

HAD A HARD SKULL.

The Baseball Catcher Who Was the Original Bonehead.

Ed Ashenback, for many years a manager of minor league teams, in his book, "Humor Among the Minors," claims to be the originator of the expression "bonehead," which is now, with its synonymous terms of "solid ivory," "mahogany bean," "concrete dome" and "cement skull," so common in baseball.

Ashenback says that when he was managing the Shreveport team of the Southern league some years ago he had a catcher who could hit some, but who had the very serious weakness of not being able to gauge a foul ball no matter how easy it was.

One day a batter raised a high foul directly over the plate, and the catcher, misjudging it, was hit squarely on top of the head by the descending sphere, which knocked off his mask and bounded away some thirty feet. That night Ashenback finished his supper early and was passing out of the dining room when he happened to walk behind this catcher, who was devouring his evening meal with gusto and enthusiasm. Stopping at the table, Ed passed his hands over the catcher's head, feeling for the bump which he thought would surely be there on account of the contact with the ball that afternoon. But there was no lump to be felt. "No wonder," said Ash. "How could there be a bump? Your head is solid bone."

The Old Problem.
"This magazine looks rather the worse for wear."

"Yes; it's the one I sometimes lend to the servant on Sundays."

"Doesn't she get tired of reading always the same one?"

"Oh, no. You see, it's the same book, but it's always a different servant."

EXCURSION RATES VIA. SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Account South Atlantic States Music Festival.

The Southern Railway announces very low round trip rates from all points in South Carolina to Spartanburg, S. C., and return. Tickets will be on sale April 25th, 26th and 27th, with final limit good to leave Spartanburg up to and including, but not later than midnight of April 29th, 1911.

Account Fifth Annual Horse Show Association, the Southern Railway also announces very low round trip fares to Greenville, S. C., and return, tickets to be sold May 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, limited good to reach original starting point returning not later than midnight of May 28th, 1911.

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In writing mention this paper.

Health Officer Harry Deberry, of Florence, was arrested Thursday on a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police Koopman, charging him with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature on a young lady from Lee County who was passing through Florence and asked him at the depot to direct her to a boarding house.

Sumter is not alone in facing a large deficit in the city treasury. Anderson is now struggling with a floating debt of \$31,000 and in consequence the city council has adopted a resolution that no more permanent work of any description will be undertaken until January 1, 1912.

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The Best of the French Bulls Are Aged, Not Spoken—Some Droll Examples of the Italian, Portuguese, Dutch and German.

Sir Richard Steele explained why his countrymen made bulls: "Tis the effect of the climate, sir. If an Englishman were born in Ireland he would make as many," said he. It is not every one who knows a bull when he sees her. It may be no bull, but merely a blunder—a betise, as the French have it. To make sure that we have the true criterion let us first set down a few of the genuine, orthodox Irish kind:

He built the wall wider than it was high, so that when it fell down it should be higher than it was wide.

Two weary and footsore Irishmen come to a milestone, ten miles to Dublin. "Arrah," says one, "tis but five miles apiece."

Disputing of the date of St. Patrick's birthday, "He couldn't have had two unless he was twina."

An Irish sailor reported that in Philadelphia they copper bottomed the tops of the houses with sheet lead.

Give me the loan of a hatchet to saw an empty barrel of flour in two to make the dog a pippen.

His estate is divided by impenetrable furze ditches made of quarried stones set on edge.

An Irishman, describing a glorious fight, said, "There was only one whole nose in the house, and that was the tappot's."

In these and in hundreds like them we have the true flavor of the Irish bull.

There are genuine bulls in French, but they are rare. The genius of the language does not lend itself to anything less than neat precision. A French bull is usually nothing more than a betise. Still, French bulls exist. Leon, Bishop and Count of Lisieux wrote to the Duchess of Brissac as follows:

"Madame, knowing how fond you are of red partridges, I send you here with half a dozen. Three of them are gray, and one is a woodcock. You will find this letter in the bottom of the basket."

A Frenchman used a large stone jar for a pillow, explaining that it was not hard because he had stuffed it full of hay.

The very best French bulls are acted, not spoken. The Duke de St. Simon relates that a lady, lying ill, was much disturbed by the ringing of the church bells. To deaden the noise her lover had the street in front of her house laid with straw.

A spoken bull in French is apt to be something different from the Irish variety, something more like a betise, as has been said. And it is difficult to retain the flavor in translation. "Ce sont toujours les memes soldats qui se font tuer," says Marshal Bugeaud of his army. This loses a little when one translates. "It is always the same soldiers who get themselves killed."

"En fait d'inutilites il ne faut que le necessaire" is more highly colored in the French than in its translation. "Only so many useless things are required as are strictly necessary."

Here is the translation of part of an Italian letter:

"We have had a most famous earthquake. If by the mercy of God it had lasted for another half hour we should all have gone to paradise, from which may God deliver us. Whether you receive this letter or not, please advise me in either case."

Here is a Portuguese bull. In offering a reward for the recovery of the corpse of a drowned man his relatives remarked that the deceased might be identified, if found, by a slight impediment in his speech.

After much research it has been so far impossible to discover a genuine Spanish bull, but here is a Dutch bull:

"The pig had no marks on his ears except a short tail."

And here is a German bull:

"Der Zahn der Zeit, der alle Thranen trocknet, wird auch uber diese Sache Gras wachsen lassen" ("The tooth of time, that wipes away all tears, will permit grass to grow over this matter also").

Blunders in English speech are not uncommon. The orthodox bull of Ireland has scarcely crossed the channel.

A fellow of the Royal society speaks of "the earthquake that had had the honor to be noticed by the Royal society."

"The West Indies will now have a future which they have never had in the past" sounds promising until one sees that its bullish quality is a mere blunder by which the word "opportunity" was omitted. There is none of the flavor of the famous definition of salt by the Irish schoolboy, "Salt is that which makes your potatoes taste nasty if you don't put it in."

Even the best of the foreign bulls in Latin tongues evoke the suspicion that they are mere translations from Irish originals. The Dutch, the Germans and perhaps the English may have the genuine article at times. No distinctively American bulls have emerged from the long research that is the foundation of these few paragraphs.—New York Sun.

Ready.
He—I wonder what your father will say when I ask him for your hand. She—Don't worry about that, dear. He rehearsed it with me this morning and he does it beautifully.

Better it is to be envied than pitied.—Herodotus.

RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES.

MEASURE RECEIVES ALMOST SOLID SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATS.

Passage Ends Six-day Fight, Which Has Waged With Unusual Warmth—Farmers' Free Bill to Follow.

Washington, April 21.—President Taft's Canadian reciprocity agreement, supported by all but a handful of Democrats, and opposed by a majority of the Republicans, passed the house of representatives early this evening by a vote of 265 to 89. With nearly 200 Democrats in control, and their action indorsed by a large body of the Republicans, the bill to put the agreement in force was adopted with no amendments and in almost identical form in which it passed the house in the last session of the preceding congress. The bill seeks to put into effect the formal agreement reached between President Taft and members of the Canadian cabinet for a reduction of tariff rates on many articles and free trade on many others across the Canadian border. Added to it by the Democratic leaders is a section which "authorizes and requests" President Taft to make further efforts to secure still freer trade relations with Canada, in the form of additional reciprocal relations.

The passage of the bill marked the close of a fight that had raged in the house for six days.

Amendments were admitted in the house today for almost every section of the bill, and in each case they were rejected by an overwhelming vote given by the friends of the measure on both sides of the house on the theory that any amendment would nullify it.

Ten Democrats voted against the bill on its passage, while 197 Democrats voted for it. As in the case when the bill passed at the preceding session of congress, a majority of the Republicans were found against it, the party vote being 67 for and 78 opposed.

Among the Democrats voting in the negative were Gudger and Webb (N. C.).

The attempt to amend the agreement began with the final reading of the bill at 3 o'clock. The threats of Republicans opposed to the measure to make the Democrats vote against amendments for free meat, free lumber and free agricultural machinery were carried out, but as their party leaders declared that any amendment would defeat the whole trade agreement they cheerfully voted these amendments down.

The Republicans who taunted them with opposing free admission of these important products were met with the assertion that the Democrats would lay the new "farmers' free list bill" before the house next week, and that an opportunity would then be given to vote for free meat, machinery, lumber and a score of other things.

This defense was met by Republican standpatters with the charge that the Democrats knew the free list bill could not pass the senate nor secure the president's approval.

The section of the bill relating to free admission of pulp and paper provoked the sharpest discussion, drawing from Representative Mann (Ill.), the Republican leader, the statement that it was exactly in the

terms agreed upon by the two countries.

Former Speaker Cannon bitterly attacked this section of the bill.

"Let's bring Canada down here and surrender the halls of congress to them," exclaimed Mr. Cannon.

"I challenge the statement that we are going to pass the free list bill later and with the expectation that it will not become a law," said O. W. Underwood, Democratic leader, in reply to statements from Republican opponents of the reciprocity bill. "The free list bill will become a law or the Republican senate that kills it or the Republican president that vetoes it will never be heard from again."

Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—News of the heavy majority given reciprocity at Washington was received with much satisfaction by the government and Liberal members who are supporting the measure here. The Canadian opponents of the bill are not placing their faith in the hope that the United States senate will long delay the bill or kill it.

"The vote at Washington today will be a great aid to the Canadian friends of reciprocity," said a member of the Dominion government.

NEGRO BOY SENTENCED TO DIE.

Gary Gist, Aged 19, is Found Guilty of Attempted Criminal Assault on White Woman.

Spartanburg, April 21.—In a trial marked by the orderly conduct of the spectators and scrupulous regard for the rights of the defendant, Gary Gist, a negro, 19 years of age, was convicted in the court of general sessions here today of having attempted criminal assault upon a white woman in this city, and was sentenced by Judge Wilson to hang on May 26. The only defense was that the negro was drunk.

Annual Reunion United Confederate Veterans, Little Rock, Ark., May 15-18th, 1911.

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