Home Run Haggerty Talks of Managers

Corndroppers' Slugger Says That Josh Hapgood, of the Alfalfas, Is the Best Ever. A Mesmerizing Shortstop.

Joshua Lazarus Hapgood, the manager off with a swift in ard. We'll win this of the famous Alfalfas, is a poet, a poker player, and a philosopher. He's writin' the history of the Corndroppers' League in verse, but it won't be out very soon for he only writes a verse a week, and mesmerizer just looked at it an'it turned he can get more out of a bobtail flush than any man I know. He can bank the other side o' the plate. money ball in the corner pocket nine times out of nine, and c'n metch penwith the man that runs the mint When he loses a game he don't go un in the air and release some one, but realizes that there's another day coming and when it arrives he's there on the That's his philosophy.

Johnny McGraw, the manager o' the New Yorks, goes around hollerin' at the empires, an' gets fired off the field and fined a bunch o' money. So does Joe Kelley. Josh Hapgood never opens his mouth on a ball field except to tell one o' us players to do somethin' foxy. Ned Hanlon an' Clark Griffith are touted as very clever people, but they can't seem Josh Hapgood never had a last place team in his life. Players that work for these hurrahing, smash-bank managers will work for Josh, because he joshes them, as you might say, though that ain't meant as a joke. And he's got a hard job out-here in the Corndroppers. As he used to say:

Players Come Easy.

"Them managers in the big leagues don't have no trouble gettin' good players, for the good material is tryin' to get to them all the time. All they've got to do is to pick it out. As soon as man makes a name for himself in a litthe league they snatch him up. It's just like a woman gettin' a new hired girl, fresh from the other side, an' breakin' her in. As soon as she's worth havin woman way up in society on the next block offers her more wages an' gets her-an' the first woman's got her developin' work to do all over again."

Josh Hapgood certainly knows a ball our center fielder an' extra pitcher had been pinched for spollin' Alfalfa's to 1. best saloon the night before-an' we came to a sunburnt young feller in blue a field near the road.

"Hold on," Josh says to the driver, "That feiler can play ball. Let the chariot stop." Then he got down an' asked the young feller his name.
"Hiram Hawkins," says the farmer,

reinin' in his horses. 'Ever play ball any?" says Josh.

"Only one old cat an' such, when I was a boy," says Hiram. "That's quite a Ain't got no time fer bali playin' when wheat's 90 cents a bushel.' "Shucks, you ain't," says Josh. "I'll put you where you can make the price o' ten bushels o' wheat an hour. You'll do. You ain't got no bad habits to break from. Get in here an' play center field fer us at Hayville this afternoon." Star Center Fielder.

And Josh made him do it, too, an' he played center field that day in a way that'd make Roy Thomas an' Seymour an' Beaumont an' a lot more o' them stars run for the water keg. Why, he covered an acre o' ground, caught drives goin' out an' comin' in—they all looked alike-backed up throws to second as though he'd never been off a ball field in his life except for meals, an' batted in half our runs. In a month he was the o' the league, an' now he's got a good job tendin' bar in the biggest saloon in Hayville. He'd never a got that start in life only for Josh Hapgood's knowin' a ball player when he seen one.

Lots o' other times Josh showed his good eye, but I think he showed off reatest the time we played the Cloverdales the openin' game one season, when Pinch Hobbs was first makin' his great name as a shortstop. You know Josh took Pinch off brakin' on a freight train an' made him the wonder that he is. Developin' one shortstop like Pinch would give any man a reputation for

The Maizehursts had never figgered very strong in the Corndroppers, generally bein' about sixth, but this year their manager had somethin' sleeve, an' we found out what it was in front o' a big crowd at Maizehurst at that very first game. They had a mes merizer on their team-a hyp-no-tist, Reggie Van Rensselaer said he was though you couldn't believe him. He gave it out he'd been through college till we found out what a pitcher he was, No man could a learned the curves he knew at college.

they had the same old stuff o a ketcher, an' the same bunch o' stifffirst baseman-all the same nine but When I went up to bat first slow out an' no control of that. I felt a pair o' gimlet eyes borin' through the peak o' my cap. I looked up, caught that shortstop's eyes, an' it was all off. I just stood there an' looked straight shead like a feller at a crossin' on a rainy day, while Duff slung three straight ones over the plate. They had to push me out of the way to make room for the next man up, so completely was I under the inflooence.

But it was the same right through the game. Our batters'd just stand there an' wave their bats an' grin, while that feller waved his glove an' caught their eye, an' then they'd fan out one, two, countin' the gate receipts in the sixth, an' near had a hemorrhage when they told him I'd struck out three times

"You're released," he says, snappin' it out like he always did when he got excited. "Git back to the pine-needle deestrict you come from an' git a job slingin' pancakes to a gang o' lumbermen. I don't want no quitters workin'

him off a bit, tellin' him how he'd have to fire the hull team if he fired me When he told him about the mesme rizer, Josh's eyes blazed.

"Hypnotist, eh!" he snorted. "Suf-erin' beeswax! They'll be holdin' seances on a ball field yet, an' callin ack the spirits o' the dead ball players to play the game for 'cm if we don't put a stop to this. Reggie, when that feller comes up, knock his head

game yet. Reggie tried to do what Josh told him but he afterward said that every in'ard he slung in at that feller's head the into a out that floated by him on the

Ninth Winning Rally.

If Reggie hadn't pitched such corkin' ball there'd been nothin' to it but Maize hurst, but we held 'em down to one run, an' the score was 1 to 0 when we came in for our last innin'.

"Duff an' the mesmerizer fanned our first two men. That brought up Pinch Hobbs. Just as the pitcher threw down the first ball, Josh, who was standin by our bench, let drive a stone at that mesmerizin' shortstop. He dodged, lost his hold on Pinch's eye, an' Pinch landed on the ball for a clean two-bagger to deep right. That brought me up, but I had to wait while there was powwow in the middle o' the diamond over John's throwin' stones, an' the umpire finally decided that if any more was thrown he'd give the game to the Maizehursts on the spot.

They thought they had Josh then, an I thought they had him, too, for I just stood by the plate an' watched the glitter in the mesmerizer's gaze while a couple o' beautiful strikes were called on me. But just then Josh Hangood come running over from the horse sheds where he had gone directly after the headstall, an' before I knew it he had it on my head with the bit, all grass stained and frothy, where he'd just pulled it out the horse's mouth, stuck under my chin, an' the blinders flappin' over my eyes.

"Now line her out," says he. "There's nothin' in this year's book o' rules against that."
Well, after that it was easy. It's a

short, sweet tale. Duff pitched up on of his old lollypop outs, an' I hit it so player. Why, he could tell one in the hard there was pieces o' yarr, an' leath-We were goin' to Hayville to er blowin' in the wind 'round Maizeplay a game one time an' were shy a hurst for two days. I chased Pinch Hobbs over the plate, an' we won, 2

We all wore blinders the next day. an' we won again, 44 to 6. After that overalls an' a big straw hat plowin' in they released the mesmerizer. But could any o' these present day managers a thought that out? I guess not.

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THE BAREFOOTED BOYS.

"Are we going to lose the barefooted boy?" asked an aged citizen as his eyes surveyed a spick and span youth about ten years old, his feet incased in natty patent leathers.

"It seems to me that with each re turning summer I observe fewer and fewer barefooted boys and I'm sorry for it. In my time boys went barefooted until they were fifteen and sixteen years old. Even ten years ago a twelveyear-old boy would have 'scorned shoes and stockings in June, but they're wearing shoes now.

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"Stone bruises were fashionable in the olden days and foot races were in vogue. Now it's silk stockings and patent leathers for the youngsters.

"Ah, me, how times do change. I believe they would be healthier if their parents would turn them out with bare feet."

THE CHEERFUL IDIOT

"Why." began the Cheerful Idlotdown a little he began again:

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"What is the difference between Jason when he passed the Siren shore on his trip for the golden fleece, and an old couple who have been married fifty years or so and are still in love with each other?"

The Bachelor Boarder murmured that there was no difference, because the characters were fictitious in both cases. "No," said the Cheerful idlot, with a wide grin, "one was lashed to the mast and the others are mashed to the last."

And a great gloom settled upon the dining room.—Baltimore American.

NOTHING DOING.

"Now that I have sold you a policy," said the insurance agent, "I will make you an interesting proposition. Give me some letters of introduction to peo-ple you know and I will give you half my commission on every one of them and."
"My dear man!" cried the new policyholder, "I haven't an enemy on earth!"
-Newark News.

IN TRAINING.

"My boy, Ezry, is home from college fer a week. He's a great athlete, you

know."
"So I've heard."
"Yes. Well, I thought I'd test him a leetle an' I didn't know no better way than to set him to sawin' wood."
"Good idea."
"Well, I thought so. I proposed it to Ezry, an' he said, 'All right, dad, I'll saw th' wood, but I want you to understand that I must have a glass of old ale, a mutton chop, an' a alcohol rubdown every thirty minutes."

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So through the list. To each is known Of men the folly, save his own! While pointing consequences grave To them, he swears his own will save. But I am not so. No partial view Doth satisfy me as the true; For I the revelation had Long years ago, when quite a lad Long years ago, when quite a lad (Would that all honest fellows could): All drinks are bad and all are good!

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SPANISH WAR VETERANS ENLISTED MEN MUSTERED IN ARMY AND NAVY UNION TO MEET AUGUST 1

Final arrangements have been made Fifty soldiers of the United States for the coming annual gathering of the Spanish War Veterans of the De-Army stationed at Fort Washington were mustered into the Army and Navy Union yesterday afternoon under the partment of the District of Columbia. Commander Clifford Cox has issued his orders calling the veterans together auspices of Barry Garrison, No. 26. The mustering in services were con at Spanicsh War Veterans' Hall, 719 Sixth street northwest, August 1. Commander Michael J. Hackett and the Efforts are being made by Commander

staff of Barry Garrison. Cox and his corps of assistant officers The addition of these fifty new memto make this encampment one of the bers brings the strength of the Army most successful and harmonious yet and Navy Union of this juridiction up held. Despite the fact that at this gathto 282, making it one of the strongest ering election for the ensuing year will military organizations in the District be held, which, of course, results in more or less rivalry, it is believed that of Columbia. A meeting has been arranged for to

much benefit will accrue to the organization as the outcome of the meeting. morrow between the officers of the Arm Navy Union and the Regular Army Chief interest centers in the election of and Navy Union, at which it is expect commander to succeed Dr. S. Clifford ed that final arrangements will be effected to consolidate these two organi zations under the name of the Army ent time are Capt. T. W. Alexander and and Navy Union.

If such a consolidation is effected the new organization will have a membership of nearly 400 veterans of the Spanish American war, then making it the strongest veteran military organization outside of the G. A. R. in this city.

MANY WASHINGTONS.

car was declaring vehemently that, in Almost every State has a Washinghis opinion, war was a disgrace to civilton. Washington, Ky., Is one of the oldest towns in the State and almost ontemporaneous with Washington, D C. Its old court house was erected in 1794. It has another distinction. As a girl Harriet Beecher, afterward Mrs. Stowe, taught school there. It was in "The old man seems to feel pretty strongly on the subject," said one of the passengers. "Has he lost some stowe, taught school there. It was in the old slavery days, and once she wit-nessed a sale of negroes in front of the old court house. The incident made such a lasting impression that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was the result. near relative through war?"
"Yes," answered a friend, "his wife's first husband"—Harper's Weekly.

A MEAN MAN.

They were discussing a man noted for stinginess.

"Well, i did get something from him once," said the first knocker,

"What was it?" queried the second hammer.

"Advice," was the terse reply.

"It couldn't have been worth anything if he gave it away," quickly spoke up the other,—Detroit Free Press.

WILLIAMS MUST FACE TWO ASSAULT CHARGES

Two charges of assault were filed against Coleman Williams, colored, twenty-seven years old, when taken to the Fourth precinct station last night. He is said to have assaulted his wife several days ago and she procured a ducted at Fort Washington by Garrison warrant for his arrest. When the police went to serve the paper they say they found him beating his father who was repremanding him for his harsh treatment of his wife.

Coleman will have an opportunity to explain his side of the case to Judge Scott in the Police Court tomorrow

UNINTERESTING HUSBANDS. The late Mary A. Livermore liked to

story lay a lesson for husbands. Mrs Livermore's friend was passing a month alone, her mate having been summoned to Europe on a business mat-

ter.

"And you are very lonely without your husband now?" the elder said to your husband now?" the elder said to the younger woman one morning. "A little lonely," was the qualified an-

swer.
"But surely," said Mrs. Livermore,
"you miss your husband very much
now he is away."
The other laughed rather bitterly.
"Oh, no," she said. "At breakfast I
just stand his newspaper up in front of
his plate, and half the time I forget
he isn't there."—Circinnati Enquirer.

WOULD FEEL IT LATER.

At a dance out in Westport a fev nights ago was a very tall young man During the evening he had a waltz with a girl at least two feet shorter than himself. It was warm and after they had danced a little while she suggested that they go out and sit down in the

ASSESSMENT INSURANCE COMPANIES MUST REPORT

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A NEW YORK HABIT. The Southerner who had spent several

weeks in New York was talking about some of the things that improssed him

"I came to wonder after a while." he "I came to wonder after a while," he said, "if anybody in New York ever went home to dinner. I never went to a telephone that some man was not telephoning to his wife that he would not be home to dinner or that some youth was not sending a similar message home to his mether. I even heard young girls telephoning word that they could not be home to dinner. After a while I began to ask myself whether New York ever went home to dinner at all."—New York Sun.

HIS PITIFUL STORY.

There is a nitiful story told in the Bookman of Philip Bourke Marston, the blind English writer. One day a particularly good idea came to him, and he sat down to his typewriter with enthusiasm. He wrote rapidly for hours, and had nearly finished the story when a friend came in. "Eead that," said Marston proudly, "and tell me what you think of it." The friend stared at the happy author and then at the blank sheets of paper in his hand before he was able to understand the little tragedy. The ribbon had been taken from the typewriter, and Marston's toll was for nothing. He never had the heart to write that story again.—The Argonaut.

UNABLE TO GET BAIL MINNIS GOES TO JAIL

Unable to furnish \$3,000 bond for his Insurance Drake, Corporation Counsel appearance in the Police Court on a Duvall has given it as his opinion that charge of assault, Walter Minnis, living sections 647 and 650, of the Code, apply in Northeast Washington, was remand-to assessment insurance companies, and ed to jail by Judge Scott yesterday. Physicians attending Mrs. Annie M. Devine, whom he is charged with assaulting, are not at all sanguine of her recovery, because of their inability to locate the bullet which the young man Under section 650 such companies are is said to have fired on the night of July 4.

HISTORY REPEATED.

A learned clergyman was talking with an illiterate preacher who professed to despise education.

"You have been to college, I suppose?" asked the latter.
"I have sir," was the curt answer.
"I am thankful," said the ignorant one, "that the Lord has opened my mouth to preach without learning."
"A similar event occurred in Balaam's time," was the retort.—Harper's Week-ly

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Upon which he rose and left the car.

ENGLISH AS SHE'S SPOKE.

girls were talking in the subway.

"Will you come around to see me to
morrow atternoon?" said one.

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"Sorry," said the other, "but I can not, Mother is to give something for Cousin Ada tomorrow—a reception jig-ger, with a tea effect attached to one end of it, you know, and I'm part of

And it is said that slang is dying out.

New York Sun.

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