SPORTS

HOW THEY STAND.

National League.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	62	37	.626
Pittsburg	64	42	.610
New York	61	42	.598
Philadelphia	58	46	.558
St. Louis	57	47	.548
Cincinnati	46	50	.455
Brooklyn	39	63	.382
Boston	24	80	.238

American League.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	69	38	.645
Detroit	67	41	.621
Boston	56	53	.514
New York	55	54	.505
Chicago	53	53	.500
Cleveland	55	55	.500
Washington	45	64	.413
St. Louis	23	75	.267

Western League.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Denver	74	38	.661
Lincoln	62	49	.559
Pueblo	62	48	.564
St. Joseph	61	51	.545
Omaha	54	57	.486
Sioux City	53	57	.482
Topeka	42	67	.386
Des Moines	23	78	.228

WHERE THEY PLAY TOMORROW

National League.

St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Boston.
Cincinnati at New York.
Pittsburg at Brooklyn.

American League.

Detroit at Chicago.
New York at Cleveland.

CORHAN PLAYS STAR GAME AGAINST THE DETROIT TIGERS

Gets Two Hits Out of Three Times Up, Makes a Run and Has Four Assists With No Errors.

Being "beaned" by one of Ford's spitters more than two months ago has apparently had no lasting serious effects on "Binger" Corhan of Albuquerque, shortstop for the White Sox. In a game between the Sox and Detroit in the Michigan town last Saturday Corhan tore around the lot in great shape and made a big hit with the sport writers. The lad was up three times and grabbed off a pair of hits, one good for two bases and the other, hit to Cobb in center, scoring two men, the Georgia peach, spending several valuable seconds in looking for the pill. Speaking of Corhan's work against Dutch, the Sunday Record Herald says:

"Corhan played a star game at short, handling five putouts and four assists. The lad seems to have cultivated a batting eye since being beaned at New York. He grabbed off a triple and single in the game against Detroit today.

"The Sunday Tribune has the following to say about the game:

"Roy Corhan played a whirlwind game at shortstop today, showing no symptoms of nervousness such as in the final game at Philly. Once he heaved a vicious one at 'Shano' Collins so as to beat Cobb and the throw was a bit high, so that 'Shano' dropped it. It was a toss up who should get the error."

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SPECTATORS ON THE BLEACHERS FIND MOST INTEREST

Johnnie Evers Says He Now Sees Why So Much Criticism Is Handed to Players by Press and Public.

Johnny Evers says in the September Baseball Magazine, just out, that there is one man who has less chance to become an interested spectator of a ball game from the bleachers than any other person, and that man is, strange to say, the player himself. The big league star is confined to his own schedule, he sees few or no contests outside of his own league, and even those contests he views from the bench or as an active participant. Evers is an exception to the rule and he gives some reminiscences of the typical star in the role of spectator.

If the average American youth were to be asked what he desired to be in baseball it is a safe bet to say that a big majority of them would answer, "I would like to be a big leaguer." Such is the ambition of nearly every boy or young man who has ever handled a baseball and, in these days when baseball has reached its present high standard, it is an ambition not to be sneered at.

After playing professional baseball for nearly a decade, and all but a few months with the same club, the Chicago Cubs of the National league, I find there are many interesting incidents that I could recall; little things that have occurred on the ball field that are interesting to me as I recount them and which I know would be interesting to the fans. But there is one period of my connection with baseball which to me seems the most interesting, and that period dates back to the time before I entered professional baseball as a means of livelihood—"when I sat on the bleachers."

To many this may sound strange, but when I say it I do not forget the many notable contests that I have participated in, nor do I forget the fact that the team I have always been associated with has been a top-notcher, a four-time pennant winner in the National league and the winner of two world's championships. With all the success that has come to me in my baseball career I have never lost sight of the fact that I once was only one of the thousands of fans who have made baseball the game it is.

There is a great deal more in viewing a ball game from the bleachers than from the grandstand or the choicest box seat of a great stadium. In the boxes or the grandstand you will usually find the fans who take in the ball games as a diversion from business or other cares or those who have no interested in a certain player or team. But when you sit on the bleachers you cannot help touching elbows with that round bunch of fans who pick apart every play that is made, who condemn the home or visiting players for not doing this or that, who, from baseball instinct, can tell almost what every player of either team has done at the bat without the aid of a score card, and who invariably know the batting average of any player you chance to mention. In all the baseball sense of the bleachers at any big league game could be centered in the brains of a baseball team I think that clan would be the best thinking aggregation ever put together. In my opinion, if half the people who have never had the pleasure of occupying a seat on the bleachers knew what they were missing they would abandon their grandstand or box seats occasionally and mingle with the bleacherites. On the bleachers every play that is made in a game is replayed and replayed many different ways, not only as it was executed, but as it should have been according to the way of thinking of the bleacherites. And don't think for a minute that these bleacherites do not have the right done many a time.

Since becoming a big league player I have sat on the bleachers, although not a great many times, but I have been there, and only a few weeks ago, upon the occasion of a visit to my home in Troy, I found just as much pleasure and felt just as much at home on the bleachers as formerly. Lately I have also viewed a great many games from the grandstand, and, after playing in so many championship contests I have learned new lessons from my experiences as a spectator both in the grandstand and bleachers. From these points of vantage the games look much easier.

From the side lines many more openings can be seen than when actually playing a game. This arises from the fact that when engaged in a game a player has but one chance on a single play, an opportunity, so to speak. He must grasp that opportunity in an instant, he must have thought beforehand, for if he waits to think, when the opportunity presents itself his chance is gone before he gets through thinking. Did you ever stop to consider the time it takes to make one play in a game? Try it and you will not only be surprised, but the game will become more interesting. It will show you that a player has not much time to think once a play is started and what thinking must be done must be done beforehand and quickly, because the wrong think may change the entire complexion of the game.

From the sidelines the spectators are not subjected to this nerve-wrecking experience. They may figure out what difference does it make to the fan what play is going to be made, but if it does not turn out that way what difference does it make? On the other hand, if a player makes a mistake in his play it is at once apparent to the player as well as to every spectator, but the latter without considering what might have happened to him or anyone else had he been in the player's place, starts condemning the player, and I have seen many games where a player would make one mistake and because it proved fatal a chorus of "Take him out" would immediately burst forth.

Thus, from my experiences, both as a player and a spectator, I can now readily see why so much criticism is handed out by the press and the public. Playing baseball and looking at it are two vastly different things. If the player succeeds, all well and good. He is a hero. If he miscues or fails to take advantage of the chances that come his way, why then it is a different thing and all sorts of names are applied to him. And in a majority of these cases the player is not deserving of all the things said to him and about him, for there is nothing that hurts a player more than to make an error, either of execution or judgment, at a critical time. That is one reason why the bleacherites should not be hasty to get after a player when he takes chances and falls. Instead of ridiculing him words of encouragement ought to be given him. When a player feels that the fans have confidence in him, the confidence in himself will be increased.

I was especially interested in the last world's series between the Athletics and the Cubs, not merely because the Cubs were playing, but because I had an opportunity for the first time in my life of seeing the two best teams in the country battle for honors. It was the first world's series the Cubs played in that I was unable to get into the game, due to the accident which befell me near the close of the National League season. However, I watched those games with more than ordinary interest for it gave me a chance of studying the plays of two great baseball machines, just as I had studied the minor league players. "When I Sat on the Bleachers" in those world's series games I saw numerous plays and openings that, perhaps, would not have been apparent to me had I been playing. This only went to strengthen my belief that more can be seen in a baseball game from the side lines than when one is actually engaged in the game. These lessons I have learned from being a spectator have been valuable and hardly a day has gone by that I have not used some play or other that I had learned or figured out from the side lines. The more I studied the game the more I liked it, and when I had an opportunity of using a play I had planned I felt as though I was well repaid.

Another incident that has been of intense interest to me while watching the games from the side lines has been to see other fellows in action. I have carefully watched Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins and all the other great players of the present day and, in my opinion, Cobb is so far ahead of them all that it would be useless for me to try and make comparisons. I know it will cause some surprise and to many it may sound like a friendly boost, but candidly, in my estimation, Frank Chance was the only real rival Cobb ever had, all things considered, for being the greatest player of them all.

ANOTHER PARTY IS IMPLICATED

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 15.—When arraigned Saturday afternoon on the charge of abandoning her infant daughter which subsequently died, Maria Figueroa late Saturday afternoon waived preliminary examination. Her bond was fixed at $2,000 at the time of her arrest. Upon the girl's request the court decided to reduce the bond to $1,000. He allowed the old bond to stand until Wednesday by which time the girl expects to be able to get a new bond.

Tomas Flores, whom the girl asserts is the father of her child, was given a hearing yesterday afternoon in the court of Justice Pablo Vigil. It was understood that he would assert his innocence. It is rumored that another man is to be charged with the fatherhood of the child.

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PIVOTAL ELEMENT IS HARVEST

Market Conditions Hang Upon the Outcome of Season's Produce; Government Reports are Disappointing.

New York, Aug. 15.—Henry Clews says: The pivotal element in business and financial circles just now is the harvest. Wednesday's government report was somewhat of a disappointment, inasmuch as it indicated a wheat crop of 30,000,000 bushels less than a year ago and a corn crop of 300,000,000 bushels below last year. This is probably the worst that can happen, and there is good reason to accept this estimate with reserve. Since these returns were made there has been considerable improvement in the crop situation and while it would be foolish to now anticipate as good wheat and corn crops as last year, still the situation is by no means serious and the harvest of these two important crops is quite likely to reach the average. There is every reason to anticipate a very fair yield of corn, and the deterioration of 300,000,000 bushels is not going to prove a very important matter, especially as some portions of the country have considerably increased their acreage in this cereal. Nor is the loss in oats so grave a matter since the automobile has so largely superseded the horse. Some compensation for shrinkage in the cereal crops will be found in a larger cotton crop. The price of the latter has fallen in consequence, and in view of the large yield results should prove satisfactory to the grower and prove an immense benefit to the country through the heavier exports of this staple which will inevitably follow a good yield. For some time past the cotton trade of the world has been seriously interfered with by the excessive price of cotton, and this great industry should receive much benefit by a return of cotton to a more normal level. At home the cotton goods industry has been further embarrassed by tariff agitation, and any relief through cheaper cotton would be most welcome to all concerned.

Upon general business the present crop situation can have no harmful effect. Of course, a large yield of corn, wheat and oats would have been very beneficial and was much desired, yet the fact that we are now almost sure of average crops at good prices assures fair business conditions during the next few months. The most serious interference with business at present is the disturbed condition of politics. Industry has been much depressed by continued fruitless tariff agitation and congressional investigations of industrial corporations. There is no prospect of any genuine tariff action being taken this summer. The sooner congress adjourns, therefore, and stops talking the better for itself and the people of the United States. Congress is getting upon the business man's nerves by its often incompetent dealing with business matters which it doesn't or can't fully understand. The country needs a rest from useless and injurious agitation. Investigations which serve no purpose except to bring ambitious congressmen into notoriety have done much to retard a recovery in business which was certainly due, and really promised to develop. It is perfectly true that some of our big corporations are deservedly suffering from misdeeds of the past, but that is no excuse for the threatened attacks which are being made upon all forms of business organizations. It should be recognized that the abuses of the past are being gradually but surely remedied, and that time and delicate treatment are required for the removal of many of these ills, which will never be repeated. Business men are tired and disgusted at such persistent interference which makes the execution of plans on a large scale extending into the future practically impossible. Europe, meanwhile, looks on in wonder at the patience of the average American with what ever there often seems hysterical and pacific attacks upon legitimate business methods. All admit that there are evils in our industrial system to be cured, but legislative sandbagging is not the proper cure. Let us have a reasonable and quiet enforcement of the law instead of hysterical attacks for the sake of political and newspaper notoriety.

When congress adjourns the country will certainly breathe a deep sigh of relief. The present session, it will be remembered, was called purposely to pass the reciprocity bill with Canada, and it is unfortunate that its activities were not limited to its original purpose. The present tariff agitation has been perfectly useless and resulted only in harm, it being quite evident that this great problem will not be adjusted until after another presidential election. The tariff should be taken out of politics, but this seems impossible for the reason that the interests affected are too strong and too belligerent to be satisfied except by a test of strength, and, what is equally potent, the politicians cannot be persuaded to surrender an issue which offers such effective campaign material. No serious tariff changes, therefore, are to be anticipated for some time to come. The question may be again revised, but early action is impossible, and President Taft will surely throw his whole influence against any hasty decision until the evidence gathered by the tariff board has been carefully prepared for public digestion. Such a course is wise, and should aid to restore confidence and soothe the nerves of the over-irritated American manufacturer and merchant. The patience of the average business man has been so much overstrained during the past six months that he is apt to take a more pessimistic view of the situation than is really warranted. A few weeks or months of rest from political disturbance and business sentiment will quickly become more normal and more hopeful.

Stock market conditions were somewhat improved technically by the recent decline of 5 to 15 points in the active shares. Considerable liquidation has taken place and stocks, it should be remembered, will now gradually get into stronger hands. Money continues easy and although the crop moving season is close at hand there are no indications of stringency. The export movement, particularly of cotton, will soon begin and this will improve our position in the foreign money markets. London is still undergoing some financial strain, the situation which developed after the Birkbeck bank failure not having yet entirely cleared up. Canada may make heavier demands upon the money market this autumn than usual owing to the large crops there and great industrial development. Just now railroad shares often look attractive as investments and in spite of the heavy expenses the probabilities are that dividends will be well maintained. The crop outlook has fresh ample discounted and speculative sentiment is conservative but hopeful so that in the absence of unfavorable developments stocks should be a purchase on further declines. At the same time the situation will bear watching. Security issues have been exceedingly heavy since the first of the year, political conditions are not satisfactory, the cost of living is again rising and there are renewed rumblings of labor troubles. Altogether the situation warrants hopeful views not unmixed, however, with prudence and caution.

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