LEARN TO CATCH IF YOU WOULD MAKE GOOD IN BASEBALL GAME

Many of Major League Managers Are Old-Time Catchers.

Youngsters who want to stay in the game after their baseball legs give out should go to catching.

It seems from figures that the wise old backstops have the best chance of remaining in the game at big money after their field days are over.

One-half of the major league managers are old catchers and practically every one of them have teams up in the races in both leagues. Old-time catchers, in fact, have become so successful in handling teams that club owners are seeking them for open berths.

National League Leads.

The National League leads with six managers who have served behind the bat. Pat Moran, manager of the Reds, has two pennants and a world's championship to his credit. Branch Rickey had the runner-up last year and the prospective dark horse of 1922. George Gibson failed to win a pennant in his first year out, when his team collapsed in the stretch with the pennant almost cinched. Fred Mitchell made a success of the Braves and put the National League on the map in Boston. Bill Killifer, star catcher of the Cubs, is the only playing manager among the receivers. He started in mid-season last year after Johnny Evers resigned, and he did as well with the club as could be expected. Uncle Wilbert Robinson is another good example of the success achieved by former catchers.

Connie Mack Is Dean.

Only two managers in the American league can trace their career back to the mask and big glove days. Connie Mack, veteran manager of the Athletics, is the dean of them all. The lean leader of the Philadelphia Americans used to be the king of them all, but he has been in the slumps for six years. Lee Fohl, who has built up a pennant contender for the St. Louis Browns, is the only other former catcher handling a club in Ban Johnson's circuit.

ALDRICH TO COACH AT YALE

Only Man in Athletic History of Institution to Captain Baseball and Gridiron Teams.

Malcolm Aldrich, captain of Yale's football team last fall and one of this season's baseball nine, will be assistant football coach next fall. This is

Captain Aldrich.

in accordance with the custom inaugurated a year ago when the football captain returned in that capacity after graduation. Aldrich is the only man in Yale's athletic history to captain both the baseball and gridiron teams.

EVERYTHING AGAINST HIM

John McGraw, manager of the Giants, tells an amusing one on Pitcher Fred Toney in the World's series. The robust twirler was heart and soul for winning, but couldn't. The second time he was taken out his disappointment was intense and for the moment the iron entered his soul. Nobody said anything when he went to the bench, and for a moment he didn't say a word. Then out with it thus: "Well, that's what I get for coming to this town. The public's against me, the players are against me, the press is against me and the manager's against me."

Two More Tennis Challenges.

Challenges for the Davis cup from Japan and Belgium have reached the offices of the United States Lawn Tennis association.

Appleton Is Harvard Captain.

George Appleton of Buffalo, N. Y., a senior, has been elected captain of the Harvard varsity crew to succeed Capt. Louis McCagg.

League in Freshmen.

An intercollegiate basket ball league for freshmen may be launched by the Eastern association next season.

Benzoni to Captain Rutgers.

The Rutgers basket ball team has elected Edward Benzoni of Union Hill, N. J., captain of next year's five.

DIAMOND NOTES

Charley Herzog has landed a job as baseball coach in the army.

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Honus Wagner for 17 consecutive years—1897 to 1913—hit .300 or better in the National league.

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George Gibson in 1909 caught 140 consecutive games for Pittsburgh. His team won the National league pennant that year.

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The St. Louis Browns have given unconditional releases to Pitchers Ed Lambling and Clarence Lilipop, both St. Louis youngsters.

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First the players strike out for the South and then they strike out for the North. Entirely too much spring practice in striking out.

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They say that Lou Fonseca is playing such a dandy game at first base for the Cincinnati Reds that they don't care what becomes of Jake Daubert.

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Edwin Eayrs, former Boston Braves and Brooklyn player, has joined the Brown university baseball coaching staff to aid Coach Snell in developing his pitching staff.

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With both Browns and Cardinals expecting to be in the pennant chases, [illegible]itions are being made to the seating capacity of Sportsman's park, [illegible] both teams play.

Ernest Neitzke, pitcher and all-around player, who was with the Boston Red Sox last season, coming from London of the Mint league, has been released to the Pittsfield club of the Eastern league for the season.

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Catcher Johnny Zinn, brother of Jimmy Zinn, the pitcher, has been signed by the Muskogee Southwestern league club.

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The French have organized a baseball league, but it is not believed that America's world championship claims will be threatened seriously.

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News from the baseball front tends to convince the hopeful public that there are about 16 pennant-winning teams in the two major leagues.

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Experts watching the Portland players say Leroy Gressett reminds them of Kenneth Williams in the way he stands at the plate and swats the ball.

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George Stanton, a big pitcher taken on by the New York Giants from the semi-pro ranks of San Francisco, has been released to the Norfolk club of the Virginia league.

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Lawton Witt of the Philadelphia Athlethes has purchased a 60-acre farm on Long island and thinks of quitting baseball to raise vegetables for the Brooklyn market.

PRAISE FOR HANEY

A critic traveling with the Detroit Tigers pays these compliments to Fred Haney, recruit third sacker from Omaha: "Haney has this about him: When he fumbles a batted ball he leaps after it. He recovers with lightning rapidity and always makes the throw. Few infielders do that. When the average infielder fumbles he calls it a tough break and slowly waddles after the ball, making no attempt to recover and get the runner."

RALPH SHINNERS IS SURE TO MAKE GOOD

Milwaukee Youth Works His Way to New York Giants.

Tried to Get Tryout With Brewers, but Owners Couldn't See—Developed Into Real Star With Indianapolis Team.

Back in the spring of 1920 a Milwaukee boy tried to get a tryout with the Brewers. All he wanted was a chance to show his wares, but the club owners could not see the boy from the home town, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. Today this same youngster, Ralph Shinners, is the property of the New York National league club, bringing four players and cash to Indianapolis by the deal.

A star with the Indianapolis club in 1921 and one of the most promising youngsters ever sent from the A. A. to the majors, Shinners was sought by several big league clubs.

It was in 1920 that Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis club, was sending his Indians against the Brewers, that he was told about a fleet-footed youngster of the sandlots who

Ralph Shinners.

could hit at a terrific clip and was stealing more bases than any other two players in the circuit. Hendricks looked him up and decided to give him a chance. He failed to show much during the closing days of the 1920 season. He went South with the Indianapolis club in 1921 and a decided improvement was noticed in his playing.

Hendricks then decided to start him as a regular. He made good from the jump. Playing in Minneapolis last fall, in the last series between the Indians and Millers, Shinners was the outstanding star. He got a hit, was hit by pitchers and very nearly got on the paths every time he came to bat.

He is a speed merchant, one of the fastest that the A. A. has ever boasted. He is six feet tall, weighs 190 pounds and is only twenty-one years old. Last season he played in 164 games, was at bat 683 times, made 236 hits for a percentage of .347.

It's the old story of the athlete not being able to make good in his home town.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

The navy expects to send a plebe crew to race Harvard and Princeton yearlings on May 6 at Cambridge.

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'Tis said that Champion Jack Dempsey will demand the same money to fight Wills that he received from his Carpentier bout, something like $300,000.

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It is said that Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion, may not be able to box again because of a recent injury received in horseback riding in England.

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Edward Abercromble, Bridgeport, Conn., has been elected captain of the Springfield college swimming team. Abercromble is a junior. He has been a diver on the team for the past two years.

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"Izzy" Winters, wrestling instructor at Yale, says he would like to show Jack Dempsey that a wrestler is better than a boxer.

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Doctors say Tris Speaker's injury can be cured only by a long rest, and the Indian manager is training a substitute to take his place.

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William T. Tilden, lawn-tennis champion, will not go to England this summer to defend the laurels he won at Wimbledon in 1920 and 1921.

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A meeting will be held at Chicago next fall by all Western Conference football coaches and officials, in which the grid rules will be discussed.

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Bob Morrison, captain of the Princeton wrestling team, is out with concussion of the brain. It is the result of an injury received two years ago against Yale.

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Harley Davidson, one of the world's great all-around athletes, will open a summer training camp in Duluth. Davidson will run the camp on the same lines he did when in Australia.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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OHLINGER A VALUABLE MAN

Former Intelligence Officer Frustrated Many Anti-American Activities During War.

The name of Gustavus Ohlinger might have meant something to the kaiser during the war, and it did. The German societies that were rampant during the period knew well Captain Gustavus Ohlinger of the Intelligence department of the United States. He broke up their meetings and many of these societies and their activities ceased to operate by reason of his learning so much of their propaganda and plottings.

His home is in Toledo, O., where the American Legion has as its commander this same Gustavus Ohlinger. The Legion convention was in full blast in his home city when a wealthy Toledoan burst in and announced that he would pay the entire expense of the ex-service men's gathering if they would drop their bonus stand. What Ohlinger told him was never learned from a five-foot shelf, but it was good enough to cause a hurried exit on the part of the Toledo business man. That's why the Legionnaires like him. Kid gloves might be alright to use sometimes, but Ohlinger doesn't draw them on when he tackles Legion problems.

Born of German parentage in China, a close friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, world traveler and famed as having ridden a bicycle across South Africa are a few of the things that show why "Gus" stands ace high with the Legion men and also why he must be reckoned with by any group whose Americanism is questionable.

LEGION PAPER'S BOSS SCRIBE

Philip Stapp, Formerly Editor of Overseas Publication, at Head of Hoosier Publication.

It is said that every town and village in Indiana boasts at least one author whose writings have won some degree of fame in the literary world. Reared in this atmosphere so favorable to scribblers, it was inevitable that Hoosier members of the American Legion should desire some medium of expression for their Legion ideas.

The result was the establishment of the Hoosier Legionnaire, which recently started publication with a circulation of 32,000.

Philip B. Stapp of Greensburg, formerly editor of the Hour Glass, overseas publication of the "Sauntering Seventh" division, is editor of the Indiana publication. A delegate to the Paris caucus of the Legion, Stapp was appointed a member of the first national publicity committee of the Legion. During his 26 months of service in the war, Stapp rose from "buck private" to a commissioned officer in the field artillery.

The newspaper is sent to all Indiana Legionnaires every week.

MANY "OUT OF COMMISSION"

Nearly Dozen Destroyers Which Wore Coveted Gold Star on Stacks, Are Doomed.

A typewriter has at last defeated nearly a dozen of the destroyers which for four years zigzagged through the North sea and in the submarine zone of the Atlantic and gained notable victories over German submarines. The coveted gold stars, worn on the stacks, where all might see and know that a German sub had met death, were awarded the Parker, O'Brien, Cummings, Porter, Davis and many others which have been ordered "out of commission" by the Navy department.

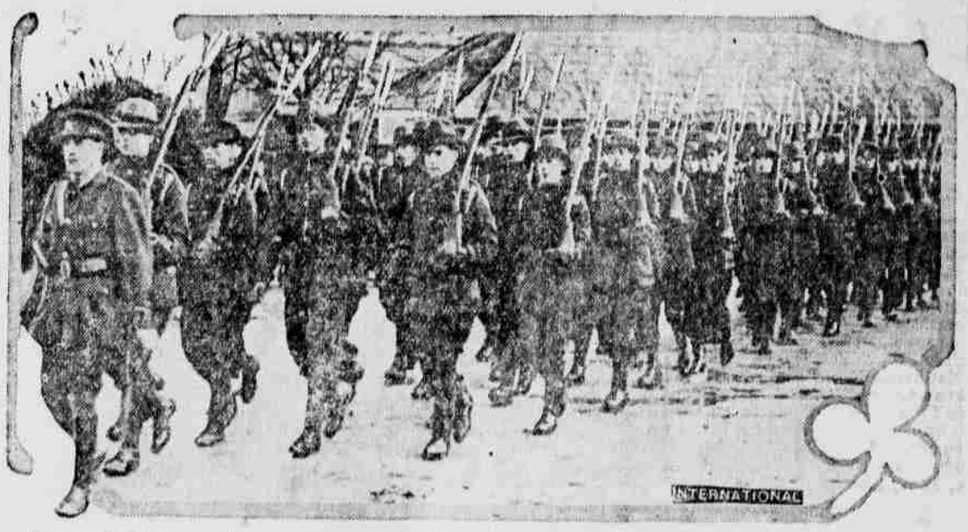
"Out of commission" means nothing more or less than that the fast growing navy junk pile grows higher. Never again, probably, will these greyhounds of the deep circle around a fleet of transports, suddenly dive off to one side, sweep back again, drop a depth bomb, and then watch the oil come to surface that shows another German submarine has gone down to visit Davy Jones.

The thrills of the deeds of these "star" destroyers are a bit overshadowed by the news that the Shaw is slated for the scrap heap, too. She was escorting the huge British transport Aquitania when the rudder jammed and the giant ship ran her down. The Jacob Jones also brings back sad memories. She is named for the first ill-fated torpedo boat of that name which was sunk while battling in the submarine zone.

Foch Was One of Them.

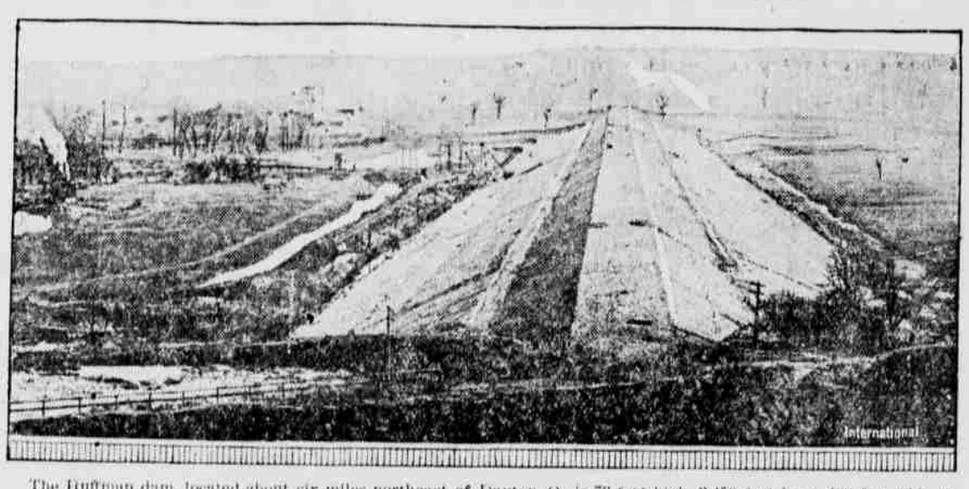
"Why an honorary member; wasn't I one of the men from Tarbes who fought during the war?" said Marshal Foch when he was asked to become an honorary member of the Tarbes, France, Federation of Former Combatants, a French organization similar to the American Legion. The latter outfit thought the Marshal was so much one of them that they made him an active member in George Washington post of Washington, D. C., the first Legion post organized, when he was on tour in this country.

Irish Troops Now Hold Military Posts



Troops of the Irish republican army entering the Victoria barracks, Athlone. The Irish troops are now in possession of all the military posts formerly held by British troops.

Greatest Flood Preventive Dam in World



The Huffman dam, located about six miles northeast of Dayton, O., is 73 feet high, 3,450 feet long, 400 feet wide at the base and contains 1,655,000 cubic yards of earth. It was built to prevent floods in the Mad river, a tributary of the Miami. It is the greatest flood preventive dam in the world.

DOG IS WAR HERO

"Champ," Red Cross dog raised in Sir Harry Lauder's kennels in Scotland, and decorated by Marshal Foch, has arrived at San Francisco with his master, C. C. Franklin, American war veteran whose life "Champ" saved during the war. They are on a 12,000-mile hike around America. They are out for the $10,000 prize offered by the New York Sporting club for walking "around the rim" of the United States in nine months.

SAYS HE STOLE HER

George E. Lochiatto, aged twenty-two, who is charged by his wife with stealing her away and marrying her. Lochiatto has brought suit for $50,000 against the girl's family, charging them with alienation of her affections.

Back to the Wilderness.

Six husky Ojibway Indian bucks snowshoe into Quebec, after several months of trapping in the north.

They bring furs, and are surprised to learn that business is bad, prices down. At that, they sell their furs for $25,000.

After a week of movies, vaudeville and white man's food they snowshoe away again into the wilderness.

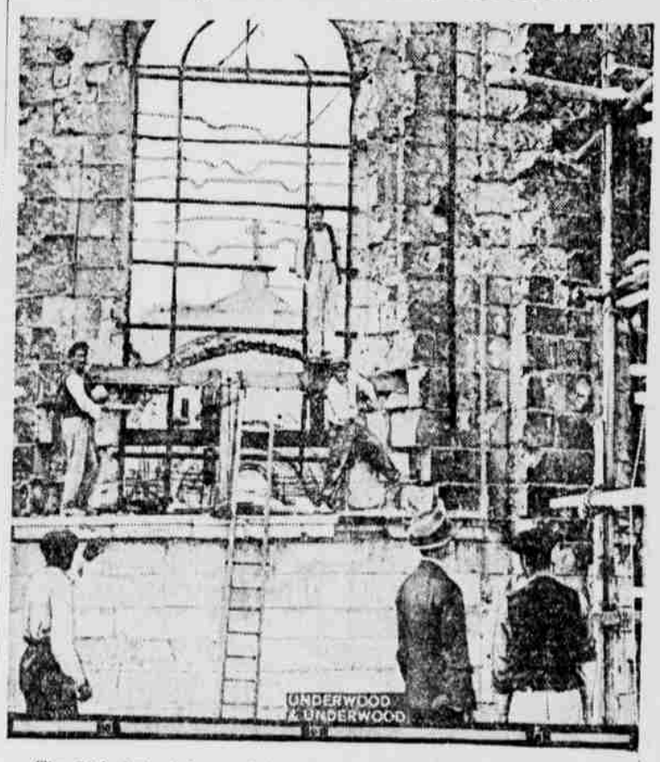
Mephistopheles.

The name Mephistopheles, is from the Greek, and it means "He who loves not light." The name was given to a Satanic personage of the Middle ages, who in the Faust legend is appointed to obey Faust's commands, according to the terms on which the latter has sold his soul to Satan.

Get Wisdom.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.—Proverbs 4:7.

Restoring the Cathedral of Arras



The Cathedral of Arras, shell-torn and battered by four years of war, is being restored to its original grandeur through funds raised by popular subscription. The tedious task of resetting columns and cornices and otherwise strengthening the walls is being done by 15 men. The work is expected to take about fifteen years.

Billiard Champion in Elopement

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Appleby, the latter formerly Miss Helen Outerbridge of New York, recently surprised their friends by eloping. Mr. Appleby recently won the amateur billiard championship of the United States.

WORTH KNOWING

A survey of the housing situation was recently made in Minneapolis by the mail carriers.

More than 5,000 miles of nets are set nightly during the herring season in the English channel.

Something like 45,000 stitches are required to make the ordinary suit of clothes.

A watch which took twenty men years to make, and which is priced at more than $5,000, has recently been completed in London.

A man has succeeded in traveling across France—from Paris to Marseilles—by canals and rivers, and back again, in a paper boat.

In the British museum are specimens of boards and pieces with which the game of checkers was played in Egypt centuries before the Christian era.

Before the World war Germany bought more American-grown timothy seed than any other European country.

A successful machine for cleaning the barnacles from the hulls of a vessel without the necessity of docking the craft has been devised.

Soap emulsions, under certain conditions, prevent the corrosive action of salt solution on metals.

Within six years Louisiana has taken first place among the states as regards value of strawberry production.

Needlelike crystals in the cells of the Indian turnip cause the sharp, stinging sensation when it comes in contact with the membranous lining of the mouth.

The Territorial Historical museum, at Juneau, Alaska, which is now open to the public, contains about 20,000 Eskimo curios and relics.