LEGAL STATUS OF BASE BALL

New York Courts May Soon Give an Important Decision.

WILL DETERMINE RIGHTS OF OWNERS

Value of a Franchise and Control of League Affairs Involved in the Freedman Suit Against Al Spalding.

Even the cold wave has not sufficed to check the warfare between the base ball magnates. In New York Andrew Freedman has not tried to live up to his name. In fact, he refuses to be freed from the cares and responsibilities of the game in Gotham, and has asked the courts to assist him in thwarting Al Spalding's well meant efforts to separate him from the control of the Giants. At present Spalding is temporarily restrained from acting as president of the National league and Nick Young is ordered to withhold the books and records from his successor until such time as the court shall have passed on the points at issue. In many respects the decision in this case will be of vital importance to base ball. It will give a judicial interpretation to the agreement under which the various franchise owners associate themselves for the formation of a league, and will determine the rights of each and the rights of all, and set a boundary to these rights. Whether one man may antagonize and thereby put in jeopardy the interests of his associates in the enterprise will be settled, and, it is to be hoped, finally. On these points the perpetuity of the game depends. Not only are they vital to the National league, but to all leagues. Just now the Western is in such position that it might be called upon to face the same contingency. Two members of the circuit were summarily ousted by their associates. This action was taken in accordance with the articles under which the league was formed, but whether the courts would sanction the proceeding has not been settled.

While the case of Freedman is in a large degree analogous, it is not exactly parallel with that of Tebeau and Lennon. This pair went about secretly and surreptitiously to destroy the league, of which they were associate members. No consideration of the material interests of their associates deterred them from undertaking to wreck the organization that they might profit thereby. Moreover, they assumed, in the apparent security of their position, to dictate the disposition of the debris of the Western league after they had driven their expansion plow through the circuit. Hickey hardly enters into this consideration. He had no money at stake beyond his salary, and the fact that he was a willing accomplice of the offending franchise owners merely marks him as one who is willing to look after his own interests first. That he was mistaken as to the direction in which his interests lay, as well as the temper of his employers, in no wise palliates his offense. Treachery nearly always brings its own reward, and in this instance it was swift.

Probably the sublimest piece of impudence connected with the whole affair is the reported sale of the Denver franchise by Tebeau to D. C. Packard. One must halt between surprise and amusement at this announcement. When Tebeau abandoned Denver for Kansas City he announced that he had sold out to Packard. Later in the season it was developed that the alleged transfer of the Denver franchise was not a bona fide deal and that Tebeau still owned the team at Denver. When the crash came Tebeau of his own notion relinquished his Kansas City franchise in the Western league and had Packard turn back the Denver franchise to him. At the St. Joseph meeting Tebeau was formally expelled from the league and was denied admission to its meetings after presenting himself as the representative of Denver. This naturally terminated his connection with Denver, but now he turns around and "sells" the Denver franchise to Packard. Denver's case has not been disposed of by the league yet. The franchise will be awarded to some good man, but all who wish the league well will hope that Packard does not get it. He is too closely allied to Tebeau to be desirable as a member of the Western league. Denver has plenty of good men who are willing to take the team and furnish good ball and it would be but suicidal to allow a friend and supporter of the head wrecker to get control. Fred Bonfils would make a good owner and Otto C. Floto as manager would contribute to the gaiety of the game.

Deacon Jimmy Whitfield is showing the wisdom of his selection to be president of the Western. He is quietly shaping up the matters of the league, going ahead in a methodical way that stamps him as the careful business man rather than the hair-brained boomer or enthusiastic expander. Under his control the league will be in excellent condition to enter the playing season. He has indulged in no oratory, beyond expressing an opinion to the effect that the league at whose head he is will be in the business next summer. He has made friends with Pat Powers and Ban Johnson and a tripartite agreement between these is not at all unlikely. Milwaukee and Denver franchises have not yet been disposed of, but will be awarded in good season. Whitfield is a worker rather than a talker.

Hickey simmered down some, but could not keep quiet entirely, as his conversation at St. Paul indicates. Tebeau isn't saying a word, beyond the announcement that he has a lease for two years on the Exposition park at Kansas City. This means that George will have a lease for sale about the time the playing season opens. Quinn and Havenor are shouting around Milwaukee of what they propose to do, but are not yet taking any active steps to get grounds or otherwise prepare for playing. Stroebel has said nothing since he set aside the profits of the Toledo club to maintain a team in Omaha, and that is all there is to the Hickey league. The Oles are still talking of what they propose to do, especially of the substitution of Louisville for Omaha in the circuit. Maybe when the cold weather lets up enough to allow news from the outside world to percolate into Minneapolis the bright young men who write the sporting columns up there will discover that Beall still holds his franchise in the Western and has no intention of letting go. Right here looms up another bit of George Tebeau's wonderful logic. He maintains that he had a marketable right in the Denver franchise, and in the same breath insists that Beall has no rights in Minneapolis. It is just such deliciously jughandled propositions as this that have made Tebeau an object of suspicion in the base ball world. At present he isn't even cutting ice.

According to the latest Hickey manifesto, Walter Wilmot is to have the Minneapolis team in the American association. This is the same Wilmot who was bounced with little or no ceremony from the American league; who twice or three times failed to make a team pay in Minneapolis and who last season tried to make Louisville stand for bum ball in a Fourth of July league and has since been working for a living. He is also the same Walter Wilmot who a few years ago was conducting a recommendation bureau for aspiring young players. He had a regular schedule of prices. For $10 he would write a letter of introduction for the youngster; for $15 he would recommend him, and for $25 he would furnish the applicant with a batting average, a fielding record and a send-off that was certain to get him a job. Walter is certainly in his class now and Hickey and Tebeau want to look out for their laurels. If Wilmot doesn't have one or both of them warming the bench soon it will be funny.

Hickey, having installed Wilmot at Minneapolis, announces his intention of returning to Chicago for the purpose of completing the deal for Omaha. He will lease grounds, put up the fence and buildings and have everything ready by the time the train gets here. Maybe Mr. Hickey doesn't know the story of the last bunch of Chicago men who put a team into Omaha. It hasn't been so long ago, 1898, that the people have forgotten it. If Tim will call on Colonel O'Brien he may learn something to his advantage. No one out here believes for a moment that Hickey has any intention of putting a second team in Omaha, or that he could get any backing for it if he wanted to. This town will give one team good support, but no reason exists to think that it will support two, or that anyone in his sane mind would risk money on such a proposition.

One of the most comforting stories of the week is that to the effect that Ban Johnson and Al Spalding have reached an understanding. This means that conditions of last season will not prevail. Contract jumping will again be at a discount and the business of the game will be done on business principles. The understanding between Powers, Whitfield and Johnson means that base ball will again be under an agreement that will protect all interests. This is another puncture in the gas bag that has supported the Hickey boom. Having been formally expelled from the association of minor leagues, Thomas Jefferson Hickey is now entirely outside the base ball fence.

Jack Philbin broke into the game down at Buffalo and will be one of the owners of the Bisons in the Eastern league next season. Philbin was one of the old company that owned the Omaha team before "Uncle Dick" McCormick bought it. He is a good base ball man, as well as a business man, and will be a credit to the game in Buffalo or any place else. By the way, Philbin echoes eastern opinion of the Hickey outfit when he says they have no standing in the base ball world or anywhere else.

Everybody is signing players, according to the rumors afloat, so that each player will soon have attached his signature to at least half a dozen contracts. Inasmuch as the winter is the only time the pipe artist has to call his own, and owing to the further fact that his league-making efforts were upset early in the fight, it is probably all right for him to devote himself entirely to the formation of teams. Let the dream go on. When time to report comes in the spring the truth will come out. Papa Bill Rourke insists that his reason for not giving out the names of any of his men is the fear that some other manager will outbid him. Unless Bill has a lot better bunch than he trotted out last spring, he needn't worry. Up to date no lives have been lost in the rush of other managers to secure any of Papa Bill's vegetables. Omaha patrons of the game are hoping he will make good on some of his talk.

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DOG AT THE 'PHONE.

A Professional Nurse Exchanges Greetings with a Pet.

Trusty is a dog. His mistress is a professional nurse and lives with her mother. They have a telephone.

When the nurse is detained by her business away from home over night, says the New York Sun, she 'phones to her mother to relieve the latter's anxiety. The other night after talking with her mother over the wire she asked about Trusty.

The dog was by the side of the mother. The mother 'phoned that fact to her daughter, who 'phoned back to have the receiver placed at Trusty's ear.

This was done and the mistress of the dog talked to him. That he recognized her voice was evident, for he barked and appeared overjoyed.

After the receiver was hung up Trusty jumped toward it and acted as if he wanted it taken down. During the night he lay near the telephone and frequently looked up at the receiver and whined.

In the morning he sat before it and howled until his mistress was called up. She commanded him to keep quiet and not until then did he go away.

BUSY SEASON FOR THE SKIP

Curlers Make the Stones Fly in Merry Procession Nowadays.

ROARIN' GAME ONE OF MANY DELIGHTS

Skill as Well as Strength Required to Excel at This Peculiar Product of the Scotch Love for Sport.

Members of the Omaha Curling club were out with the "stones" yesterday afternoon for the first time this winter, and great was the enthusiasm and vigorous the play with which the new season for the sport was hailed. You can talk about the golf craze, the foot ball fad and the base ball fever, but there is no devotee among all the hundreds of thousands of supporters of these games who is more heartily interested in them than is the curler in his own fancy.

This is directly due to the great fascination exerted by this sport. It would be hard to convince anyone unfamiliar with the finer points that curling is a game of almost unlimited possibilities in the way of scientific ramifications, but this is the case. The control that an experienced man can exert over the heavy stones in sending them gliding over the ice is something marvelous. At a distance of half a block the curler can send his stone to almost any spot he desires, stopping it within a few feet of the mark and often right on it.

Beats the Bowler's Skill.

Then he can perform all the feats of curving and pulling and slicing that a bowler does, and even to a greater extent, for the ice yields to the twisting influence more quickly than does the alley floor, being smoother, while the fact that the casting distance is more than twice as long gives still more play for the development of this tortuous effect. Then in curling there is the added interest of having several different points to play for, even in a match game between two teams. The game is in this way much like whist, there being well defined lines of play for each given condition as it may arise. A curler may throw to make the tee or goal, or he may stop his stone in just a place that will protect that of his partner, already near the tee, or he may strike his partner's stone to send it further along toward the coveted mark, or he may cast to knock an opponent's stone far from the tee, or, if he is first man up, he may try to land a little way in front of the tee, so that any subsequent shock from either friend or foe will merely send him closer up.

So curling is practically unlimited in its possibilities as a true sport. Its play, moreover, is elementarily simple and the rules and style can be readily mastered. The tee is either a peg in the ice or a small hole. Around it are three circles of one foot, three feet and seven feet radii respectively. One hundred and forty feet distant is the krampet, on which the curler stands to send away his stone. It is a small wooden platform laid on the ice, with a foothold for the leading foot. To cast the player takes his stone by the handle, facing the tee, swings the weight back and forth once or twice and then sends it scudding over the ice, taking care to set it down nicely about on a line with his rear foot, so that there is no jar nor bounding. The stone is never to fall upon the ice or be thrown out upon it, for that would soon mar the smooth surface by smashing and chipping and cracking.

Points of the Game.

Curling stones have a different style of surface construction on each side. One is the "keen" side for smooth ice. This has much more sliding surface than the other, the "drug" side, for slower or rougher ice. After the stone has been cast the next thing is to persuade it to stop as near the place desired as possible. For facilitating this end the members of the team are provided with brooms, with which they sweep clear the course of the stone if it is coming too slow. The "skip" directs all casting and sweeping.

The object is, of course, to get the greatest number of stones nearest the tee. Each man throws two and there are four on a team, so in one turn one team may make eight points. If the stones all go outside the outer circle none counts. Point competition is different. In that each man plays for himself and each performs a set number of shots of different character, generally about fifteen. The one performing the greatest number of them perfectly wins. Tests are such as curving in between two stones at an angle, glancing off a stone toward the tee or hitting it on the outside and knocking it toward the tee. In all curling games there is usually a krampet and a tee at each end, so that after all the stones have been cast down to one end they can be thrown back again in the game without necessitating carrying them clear back to the first krampet.

Curling is exclusively a man's game. Women never play it anywhere. The great weight of the stones makes it too violent. This varies from thirty-six to forty-five pounds. It is also absolutely a democratic game, being played by all classes side by side, especially in the country where it originated, Scotland. There people give themselves up to it entirely while the ice lasts, many of such classes, as shoemakers and tradespeople, refusing to do a job of work while there is any chance to curl. The equipment is rather expensive, but the humblest manage to secure a pair of stones and a broom.

Here the Omaha Curling club is flourishing. It is playing this year on Cut Off lake, near the southwest extremity. The officers are: President, George Anderson; vice president, R. E. Patrick; secretary and treasurer, James C. Lindsay; chaplain, Rev. Thomas Anderson. The patron is Thomas Kilpatrick.

BUSY TIMES FOR SKATERS

Plenty of Good Ice Allures Expert and Novice Alike to Don the Blades.

This is the time when the devotee of inside and outside edges and Dutch rolls and grapevines and anvils and Maltese crosses and—well, of skates generally is in his element. The very first day of the cold snap, a week ago yesterday, was sufficient to put three inches of good ice between mortals and the open water around Omaha, and every day since then has been building up from beneath onto this foundation, till now there is a foot of the glacial mass over stream and lake, and that is enough to set the city hall on without a quiver.

It would really seem that for the first time in many years Omahans were to have real skating again. Ever since 1896 the freezing has been of the most unsatisfactory character. A calm cold night would put just the right finish on the ice and skaters would turn out in squads. But Old Sol was never content to let such conditions apply for more than a few days in succession, after which he would come out and spoil it all by softening the top into a slush or else putting a layer of water all over it, which never was left alone long enough to freeze properly again.

Because of these things there has not been two weeks of good solid skating in this part of Nebraska for a long time, but this winter promises a new departure, or the resumption of an old one. With such a backing of frigidity underneath it the surface of the ice around here would require a pretty warm winter day to make it soft and even at that, from present conditions, it would seem that no such day is on the bill for some time to come. When the first freeze comes so fine and strong it bodes well for a season of skating ice, a rare thing in Nebraska.

True, the snow got in its work to some extent by laying quite a heavy coating on the ice, but most of this came after the top was well frozen, so did not mar the surface by congealing in rough spots. Then, on all save the narrower ponds much of the snow was blown off clean or heaped up in drifts here and there, with ample room to skate in and out among them.

Then, at private rinks the ice is swept thoroughly all the time, so the fancy circler who wants perfect spots on which to practice his curves can always be provided. For him who seeks a bracing battle with the cold and wind and a long speedway of no exacting degree of perfection the many outlying skating places are ample.

Fully five of these are receiving their full share of attention this winter. The ponds at Hanscom park, old familiar standbys, are again in demand, as always, but the ice is a little rough and somewhat cut up there. Then there is Riverview park, Bemis park and Miller park, each with its pond.

For still larger expanses it is necessary to go to Cut-Off lake, which has been fairly well windswept clear of the snow. This is the favorite resort for Omaha skaters who have an entire half day to devote to the pastime. Others still are even going across to Lake Manawa and there is the chief rendezvous of the Council Bluffs ice swallows. The lake furnishes an ideal skating place, being large enough to give a good trip around or even across and offering room for dozens of games of shinny and hockey at once.

DULL DAYS FOR THE SHOOTERS

Rabbits or Nothing the Limit on the Gamebags During the Winter Days.

With the law out on every species of game, hunters are now reduced to the necessity of shooting rabbits or nothing. They are making the best of the limitation in variety, however, and cottontails and jacks have been in great demand recently.

"Rabbit shooting isn't so bad, after all," said one enthusiastic and persistent sportsman last week. "Of course most of us prefer to bag the substantial prairie chicken or the more graceful partridge, and best of all the swift-flying duck and the wily Canada goose, but there are compensations in the cottontail line.

"For one thing, no one can deny that rabbit shooting is at most times a fairly difficult business, and that always adds zest to the work. There is no place so hard to shoot any object as on the ground, anyway, and the cluster-footed animals never leave terra firma very far, though sometimes one might think from some of their phenomenal leaps that they intended emulating the flying squirrel.

"So if you give a rabbit half a sportsman's show you deserve him if you get him. Besides that a real imaginative huntsman can have all kinds of excitement by making believe when he is on a jack hunt that he is shooting wolves and mountain lions, for some of those beasts look almost as big when they lope across the prairie, with their big ears up."

So "Brer Rabbit" is forced to stand the entire brunt of the shooter's zeal just now and it is a considerable item, especially since the snow of last week. That was the grand signal for a general exodus of hunters from the city. Boots, leggins and canvas coats were donned after that first fall of flakes and every field knoll and gully in these parts was eagerly scanned for pedal traces of the little ones.

Despite the exceedingly cold weather it has been about the same ever since then. Somehow tramping over hill and dale with six or seven pounds of gun metal on your shoulder and big bunches of the latest improved shells sagging in your side pockets and hot hopes surging in your heart keeps you warm despite the worst that the thermometer can do.

The plain evidence so far given that the cold spell has come to stay for some time and that snow will consequently be slow to leave this vicinity has caused a sudden reviving of the old rabbit drives and such affairs are being pulled off in the little town districts about here with frequency. One was held near De Soto last Saturday and among Omahans who attended were John and William McDonald, indefatigable hunters. They have not yet returned to tell of the sport enjoyed.

GOLFERS LAY SUMMER PLANS

New Courses and Other Improvements to Mark Omaha Links Next Season.

Omaha golf and athletic clubs are utilizing the winter months for the consummation of their plans for improvement and enlargement. As early as October 1 the dead time for such organizations began, and beginning with the first of November the silly season is on in earnest, not to be broken till along in the late spring, say April 1, and that will be early for a thorough awakening.

Owing to its manifold features, the Field club will be revived much earlier next year than will be the Country club. At the former resort there is bowling, base ball, cricket and tennis to attract the muscularly inclined member as soon as the robins appear, while at the Country club there is only golf, which comes along rather later than these others.

At both places improvements planned will be very extensive. The Field club especially will inaugurate many important changes. Among these that of really greatest significance will be the aggrandizing of the forty-acre tract just west of the present golf course as additional territory on which to lay a new set of links.

The importance of this move is not apparent at first thought. The vital feature is that it will admit of a standard size golf course in Omaha, a thing the city has never yet had, and which is a most desirable and necessary feature for any real progress with the game. The standard course, prescribed by the United States Golf association, is one of eighteen holes, the total length of which is not less than 6,000 yards. This takes room, but it makes the real game. Omaha golfers who went to Chicago and other cities and played on regulation links last year testify to the fact that the added distance changes the whole play.

Last year the Field club had but a nine-hole course and a short one. With the additional forty this club will have about seventy acres on which to lay a golf course alone, and that will give room for the eighteen-hole links of the full limit length, or more if desired. These have not yet been plotted, but will be shortly. The new piece of ground is separated from the old by a deep railroad cut, which will offer grand hazards for at least two holes and probably more. The cut is wide, as well as deep, and will be a difficult problem to solve, especially as the ground rises away from it on each side.

Other new features of the Field club will be a dancing pavilion and new bowling alleys to offer more accommodation in this sport than the present two alleys give. The pavilion will cost $1,500, as will the alleys.

Then the entire ground is to be fenced at an expense of $1,000, and new locker rooms supplied. A caddie house will be built and a golf instructor provided. The club has raised its dues from $10 to $20, and plans to spend $9,605 the coming year. The work will be done as soon as the weather moderates.

At the Country club the alterations will be two. First and foremost, the course is to be piped, so that it can be regularly watered. To do this it will be necessary to bring a main extension from Walnut Hill and a fund has been assigned to this purpose. That insures a good course next year, no matter what the weather.

The second change will be a lengthening of the links. The eighteen holes cover at present only 4,738 yards. This is far below the standard. On the present limited range of territory at this club the 6,000 yards desired can never be made, but the course can be increased to about 5,500, which will be much better than what it has been. This will be done.

A great advantage of having a standard course in Omaha will be that any championship match can then be held here. As a central point and one easily reached from all sides, Omaha can some day make a strong bid for western championship competitions. Many courses run far over the limit. The Midlothian, the acknowledged crack course at Chicago, is 6,400 yards, and Glen View, Midlothian's rival for the coming year, owing to extensive improvements, is 6,200 yards. Golf looks very bright for Omahans for the coming season.

BOWLERS HALF WAY THROUGH

Twelfth Week of the League Schedule Sees Omahas Safely in Lead.

Club Standings.

	W.	L.	P.C.	H.	Total.	Av.
Omaha	28	5	.848	974	28,785	872
German	19	14	.575	964	27,903	845
Gate City	18	15	.545	946	27,692	839
St. Charles	17	16	.515	931	27,321	827
Krug Park	17	16	.515	924	26,645	807
Clarkson	17	16	.515	995	27,210	824
Western	12	18	.400	916	24,434	814
National	2	28	.066	890	22,586	752

High score: Bengele (Krug Park), 246.

With the leading team farther ahead than ever, the Omaha Bowling league is about to begin upon its twelfth week of play. As the season proceeds the Omahas seem to demonstrate more and more clearly that they are the logical champions as well as the actual ones. They lead not only in percentage of games won, but also in the high score for a single game and in the average for games.

None of the other teams are near the champions in any particular. The nearest rival is nine victories behind in the percentage and almost thirty pins bad in the general average. The Omahas owe this superiority to absolutely steady and consistent play from the beginning of the season. They have never thrown an evening's match of three games as low as 2,500 pins and of no other team can this be said. Then each man has held up his end well. None relies for support on his fellow. It is strictly a one-man team.

This fact removes the chief interest from the head of the column to the teams fighting for the lower places. The situation this week is changed radically from what it was seven days ago. At that time the Clarksons had a good lead for second place; now the loss of three games straight to the Omahas has set them away down to tie for fourth with two others.

Again, the German team, which last week was a low sixth, is now second. This it accomplished by raking five games out of six this week, it having finally played off the match with the Gate City men in addition to its regular scheduled game. The Gate Citys are third, with but one game between them and the Germans.

Meanwhile the St. Charles, Clarkson and Krug park people have closed up on fourth place and they are all so near second that this week's play might put them there. The Westerns bettered themselves by taking two from the Krug Parks, and the Nationals are as hopelessly foundered as ever, with two games to their credit out of thirty.

All teams are now up to the schedule save the Westerns and Nationals. They have three games each to play against each other. There were but few noticeable features of the week's play, one being that Bengele of the Krug Park team established a new high individual score by rolling 246, thus beating that of Inches of 243, which has stood till now. The Germans are bowling in topnotch form now, they making the best total of the week, 2,696 pins, with the Omahas a close second. The Clarksons fell down very hard, rivaling the Nationals for low total, being only twelve pins better than the tailenders.

Tenpin scores of 200 and better on the Gate City alleys: F. Conrad, 213, 207, 202, 207; J. T. McQuillin, 220; Hartley, 223, 205, 217; Bill Inches, 206; W. C. Kolle, 214; Charles Seaman, 235, 223, 201, 206, 202; C. Rosenberg, 200; H. Reed, 227, 211, 216, 236; S. Sanders, Bloomfield, 211, 205; Art Jackson, 207; Fred Wilson, 237, 209; F. W. Schneider, 216, 214; C. B. Bridenbecker, 207, 215, 211, 203, 226; H. Fritscher, 214, 229; W. H. Lehman, 210; Billy Bowman, 202; Frank Fogg, 208; Charles Zarp, 220; Bill Emery, 213; Ned Kessler, 208; W. H. Seivers, 205, 226; Lyman McConnell, 208; W. H. Hemleben, 202.

Tenpin scores of 200 and better on Lentz & Williams' alleys: Will Zitzman, 234, 202; C. W. Weber, 200, 235; H. Beselin, 204, 200, 205, 243, 207, 207; Sam Pizer, 206, 204, 227; T. J. Foley, 215, 210; Al Krug, 204, 206; N. J. Kessler, 203; J. H. Hussle, 213, 210; Billy Bowman, 206; W. H. Stapenhorst, 240, 212, 207, 210; Southy, 216; Pete Nielsen, 208, 211; C. P. Cole, 244, 211; W. H. Ahmansen, 202; B. W. Milles, 211; Billy Hinrichs, 207; J. Murphy, 230; A. B. Moutier, 202; J. T. Bengele, 246; F. J. Conery, 209; W. C. Brunke, 212; J. T. Kerr, 210; W. W. Hartley, 212; Frank Conrad, 208.

Tenpin scores of 200 and better at Clark's alleys: M. R. Huntington, 205, 224, 213, 201, 201, 236; F. J. Bengele, 200, 213; H. Beselin, 204, 211; King Denman, 206, 210, 201, 212, 201, 218, 204, 212; "Plumber" Read, 220, 231, 203, 218, 207, 201, 227, 235, 214; W. H. Wigman, 200; F. Conrad, 200, 213; Charles Zarp, 215, 203; C. Matthie, 206, 213, 203; L. Titsworth, Tekamah, 225; W. H. Lehman, 213; Joe Harta, 224; R. D. Morrow, 211; S. Weaver, 213; T. J. Evans, 200; B. F. Miller, 236; W. H. Emery, 254; J. H. Hodges, 217, 203; D. J. O'Brien, 225; W. W. Inches, 213, 220; W. S. Sheldon, 201; Southy, 226; John Dolan, 223; C. R. Griffiths, 209; Bert Christie, 227; E. Sterricker, 202, 208; Mack, 212; Frank Fogg, 209; W. F. Clarkson, 205, 211, 213.

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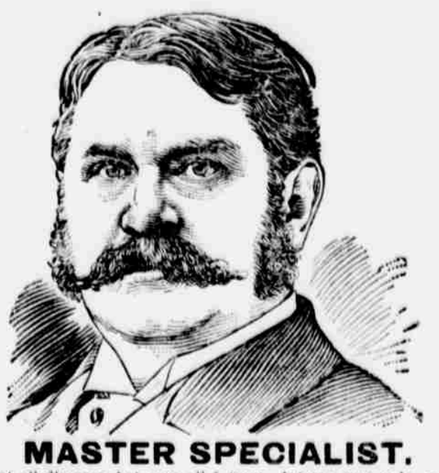

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Whatever may be your ailment, get help from one who has made such cases a special study. If your eyesight is failing, go to a reliable optician or oculist. If your hearing is defective consult a competent aurist. If a bad tooth is distressing you engage the skill of a dentist. Or if you are burning with fever or shaking with chills, tell your troubles to a family physician. They can do more good than I can, for I do not treat such complaints, nor pretend to cure them.

But if you have one of the serious diseases peculiar to men, such as VARICOCELE, STRICTURE, CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON, NERVO-SEXUAL DEBILITY, RUPTURE, KIDNEY or URINARY DISEASE, or allied troubles, which is depleting your vitality, or if your case has been aggravated and made worse by the use of specific, free samples, trial treatment or similar devices—if this is your unfortunate condition I want you to write us or come to our offices, where you will be welcome to private counsel, a careful personal examination and an honest and scientific opinion of your case free of charge.

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STRICTURE

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