MERCER'S FINE PITCHING.

Cleveland Could Do Nothing With the Local Man's Delivery.

The Visitors Tried a Phenom on the Manning Hitters, and His Curves Were Much to Their Liking—A Game Full of Fast Plays.

Yesterday's Games.

(American League.)

Washington, 8; Cleveland, 1.
Baltimore, 5; Milwaukee, 3.
Chicago, 11; Philadelphia, 4.
Detroit, 6; Boston, 3.

(National League.)

New York, 2; Philadelphia, 1.
Boston, 2; Brooklyn, 0.
St. Louis, 5; Pittsburg, 2.
Cincinnati, 4; Chicago, 3.

Today's Games.

(American League.)

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Milwaukee at Baltimore.
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Boston at Brooklyn.
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Cincinnati at Chicago.
St. Louis at Pittsburg

How the Clubs Stand.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Chicago	64	41	.610
Boston	63	42	.600
Baltimore	56	45	.554
Detroit	55	48	.529
Philadelphia	54	50	.519
Washington	43	57	.429
Cleveland	43	59	.422
Milwaukee	36	70	.340

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Pittsburg	59	38	.608
Philadelphia	60	45	.571
Brooklyn	58	46	.558
St. Louis	58	49	.542
Boston	51	52	.495
Cincinnati	43	57	.424
New York	40	57	.412
Chicago	45	65	.409

Cleveland came to town yesterday full of hopes to give the Senators a push down the ladder into seventh position, which the Buckeyes have been occupying with conspicuous distinction for the past week or so. They arrived minus their bag of bats, but they argued that they could borrow enough sticks from the Manning crowd to knock out enough base hits to win the game, as the local men would have no need for their clubs, as Bracken, a young man who until 6 o'clock last evening was in the phenom class, was on the card to do the box work for the visitors.

Pitcher Winnie Mercer realizes that his work in the box is of the finest sort, yet he is happy to know the spectators are also aware of the fact. Hence his willingness to acknowledge their hearty applause at the end of yesterday's victory over the Spiders.

This Bracken hails from some burg near Cleveland, and in his native village acquired something of a reputation as a pitcher. Since his debut in the American League he has spent a good deal of time writing back to the folks at home that he is still some pumpkins as a pitcher. But his epistle back to the old town last night was of a different character than any he had heretofore sent. He dwelt at considerable length upon the assault the Washington hitters made upon him in the fifth inning of yesterday's game in particular, although he admitted that during the entire soiree the local fellows seemed to take much pleasure in banging at his curves, and usually with good results. Bracken made no attempt to deny that the Senators had simply fallen upon him and treated him most inconsiderately, especially as he was a phenom from Phenomville, Ohio, and had a reputation to keep up, and was not accustomed to seeing his choicest shoots and benders lambasted for one, two, and three bases all in the same inning. Yet this is exactly what happened, notwithstanding that "Wow-wow" Donovan occupied a position of prominence in one of the boxes and rooted hard for the Bracken side, and yelled so strenuously during the early part of the game that he was compelled to apply the soft pedal in the last two innings.

The Washingtons did not have any phenoms to shove forward, so Manager Manning tried that old war-horse, Mr. Winnie Mercer, who showed the difference between the phenom class and the old-fashioned pitcher who knows the ins and outs of his calling and brings into use all the tricks of the business. Mercer yesterday gave the youthful and inexperienced Mr. Bracken cards and spades and still beat him to a standstill before the half game post was in sight. Mercer's exhibition was a really marvelous one. He used rare discretion in sending men to first on balls, and, except in one instance, his judgment was verified by the results. This single slip-up was when he sent Harvey to the initial sack in the second inning after one man had been retired and George La Chance was on second, the result of a cracking double. Harvey is regarded hereabouts as a real hitter, although in other cities on the circuit he is in the false alarm class. But yesterday Mercer was taking no chances and thought he could handle Sheibeck easier than Harvey, so he sent the latter to first on a pass. Then Sheibeck, with two strikes on him, got his bat in front of an outshoot and the ball hit somewhere about the handle. Anyway, Sheibeck and everybody else was momentarily dumfounded, while out in left field Foster made an ineffectual chase after the hit, but it was too short to be captured and La Chance trotted in with the single run credited to the Clevelands during the entertainment. A double play immediately afterward retired the side, the work being done by Clingman, Farrell, and Grady. With this exception, Mercer's judgment was splendid and at no time was there any let up in his speed or control. The Clevelands, as a matter of fact, should be credited with only five hits—that is, they would have only secured this number if Mercer, with two men out in the last inning, had not simply lobbed the ball up to Bradley. But the visiting third baseman managed to hit the sphere out of the infield and was charged with a base hit. Then Mercer quickly got around to business and struck out Harvey.

There was some fast fielding done by the locals and the usual cluster of double plays was secured by the infield. Coughlin made a sensational play in the ninth, when he stopped La Chance's hard drive after a sprint and shot the ball over to Grady in plenty of time to head off the big first baseman. Clingman was all over the field and played a perfect game. For the visitors Bradley captured all the fielding honors and managed to figure prominently in the hitting part of the game.

Farrell scored the Senators' first run in the opening inning. He hit safely, stole to second, and got home on Dungan's single. In the fifth Mercer got a pass to first, stole second, and waited there until Waldron's hit enabled him to score. Farrell followed Waldron with a safe hit and a second later both local men trotted home on Bill Clarke's magnificent drive, which barely escaped going over the left field fence and which landed the catcher on the second ottoman. Grady's double scored Clarke with the fourth run of the

Shortstop Clingman, of the Washingtons, puts up a fast game these days. This young man seems to take fiendish delight in stopping hits that ordinarily would be safe. He does not seem to work hard, as will be seen in the accompanying illustration, and his work is usually characterized by a grace and nonchalance that are not often found on the ball field.

inning, but after Foster had reached first through the kindness of Mr. La Chance, who dropped the throw, Coughlin flied to Harvey. Dungan and Foster were both sent to base on balls in the seventh and both scored on Coughlin's hit to centre for three bases. An error by Shiebeck, a steal, and Farrell's third hit of the afternoon permitted Waldron to tally in the eighth.

This tabulation will serve to illustrate the troubles of a "phenom" in the baseball business:

WASHINGTON.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Waldron, cf	2	1	1	0	0
Farrell, 2b	2	3	3	4	0
Dungan, rf	1	1	0	0	0
Clarke, c	1	1	5	0	0
Grady, 1b	0	2	15	1	1
Foster, lf	1	0	1	0	0
Coughlin, 3b	0	2	0	4	0
Clingman, ss	0	0	2	7	0
Mercer, p	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	8	11	27	16	1

CLEVELAND.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Pickering, cf	0	0	1	0	0
O'Brien, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Beck, 2b	0	0	2	2	0
LaChance, 1b	1	2	14	0	1
Bradley, 3b	0	2	2	7	0
Harvey, rf	0	0	2	0	0
Shiebeck, ss	0	1	0	3	1
Connor, c	0	0	2	0	0
Bracken, p	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	1	6	24	10	2

Washington	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	x—8
Cleveland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

First base by errors—Washington, 2; Cleveland, 1. Left on bases—Washington, 4; Cleveland, 4. First base on balls—Off Mercer, 2; off Bracken, 4. Struck out—By Mercer, 5; by Bracken, 2. Three-base hit—Coughlin. Two-base hits—LaChance (2), Grady, Clarke. Sacrifice hits—Clarke (2), Dungan. Stolen bases—Farrell, Coughlin, Mercer, Waldron. Double plays—Clingman to Farrell to Grady; Grady to Farrell; Coughlin to Farrell to Grady. Umpire—Betts. Time of game, 1 hour and 40 minutes. Attendance, 2,100.

Notes of the Game.

Cleveland and Washington will play again this afternoon.

Either Lee or Carrick will be in the box for the locals this afternoon.

The jumping of First Baseman Hart, of the Baltimore team, presumably because the management did not see the wisdom of paying the fines imposed on the player, will not be a great loss to the American League, and if the magnates try pretty hard they can stand the defection. Now if McGraw, Griffith, and a few more of the thugs would leave the game and return to the fold of the National League the respectable element in baseball would breathe easier.

A report from Baltimore is to the effect that McGraw is thoroughly disgusted with baseball, and American League baseball in particular, and will in the future employ his talent in the saloon business, at which he should be a bright and shining light. One more loss for the Ban Johnson league to stand. 'Tis truly awful.

Umpire Haskell is still laid up, the result of Katoll's assault with a baseball. Mr. Betts, of this city, made the decisions yesterday and was generally satisfactory in his rulings.

BOTH PLAYED RAGGED BALL.

Chicago, However, Manages to Hit at the Right Time.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 26.—Some well placed hits when the Chicagos had men on bases won today's game for the visitors. Both teams played ragged ball. The score:

CHICAGO.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hoy, cf	1	3	2	0	0
Jones, rf	0	0	3	0	1
Mertes, 2b	1	1	3	1	0
Hartman, 3b	3	2	0	3	0
McFarland, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Isbell, 1b	2	1	11	0	0
Burke, ss	1	3	0	3	3
Sullivan, c	1	0	7	1	0
Patterson, p	2	2	0	2	1
Totals	11	12	27	10	5

PHILADELPHIA.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Fultz, 2b	0	1	3	5	1
Davis, 1b	1	1	13	1	0
Seybold, cf	2	2	4	0	0
McIntyre, lf	0	3	0	0	1
Ely, ss	0	0	2	3	2
Powers, c	0	4	0	1	1
Dolan, 3b	0	1	1	4	1
Bernhard, rf	1	1	0	1	0
Wiltz, p	0	0	0	4	2
Totals	4	9	27	18	1

Chicago	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	3—11
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1—4

Left on bases—Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 7. First base on balls—Off Wiltz, 3. Struck out—By Patterson, 6; by Wiltz, 2. Three-base hit—Bernhard. Two-base hits—Seybold, Dolan, Davis, Hoy. Stolen bases—Mertes, Hartman (2), Burke, Sullivan, Fultz, Seybold. Wild pitches—Wiltz, 3. Passed balls—Powers. Umpire—Connolly. Time of game, 2 hours.

TOOK AN EARLY START.

Detroit Defeats Boston by Securing a Winning Lead.

BOSTON, Aug. 26.—The visitors won today's game in the first inning, when they made four runs. Boston could not solve the Detroit twirler, getting but six hits. The score:

DETROIT.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Barrett, cf	1	0	4	0	1
Holmes, rf	2	4	1	0	0
Casey, 3b	0	2	0	2	1
Gleason, 2b	0	1	3	7	0
Elberfeld, ss	1	0	4	2	0
Nance, lf	2	2	3	0	0
Dillon, 1b	0	1	10	0	1
McAllister, c	0	3	2	1	0
Siever, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	14	27	14	3

BOSTON.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Dowd, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Stahl, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Collins, 3b	0	1	2	1	1
Freeman, 1b	1	1	11	1	0
Hemphill, rf	1	0	1	0	0
Parent, ss	1	2	2	5	1
Ferris, 2b	0	1	4	3	2*
Schreck, c	0	0	1	1	0
Winters, p	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	3	6	*26	12	4

*Casey out, hit by batted ball.

Detroit	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0—6
Boston	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0—3

First base on balls—Off Winters, 3; off Siever, 2. Struck out—By Siever, 3. Three-base hits—McAllister, Holmes. Two-base hit—Holmes. Sacrifice hit—Parent. Stolen bases—Casey, Collins, Gleason. Double plays—Gleason, Elberfeld and Dillon. 2; Parent and Freeman. Umpire—Cantillion. Time of game, 1 hour and 40 minutes.

ORIOLES WIN IN THE FOURTH.

Their Five Runs Give Them the Game Safely.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 26.—The home team cracked out all its runs in the fourth inning, and these were enough to win the game. The score:

BALTIMORE.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Donlin, 1b	1	2	14	1	0
Seymour, rf	1	0	2	0	0
Williams, 2b	0	1	0	5	0
Keister, ss	1	1	2	4	0
Brodie, cf	1	1	3	0	0
Bresnahan, lf	0	1	0	0	0
Dunn, 3b	1	2	2	4	0
Robinson, c	1	1	2	0	0
Howell, p	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	5	10	27	15	0

MILWAUKEE.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hegriever, lf	0	0	3	0	0
Conroy, ss	0	2	4	4	1
Anderson, 1b	1	1	9	1	0
Duffy, cf	0	1	0	0	0
Gilbert, 2b	1	1	2	2	0
Hallman, rf	1	1	2	1	0
Friel, 3b	0	1	1	3	2
Donohue, c	0	4	3	1	0
Garvin, p	0	0	2	0	0
*Maloney	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	3	10	27	12	3

*Batted for Garvin in ninth.

Baltimore	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	x—5
Milwaukee	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—3

Left on bases—Baltimore, 7; Milwaukee, 7. First base on balls—Off Garvin, 2. Struck out—By Garvin, 3; by Howell, 1. Two-base hits—Hallman, Donohue, Duffy. Sacrifice hits—Bresnahan, Garvin, Dunn. Stolen bases—Donlin (2), Dunn. Double plays—Gilbert to Anderson. Hit by pitcher—By Garvin, 1. Umpire—Sheridan. Time of game, 1 hour and 55 minutes.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

SCORED ONLY ONE RUN.

Matthewson Holds the Phillies Down Until the Ninth.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 26.—When Matthewson let up in the ninth inning in today's game, then the Phillies scored their only run. Matthewson completely lost the Phillies, striking out seven of them. Donahue pitched a good game, but the inability of his team to hit let his good work go for naught. The score:

PHILADELPHIA.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Thomas, cf	0	1	4	0	1
Barry, 2b	0	1	1	1	0
Flick, rf	0	0	3	0	1
Delehanty, lf	0	1	1	0	0
McFarland, c	0	0	2	1	0
Jennings, 1b	0	0	11	0	0
Hallman, 2b	0	0	2	4	0
Cross, ss	0	0	2	4	1
Donohue, p	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	1	3	*26	14	3

*Davis out, hit by batted ball.

NEW YORK.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Selbach, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Strang, 3b	0	0	1	5	1
Van Haltren, cf	0	2	1	0	0
Davis, ss	1	1	4	2	0
McBride, rf	0	2	0	0	0
Murphy, 2b	0	0	3	3	0
Ganzel, 1b	1	1	10	1	0
Bowerman, c	0	1	7	2	0
Matthewson, p	1	3	1	2	0
Totals	3	10	27	15	1

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1
New York	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0—3

First base by errors—McFarland, Strang, Ganzel. Left on bases—Philadelphia, 4; New York, 3. First base on balls—Off Donohue, 2; off Matthewson, 5. Struck out—By Donohue, 2; by Matthewson, 1. Three-base hit—Bowerman. Two-base hit—Davis. Stolen bases—Ganzel. Double plays—Cross, Hallman, and Jennings; Matthewson, Bowerman, and Davis. Hit by pitcher—By Matthewson, Jennings. Wild pitches—Matthewson. Umpire—Dwyer. Time of game, 1 hour and 45 minutes.

SHUT THE CHAMPIONS OUT.

Only Two Singles Made Off Willis' Delivery.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Willis cut the Champions down in rapid order today. Only two singles were made off the tall Boston boxman and not one of the Champions reached second base. Donovan pitched well, but lost the game by his own errors and a base on balls. The score:

BOSTON.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Slagle, rf	0	1	0	0	0
Tenney, 1b	1	2	10	1	0
DeMont, 2b	0	1	3	1	0
Cooley, lf	1	0	1	0	0
Hamilton, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Lowe, 3b	0	0	0	4	0
Long, ss	0	0	3	5	0
Kittridge, c	0	0	7	3	0
Miller, p	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	5	27	14	0

BROOKLYN.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Keeler, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Sheckard, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Dolan, cf	0	0	3	1	0
Kelly, 1b	0	0	9	2	0
Daly, 2b	0	0	2	2	0
Dahlen, ss	0	0	0	2	0
Irwin, 3b	0	1	2	1	0
Farrell, c	0	0	7	2	1
Donovan, p	0	1	3	2	0
*Kitson	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	27	13	3

*Batted for Donovan in ninth.

Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1—2
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

First base on errors—Boston, 2. Left on bases, Brooklyn, 2; Boston, 5. Struck out—By Donovan, 6; by Willis, 5. Sacrifice hits—DeMont, Cooley. Stolen bases—Slagle, Lowe. Double play—Dolan and Farrell. Umpire—Emslie. Time of game, 1 hour and 25 minutes. Attendance, 2,700.

HUGHES LACKED SUPPORT.

Pitched a Good Game, But the Reds Won Out.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Chicago lost a game today which could have been counted to its credit. As it was it went to the credit of Cincinnati. Hughes pitched a fine game, but went without support through the dumb work of the heads and hands of his colleagues. Doyle let in one run by holding the ball and another by a wild throw. The score:

CHICAGO.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hartzel, lf	0	2	1	0	0
Green, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Dexter, 3b	1	0	1	3	0
Doyle, 1b	0	0	10	2	1
Raymer, ss	0	1	2	3	0
Childs, 2b	1	1	0	1	1
Menefee, rf	0	1	2	0	0
Kahoe, c	0	1	10	0	0
Hughes, p	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	3	6	27	13	2

CINCINNATI.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Dobbs, cf	1	0	2	0	0
Harley, lf	2	1	2	0	0
Beckley, 1b	0	0	11	0	1
Crawford, rf	0	2	0	0	0
Magoon, ss	0	1	3	6	0
Steinfeldt, 3b	1	0	1	7	0
Fox, 2b	0	2	3	0	1
Peitz, c. and 1b	0	0	3	1	0
Bergen, c	0	0	1	1	0
Hahn, p	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	4	6	27	18	2

Chicago	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0—3
Cincinnati	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0—4

Left on bases—Chicago, 3; Cincinnati, 4. First base on balls—Off Hughes, 2; off Hahn, 1. Struck out—By Hughes, 9; by Hahn, 3. Two-base hit—Kahoe. Stolen bases—Harley, Fox, Green, Dexter. Double plays—Doyle to Raymer to Hughes, Kahoe to Peitz to Fox. Umpire—Brown. Time of game, 1 hour and 40 minutes.

HITS AND ERRORS EQUAL.

Powell's Pitching Proves Too Much for the Pirates.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 26.—Powell's pitching was too much for league leaders, who made as many errors as they did hits today. Third Baseman Turner, a semi-professional who subbed for the injured Leach, was nervous and mixed the infield plays several times, but generally made a good impression. Leach will be able to play this week. Wallace's fielding was as good as Powell's pitching. The score:

PITTSBURG.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Clarke, lf	0	1	0	0	0
Beaumont, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Davis, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Wagner, ss	1	2	1	2	1
Bransfield, 1b	0	0	17	0	1
Ritchey, 2b	0	1	2	5	1
Turner, 3b	0	0	2	2	2
O'Connor, c	1	1	3	0	0
Chesbro, p	0	0	0	2	0
*Yeager	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	27	11	5

*Yeager batted for Turner in ninth.

ST. LOUIS.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Burkett, lf	2	1	4	0	0
Heidrick, cf	1	2	1	0	0
Donovan, rf	0	1	2	0	0
Wallace, ss	0	2	2	6	0
Kruger, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Meegan, 1b	0	0	9	0	1
Padden, 2b	1	1	1	0	0
Ryan, c	1	2	7	0	0
Powell, p	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	5	10	27	9	1

Pittsburg	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0—2
St. Louis	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0—5

First base on balls—Off Chesbro, 1; off Powell, 2. Struck out—By Chesbro, 3; by Powell, 6. Three-base hit—Clarke. Two-base hits—O'Connor, Padden. Sacrifice hits—Powell, Ryan, Bransfield, Kruger, Wagner, Ritchey. Stolen bases—Heidrick, Ryan, Wagner (2), Kruger. Hit by pitcher—McGann. Wild pitch—Chesbro. Passed ball—Wallace. Umpire—O'Day. Time of game, 1 hour and 55 minutes. Attendance, 5,100.

Amateur Baseball Players.

The American Athletics sauntered down to the Marine Barracks on Saturday with high hopes of putting it all over the bluecoats, but after they had chased the sphere over the field for six long innings they decided that they would do nothing of the kind, but would be content to return to their homes with a defeat chalked against up them. The Marines more than doubled the score of their opponents and secured a goodly number of hits as well. The score was 16 to 7.

The features of the contest were the home-run swat of Coombs and the three-bagger by Turner. Batteries—Wynkopp and Kelly; Smith and Larimer.

The Crawfords have organized for the season, and have among their players several of those who were on the Prudentials, which defeated the crack B. & O. Stars, this being the only defeat that team has suffered. They would like to hear from all amateur teams in the city whose average is sixteen years. Address John Quigley, 76 L Street northwest.

The Potomac Stars were defeated Sunday by the Metropolitan Atheletic club by the close score of 13 to 12 after a close and interesting game had been played. The winners would like to hear from all teams in the District having an average age of sixteen years, the B. & O. Stars having the preference. Send challenges to G. Herbert, manager, 460 G Street southwest.

The American Stars' playing yesterday against the Virginia L. I. club was anything but good, but they won out by 14 to 9. Seven glaring errors by Second Baseman McEol were responsible for the six runs in the second inning. Niedfelt would have scored a shutout but for the fielding. Batteries—Niedfet and Bradshaw; Vickers and Campbell.

The Mayflowers defeated the Nashvilles yesterday by the score of 13 to 4. The feature of the game was the pitching of H. Donn, who struck out eight men without allowing a man to go to base on balls. The line-up of the Mayflowers is as follows: H. Sullivan, right field; H. Donn, pitcher; H. Myers, left field; A. Donn, catcher; B. Brunger, centre field; B. Borger, shortstop; E. Brooks, third base; J. Sullivan, second base; J. Heany, first base.

The second game of the series between the Young Columbians and the Young Eastern Buds was played in the northeast section of this city yesterday morning, and resulted in the defeat of the latter by a score of 17 to 16. There were no outs when the winning run was made. The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of the Columbias. Any team whose players are under sixteen years of age wishing to arrange games with the Young Columbias address challenges to Edward P. Creecy, 1363 H Street northeast.

A game played Sunday between the Mount Vernons and the Southern Stars resulted in the defeat of the Southern Stars by the score of 13 to 12. Martin has been assigned to the position of pitcher, while Newman played first base. Both are new members of the Mount Vernon team, but played very satisfactory.

The M. A. C. defeated the Golden Rods Sunday by the score of 15 to 8. The M. A. C. line up as follows: Herbert, Holser, and Kane, pitchers; Harmel and O'Brien, catchers; Merten, first base; Herbert, second base; B. Ostermayer, third base; Richards, shortstop; Goldstein, left field; Langbern, centre field; Frawley, right field; J. Frawley and W. Young, subs; F. Stewart and J. Richards, mascots. All teams sixteen years of age address challenges to G. Herbert, 460 G Street southwest.

UMPIRE HASKELL'S BRUISES.

He Visits the Hospital for Treatment a Third Time.

Umpire Haskell, of the American League, who was beaten Thursday last at the American League Park in Northeast Washington, called last night at the Emergency Hospital for treatment of his injuries. The physicians found that he was suffering from a bad contusion of the leg, and dressed the wound for a third time.

Improvement seems rather slow, but Mr. Heiskell declined to remain at the hospital overnight.

He is still suffering from severe bruises, as the result of the pummeling he received at the hands of two ball players of the Chicago team.

EXCITING MOTOR CYCLE RACES.

A Series of Races Arranged for the Coliseum Thursday Night.

A series of heat races between four of the fastest new four horse-power motor cycles ever built and manned by American teams will take place Thursday night at the Coliseum bicycle track. This kind of racing is becoming popular, and the local lovers of the sport will be given a chance to witness some fast riding on this occasion.

Up to the present time but two events of this nature have taken place in this country. One of these was at the Buffalo Exposition, when two riders mounted on a motor tandem peeled off a mile on a four-lap track in 1:18 2-5, being eight seconds faster than any rider has ever been able to follow in the rear of a mortor machine. The events will include four races with the mortor cycles and exhibition riding by local amateurs behind one of the big machines.

A CHALLENGE TO RIVIERRE.

Garin Willing to Ride a 1,200 Kilometre Race With Him.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Garin, the winner of the late Parish-Brest bicycle race, has been annoyed by the allegation of Rivierre, one of the contestants, that he was paced during part of the race by an automobile. He has consequently challenged Rivierre to ride a 1,200 kilometre race on a track at Paris or Roubaix.

The Clergy like it.—Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "live up to the preaching" in all it claims: Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Dr. Langtry (Episcopalian); Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist), and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking. Sold by F. S. Williams, Ninth and F Streets; Edmonds & Williams, Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.—4.

ASHLEY'S AERIAL JOURNEY

Went Up Into the Air While the Interiorites Made Runs.

The Pitcher for the Government Printing Office Harshly Treated by Secretary Hitchcock's Young Men—Fielding on Both Sides Yellow.

LOST—Two large Chinese kites, one in the shape of a pitcher and the other in the shape of a butterfly. When last seen they were hovering over the vicinity of Seventh Street and Florida Avenue. Any information leading to their capture will be greatly appreciated by Charlie Wing, 1728 East Baltimore Stret, Baltimore.

If this almond-eyed Celestial will immediately get into communication with Pitcher William Ashley, alias "Bill Sivers," of the G. P. O. ball team, he will receive much information regarding these runaways, as Bill explored all the ether around the vicinity named yesterday evening when he was slated to serve up to the Interiorites some of his most elusive shoots, benders, and drops. In the initial inning he took his stand sixty feet from the batting slab and proceeded to shove them over, but after a moment's hesitation he was suddenly seen to gaze intently at the heavens and his mates grew worried and were seen to knit their brows, for they could not understand such conduct.

But when they looked up and beheld two large specks floating through the cirrus clouds all was made plain, for they saw that Bill was worried by their presence and they also knew what it was only a question of a very few seconds when he, too, would be far above them and mother earth. The ascension took place in a very few seconds, when Ashley was seen to rise high over their heads and in due time he reached the kites and for a while it was nip and tuck for the kites to keep pace with him. Higher and higher Bill soared, still leading in the race. After he had reached a height of about 1,000 feet above sea level the kites gave it up, for as light as they were they could go no farther. Finally, seeing that he had no opposition, Bill descended to terra firma once more and was informed that during his soaring the Interiorites had scored five of the ones that count.

This had little effect upon him, for he was chewing intently on his wad of chewing gum and was free from the vicissitudes of the world and cared not what happened. But after a little coaxing he decided to remain with his teammates and finish the game without any more ascensions. Bill's conduct, coupled with the series of costly errors made by the infielders, gave the game to the topographers without any effort on the part of the latter. After the dust had cleared away at the conclusion of the game the printers' run alley footed up to 3 and that of the Land Office lads to 9, leaving a margin of six runs for the Interiorites.

Having heard that it is lucky to have the last rap at the leather, the typos allowed their opponents to take first bat, in order to test the authencity of this statement. The sphere was started to slab zigzagging and it looked like a good gooser, but Vaughn, who led his tribe to the bat, smacked it squarely on the nose and reached first before it could be captured by the men on the outposts. He was followed by another of the Interiorites, who also smashed one to the outfield.

Then Bunn came to the front, shillalah in hand, and as the pellet floated over the plate he lambasted one to the centre field and scored the two men preceding him and reached second hassock before the spheroid was run down by the outfielders. Several errors, made just at this juncture, allowed him to reach third corner, and he skedaddled home on Bradley's hit. A slow grounder was hit to short, but the worthy occupying that position could not get his digits upon it before the batter had reached the premier sack. But the fielder wanted all present to see that he had caught the horse hide, so he threw it over to the first baseman, but it was about four feet to the bad, so the runner absconded to the second cushion and there took a rest.

This performance continued until Mr. Hitchcock's wards became tired of scoring and decided to get out and give the printers a chance to hit the ball a little before the game was called. The typographical artists came in and three of them went to the plate feeling as though they would surely swat the leather out of bounds. After making three vicious swipes each at the elusive sphere they felt decidedly otherwise.

The men whose names appear on the payroll at the Land Office got one of their number across the counting block in the second and were presented with another in the third. In the fourth they could get no farther than the second snag on their journey, while in the fifth they were very harshly treated, not being allowed to make an imprint on the initial pill