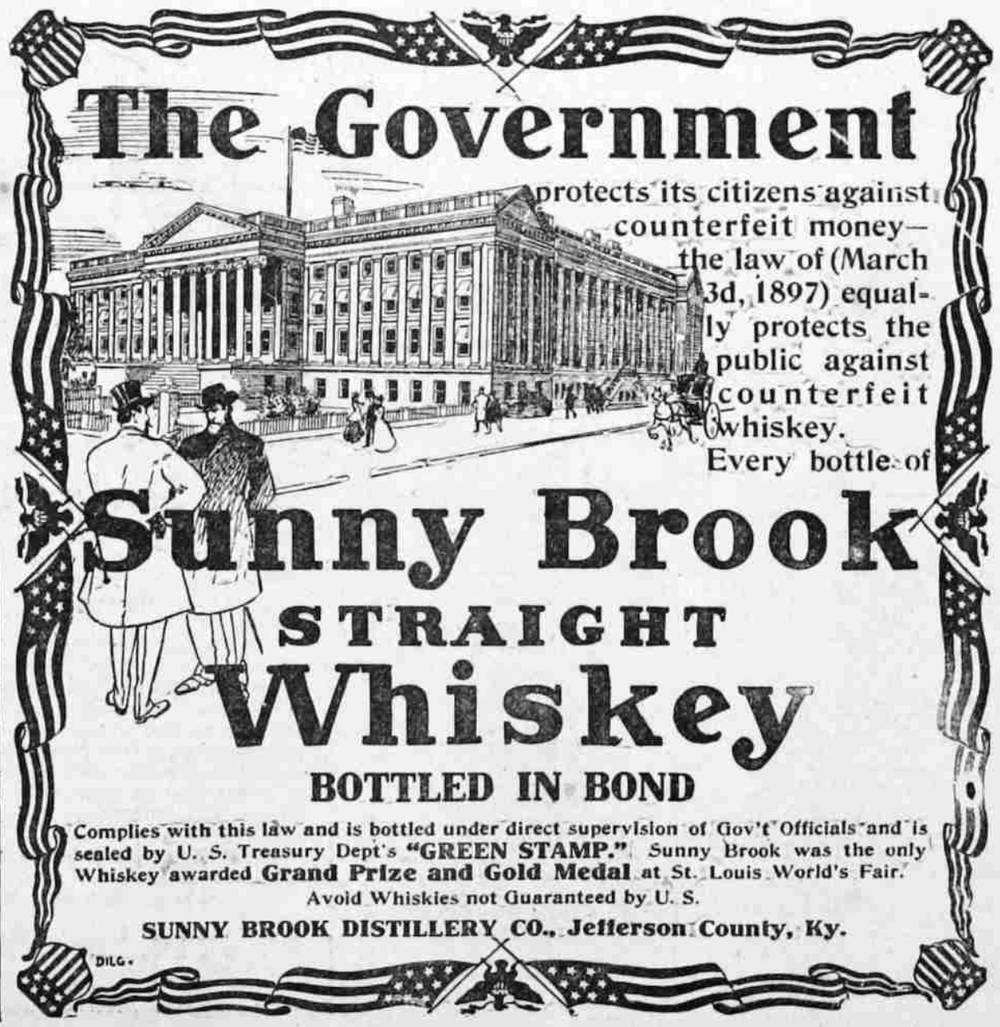

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