IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

PLENTY OF GINGER IS SHOWN BY NATIONALS

Have Another Good Day's Practice — Pitcher Hovlik Arrives in Camp.

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Special Dispatch to The Star.

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Another grand day for practice for the Nationals dawned this morning and those not on the sick or injured list were at the park by 9:30 o'clock. The hard work of yesterday had left all the boys somewhat sore, but after a half-hour's work the ginger came to the front once more and the practice proceeded with the same old dash. Ohl and Oberlin were on the rubber, with Rapp and Street on the receiving end. Gray and Groom are carded to work this afternoon. "Doc" Reisling is the latest to go on the sick list, and the big pitcher had to keep to his bed this morning with some stomach trouble. He has been working very faithfully since coming down here, and the chances are that he has overestimated his strength. A day's rest in bed will probably fix him up for tomorrow's practice.

Joe Hovlik arrived this morning and was given a warm welcome by the players. His baggage went astray and he was not able to get in uniform this morning, but he will be there this afternoon. Hovlik's appearance is pleasing to Manager McAleer, as with Reisling and Walker out of it the big Swede will be given plenty of condition work during the rest of the week. Hovlik left his home in Iowa Sunday night and has been traveling ever since, but showed little signs of weariness and would have been on the field of battle this morning but for the delay in the arrival of his baggage.

Walker Comes Home.

Manager McAleer does not like the idea of Walker lying around the hotel and will send him home by boat this morning to nurse his strained ankle. "Dixie's" injury is nothing serious, but just enough to keep him from working. He will stop at the Arlington until the team gets back home.

A new rule went into effect this morning that was welcomed by the twirlers. Those pitchers who work out in the morning need not dress in the afternoon and those working in the afternoon can remain at the hotel in the morning. Gray, Groom, Reisling and Oberlin are in fine shape and Mac doesn't want to overtrain them, and figures that one good workout a day is enough to keep them primed for the real work to come.

Manager McAleer missed his guess on Kid Elberfeld. Last night after practice Mac remarked that he would bet a suit of clothes the Kid wouldn't be on the field today, figuring that the little fellow had worked so hard yesterday that he would be too sore to practice. But the Tobasco Kid was one of the first up this morning and reported at the grounds feeling none the worse for his first tryout. Elberfeld says that practice in running, fielding and throwing never hurts him, but the first few days going through the batting stunts will make him sore in the chest. A couple days will fix him up in prime condition.

As intimated in another paragraph, Jack Hardy felt pretty sore this morning, and Manager McAleer told him not to dress today. Jack is a willing worker and figures that he will be able to resume practice tomorrow. Hardy's injury throws all the work on Street and Rapp, and, as the latter has a bad thumb, Jack will be welcomed back. All the pitchers warm up before the real practice starts and the catchers work with them. Then when the pitching and batting starts Rapp goes behind the bat to catch one of the twirlers and Street the other. This routine is pretty hard on the catchers, but they are standing up toit nicely.

"Red" Killifer has finally mastered his injured ankle and was in splendid form this morning, hitting and fielding as though he enjoyed it. There is nothing like perfect condition to ginger one up, especially after being an invalid for nearly a week.

Mrs. McAleer Arrives.

Mrs. McAleer arrived here last night after a round-about journey from Youngstown, Ohio. She was on the road six hours longer than she should have been, as she came down by way of Philadelphia instead of Baltimore and naturally was fatigued by the journey.

Manager McAleer is taking no chances on the present good warm spell of weather and will lose no opportunity to go the limit in the matter of work. 'Get out, boys, and hustle," sang out Mac this morning. "There is no telling when this weather will break and we want to take every advantage of it. You all look good to me just now and I want to keep you so for that great big opening day."

Every day there are a half dozen or more business men from Washington dropping into Norfolk, and they make their arrangements to go out to the park for at least a half hour to look at the boys. Several of them have spoken to The Star representative about the team, and every one has had the greatest praise for the splendid work Mac has been getting out of the players.

Umpire Harry Mace brings word from Richmond to the effect that there is a great deal of interest cropping up there over the games scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. Harry says he will bet a hat that over five thousand people will be on hand to witness the Easter Monday game and almost as many Tuesday.

The boys are commencing to get restless and frequently sigh for "that dear old Washington." Norfolk is well enough in its way and the boys have been treated splendidly by everybody, but they can't help getting tired of practice, and sigh for the real game.

Jack Hardy Injured.

That clever boy Jack Hardy met with a painful accident during the practice yesterday afternoon and he will probably remain at the hotel during the day. Jack was catching Bob Groom when one of the batters at the plate popped up a foul fly that came down near him and he called for it and started for the ball. Groom didn't hear the call and cut loose another ball with one of his fastest inshoots. Jack in running for the fly went directly into the pitched ball and it hit him in the groin. He ran around for a second or two like a crazy man and then sank to the ground. The pain was so intense that it made him sick, and he sank into unconsciousness. Everybody rushed for Hardy, of course, on the instant and he was carried back of the stand and partially unstripped by Trainer Quirk and stimulants administered. Jack finally came to and the pain was severe, but spirits of ammonia braced him up sufficiently for him to limp to the car and return to the hotel. It is not thought that there will be any permanent after effects outside of soreness and that he will be ready to resume work by tomorrow morning.

Hardy is in almost perfect condition, is a persistent worker, and by his genial ways has become very popular with all the players, who sympathized with and jollied him at every opportunity. Hardy says this is the third time he has gone out for the count. When in the minors Pitcher Eddie Summers, now of Detroit, hit him back of the head while at the bat and nearly killed him. It was two weeks before he got over that rap.

When the Nationals pull out for Richmond next Monday Manager McAleer will take with him only the regulars and send the remainder back to Washington. Those to return home will probably be Street, Crooks, Miller, Killifer, Walker, Oberlin and possibly Milan. Rapp and Hardy will do the catching and Reisling, Gray and Groom the pitching. Should Walker come around all right he may go to Richmond. The crowd that goes to Washington will report at the park Monday morning, under direction of Street, and work out on the program that has been in force down here. It is expected that the team will reach Washington late Tuesday night, take a short practice Wednesday and then tackle the Philadelphia Nationals Thursday.

There is great rivalry among the pool players on the club, and it looks as though Charley Street and "Germany" Schaefer will have to get together to settle the championship. Both these players are of the "clean-up" variety—that is, for the opponent to break and then clear the table. So far Street has a shade on the "Dutchman," but the latter insists that he can't play his best while contesting with Charley. If Schaefer can overcome the "gcat" idea he should be able to make a great match for Street. "Dolly" Gray is the best three-cushion player in the club and classes up well. Bob Groom is about 10 per cent weaker, but makes Gray hustle if the luck comes his way. On straight billiards Manager McAleer has them all beat, as he possesses the knack of nursing the balls and in this way cops the big runs. So far Mac has refused to tackle the three-cushion game, so that it is easy to pick the leaders in the different classes.

"Dolly" Gray is in superb form just now, and if he works at Richmond, with warm weather so he can cut loose at full speed, the fans down there should see some high-class twirling. In working against the batters yesterday afternoon there were very few safe drives made off Gray, and the hard-hitting Gessler suffered with the rest. "Dolly" served up several of his slow ones and completely puzzled the doctor, who cried out: "You look like a million dollars to me this afternoon, 'Dolly.' You certainly have them breaking nicely for you." The jolly was appreciated by Gray, and he served up a nice straight one, with the result that "Doc" slammed it against the fence in center field.

During the workout yesterday afternoon a great deal of time was spent in everybody getting familiar with the signals, and as the group would gather around McAleer the irrepressible Unglaub would shout, "Another meeting of the strategy board!" With Schaefer and Elberfeld practically new to the infield and a new manager, an entire set of signals will have to be adopted, and it will take fully a week's work before the infield, outfield, pitchers and catchers can work in perfect harmony. Manager McAleer gets the players to suggest plays and signals, and impresses the fact on their minds that he is not too old to learn from any one. Once a week the entire crowd gets together, plays and signals are gone over, and by the time the season opens not a member of the Nationals will have any excuse to offer for not being fully conversant with everything transpiring on the ball field.

After being here nearly three weeks the street railway company finally unbuttoned today and gave orders for the players to be passed free to and from the ball park. Several of the players like to walk out and back from the park in the morning, but a ride in the afternoon feels awfully nice after the early practice. Schaefer tried the walk the first day, but cut it out thereafter, as he thought it stiffened him up. Several others of the seasoned men are of the same opinion, with the result that only the "kids" and Manager McAleer will be doing the walking on the final practice day.

The Washington fans need not be surprised this season to see George McBride blossom into one of the best hitters on the team. During the work down here George has been getting the ball safe about as often as any of the other boys, although he doesn't pull off many long ones. If the "gorgeous one" can hit around .280 this year he will easily be the best shortstop in the country. This goes for Hans Wagner, as Mac possesses a great asset in nerve—something the German lacks.

INJURED WHILE AT PRACTICE.

CATCHER HARDY BATTING.

"DIXIE" WALKER.

Mike Kahoe in Town.

Mike Kahoe, the veteran catcher of the Nationals, called to see President Noyes today at his office to confer with him relative to his duties as scout for the Washington team this season.

Kahoe will remain in Washington until the Nationals return from Norfolk for the purpose of talking with Manager McAleer. It is remembered that Kahoe did some scout work for the Nationals last season, and succeeded in landing Leliveit and Walker. If he is as successful this season his work will be all that is expected, as the two new players have given every indication of holding their own in major league circles.

In speaking of the team this season Mike expressed himself as well pleased with the make-up, although he said he had not as yet seen them work. "They ought to make a good showing this year," declared the veteran catcher, "and I am sure they will."

BUSINESS BOYS BUSY.

Took Army and Navy Team Into Camp in Practice Game.

The Business High School and the Army and Navy Preps crossed bats yesterday on the Fernwood diamond, which resulted in a victory for the Stenographers by a score of 12 to 3.

The boys from the high school had their batting eyes with them, and drove the ball to all corners of the lot. Dewey, who started the twirling for the losers, did not last long, and was soon relieved by Ballard, who met with the same fate. Coach Newberry relieved the latter, but he could not stop the Stenographers.

Burley and Schofield, who were on the slab for the winners, had things their own way.

The batting honors went to McCarthy and Naughton for the victors, each having three hits to his credit, while O'Hara carried off the honors for the losers with four clean hits.

The score:

B. H. S.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	A. & N.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Whit'h, ss	3	2	1	1	1	Ballard, 2b	0	0	1	1	0
McC'hy, 1b	3	3	5	0	0	De'ey, p, 2b	0	2	2	2	1
Naug'n, lf	1	3	1	0	0	Field, 3b	1	0	2	1	0
Dodge, 2b	0	0	2	0	0	O'Hara, ss	2	4	0	1	0
Beall, 3b	3	2	2	0	0	Taylor, 1b	0	0	7	0	2
Burly, p	0	1	3	0	0	Redus, c	0	0	10	0	0
Schof'ld, p	0	0	1	0	0	Averill, lf	0	0	3	0	0
Scott, cf	0	1	0	0	0	Angle, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Rathb'e, cf	0	1	0	0	0	Shelts, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Schram, rf	1	2	1	0	0	Newb'ry, p	0	2	0	0	1
Patch'l, rf	0	0	1	0	0						
Gobel, c	1	0	12	1	0						
Totals	12	15	27	7	1	Totals	3	8	27	5	9

B. H. S.	2 4 1 1 0 1 1 0 2—12
A. and N. Preps	1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—3

Earned runs—B. H. S., 10; A. and N. Preps, 2. First base by errors—B. H. S., 2; A. and N. Preps, 1. Left on bases—B. H. S., 8; A. and N. Preps, 4. First base on balls—Off Burly, 2; off Dewey, 4; off Ballard, 1. Innings pitched—By Dewey, 4; by Ballard, 1; by Newberry, 4; by Burly, 5; by Schofield, 4. Hits made—Off Dewey, 7; off Ballard, 1; off Newberry, 7; off Burly, 5; off Schofield, 3. Struck out—By Burly, 7; by Schofield, 6; by Dewey, 1; by Newberry, 1. Three-base hits—Naughton and Schram. Two-base hits—McCarthy (2), Whitmarsh, Beall, Naughton, O'Hara (2) and Newberry. Stolen bases—McCarthy, Naughton (2), Beall (3), Burly, Scott, Rathbone, Ballard (2) and O'Hara (2). Wild pitches—Burly and Newberry. Passed ball—By Redus, 1. Umpire—Mr. Spencer. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

SHERMAN ATHLETES WIN.

Shut Out Galmonts in Six-Inning Contest, 3 to 0.

The Sherman A. C. base ball team added another victory to its string yesterday by shutting out the Galmonts by a score of 3 to 0 in one of the best games seen on the Monument lot this season. It was a pitchers' battle throughout.

Tate, who was on the firing line for the winners, made a record for himself in the six innings of play by holding his opponents down to no hits or runs and striking out thirteen men. Massino, who did the twirling for the losers, pitched a good game and received excellent support, and with a few hits behind him a different story would possibly have been told.

The batting honors of the game went to Flynn for the winners, who made a home run in the first inning.

The score follows:

Sherman A. C.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	Galmonts.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
W. Flynn, cf	1	1	0	0	0	Troul'd, ss	0	0	1	1	0
M. Poll'k, c	0	0	13	0	1	Black'e, lf	0	0	1	1	0
C. Rob'ts, ss	0	0	0	1	0	Robin'n, 1b	0	0	4	1	0
L. Cha'n, 1b	0	1	5	0	0	Daly, 2b	0	0	1	1	0
P. Miller, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	Shea, cf	0	0	1	0	0
H. Fel'n, cf	1	1	0	0	0	Coombs, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Tate, p	0	0	0	2	0	Bosley, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Levy, 2b	0	0	0	0	0	Massino, p	0	0	1	0	0
Patter'n, rf	0	0	0	0	0	Redman, c	0	0	4	1	0
Totals	3	3	18	3	1	Totals	0	0	15	6	0

Sherman A. C.	1 0 0 1 1 x—3
Galmonts	0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Home run—Flynn. Stolen bases—Pollock (3), C. Roberts, Coombs, Trouland, Feldman, Charlton, Blackistone. Double play—Massino to Daly. First base on balls—Pollock, Roberts (2), Coombs, Patterson, Trouland, Blackistone. Hit by pitcher—Trouland, Pollock. Struck out—By Tate, 13; by Massino, 4. Passed balls—Pollock. Umpire—Mr. L. Roberts. Time—1 hour and 10 minutes.

NATIONAL GUARD MEET.

Many Entries Have Been Received for Coming Games.

Entries for the annual games of the Athletic Association of the National Guard of the District of Columbia which are to be held in the drill hall of the guard the evening of March 31 are fast coming in, and the indications are that the meet this year will surpass any in the history of the organization.

Capt. Edwards, manager of the meet, has received a letter from "Bob" Fleming of this city, now a student at Cornell University, stating that he will enter the two-mile and other distance events. "Bob" also stated he will bring another Cornell man with him who will enter the distance events. Jack Sterrett has entered the pole vault with a determination to break the south Atlantic record for the event. Clarence May, the great distance runner of the United States Army, has entered the two-mile run for the South Atlantic Association championship.

The members of the District Guard who will contest in the various events, especially those for guard members, are training at the guard gymnasium, and some of them are showing excellent form.

CHANGES IN YANKEE TEAM.

W. H. Hughes Ineligible to Play for Chess Team.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 23.—Some unforeseen changes have been made necessary in the personnel of the American team which will represent the universities of this country in the annual cable chess match against Oxford and Cambridge next month. W. H. Hughes of the University of Pennsylvania has been found to be ineligible this year and the team will be much weakened by his ab-

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TENNIS TOURNEY DATES ANNOUNCED

Bachelor Club Gets District Championship Event for September 12.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Two features loom large in the annual list of championship and open tournaments for the season issued from the headquarters of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association in this city yesterday. For the first time in the history of the game the all-comers national championship at the Casino, Newport, R. I., will begin Monday instead of Tuesday, the date being August 15; also the meeting is to be the climax of the lawn tennis year. This is made evident by the placing of the clay court championship of the United States, the tournament over which so much controversy waged, the date being August 1, on the courts of the Omaha Field Club. The date is a change from the original intention, as the first week of September was asked by the western players. From these dates it is evident that the executive committee intends to allow nothing to overshadow Newport's time-honored session on the courts. The women's national, as usual, holds the courts of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Wissahickon Heights, the week of June 20.

As it stands the list of 119 tournaments is most representative, and is larger than in any previous year. It is not, however, so large as Secretary A. L. Hoskins promised it would be at the recent meeting of the executive committee at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was stated yesterday in explanation that the list would be added to later as arrangements were made. As to the changes that appear upon the list as issued, several important tournaments are missing, notably that of the Englewood Field Club and of the East Jersey Lawn Tennis Association. The most important of the new tournaments added in this vicinity are an open tournament at the Ardsley Club, Ardsley-on-Hudson, June 13, and a coast championship at the Bay Head Yacht Club, N. J., September 3. The list of important tournaments follows:

May 21—Longwood Cricket Club, Boston; New England intercollegiate championship.

May 23—Bachelors' Lawn Tennis Club, Washington, D. C.; Middle Atlantic States championship.

May 30—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; ladies championship of Pennsylvania and eastern states.

June 6—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pennsylvania State championship for men.

June 6—New Orleans Tennis Club, New Orleans, La.; Gulf States championship.

June 6—Hartford Golf Club, Hartford, Conn.; championship of New England.

June 7—Lewiston State Normal School; Idaho State championship.

June 11—Pittsburg Field Club—ladies' singles and mixed doubles; championship of Allegheny county.

June 13—Sans Souci Tennis Club, Greenville, S. C.; championship of the Carolinas.

June 13—Hermitage Golf Club, Richmond, Va.; Old Dominion championship.

June 14—Trenton Country Club, Trenton, N. J.; Central New Jersey championship.

June 18—Westside Tennis Club, New York; Metropolitan championship.

June 20—Philadelphia Cricket Club, Wissahickon Heights, Philadelphia, Pa.; national championship for women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

June 20—Montgomery Country Club, Montgomery, Ala.; Cotton States championship.

June 20—Dallas Lawn Tennis Club, Dallas, Tex.; Texas State championship.

June 27—Knoxville Tennis Club, Knoxville, Tenn.; Tennessee state championship.

June 27—Orange Lawn Tennis Club, Orange, N. J.; middle states championship.

June 29—Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association, San Francisco, Cal.; California state championship, men's and women's singles.

July 4—St. Louis Amateur Athletic Club, St. Louis, Mo.; central championship.

July 4—Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Ga.; southern championship, singles and doubles.

July 9—Aztec Club, Chicago, Ill.; Illinois state championship.

July 9—Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Del.; Delaware state championship.

July 11—Log Cabin Club, Macon, Ga.; Georgia state championship.

July 17—Basin Tennis Club, Basin, Wyo.; Wyoming state championship.

July 18—Multomah Amateur Athletic Club, Portland, Ore.; Oregon state championship.

July 18—Minnetonka Club, Lake Minnetonka, Minn.; northwestern championship.

July 18—Kansas State Lawn Tennis Association, Wichita, Kan.; Kansas state championship.

July 18—Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; eastern doubles championship and nineteenth annual Longwood singles.

July 18—Country Club of Augusta, Augusta, Ga.; south Atlantic states championship.

July 23—Onwentsia Club, Chicago, Ill.; western championship doubles, western singles for men and women.

July 25—St. Joseph Lawn Tennis Association, St. Joseph, Mo.; interstate, open.

August 1—Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club, Tacoma, Wash.; Pacific lawn tennis championship, eighteenth annual.

August 1—Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit, Mich.; state championship.

August 1—Omaha Field Club, Omaha, Neb.; Clay Court championship of the United States.

August 2—Onwentsia Club, Chicago, Ill.; preliminary national doubles.

August 6—East End Club, Cleveland, Ohio; state championship.

August 8—Town Club, Milwaukee, Wis.; state championship.

August 15—Kansas City Athletic Club, Kansas City, Mo.; championship of Missouri Valley.

August 15—Newport Casino, Newport, R. I.; U. S. N. L. T. A. championships in singles, doubles and interscholastic singles.

August 15—Parkersburg Country Club, Parkersburg, W. Va.; championship of West Virginia.

August 15—Oklahoma State Lawn Tennis Association, Albion, Okla.; Oklahoma state championship.

August 22—Hyperion Club, Des Moines, Iowa; Iowa state championship.

August 22—Intermountain Lawn Tennis Association, Salt Lake City, Utah; intermountain championship, singles and doubles, for men and women.

August 22—Niagara Lawn Tennis Association, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada; international open tournament.

August 27—Ohio Lawn Tennis Association, Cincinnati, Ohio; tri-state championship, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

September 5—Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association, Hotel Selmonte, Delmonte, Cal.; Pacific states championship, men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

September 7—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; intercollegiate championship.

September 12—Morristown Field Club, Morristown, N. J.; New Jersey state championship.

September 12—Bachelors' Lawn Tennis Club, Washington, D. C.; District of Columbia championship.

February 22, 1911—Seventh Regiment Tennis Club, New York city; indoor championship, for men.

March 11, 1911—Seventh Regiment Tennis Club, New York city; indoor championship, for women.

WON IN THE NINTH

A Base Ball Story

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

It was the day of the opening of the winter term of Lowell University, the greatest college in the eastern part of the United States, and an institution that had had many winning athletic teams. One of the students who received a particularly hearty welcome from his fellows was Hughie Jenkins, for three years manager of the base ball nine and captain of the foot ball team the previous season. Soon after the term's work began Hughie and other base ball enthusiasts commenced to speculate regarding material for the team for the approaching season. Among the new students was one named Case, who came from California, and who wrote home that he intended trying for the position of pitcher.

Harold Case, who was away from home for the first time, suffered from loneliness. He had not been fortunate in making friends during his few months in college, and he was the only student at his boarding house, so that he was glad when a new student named Hagner took a room at the house. The discovery that Hagner was a base ball player led to friendship between the two youths.

The base ball spirit at Lowell was stronger than ever, and as the season for preliminary practice approached there were at least one hundred students who had made up their minds to try for the varsity team. All were overjoyed when a notice, signed by Manager Hughie Jenkins, was posted, announcing that outdoor practice would begin February 25. On the first day Hagner demonstrated his ability as a batter and Case made a fair showing as a left-hand pitcher. The second week of practice the regular work was increased and a test of the base-running ability of the candidates was made, Hagner, Case and several of the old players showing up well. By the middle of March two squads were playing practice games. Hagner was shortstop of the first squad, with Miner Black as the regular pitcher. Case was a substitute pitcher for both squads. He relieved Black, and also Radams of the second squad. A new student, by the name of Crossley, also looked like a promising left-hand pitcher.

The first game was with Colfax, a small neighboring college, and Lowell won. Case, a few days later, received word that his father was ill and the family would have to use a little of the money from his college fund to tide it over. Harold decided he would go home and go to work. He had no money to pay his way to California, but made up his mind to pawn his watch and start for Boston, in order to catch a through train, that afternoon. He found the only pawnshop in town closed. He then went to the depot and took the train for Boston. His friend Hagner, for whom Harold had left a note briefly stating why he had departed, determined to talk to Case, and hurried down to the train. On the way to Boston he advised Case not to go home, and the latter finally decided to remain at college. When they got to Boston the two boys met another Lowell student, who invited them to dinner and to the theater. They accepted, deciding to return to college on a train leaving Boston at midnight. Harold, while his friends were talking, slipped over to a pawnbroker's, thinking he would find out what his watch, which had been given him for saving two girls from drowning, was worth. The man offered to loan him $450, saying the value of the timepiece was $1,000. In leaving the shop Harold took out a handkerchief to wipe the perspiration from his face, and, in doing so, dropped a letter. A young fellow standing in the doorway stooped and picked up the letter, looked at it and started down the street. Harold and his friends returned to college, after spending the evening at a vaudeville show.

Harold and Hagner found plenty of excitement at Lowell the morning after their return. The diamond-studded base ball championship medal had been stolen from the safe in the university treasurer's office between 12 and 1 o'clock the previous afternoon. The matter was reported to the police and a member of the force stated that a young man had asked him the way to a pawnshop shortly after 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the disappearance of the medal. This news upset Harold, as he had inquired the way to a pawnbroker's when he wanted to pawn his watch. He went to the treasurer, Mr. Williams, and told his story. Mr. Williams seemed much impressed and told Harold not to worry.

CHAPTER IX.

Under Suspicion.

The theft of the medal was of course the all-asorbing topic at all places where students came together. Hal's explanation of his intended flight and the causes which made him want to know where the pawnshop was brought to an end the clue which the authorities had thought would quickly locate the thief. There seemed to be absolutely no way to trace the culprit.

A week passed and Hal's foot became better, and he was able to resume his practice with the team.

On Friday evening Hal was in his room doing his studies in order to have them out of the way so that he could enjoy himself fully on Saturday and Sunday without having to think of college work, when he received a note from Mr. Williams, the treasurer of the university, asking him if he could come down for a few minutes. The note was delivered by a blue-coated messenger boy. After reading it, he said he would go, and the messenger left.

Hal went into Hans' room to tell him where he was going, found that he was not in his room, and, as they had planned to do some studying together later in the evening, he started to write a note on the pad on the writing desk. Then he thought Hans would understand better what was up if he left the treasurer's note on Hans' desk. He did this, and went on down to see Mr. Williams.

When he arrived there he found Mr. Williams, Dr. Lawrence, the president, and Mr. Smith, the secretary, waiting for him. There was nothing that Hal need be nervous about, and he could think of nothing they could want him for, unless perhaps they wanted to "call him down" for leaving the university without explanation.

On second thought he made up his mind that if that were the idea they surely wouldn't have the president of the university on hand. Then he thought that perhaps the president wanted to hear his story about the pawnshop, etc., and he wished Hans were with him to verify it. All this passed through his mind in the few seconds he had to wait until they noticed his arrival.

"Oh, Case," said Mr. Williams, "we have asked you down here tonight to tell you some important news. First, the medal has been found, and——"

"I am very glad it has turned up," broke in Hal, relieved, "and I appreciate your telling me in this way, Mr. Williams, because I suppose you know I have——"

"Yes, that is one reason, Case," now broke in Mr. Williams, "but there are certain circumstances in connection with the finding of the medal which I regret to say will need a little further explanation on your part."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked Hal, growing a little nervous at the tone used by Mr. Williams.

"I hope," went on Mr. Williams, "that you have an explanation which is satisfactory. I cannot quite bring myself to believe after the straightforward talk you made to me last week that you had anything to do with the theft of the medal, but the circumstances of the recovery demand an explanation from you. When you told me your story the other day you gave the address of the pawnshop in Boston where you went to inquire about the value of your watch. You were so frank asking us to go there and verify your story that I didn't think it worth while to do so.

"Among the methods used, however, by us in our efforts to recover the medal we asked the Boston police to visit all the pawnshops in Boston and see what they could find. This morning we had word by long-distance phone from the police in Boston, saying the medal had been found in one of the pawnshops there and suggesting that we send some one in authority up to bring it back and to go over some facts in connection with the case which might aid them in locating the culprit. I was going up anyhow, and I said I would attend to the matter myself.

"When I arrived at police headquarters the chief took me into his private office. He went to his safe, and when he returned me the medal which I now show you (he held up the beautiful medal in his right hand) he also handed me this." Then with his left hand he picked up an envelope which was lying on his desk and handed it to Hal.

Hal was puzzled because he didn't know what that could have to do with him. He looked up and noticed all three of the officers of the university watching his face closely. He couldn't understand and naturally became paler. It looked to him like a trap. Then he reached over with his right hand and took the envelope which Mr. Williams held out for him.

He felt that something terrible was going to happen and his hand shook. He took the envelope, looked at it, turned it over, looked at the other side and gave a jump. What he saw would make most young fellows jump even higher than Hal did, for on the address side of the envelope was written: "Harold Case, ——, California."

Hal noticed at once that it was his own writing. It was some seconds before any one in the room spoke. To Hal it seemed hours. Finally it was he himself that broke the silence.

"Where did you get this?" he asked.

"The police found it with the medal in the shop where it was pawned, and the broker said it was handed to him by the fellow who pawned the medal." This was said slowly, in order to give the others a chance to notice what effect the words had on Hal.

"It looked like your writing," said Mr. Williams.

"It is my handwriting," said Hal.

"How do you explain it?" asked Mr. Williams.

"I can't explain it,' answered Hal. "I know absolutely nothing about it."

"The medal and this envelope," went on Mr. Williams, "were found in the pawnshop which you said you had visited that night in Boston. After I saw the chief of police and he gave me the medal and the envelope he went with me to the pawnshop, and when I got there I recognized the address which you had given me. Then we rode back to the police department to interview the pawnbroker who had been arrested for receiving stolen property, and he told me this story:

"About 5 o'clock on Thursday evening of the previous week a young man wearing a blue cloth hat and a mixed gray suit of clothes came into my place and asked me how much I would loan him on a watch which he laid down on the show case. I picked it up and saw two very good sized diamonds in the case. I was attracted by the stones and next examined them with my magnifying glass. They were exactly alike, and I saw at once that they were valuable, particularly to me, as I had been asked that day by a customer to find him two perfectly matched white stones.

"'Then I examined the watch inside and out, and saw that it was also very valuable, and I said, thinking to get the watch cheap, since most people who pawn things do not redeem them, 'I will let you have $450 on it.' The young fellow hesitated, and then asked, 'How much is it worth?' and I said '$1,000,' and he said,

hesitating again, 'Thank you, I just wanted to find out how much it is worth,' and hurried out. I didn't think any more of it, except to guess to myself that the watch didn't belong to the young man. About five minutes later he came back and I said, 'Well, you have decided to let me have the watch anyhow, for a while, have you?' He looked at me rather queerly, and said, after hesitating, as he did before, 'No, I won't pawn it.' I noticed then he had on blue eyeglasses, but couldn't say whether he had them on the first time he called, because I paid more attention to the watch than to him.

"Finally, he pulled out the medal, a very beautiful piece, and said, 'I can spare this better for a while than the watch if you can let me have as much on it.' I took it in my hand, and noticing the inscription on it, said, 'Is it yours?' 'Of course,' he replied, and as it might easily be so from the inscription, and as very few people would take a chance on trying to pawn that kind of a medal if it didn't belong to them, I took it and gave him $450 and the ticket. 'I may not be able to come for this myself,' he said, 'and I might lose the ticket, so make a note that it is not to be delivered to any one, even if he has the ticket, unless it is accompanied by an envelope like this one, with this name on it and in this handwriting.' Then he handed me the envelope which I put in the safe with the medal, and which I turned over to the police this morning.'"

Hal was dumfounded. What could he say? He thought awfully hard. Finally he was able to say: "But I was with Hagner or with Hagner or Devlin all of the time I was in Boston excepting during the first five minutes it took me to call at the pawnshop about the watch. Besides, I haven't any blue glasses. I didn't have any and wouldn't have had time to buy any while there."

"Are you sure you were only away from Hagner for five minutes? The pawnbroker said both visits took place within ten or fifteen minutes all told. The glasses might have been bought before you took the train. We are not trying to accuse you, Case, we are trying to keep from having to," said Mr. Williams.

"I am not sure that it was exactly five minutes," said Hal. "I am not sure of anything except that I had nothing to do

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