

MANAGING A BASEBALL TEAM
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Keeping Up Team Spirit

Chapter 8

It is the duty of the manager to be of as much help as possible to the captain in keeping up the spirits of the players. This, of course, is where the manager and the captain are not the same person.

The boy who aspires to be the manager of his team must not think that because it is a boy's team it is different in many of its aspects from a man's team. Boys like a word of good cheer and encouragement as much as men like it. Some players go along twice as well if they have encouragement. When a boy makes a particularly good hit, or catch, he likes to think that others have noticed it and sometimes it takes the discrimination of others to note when a good play has been made, because some boys are so diffident that they say little about themselves. Boys like a word of praise now and then.

The manager of the team should not criticize the players when there is a captain. Let all the criticism come from one source and when there is a coach, as happens now and then for some teams of boys, the coach will probably do the criticizing for everybody. Not even the captain will care to undertake much of it.

Shirkers Destroy Team Spirit
If it is the duty of the manager to see that the players are notified to appear, presuming of course that manager and the captain are both one. It is also the duty of the manager to find out why they do not appear, if they miss their club appointments. The affairs of the club must be co-operative and everybody must do his best if the team is to be a success on the field. If some players begin to shirk meetings, and drill and things of that kind the other players will voice their dissatisfaction and the team make little headway against its baseball rivals.

The manager of the team also selects umpires. He may co-operate with the captain in that respect but usually the captain lets the manager have the final decision in order that the other team may not say that the captain has too much influence with the umpire. In general when selecting an umpire for a game it is advisable to name some one who is older than the boys who are playing, and if possible select one who has had experience.

There is as much knack in handling a game properly by an umpire as there is in pitching one well. An umpire who is alert and quick on his feet, who is "on top of the plays" and who knows right where to put his finger on a rule when a dispute arises, will be able to get along in a game well. It is the umpire who hesitates and who seems to be debating with himself what he should do who loses the respect of the players so when managers are looking for umpires they should remember that activity is part of the umpire's need as well as activity on the part of the player.

The older umpires like to handle boys' games as a rule because the youngsters will go along and do their very best when they have confidence in the man who is judging the plays. Now and then there is a younger umpire who can handle the game remarkably well.

Boy's Umpiring Amazing
Once some years ago in Ohio the Cleveland National League Club was playing a game in a small city with the club of that city. The regular umpire missed the train and a boy only fifteen years of age who had umpired local games very well was asked to judge the plays. The big league players laughed at him when he came out on the field and they saw how small he was, compared with them, but he handled that game as if he had been a major

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GEORGES AFTER M'TIGUE TITLE

Carpentier Quoted as Saying Prefers Match With Light Heavyweight Champ to Tunney or Gibbons.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, April 18.—The Carpentier plot thickens. A friend of Carp's now in this city quotes the Frenchman as saying—the quotation comes indirectly through Mike McTigue—that he is after the champion light heavyweight of the world and none other.

"What," Carp is reported to have said, "would I gain by fighting Gibbons and Tunney? Nothing. My logical opponent should be the champion of the world in the light heavyweight class, to-wit, McTigue." The only defect in this logic is that Carp would gain much more by fighting—and defeating Gibbons or Tunney than he would in knocking the second rate McTigue for a goal.

league umpire all his life and the Cleveland players before the contest was over, stood at one side and watched him with interest. When the game finished the captain of the Cleveland said that he never had played in a game which was better handled and nominated the youngster for a major league umpire but the boy's thoughts did not incline that way.

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It is a strange state of affairs when the world's champion in a class is so far inferior to fight in that class that the public is not interested greatly in a bout affecting the title.

Firpo is in one day and out the next. Certain wise guys say that he is waiting until Dempsey is ready to fight and that he has been advised to take no chances of getting whipped by some one and thus doing himself out of a million odd dollar show with the world's champion.

Dave Shade is one boy who is apt

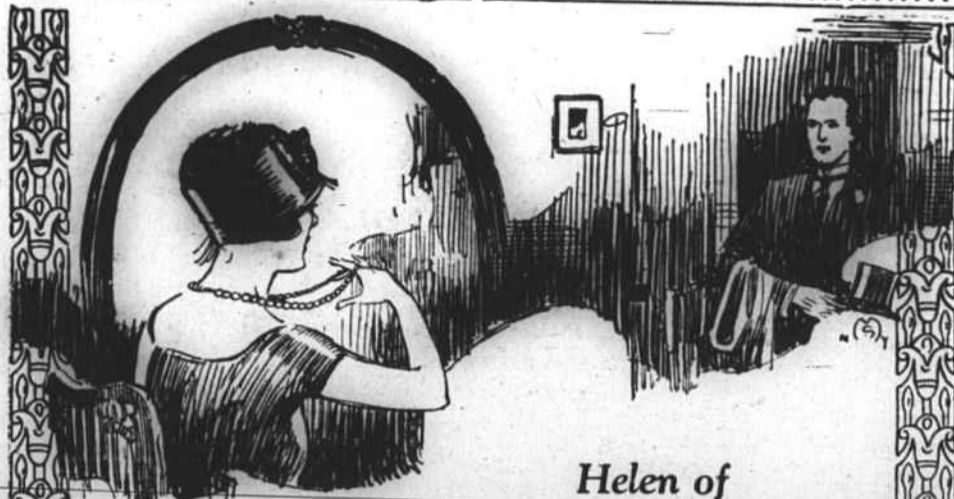
to spring something just when the experts figure him on the down grade. His victory over Frankie Shoell was a real achievement. Pete Latzo is another fighter who looks

as though he were once more ascending the ladder. Latzo's ambition is to get revenge on Shoell by treating the Buffalo scrapper even as Shade did.

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