

reer anywhere near the high mark he has set to-date.

Larry Doyle's eyes developed surprising keenness when their owner was toiling in the coal mines of Illinois and the larruper of the Giants who last season led the league is trailing Zimmerman with a mere .335.

Nine seasons of big league milling haven't dulled the lamps of Tristram Speaker, who right now is going better than he did in his banner years with the Boston Red Sox. Not only is the big Texan rattling fences at Dunn Field, Cleveland, where for seven years he averaged .381, on visits with the Bostonese, but he is keeping up his terrific pace abroad.

Speaker's eyes, sharp as they are at this stage in the pennant proceedings, are working no better than are those of Tyrus Cobb or Joe Jackson. The latest statistics credit Ty and Joe with a deadlock at .327 for the same number of games.

Next Tuesday the Cubs will reopen on the North Side, facing Cincinnati, and they will have back of them the prestige of a successful road trip and the courage and confidence such an achievement breeds.

Even should they play today in Brooklyn and get whipped, the Tinks will get back home with a record of six wins and four defeats, a better percentage than they ever exhibited on their own lot. Climate has nothing to do with it. It is simply a question of pitching, which has been excellent the last two weeks. And there is no reason any of the heavies should lose their effectiveness before a home crowd.

It will be a different team that the home folks see. It will be a team full of fight and determination, strengthened by confidence. And it is a team that has the mechanical ability to back up these temperamental advantages. The way Mulligan and McCarthy are working around second base will be a revelation to the home folks, for these two youngsters have

made a long stride forward while in foreign parts.

Hughes of Braves held Pirates to no hits and allowed two passes, fanning seven. Hans Wagner whiffed twice. Only three Pirates saw first base, one getting on by an error. Maranville and Snodgrass hit home the Brave tallies.

Hits bunched with Mack errors gave Detroit another win. Dubuc was fairly effective.

Harry Salee, Cardinal southpaw, has been suspended by Manager Huggins. Salee and his boss had an argument in New York last night, during which Slim tore up his contract. He left for parts unknown. Recently there have been rumors that Salee was to be sold to the Giants, but Huggins says he will not be traded or sold to any club.

Connit Mack is still at it. His latest acquisition is Harold Crisp, a 17-year-old pitcher of the Needham, Mass., high school, who has fanned 73 batters in four games.

Carl Morris knocked out Dan Dailey in the first round at Tulsa, Okla. The gate drew \$20,000, showing how conservative Old Man Barnum was.

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Frantic hotel clerks
Barking at bellboys,
Carpet bags
From many states,
Slouch hats and
Black string ties,
Thousands of 'em.
Pool tables
Transformed into beds,
Six-dollar-a-week
Boarding houses
Getting sixty dollars a week
(For one week).
Bands, cigar smoke, flags,
Boom managers looking very wise
Favorite sons looking very anxious,
Bosses (just a few of 'em)
Saying little, but saying it firmly,
And getting what they want,
For this is a convention.