

THE SPORTING WORLD

CROOKED BASEBALL.

Jimmy McAleer's Views on the Reasons Why It Won't Succeed. Richmond Journal.

Baseball is not only the most popular sport in America now, but it will continue to be. It is essentially a clean sport, and the nature of the game is such that "crooked" work can never succeed in any degree that will lessen popular confidence in it.

When I say getting, I mean as it has been carried on at race tracks. Betting has killed the racing game. And, profiting by the example, baseball owners will never allow it. The danger is in the placing of big bets, the winning of which make it worth while in a money way to attempt to job the sport.

A man entering the game in any capacity must know there is no chance to escape detection if jobbery is practiced. One man cannot assure that by holding in he could throw the game. He may go through nine innings without a chance to help the other side.

TRINITY THE WINNER.

Score Last Night Was 25 to 22 in Favor of the Visiting Basketball Team.

In one of the most intensely exciting games of basketball ever witnessed in the city the basketball team of Trinity College defeated the local team of the Charlotte Christian Association last night by the close score of 25 to 22.

ON THE RACE TRACK.

Results at Havana, Havana, Dec. 22. Results at Alameda Park.

First race, 5 furlongs: Won by Artful Dodger, Dew of Dawn second; Charley Lusk third. Time 1:01 2-5.

Second race, 1 1/4 furlongs: Won by Pont; Charlotte Hamilton second; Elsa F. third. Time 1:10 1-2.

Third race, 3 furlongs: Won by Maehelmer; L'Amour second; Flarsay third. Time 1:14.

Fourth race, 1 1/4 furlongs: Won by Malden; Richmond Duke second; Battle third. Time 1:10 1-2.

Fifth race, 3 furlongs: Won by Katie Gleason; Enlist second; Donald S. third. Time 1:02 1-5.

Sixth race, mile and a furlong: Won by Water Cooler; Laughing Eyes second; Orpheus third. Time 1:54.

ROUND THE SACK.

Depositions to be used in the suit in the New York Supreme Court of William J. Sullivan, of Rochester, formerly an umpire in the Eastern League, against George T. Stauffer, owner and former manager of the Newark Club and now of the New York American League Club, for \$25,000 damages, on account of injuries he alleges were received in a fight with Stauffer at the Weldon-trayner Park grounds here, April 23, last, were taken before a commissioner here. The testimony was that of Eugene W. Freahrey, one of whom were witnesses of the affair.—Newark News.

Manager Mike Cantillon, of the Milwaukee Club, who is the one who is opposed to the new ruling of the American Association, abolishing ladies' days. Manager Cantillon holds that the women rooters are essential to the baseball business, as they help to keep the sport high in standard. The other officials in the association were opposed to the "free TR" however, and the majority ruled. Just to show the local fan base that he is in favor of having them at the games, Manager Cantillon has decided to set aside certain days as "ladies' days" at his own expense. He will be forced to account for every person coming into the grandstand, but holds that the money paid over to the opposing team's management will be well spent.—Minneapolis Tribune.

"Wild Bill" Widner, the famous er, who sta r dehtler, who started with New Orleans, Columbus, Washington and Cincinnati many years ago, passed peacefully into the other world last week. "Wild Bill" was ill for the last couple of weeks, and his death will be a blow to many of his old-time baseball comrades, as it will be to many of the leading politicians of this city. The cause of his death was diabetes. Bill at one time held a city position as the headman of the House of Refuge, at the pumping station on Mt. Hope road, and also as inspector when the city was fixing up its old sewers. His last position was with the Russell & Jensen Contracting Company, and during the early part of the last baseball season he had charge of the 25-cent gate at League Park.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

AMUSEMENTS

SOME SPLENDID ATTRACTIONS.

List of First-Class Events Within the Next Three Weeks at the Local Academy of Music.

Within the next three weeks Charlotte theatre-goers will have the privilege of witnessing some excellent attractions by reason of the combination of the greatest Manager J. A. Schiemon and Resident Manager John L. Cravo.

On next Monday night Miss Blanche Walsh, who is without question the greatest emotional actress on the American stage, will appear in her latest and most successful play, "The Test," which was written by Jules Becker, Goodman. On Friday, January 1st, matinee and night, one of the most successful musical plays ever produced, "Coming Thro' the Rye," will be witnessed. This mammoth musical play was presented here last season and made a splendid impression upon the playgoers. Monday, January 4th, Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger will present their greatest dramatic play of the past two years, "The Right of Way," with "Ray Standing" and "Robertson" and the balance of the original cast. This should prove one of the biggest events of the present season.

Mr. Henry Ludlowe and his company will be seen in "The Raven," on Tuesday, January 12th, and on January 14th the well-known comedian, Harry Berensford, in his most recent success, "Who Is Your Friend?" will be here. Mr. Berensford has been seen here before and needs no introduction to Charlotte playgoers.

Miss Annie Russell, in her new play, "The Stronger Sex," which she is now presenting in New York City, will also appear during the month. Mr. Henry W. Savary's seasonal play of the year, "The Devil," will follow Friday, January 15th. Mr. B. C. Whitney will offer for the first time here his successful musical play, "A Knight For a Day," with "Robertson" and "people." "The Cat and the Fiddle," one of the newest and best musical shows of the season, will be seen here on January 15th.

The whole baseball public will join earnestly with McAleer in hoping that the New York gamblers will be exposed and prosecuted to the limit of the law. Even though this is an isolated instance of attempted jobbery, it should not be allowed to go unpunished. Prompt prosecution and conviction would help wonderfully to prevent any such attempt in the future.

"A NIGHT FOR A DAY."

"A Night For a Day," the big musical play by Robert B. Smith and Raymond Hubbell, who are responsible for "Mascara" and "Pantalone" had its first presentation at C. Whitney's own theatre in Chicago where it at once scored a hit with the amusement patrons of the Western Metropolis. It ran there for 107 performances and came from there direct to Wallacks in New York where it ran for six months to profitable business in one of the worst seasons the theatrical profession has known. It went from New York to the theatre in Boston where it continued through the summer. It will be presented in its entirety here at the Academy of Music, along the middle of next month.

"COMING THRO' THE RYE."

"Coming Thro' the Rye," the mammoth musical play which was presented here last season to a capacity house, will be seen again at the Academy of Music, on Friday, matinee and night, January 15th. It is the most successful of the season.

"WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?"

The unanimous verdict of "Who's Your Friend," during its long run in New York was that it was the brightest, wittiest, and most natural comedy dealing with New England life that has been seen in many years.

BLANCHE WALSH.

Miss Blanche Walsh is probably the only great emotional actress of today who does not yearn for New York. When she produced "The Test," which will be seen at the Academy of Music, on Monday night, she was offered a Broadway theatre for an entire year.

"I do not care for it," said the actress, "I want to go on the road for I love the country. I know my character in 'The Test' is the strongest in which I have ever appeared, and that I could remain in New York indefinitely, but I love the country too much to stay here. Some of those in my case would prefer to remain in the city because they have appeared in great successes there all their lives, but I was brought up in homelike surroundings and I love them."

Miss Walsh's craving for the green, away from the big city, is due, perhaps, to the fact she owns a beautiful country home in Massachusetts, and spends every moment there that she can possibly take away from her art. Seats will go on sale to-morrow morning at Hanley's.

"THE RIGHT OF WAY."

An evening with "The Right of Way," which will pay a visit to the Academy of Music, Monday, January 4th, is quite as good as a vacation journey through Canada.

Eugene W. Freahrey, the adapter, has succeeded in transferring to the footlights those two fascinating individuals—Charley Steele and Joe Fortuna—in an artistic manner. Guy Standing has never been seen to greater advantage here than now as the brilliant young lawyer, a slave to brandy, victim of an assault that transformed his personality completely. Perfectly true to life of the Far North is the Joe Fortuna of Theodore Robertson. He looks and acts to perfection the French-Canadian of the novel, and he shows a complete transformation of identity that is of the same high standard that he has always shown here in his artistic work in the past. Especially great praise has been taken in his staging of "The Right of Way" and the opening of the last act, with its soft lights, its river shimmering in the dawn and every other detail, will rank among the memorable offerings that has appeared here this season.

Flater, the Philadelphia American pitcher recruit, batted .312 in 52 games for the Tri-State League. He is the man for whom Helge Berger passed up Catcher Egan in order to get at a supposedly "easy mark," last September. Then Flater cracked out a three-base hit, driving in three runs. Helge has not finished talking about it yet. Chances are that in the future Flater will be the man panned up if he manages to stick next season.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"THIS IS WORTH READING."

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There are more cases of kidney trouble here now than ever before, while recent reports show that more people succumb each year to some form of kidney disease than any other cause.

When there is sickness, examine the urine. Rheumatism is only a symptom of kidney trouble. It is nothing more or less than excessive uric acid in the blood, which the sluggish, inactive kidneys have failed to sift out, leaving it to decompose and settle about the joints and muscles, causing intense suffering; frequently resulting in deformity after reaching the heart, when death ensues.

Pains across the back, frequent painful and suppressed urination and other symptoms of weak bladder are not the only signs of kidney trouble. Many cases of stomach disease, headache, pain in the heart, inactive liver, etc., are but symptoms; the cause of which can be traced to feeble, clogged kidneys.

A simple test of the urine is to void a small quantity in a bottle or glass and let it stand over night; next morning, if there is a reddish brick-dust sediment, or white fleshy substance present, either consult some reputable physician or take a good vegetable treatment. The following prescription is recommended highly in these cases, and the sufferer can make it at home: Compound Kargon, one ounce; Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

Where any of the symptoms enumerated above are present, good results are sure to follow immediately the use of this simple prescription.

THE RACING GAME IS KILLED.

Corrigan, the Kentucky Turfman, Thinks the "Reformers" Have Put a Quietus on Track Meets—Reform Movement Has Dealt a Serious Blow to Breeding Industry.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—These so-called "reforming" men are not killing the racing game, they have already killed it. This declaration was made by "Ed" Corrigan, the Kentucky turfman, who passed through Cincinnati en route from his Kentucky breeding farm to Chicago recently.

"This 'reform' wave has been felt more in Kentucky than the general public knows," continued Corrigan. "It has dealt a blow to the breeding industry that will cause a decided shrinkage in the production of blooded horses in the future. The Clay & Woodford establishment, for instance, has reduced the number of its brood mares from sixty to thirty. The Chesnut stock farm has disposed of thirty of its fifty brood mares. Colonel Milton Young has sold much of his best breeding stock, and other turfmen have reduced their holdings in like proportion.

"The value of blooded horses, as a result of this agitation, has shrunk fully fifty per cent. And the people who are buying blooded stock now don't seem to care for pedigree. All as cheaply as possible and then use them for ordinary purposes. The results of this war on racing will drive many a breeder out of business, as it certainly has me, for I have disposed of the greater portion of my breeding establishment, and expect to get rid of the rest of my horses before spring. The chances are that the big breeding farms will become tobacco fields. I know that I have received a flattering offer for my 500 acres for that purpose, the fertilizing and general care to which it has been subjected during the last twenty years they seem to want to get the horses making it an ideal farm for tobacco raising."

Mr. Corrigan evidently is taking little interest in future turf events, as he expressed himself in ignorance of what the coming season held forth for the racing game either in this vicinity, in New Orleans or at the Arkansas tracks.

THE RUN AT NEW ORLEANS.

Marathon Affair the First of Its Kind for the South and Every Effort Will Be Put Forth to Make It a Success.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—In order that the large crowd that is expected to witness the Marathon run to be held in this city on January 8th may not interfere with the runners mounted troops will keep the crowd back. The run is to be held in the South and every effort is being made to make the affair a success. Entries are being received from many of the prominent professional distance runners and a large field is expected. Cash prizes of \$150 and \$75 will be awarded for first and second places, respectively, and cups will be given to the next three men.

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