

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

MEYERS MAKES A HIT

Indian Catcher Doing Real Come-Back With Brooklyn.

Not Only Has Chief Improved in Batting, but Work Behind Bat Has Been Revolutionized—Timely Hits Have Helped Win Games.

Chief Meyers has come into his own. Discarded by John McGraw as "through," looked upon by Polo Grounds fans as a once great catcher who had slipped back immeasurably, the chief has accomplished a wonderful comeback and is an idol in Brooklyn.

It is an admitted fact that a player, grown stale, will often stage a startling change in form when he dons the uniform of another team, and this is exactly what has happened in the case of John Torres Meyers, the college-bred aborigine.

The chief has had a rather picturesque career. A graduate of Dartmouth, he took a three-year post-graduate course in baseball in the minor leagues and came to the Giants from St. Paul in 1908, costing the club \$6,000. At Marlin in the spring of 1909 he jumped into the limelight as a long-distance hitter and was received by the New York fans with open arms. Personality, a quality in which so many players are lacking, stuck out all over the chief, and for six years he was one of the most popular players who ever wore a Giant uniform.

It was last year that Meyers gave the first indication that he was slipping, and there were few regrets on the part of the fans when the Indian was sent to Brooklyn and Bill Rariden was signed to take his place. In 110 games last year he hit the ball for an average of exactly .232, and it appeared that he was about ripe for the minors.

Then came the transformation, not only in his batting, but in his catch-



Chief Meyers.

ing. Meyers loomed up in great form behind the bat when the Robins opened the present season, and he has maintained a steady pace ever since. The result is that he ranks second only to Uncle Robbie in the affection of the fans across the bridge. He looks like a different man today, and his timely hits have broken up more than one game for the league leaders. Just now he is suffering from a bad cold, but it hasn't affected his playing to any noticeable extent.

WHY CANNOT HURLERS BUNT?

Miller Huggins 'Unable to Understand Reason for Twirlers' Failure to Advance Runners.

Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, is in the market for a course of instruction or some inducement that will make his pitchers good bunters. Huggins, who formerly led the league as a sacrifice hitter, cannot understand why the average pitcher pushes the ball hard enough to make an easy out or pops up a dinky fly when trying to advance a man.

When it was suggested that he offer a bonus, he smiled. "I've tried it," he said. "I've even called them out to special practice, but the pitchers won't get the knack."

Huggins believes this is due in great measure to the obsession fostered from the sand lots up through the minors to the big league that the pitcher is not supposed to hit.

BASEBALL GAME IS MENACED

President Hill of Western Association Issues Warning Against Betting on Contests.

President Hill of the Western association has sounded a warning against betting on baseball, especially on the games of the association. He does not believe the national game ever will become corrupted by gamblers as was racing. He declares the sport is being menaced seriously and urges everyone who loves it to assist in checking the evil before it gains much further headway.

MANY PLAYERS HURT IN HUSTLE FOR JOBS



SOME OF THE STARS INCAPACITATED THIS SEASON.

More star ball players have been injured this year than in any previous season in a decade and the fans throughout the country are mystified. They cannot understand why these accidents to stars should occur so regularly. The answer is that baseball is a different game this season. For several years the players have been reaping a harvest. The natural advancement of the game and the increase of the salaries of players to mount rapidly, and then came the war between organized ball and the Feds.

The players took advantage of the conditions and held the magnates up for salaries all out of proportion to their value, with the result that the majority of the clubs lost money in 1914 and 1915. There was nothing left for organized ball to do but make peace with the Federal league, and the retrocession policy was adopted by the magnates. Almost every star player of the two major leagues was tied up to two or three-year contracts, the majority of which expire at the close of the present season, and the players now are hustling. In recent years the players refused to take any unnecessary chances. They were content to draw their salaries and preferred to take no chances on injuries, realizing that a serious accident would hurt their earning capacity.

When the magnates announced that there would be a general cut in salaries after the long term, war-time contracts had expired, the players real-

FANCIFUL IDEAS OF PLAYERS

Polly McLarry, Former Cub Player, is Collector of Bats—Different Stick Each Inning.

Talking about fanciful notions of ball players, a Los Angeles correspondent furnishes this: "Polly McLarry has a hobby. He is a collector of bats. Since joining the Angels McLarry, according to Secretary Boots Weber's figures, broke something less than a thousand bats, and has as many more ordered on the way. McLarry has a different bat for every inning, and sometimes he is liable to switch clubs while at the



plate. Naturally he needs quite a supply of weapons on hand. On the other hand, Harry Wolter has yet to send in a bill for a bat to the Los Angeles club. Harry grabs whatever bat is nearest his hand when it is his turn to go up and hit. It makes no difference to him who is pitching or how many are on bases. One bat is as good as the next. Wolter gets results from his system, and McLarry punches out hits with his thousand bats. So what's the use?

DAVIS SWIPED FIRST

Peculiar Stunt, Puzzling to Many, Actually Pulled Off.

Players and Fans Amazed When Captain Started From Second to First—Nothing to Stop Player Running Backward.

Harry Davis, the famous old star of the Athletics, and in his time one of the best first basemen in the business, was born in Philadelphia forty-three years ago. The veteran has many claims to remembrance, one of which is that he is the only man who ever stole first. That peculiar incident has puzzled many fans, but it was actually pulled off. It was in the old days when Dave Fultz, now president of the Baseball Players' fraternity, was playing in the outer garden for the Mack bunch. In this particular contest Davis was perched on first and Fultz was on third. Harry stole second in the hope that the throw would give Fultz a chance to race home. The pellet was sent to the catcher in time to head off Fultz, who barely managed to get back to third, but Davis made second. Captain Harry wanted that run, and he was bound to have it, so when the next ball was pitched he chased back to first, stealing that bag. Of course a big howl went up, but the umpire could find nothing in the rules to prohibit a player from running backward if he wanted to. Having swiped the initial bag, Harry then took another opportunity to try to steal second, and while the throw was made in an endeavor to head him off Fultz chased home with the coveted run.

Davis commenced his big-league career 20 years ago, in 1896, when he



Harry Davis.

was signed by the Giants, having previously played with Providence and Pawtucket. New York soon turned him over to Pittsburgh, where he remained until 1898. After a short experience with Louisville, Davis quit the game and went to work for a railway company. When Connie Mack invaded Philadelphia in 1901 he called Davis from his retirement and made him captain and first baseman of the Athletics. He remained with Connie until 1912, when he had a brief experience as pilot of the Cleveland club, but soon returned to the Athletics.

SPEEDIER THAN AMOS RUSIE

Hugh Jennings Pays Unusual Tribute to Walter Johnson, Star of the Washington Team.

Manager Jennings of the Detroit Tigers recently paid an unusual tribute to the pitching of Walter Johnson. The Detroit manager, unlike most of the stars of the old school, believes that the Washington twirler has a better fast ball than Amos Rusie of the New York Giants had in his prime. "I never batted against Johnson, but I have batted against Rusie," said Jennings. "I used to let myself get hit by Rusie's fast one. I do not believe, however, that I would take a chance on shoving my body into Johnson's shoot. I hardly believe that Johnson throws a speedier ball than Rusie, but he sends up a heavier ball. It hurts more."

TILLIE SCHAFER IS THROUGH

Would Have Greater Success Throwing Rice at Pacific Ocean Than Trying to Hit Baseball.

Tillie Shafer, former star infielder of the New York Giants, has quit baseball for good. He motored to New York from San Francisco, taking 24 days for the trip, and after viewing a double-header on the Polo grounds declared he was through with the game. "I went out on the field not long ago," said Shafer, "and tried to hit a ball. I would have met with greater success throwing handfuls of rice at the Pacific ocean." Shafer quit the Giants when at the top of his form to enter the real estate business at Los Angeles.

LOT OF THE UMPIRE NOT EASY THIS YEAR



RAY SCHALK, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LEAGUE AND TWO UMPIRES.

"The heat wave and the hot race have combined to make things lively in the American league—the lot of an arbitrator in that circuit isn't a soft one this year. We fall to notice any fervery beds of ease."—Bill Deneen, veteran umpire.

The pitching in the American league is good in spots, this veteran says, and the hurlers are beginning to warm to their tasks. He has been through the mill and knows whereof he speaks. Deneen helped win a world's flag for Boston in 1903.

In a fanning breeze Deneen and Connolly admitted they expected lots of trouble from scrappy ball players, but both were glad they had a man with an iron will back of their decisions. "Say, I'd rather be in Mexico than be out here umpiring a game of baseball in the American league this year," said a fan.

"There are worse posts than that of an arbitrator," replied Connolly. "One doesn't have to look far to see them, either."

"Yes, and there are the fellows in

BASEBALL STORIES

Rumor has it that Ty Cobb is going into the movies.

The Athletic club has signed Catcher Stanley F. Karl of Shanokin, Pa.

Herbert Hunter, the Giants' young third baseman, is ready to jump into the line-up.

Bert Daniels, once a Yankee, and now with the Louisvilles, is laid up with a broken leg.

The Boston Red Sox have turned Pitcher Dick McCabe over to Hartford of the Eastern league.

Jack Coombs pitches an average of one fast ball to each batsman, or about 35 in an ordinary game.

Hughie Jennings has turned reformer. He now insists on putting an end to loud and profane-mouthed fans.

Rube Schauer, the Giants' extra pitcher, has been released to the Louisville club of the American association.

George Sisler of the Browns is an idol in St. Louis, where the critics say that he is a greater ball player than Ty Cobb.

The Sioux City club has traded Infielder Callahan to the Vernon Club of the Pacific Coast league for Don Rader and \$2,000.

Manager Lee Fohl says that the Red Sox are hitting so poorly that great pitching staff cannot win the pennant for them.

The St. Louis Cardinals have offered to purchase or take in trade the great Ping Bodie, now with Harry Wolverton's San Francisco Coast leaguers.

Lee Fohl, as a cure for wildness, recommends glasses for Laudermilk. Yet many's the pitcher who has suffered because of too many glasses.

Larry Lajoie is the only member of the tail-end Athletics who looks like a major league ball player, according to some of the critics in St. Louis.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Senators, is chucking to himself every time he thinks of how he was stopped from getting Joe Gedeon last fall. The Yanks' second baseman has proved a fizzle as a hitter.

TINKER IS BASEBALL "SLAVE"

Manager of Chicago Cubs Has Made \$105,500 in Fourteen Years—Much of It Invested.

Every now and then some ball player who has been paid a large salary for playing six months out of the year and is sold to another club because some magnate will not increase the already unreasonable stipend, springs that old gag about slavery in baseball. Which calls to mind some such case as that of Joe Tinker, who has made



Manager Joe Tinker.

\$105,500 in 14 years of major-league playing and has more than \$80,000 of it invested in property at the present time.

Showing that being a "slave" in baseball is often far better than being a professional or business man.

CONNIE MACK PRAISES COBB

Leader of Athletics Resents Intimation That Tiger Outfielder is a Lucky Player.

A couple of the Athletic players were talking the other day and one of them said: "Cobb got two lucky hits here." "Not exactly," said Connie Mack. "Cobb makes his luck. If he hits the ball and it rolls to an infielder, Cobb goes to first base like a deer. He hurries the infielder and if he boots the ball, makes a wide throw, or the first baseman drops the sphere, Cobb gets a hit, for he will be so close to the bag that everyone will say, 'Cobb had it beaten.' Cobb fights for everything he gets, you have to hand it to him. I don't know where there is one like him."

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Gallery of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Canton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 13 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Club Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 6668 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 35 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1258 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street, makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he ever filled from president of the board of education to corporation counsel.

Harry W. Cooper of 2131 Michigan avenue, whose standard tires are favorites with everybody, reports a fine autumn business.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuck is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Matt Aller would make a good City Treasurer. He is a sterling Democrat and has worked hard to put many good men into public office.

Wilhelm Engel, the well known cigar manufacturer of 1936 Mohawk street offers a very superior cigar in both his "La Subia" and "Rambuss"

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

Edward J. Birk, the well known brewer, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

WHITE BOX HOME GAMES.

Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9.....Cleveland
Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13.....St. Louis
Sept. 14, 15.....Washington
Sept. 16, 17, 18.....Boston
Sept. 19, 20, 21.....Philadelphia
Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25.....New York

CUBS HOME GAMES.

August 24, 25, 26, 27.....Boston
August 28, 29, 30.....Philadelphia
September 3, 4, 5.....St. Louis
September 6, 7.....Cincinnati
September 10.....Pittsburgh
September 30, October 1.....St. Louis