

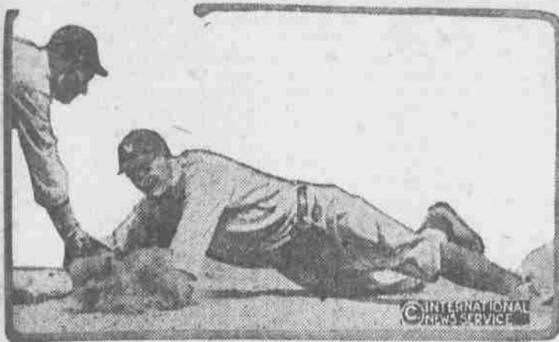
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JOE GEDEON SLIDES IN UNUSUAL MANNER



Federal Recruit Promises to Be Baseball "Find" of Season.

In his manner of sliding into bases Joe Gedeon, the Yankee second baseman recruited from the defunct Federal league, whose phenomenal batting and fielding bids fair to make him the "baseball find" of the season, differs entirely from practically every major leaguer now in the game. Gedeon dives for the bag head foremost, and hooking the bag with one hand, curves his body as far as possible from the baseman. In this way of "hitting the dirt" the runner runs the risk of a spiked hand but avoids the danger of wrenched and strained ankles. The photograph shows "Joe" Gedeon in his typical manner of sliding into a base. Pipp, the Yankee first baseman, is taking the throw at the bag.

BASEBALL STORIES

This Speaker is the real slugging friend of the American league to date.

Connie Mack's Athletics will find home plate wet, even if they have to blast for it.

Johnny Evers has failed to connect with the pill this spring as he has in former years.

Benny Kauff says his name is pronounced "Cough," not "Cough." Aw right, Benny!

"Baseball insanity," says the Toledo Blade, "is a glorious affliction." Who is loony now?

Weak pitching is given as the reason for the slump of the White Sox by eastern critics.

Charley Pechous has been sent to the Peoria club of the Three I league by Manager Tinker.

Baseball fans are rejoicing in the opportunity to forget the lawyers and talk about the players.

Mike Kelly expects to get a lot of good pitching out of Lefty Leifield, the old-time Cub pitcher.

A gent entitled Cable has been separated from the Yankee Roster. S'pose Bill Donovan cut the cable?

Bench warrants have been issued to several baseball managers who are determined to arrest batting slumps.

Catcher Nunnemaker of the Yankees won a wrist watch in a raffle a short time ago, but he is afraid to wear it.

Jack Fournier may not be the best first baseman in the league, but he has plenty of fight in him to satisfy everyone.

The man who said he couldn't judge a ball player's worth by the size of his pay check spoke a mouthful of the well-known truth.

Hooper is playing in wonderful form this spring. He says he is out after the honors, regardless of Cobb and a few others.

Back Weaver is developing into a real third baseman. He has the throw and can cover the ground as well or better than he ever did around short.

Brooklyn may discard Hi Myers. Jimmy Johnston, it is said, has shown Manager Robinson so much—so early—that Myers has lost out on an outfield job.

Betzel, the fifty-second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, carries around six initials to his name. He signs the little old pay check thus: C. F. A. J. H. D. Betzel.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Senators, has been quoted as saying that the Tigers stand the best show of winning the American league flag this year.

Mr. Pipp of the New York Yankees granted an interview after battling against Walter Johnson. "He may be a good pitcher, but I can't see him," confessed Mr. Pipp.

George Suggs, pitcher formerly with Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds and later with Baltimore Feds, may get another chance in the game with the Richmond Internationals.

OWNER OF DES MOINES TEAM

Frank Isbell, Former White Sox Player, Got His First Start With Comiskey as Pitcher.

Frank Isbell, who is president and manager of the Des Moines club, 1915 winner of the Western league pennant, is a noted figure in baseball, as he was for years the famous second baseman of the Chicago White Sox. He was born in Delavan, N. Y., on August 21, 1875, and moved to Minnesota when a boy. He was with Comiskey during most of his baseball career.



Frank Isbell.

playing every position on the diamond at different times. He began as a pitcher and joined the St. Paul club in the fall of 1896. He pitched and played the outfield there for two years until he was drafted by the Chicago Nationals for the season of 1898. He remained on the West side team until August, 1898, when he was returned to St. Paul, finishing the season in the outfield. He went to Chicago with Comiskey's club in 1900 and developed into a first baseman and then into a great utility player, and finally into the club's regular second baseman. Three years ago he purchased an interest in the Wichita club of the Western league, and retired from the major league arena, with Comiskey's consent, to give his entire time to the Wichita club. Then he assumed the control and management of the Des Moines club, whose team he then piloted to the pinnacle of success.

SOUTHPAWS BACK TO MINORS

Manager Donovan, Well Supplied With Left-handers, Sends Finn, Gay and Meadows Back for Seasoning.

It did not take Manager Bill Donovan long to decide that three of his left-handed pitching candidates were not intended for fast company, and he sent Finn, Gay and Meadows back to the minors. Donovan is going to be well supplied with southpaws in the coming campaign, and he was easily satisfied that Mogridge, Cullop, Love, Markle and one or two others were the cream of his offside, or south paw, twirlers.

Arthur Irwin to Retire. Report has it that Arthur Irwin will not continue his connection with the Toronto International club as business manager and that he has been engaged as business manager of a new publication to be devoted to golf.

Tris Speaker's presence on the Indian team is a big factor in the pennant race. He is expected to break up many a game this year.

FORCED TO BE SECRET

BIG LEAGUE SCOUTS MUST DO THEIR WORK UNDER COVER.

Bush Managers Concealed All Sorts of Ways to Boost Assets—Batting Averages Padded to Make Players Tempting.

Many good stories are told by big-league scouts—and about them. Jim Murphy, former scout for the Chicago Nationals, tells one which shows the value of keeping under cover. The Marion (O.) club had a player it was trying to peddle off on the big leagues. The tip finally reached the Cubs that here was a splendid player for the top rung. So Jim Murphy went down to look him over.

On the day he arrived he took his seat in the grandstand, unobserved, and according to his custom immediately began asking questions about the youngster.

The fan on his right happened to be a keen rooster, so Murphy opened up on him. The talk finally led around to the man the Cubs were after. "What kind of a player is So and So?" inquired Murphy.

"Bill Smith" (name faked for obvious reason), exclaimed the fan. "Oh, Bill's a wonderful felder, when he leaves the booze alone," was the unexpected answer. It is almost needless to say Murphy took the next train back home. He had learned all he wanted in that one short session.

On another occasion Murphy was investigating a player up in Wisconsin. The manager of the team was doing his best to sell the "star" for a big price, but he knew his man was a hard drinker and tried to conceal the fact. So he introduced Murphy to the player and then started to take the party on a tour of the saloons in town.

Every time a drink was ordered he tipped the wink to his player and he would order a cigar, much to the amazement of the bartender. He would instinctively reach for the bottle which the player generally ordered, as Murphy noticed with an inward smile.

And every time said player asked for a cigar the manager would nudge Murphy and exclaim, "See that? He's as steady and temperate as they make them." But any man with half an eye would have spotted the player for a hard drinker. He even had it on his breath. Murphy finally left town without his man.

This just shows to what means managers will go in their anxiety to sell a player for a good price and make some profits for the club. There are even cases where batting averages are padded to give the impression players are slingers, thus making them tempting bait for big-league scouts.

A scout has to be a detective in addition to his other virtues. It is no easy job.

HAS NEW STYLE OF HITTING

George Cutshaw of Brooklyn Hopes to Increase Batting Average From .250 to .300 Class.

George Cutshaw, like all good citizens, is ambitious, and to further his latest ambition he has drilled himself into a new style of hitting which he fervently hopes will jump his batting average from the .250 class into the .300 division, or thereabouts. Now George has discovered that he can be



George Cutshaw.

much more effective at the bat, especially in the production of extra-base blows, by taking a shorter grip on the stick, giving his arms full swing and whirling his body in unison with his arms.

Those Indians are proving themselves worthy of the name.

SCULPTOR MAKES NEW FACES FOR WOUNDED MEN

Copper Masks Are Molded by Francis Derwent Wood, a British Officer.

REMARKABLE FACIAL SURGERY

Many Pathetic Cases Fall to Care of Celebrated Artist—Spends Months in Experiments Before Attempting His First Case—New Eye for Soldiers.

London.—Not "new lamps for old," but "new faces for old," is the cry of the modern Arabian Nights magician. This magician is a sculptor of renown, English by birth but half American by ancestry.

He is Francis Derwent Wood, a name familiar in the United States, where various collectors possess examples of his work. Wood's steadily growing fame, however, was extended in America just before the war began, when he was commissioned by Lady Paget and the duchess of Marlborough on behalf of the American women in England to execute the statue of William Pitt, which, as soon as circumstances make the thing more suitable, will be presented by them to their native land in commemoration of the hundred years of peace between this country and America.

Lieutenant Wood, as he now is, has discovered how to give new faces to men who have lost theirs in the war. He can make new eyes, cheeks, foreheads, chins; in fact, he is making them daily. Up to date Derwent Wood has made new faces, or at least parts of faces, for five such victims of war.

Remarkable Facial Surgery.

The most pathetic case of all of these was that of a trooper named Everitt, whose face had been broken by an explosive bullet. His nose had been carried away almost entirely and his left cheek torn open from his ear to the corner of his mouth. Like most of these victims of facial disfigurement, he had to undergo operation after operation. He received his wound on May 13 of last year. Finally he was brought to a London hospital on September 2, and up to a couple of weeks ago, despite the fact that his wound had entirely healed and surgery admittedly had done all that it could for him, he remained a sad sight.

Before the war he was a taxi driver. Now, made at least presentable by the wonderful "facial mask" which Wood has contrived for him, a mask consisting of false nose, cheek and a "moustache" which conceals his injured lip, ex-Trooper Everitt is plying his old trade again and doing well at it. "When he saw himself with his mask for the first time," said the sculptor, "he jumped for joy."

New Eye for Soldiers.

Another case in which Wood has saved human wreckage is that of Driver Fergusson, a member of the Canadian field artillery, who was hideously wounded at Ypres on April 25, 1915. A piece of shell carried away his right eye entirely, and as the surgical report professionally put it, "the surrounding structures." In the ordinary way, there would have been nothing to fix an artificial eye "to," and, as in the case of Trooper Everitt, his disfigurement was so appalling to behold that it is doubtful if he ever could have taken up his old trade, which was that of a machinist.

Now with the upper part of his right cheek restored, and what appear to be two perfectly good eyes beaming at you from behind spectacles, this

SOLDIERS CARRY OWN BATHS

Many Ingenious Devices Displayed at Red Cross Sale in London.

London.—An active service exhibition is being held at Knightsbridge, at which are displayed hundreds of ingenious devices for the comfort, health and safety of officers and men at the front. The money raised by the sale of these articles goes to funds of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Among the devices on sale is a small safety razor that will fit easily into a waistcoat pocket, a compact hot bath arrangement, together with patent cubes of "condensed heat," which will raise the temperature of water to the proper degree, a shower-bath outfit, and other toilet articles.

In order to enable the soldiers to write in the dark a combination pencil case and electric torch, to throw light on the paper, has been invented. The "nutshell," as one little case is called, contains 33 assorted drink tablets, tea, coffee, beef tea, and cordial

youngster not only will be able to earn his living hereafter, but is going to get married, and the gratitude of his fiancée to Derwent Wood is only surpassed by his own.

These are the two worst cases with which the sculptor has yet had to deal, but others in which he has been equally successful are those of Private Harper of the King's Royal rifles, who also lost most of his nose and the biggest part of his cheekbone; Lance Corporal Davis of the Australian imperial forces, who was minus an eye and part of his cheek, and a British private, whose left cheek and nose were frightfully torn by a shrapnel bullet. All these men will now be able to follow their own trades, instead of having to exist, shunned by all save the most stoical of their fellows, on the princely pension of 25 shillings (\$6) a week, which is all that their country can afford to pay in cases of "total incapacity."

Wood's War Service.

Soon after the beginning of the war Col. Bruce Porter of the Royal Army Medical corps made a speech to the members of the Chelsea Arts club, of which Derwent Wood is a member. The colonel asked his hearers to make a sacrifice of their art, and if they were too old to fight to accept the lowest service in the ranks of the R. A. M. C. A goodly number of the Chelsea artists enlisted in the R. A. M. C. forthwith, and among them was Derwent Wood. At forty-four he is not available for active service. His father came from Harrisburg, Pa., married an Englishwoman and settled down at Keswick, in Cumberland, where Derwent Wood was born.

He began his artistic career at Karlsruhe, later returning to England, and becoming a student at the Royal academy. There he won the gold medal and the traveling scholarship, which took him for some time to Italy. He afterward became assistant to Thomas Brock, R. A., one of the most famous of British sculptors. Honors were awarded him at the Paris salon, and four years ago he was made an associate of the Royal academy. Examples of his statuary are in the possession of Henry Phipps, of his son, J. Phipps of Westbury, L. I., and several other well-known American collectors.

Moved to Aid Wounded.

Having joined the R. A. M. C. as an ordinary private Wood was sent out to a London military hospital. It is one of the biggest in the metropolis, with more than 1,500 beds. At the beginning of the war the hospital was not of an exalted nature, one of them being to assist in rolling a new asphalt path. In a few days, however, the sculptor was drafted into the wards, where he began by taking plaster casts of damaged limbs. He soon became a master of splints. And in the course of his work he saw the saddest sights of the war, the men with the mutilated faces.

Moved to intense compassion, Derwent Wood went to his colonel one day and said: "Let me see what I can do for these poor fellows. I believe that I can do something anyway." The officer consented gladly.

"I spent months in experiments," said Wood, "before I undertook my first case. This was in December last, my patient being Trooper Everitt. My 'masks,' as we call them, consist of plates of thin copper, silvered and then painted to match the hue of the patient's skin. They are light to wear, they fit like gloves and the men declare that they give no discomfort whatever. Yes, they are intended to be removed at night, exactly like a set of false teeth, and they are easily cleaned with a little potato juice. Most of them can be kept in place by means of 'ether gum,' such as actors use, but in cases of artificial eyes and noses, I prefer to 'build' them on to spectacles, which assist to keep them in place and which themselves are held firm by means of a couple of small straps at the back.

"In the beginning a plaster mold of the face is secured. This is dried and

ginger, six shields for corns, and a checkerboard. A steel body shield, light but effective, also is for sale. Cases of bath salts for disinfecting purposes are displayed. A trenching tool with numerous uses attracts much attention. It is shorter than a man's arm, and will cut wire and dig up a macadamized road. It is equipped with pliers, a hatchet blade, pick and water-tap key.

Cows "Dolled Up" in Gowns.

San Francisco.—An authority on dress and its cut for dairy cows is a guest at the St. Francis, in the person of Sir Francis Webster of Glasgow, a wealthy manufacturer of hemp goods in Scotland and the owner of a stock range in Texas embracing 1,500,000 acres and thousands of head of stock.

Sir Francis' cows are dressed regularly every winter in suits of hemp cloth made at his own manufacturing establishment, to protect them from the cold and snow, minimize the dangers from tuberculosis and increase their daily yield of milk.

MRS. CLARK AND CHILDREN



Mrs. Edgar E. Clark and her two young children, Mary and Edgar E. Jr. Mrs. Clark, who is the wife of the interstate commerce commissioner, takes a prominent part in Washington society, and at the same time finds time to raise her family.

a clay or plasticine 'squeeze' is obtained from the mold, giving a positive model of the patient's dressed wound and the surrounding healthy tissues; this is fixed to a board on a modeling stand and a sitting from the patient with the undressed wound is obtained.

"Having completed my model I proceed to cast it, and procure the plaster positive of the wound and its surrounding structures. Another sitting is had and the portions which are to be hidden eventually by the metal plate are modeled in clay or wax, the edges being blended to the uninjured portions of the face, thus effectively masking any trace of wounds. This is once more molded in plaster, and the edge of the proposed plate being marked on the negative, a cast is obtained, edges are trimmed to marking and the model is ready to have the artificial eye fitted to the lids.

"The plaster eyeball is dug out, the requisite thickness of lids is carefully worked down, the glass eye placed in position and the edges of the lids made good with thin plaster. The model is then taken to the electrotype, where an exact reproduction by galvanoplastic deposit is made in thin virgin copper. The final sittings are devoted to the pigmentation of the plate.

"I have found a thin coating of cream-colored bath enamel a good preparation for flesh color matching. Should the patient have a shiny skin this is easily obtained by varnish rubbed down to match it. I have tried false hair on eyelids and eyebrows—they will not stand the weather—and have adopted tin foil split with scissors and soldered into lids for the eye, and for the eyebrows pigment applied to the modeled forms.

Lieutenant Wood declared that the American made artificial limbs were by far the best in the world, and spoke admiringly of the work that is being done at Southampton by Americans in the way of equipping armless and legless soldiers.

Correct Morals With a Knife.

Newton, N. J.—To make him a better boy, physicians removed the adenoids and other defects of Andrew Merriam, thirteen, who has been deficient in his studies and deportment at school. A big change is expected.

In Spite of His Name.

New York.—"Your name makes it hard to believe, but I must fine you \$25," said Magistrate Nash to Martin B. Turtle, who pleaded guilty to automobile speeding.

"OLDEST" OF PEARLS FOUND

Stanford University Student Finds It in an Oyster Shell on Pacific Coast.

Stanford University.—A pearl said to be the oldest specimen of its kind in the world was found by Stanley C. Herold, a Stanford student, six months ago, it became known lately. The pearl was presented to the Stanford museum.

The oyster shell in which the pearl was embedded came to Stanford in a consignment of geological matter from the coast of the state of Washington. The pearl was exhibited in the conchology course given by Prof. James Ferrin Smith.

According to university authorities, the pearl is of little value as a gem, but the oyster in which it was found originated, they said, probably in the paleozoic period.

Main Food of Asiatics.

Fish, rice and vegetables are the principal articles of the Asiatic diet, ket basket.