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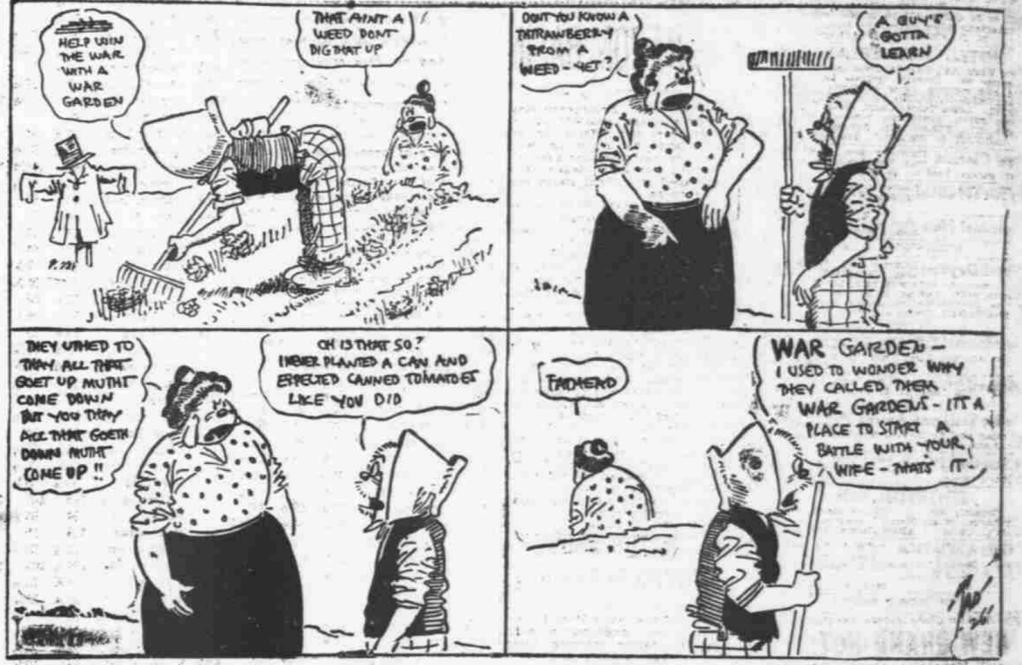
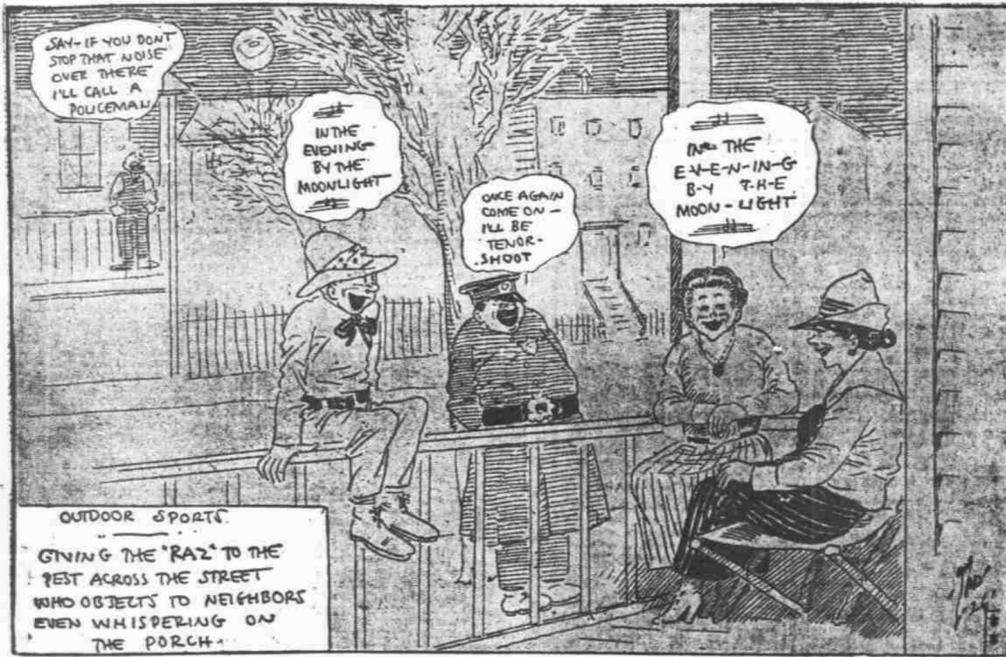
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All Married Men Know It, Too



NICK ALTROCK PROVES HIMSELF REAL MARVEL OF BASEBALL BY HIS STUNTS

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The wonder of the baseball age, that's Nick Altrock. Which explains why Washington hopes to see the veteran southpaw quit cracking jokes and doing funny stunts, and enter the box, don a serious mien, and show up the enemy. Nick has done it on other fields, in Detroit, in Chicago, and in New York. It remains for him to show his home fans how he does it.

Whenever "Uncle Nick" has entered the box, he has been greeted by applause. It was not all because of his age, either. Much came because of his fine exhibition on the rubber, for the veteran has forgotten more than most larder hurriers will ever learn.

Nick started in with a victory over Detroit, holding the hard-hitting Tigers helpless till he grew tired and had to let a relief hurler continue the task. But the Griffs were leading, and they stayed ahead.

In Chicago Nick came close to winning, a bad throw by himself having much to do with his defeat. But those loyal friends of his in the stands and bleachers applauded him as if he had won.

Last Saturday Nick went the distance against the Yankees at the Polo Grounds, and the sympathetic treatment given the old fellow by the New York writers is worthy of notice. Not one funny man picked on Nick. They credited him with a real pitching effort. They left their jokes at home.

Nick is accomplished. For one thing, Nick is an accomplished hurrier of the days when the pitchers didn't merely stand on the rubber and wind up. He isn't as agile as he once was, but he can field better than most pitchers of today. And whenever a pop fly comes up within reach, he doesn't let Judge or Morgan or Foster take it. Nick stays right there and catches it himself. In his day Nick was rated as the best fielding pitcher in the big leagues, and he can't forget some of those things he used to do.

If Ty Cobb had thought to play with Nick, he thought better of it after the old man had cleverly caught him flat-footed off first base. Ty tried trying to scramble into second, and after that he stopped laughing. That was Nick's best stunt in his days of greatness with the White Sox.

Nick was born in Cincinnati on September 13, 1876, and so is in his forty-second year. He began his baseball career when a mere kid with Grand Rapids in 1895, though he had been pitching sandlot baseball before that. He has remained in the game ever since.

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Probable Line-ups For Today

MACKMEN. Jamieson, rf. Oldring, lf. Walker, cf. Burns, lb. Gardner, 3b. Perkins, c. McAvoy, c. Shannon, ss. Dugan, 2b. Perry, p. Adams, p. Gary, p. Shea, p. Watson, p. GRIFFMEN. Stotton, rf. Foster, 3b. Judge, lb. Milan, cf. Shanks, lf. Morgan, 2b. Lavan, ss. Ainsmith, c. Pincich, c. Johnson, p. Ayers, p. Shaw, p. Buckeye, p. Reese, p. First game at 2 o'clock.

REDLAND CHIEFTAIN WILL SHAKE UP HIS BALL CLUB AT ONCE

CINCINNATI, June 26.—Disheartened by seeing his team beaten three times in a row by the lowly Pirates, Gerry Herrmann will shake up the Reds.

"Changes are to be made in the Reds without further delay," said Herrmann today. "Jimmy King and Manuel Cueto have been ordered to report Friday and will be here then. George Smith, pitcher, has been sent back to the Giants without commitments. Pitcher Bowman, of Little Rock, not the Bowman whom we tried out last year, but a newcomer, touted as a real star, is on his way to join the club. Another pitcher will be here within a few days and we expect to land one or two more first-class players. By the end of this week we will probably release one or two members of the club, replacing them with new performers. Something has to be done, and we are trying to do it in a hurry."

Roush and Lee "ages, both in the 300 class with the bat, are on the injured list and most of the pitchers are out of shape.

BARROW BUYS PLAYERS FROM DISBANDING CLUB

NEW YORK, June 26.—With the New Orleans Southern Association club disbanding Friday, Ed Barrow will bring to his cracking Red Sox three infielders, hoping that at least one will make good. McConis, Scott, and Thomas have all been placed in class I-A of the draft, and so Barrow is preparing himself for their going. Bluhm, a first baseman; Stansbury, third base, and Barbara, shortstop, are the three New Orleans Pelicans coming to the Red Sox. The latter two have been with the Cleveland Indians, failing to make good.

BASEBALL BABBLE. The Boston Red Sox follow the Mackmen to Georgia avenue.

So long as Shank remains, the Griffs will have a utility staff.

KELIHER IS CALLED. Mickey Keliher, well known as a former amateur baseball player here, coach of the Mt. St. Mary's basketball team some years ago and former Pittsburgh Pirate first-sacker, is at Camp Meade today with the recruits. Keliher was recently called to the colors.

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MCGOVRTY EASY WINNER. RACINE, Wis., June 26.—Corporal Eddie McGovrty, winner of the middleweight, in ten rounds of hard fighting here last night.

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Here He Is,—Himself



This shows "Uncle Nick" Altrock as he looked in his prime, flinging his southpaw slants for Charlie Comiskey's world's champion Chicago White Sox.

PLAY OR SHUT UP IS AMATEUR CRY FOR 1918 SEASON

"Play or keep quiet," is the slogan of Washington sandlotters this season. Teams with kinks registered before the various league officials have been told to get in on the diamond and battle it out rather than argue for victories.

The Navy Interbranch League the better has been stirred around so that they will all come through with their regularly scheduled contests. League officials have taken a step in the right direction, according to the fans, by making the teams come out to play rather than claim forfeits or postponements.

The Navy Interbranch League difficulty has been definitely settled. All hands are satisfied, and the teams will play baseball rather than argue as is the past.

With three leagues in operation, there is a tie in one circuit, while in the other two but one game separates the two leading teams. Amateur fans want to know if this isn't a record here. Competition is unusually keen, and the leaders are in no way sure of wins when they tackle teams lower in the race.

As an instance of the closeness of the battling in the Navy Yard League, Clotfops was defeated the other day by a team next to last. Torpedo was thrown out of the lead two weeks ago by the tail end team. And so it goes.

The Aggies and Engineers, tied for the leadership in the Departmental League, are slated to meet today on the Monument Lot, providing rain doesn't interfere. Lyons will probably hurl for the Bridgebuilders, and either Lansche, Carroll or O'Leary for the Aggies.

A change has been made in the schedule of the Navy Yard League as follows: Today, Gun Shop and T. and M.; Thursday, Tool and Miscellaneous vs. Torpedoes; Friday, Gun Shop and Quandrills; and Saturday, Clotfops and Ordnance.

HERMAN GETS BOUT. NEW YORK, June 26.—Frankie Burns, who reached his twenty-ninth birthday today, is to have another crack at the bantam title next Wednesday, when he will face Champion Pete Herman in an eight-round bout at the Jersey City baseball club grounds.

DOYLE WINS FINAL. Fred Doyle, nine-year-old son of Conrad B. Doyle, Washington's leading raqueteer, won the consolation junior final round at the Princeton Club in defeating A. Slutsky, a much older opponent.

WANT TO PLAY. The Oriole A. C. is after baseball fans with clubs averaging eighteen years of age. Sam Deborin, 1629 Thirteenth street northwest, is the manager.

LIGHTWEIGHT STAR OUTPOINTS WELTER BATTLER IN RING

By BILLY ROCAF.

Referee of the Contest. PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—By using a straight left-hand jab alternating with a left hook, Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, outpointed Jack Britton, the famous waterweight, last night at Shiba Park.

The margin of victory was not of such a latitude as to cause the lightweight titleholder to boast. It was gained largely by Britton's mistakes. Britton fought the best battle of his career in a Philadelphia ring. In his earnestness to make good and to win in a decisive manner he missed a half dozen right-hand swings which were labeled N. O.

This was apparently part of Leonard's strategy to gain victory. He let Britton miss and before the latter could regain his balance he landed a hook and a jab and frequently a right swing. It was his strategy that enabled him to earn the decision.

It was a fast bout, free from clinches, was fought fairly and the loser received an great ovation as the winner at the finish. It was merited, too, for Britton had redeemed himself with the Philadelphia sports.

BURNS TAKES TUMBLE. George Burns, since coming to Washington, has tumbled out of first place among American League batsmen. George Sieler, the "Brownie" first sacker, has passed him, his mark of 231 being six points better than the Mackman's.

Ball Players May Yet Sport Paper Uniforms When Flannel Is Gone

Baseball players may be wearing paper suits soon. Uncle Sam uses a lot of flannel to clothe his fighting men, and there may not be enough left to supply baseball uniforms. If the bold athletes have to wear paper suits they will be mighty chary about sliding to bases, for if the suit started to tear the blushing player would find himself adorned in only his native modesty.

Some of the players would be wrapped in coarse brown paper if the fans have their way.

TY COBB OFF AGAIN ON BIG BATTING SPREE

Ty Cobb is off on a batting spree again. If the Georgia Peach continues his batting stride he will top all the batters again. Cobb has hit safely in every game in which he has played since June 17.

In the ten games Ty has topped the old agate for .444. His record follows:

Table with columns: Date, AB, H, TR, Ave. June 17, 4, 1, 2, .250. June 18, 4, 1, 2, .250. June 19, 4, 1, 2, .250. June 22, 4, 1, 2, .250. June 23, 4, 2, 4, .500. June 24, 3, 2, 4, .667. June 25, 4, 2, 4, .500.

DOGERS BUY HURLER. NEW YORK, June 26.—The Dodgers have bought a minor leaguer. He is Pitcher Dick Robertson, of the New Orleans Pelicans. He will report at once.

REX WILL TACKLE TERMINAL PLAYERS AT UNION STATION

Rex A. C. will stack up against the Terminal team at the Union Station grounds tomorrow, according to Manager James Wright, who has visions of adding another to the long string of wins made by the Washington organization.

"We have now won an even dozen games and have lost but two," said Manager Wright today. "We will play at least one game a week, and will probably play two. The team is going along in first-class style, and I look for more successes."

Wright will probably nominate Lem Owen to pitch, with O'Connor behind the bat. Brown, a southpaw, will hurl for the Terminal men.

The Agriculture team is without the service of Ed Emmons, star hurler, who is out of the game at present. Emmons pitched some first class ball in getting the Aggies up to the tie position in the Departmental.

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