

ARE THE STARS FADING?

The opening of the present theatrical season is accompanied by the proclamation of a new principle. For years or more the star has been idol of the public and the god of managers. Mighty was the wage of a divinity. The star system seemed permanent. But last season was one of most trying that theater managers have ever weathered. Scarcely one of them curtailed his enterprises, says the New York Sun. Theatrical investment is on a much less extensive scale than it was 12 months ago. The same conservatism marks the business this fall. Managers are searching for suggestions as to the best means of putting their affairs on a solid basis. One result of this investigation is the assertion that it would probably be much better for the theaters if there were fewer stars of one at all. The reasons for this decision seem sound, at all events sounder to reasonable laymen than the causes of the sudden promotion of every blue-eyed ingenue to the rank of a star. Managers have decided that the theatrical celebrity they make holds them afterward in financial grasp. They must eventually accede to all the conditions these players may impose. Thus by deliberately creating a star they are raising up a force that will eventually be inimical to them.

Grindell Matthews, a young English engineer, is believed by his friends to be on the verge of giving to the world a wireless telephone with which conversations may be carried on across the Atlantic. It may not be come public, as the British government may seek to acquire the sole right to it, preserving the secret, and retaining it for use in war. All that is known concerning the apparatus is that it is in a box so small that one may easily carry it about. Instruments may be tuned so that they will transmit only to others tuned in the same key. A man might telephone to his wife while she is out shopping. Tests have been made in which the interposition of brick and iron walls was shown to be no barrier. Nothing seems too wonderful in the way of invention—especially where electricity is concerned, so nobody will be greatly surprised if Matthews' invention fulfills its promise.

The New York populace is apt to smile with pitying superiority when it hears a Cockney drop his "h's." It forgets that it is equally culpable in regard to another letter of the alphabet, "r." How it does shy at "r." When the letter is not dropped entirely it becomes "ol," as in "golf" for girl, or "wold" for world. What is being done in our public schools to correct this bad habit and others equally bad? The Cockney language is not a thing of beauty or a delight to the ear, but positively we are developing an argot here that is much worse; a monotonous, hybrid form of speech, devoid at once of grace and music. Let our school commissioners look to it!

When a man holds up his fellow man at the point of a gun and relieves him of his belongings, it is called highway robbery. When a nation does the same thing it is called war. What the world needs is an international police force.

When a man sues a girl for the money he spent in courting her, it behooves the girl to enter a counter suit for the gas that was burned during the sessions in the parlor.

An Ohio man fainted after he had played a piano continuously for two or three hours. We haven't heard what happened to the people who were compelled to listen.

A Chicago man jumped from the third story of a burning hotel, but the kind that jump a bill on the first floor in the silent night are the kind the hotelkeepers don't like.

One of the esteemed missionaries tells us that China will one day dominate the world. Think, brethren, of being forced to eat all one's meals in a Chinese restaurant!

A telephone girl in Portugal gave warning of a royalist attack and quelled a revolt proving herself a first class information operator.

The freshman and sophomore girls are rather tough in their manner but after they graduate they will mellow with more fluency.

Chasing a monoplane with automobiles is a merry sport at which not even the fairy tales of our childhood hinted.

A Boston clergyman advocates the teaching of love-making in the schools. That's where it begins, usually.

A New York inventor claims he can take \$3,000 worth of gold from sea water every day. Possibly by watering stocks.

A Chicago man wants a divorce because his wife asked him to thread a needle. Evidently he could not see the point.

Newport's "trial engagement" beats the "trial marriage" in that it does not take a divorce trial to end it.

ANTHONY MELIGHT

CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING



asked him who he would choose to be "Mrs. Choate's second husband," was his instantaneous reply. At the anniversary celebration, which took place at Naumkeag, near Stockbridge, Mass., were several persons who were present at the wedding 50 years ago.

One of America's most picturesque figures celebrated the golden anniversary of his wedding the other day. This man is Joseph H. Choate, the brilliant lawyer, orator and diplomat, who did so much toward increasing American popularity in England while in charge of the American embassy in London.

Joseph Hodges Choate was born in Salem, Mass., in 1832 and comes of a famous legal family, his father, Rufus Choate, being one of the most eminent lawyers of his time. He was educated at Harvard and was admitted to the bar in 1855. While never a politician in the practical sense he always took an active interest in public affairs and during his legal career in New York took a leading part in many of the reform movements.

CANADA'S ROYAL GOVERNOR

The Dominion of Canada deeply appreciates the honor which has been conferred on her by the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as governor general and will give his royal highness a most enthusiastic welcome on his arrival. The distinction which is Canada's in having, as a representative of the British throne, an uncle of King George will be more readily understood when it is stated that never before has a prince of the royal blood been sent as governor general to any of the British possessions over the seas.



The Duke of Connaught is the only surviving son of Queen Victoria. He was her third son and the seventh of her nine children. His surviving sisters are Helena, Princess Christian; Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg. If so good a mother as Queen Victoria justly may be said to have had a favorite son, then Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught, was that son, just as the Princess Beatrice may be said to have been her favorite daughter.

The duke was born in 1850, shortly after a visit which Queen Victoria made to Ireland, and it is due to an incident of that visit that he bears the name Patrick. In 1897 the duke married the beautiful Princess Louise, second cousin to the present Kaiser. He has three children. His elder daughter, Princess Margaret, is the wife of Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and some day will be Queen of that country. His only son, Prince Arthur Patrick, is unmarried, as is his younger daughter, Princess Victoria Patricia. The duke, it will be observed, did not forget the Irish when he named his son and younger daughter.

MAY HEAD CHINESE REPUBLIC



Yuan Shi Kai, the banished war head who was recalled recently, has accepted the post of viceroy of Hu Pei and Hu Nan provinces, to which territory he is directed to proceed and immediately re-establish the imperial authority. Simultaneously with his acceptance the Chinese government is showing remarkable activity, even in the face of a depleted treasury. The government seems to realize at last the necessity of crushing the rebellion promptly, and is dispatching the army to the scene of revolt as hastily as preparations can be made.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese reformer, who was banished from the empire not long ago and is now in the United States, is believed to be slated for the presidency of the republican government when the Chinese revolutionists can take time enough from fighting to organize. There is said to be a standing offer from the Peking government of \$50,000 for the body of Sun Yat Sen, dead or alive.

HARVESTER HEAD IS SUED

Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester Company, the McCormick's man of business, clubman, churchman and aspirant for the title of one of Chicago's leading citizens, was recently sued by John Henning, who asks \$25,000 damages on the claim that Funk has alienated the affections of his wife, Josephine Henning. To say that the suit created a sensation is to put it mildly. Funk has recently been before the public of Chicago in so-called moral uplift movements, which well befit a man of church professions, and his talk of furthering such causes has made him more or less well known to the newspaper public, consequently when the suit was filed it caused wide interest. Mr. Funk entered a denial, emphatic and vigorous as it was possible for a man to make. It is said Mr. Funk first saw and admired Mrs. Henning while she worked in the Auditorium Annex cafe. Mrs. Henning is said to be not only good looking but a real beauty.



Clarence S. Funk is sufficiently in the public eye to warrant the attention caused by the John Henning's charges. He is widely known as the General manager of the International Harvester Company and has been a familiar figure at Washington, and at Springfield, and in the capitals of other states. In Chicago he is prominent in many ways. He is married and lives in the suburb of Oak Park. He is known as an active church worker. He has a Bible class in the First Congregational church and is active in the Y. M. C. A., where last winter he delivered a series of talks to the young men on "Business and Christianity."

ONE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S STAR PLAYERS



Thayer, a Shifty Member of the Quaker Team.

GOPHER PLAYER IS MISSED

Len Erdahl, who won his "M" on Minnesota Team Last Year, Takes Off Uniform and Quits.

Len Erdahl, who made his "M" last year, playing the position of full back in the Minnesota university football squad line-up, and who appeared in the game against Ames as quarter back, has taken off his uniform. He announced that he had "quit."



Len Erdahl.

Erdahl might have overcome what ever difficulty he has encountered from this direction if Coach Williams had lent a more willing ear to the student's request for favored position in the line-up.

FOUR ENGLISH BOXERS COME

Will Ames, London Manager, Brings Over Quartet of Fighters for American Invasion.

An invasion of the United States by four English boxers is to be made by Will Ames, a London manager, who has brought over Sid Smith, a clever bantam, Sid Burns, a flashy welter, Billy Marchant, said to be another Jim Driscoll in the featherweight ranks, and George Randall, a lightweight who is said to be not far behind Freddie Welsh and Wells in cleverness.

American League's Big Year

President B. B. Johnson says "The close of the American league season marks the best year this organization has ever known. From a financial standpoint the year has been a success for each of the eight clubs. Not this alone contributes to the history-making year, however, for the opening of new parks and the slowing of Sunday ball in Cleveland were important factors."

Fighting a Real Job

Prize fighting is a viable means of support, according to Police Judge Osborn in a decision the other day, when he dismissed Mickey McLaughlin, who was charged by his father with vagrancy. McLaughlin showed that he had been all over the country fighting, and that at present he was earning money by training young aspirants in the boxing game.

MAR FOOTBALL GAMES

Right to Question Decisions Belongs to Captain.

Nothing is More Repulsive to Spectators Than Constant Squabbles Between Competitors and Officials During Contest.

In football as well as in every branch of sport, nothing is more repulsive to spectators than constant squabbles between competitors and officials.

To question the decision of judges at a horse race or a footrace, automobile or trotting race simple is a waste of time, and these decisions cannot be reversed unless there is a wrong interpretation of rules which govern such contests.

If coaches would enforce a rule that only captains of eleven could question or ask an interpretation of an official's decision football certainly would be placed on a higher plane and one of the most distasteful features of the game so far as the spectators are concerned would be obliterated.

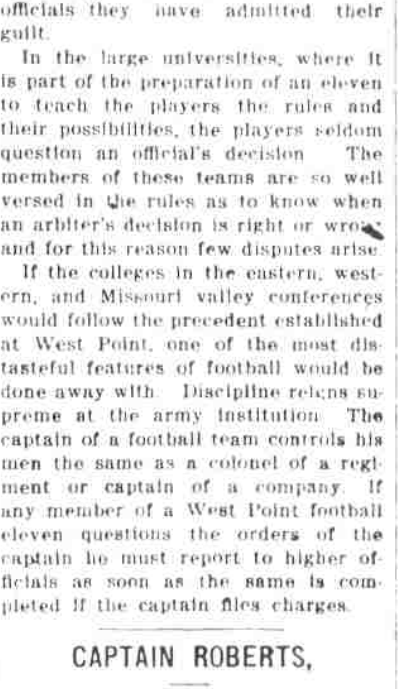
The men, all college graduates, of football in gridiron contests this year have been put to many severe tests, and in few instances have they erred. Spectators never should condemn an official for levying a penalty, for the arbiters of the game are in better position and understand more thoroughly the exact interpretations of the rules.

Those who have played football and have been in many hard fought contests have had fouls called when they did not believe they were guilty of any infringement. In such cases, these players have been so carried away with the excitement of the contests as to be unconscious of any breach in the rules they made, but when apprised of the conditions by officials they have admitted their guilt.

In the large universities, where it is part of the preparation of an eleven to teach the players the rules and their possibilities, the players seldom question an official's decision. The members of these teams are so well versed in the rules as to know when an arbiter's decision is right or wrong and for this reason few disputes arise.

If the colleges in the eastern, western, and Missouri valley conferences would follow the precedent established at West Point, one of the most distasteful features of football would be done away with. Discipline reigns supreme at the army institution. The captain of a football team controls his men the same as a colonel of a regiment or captain of a company. If any member of a West Point football eleven questions the orders of the captain he must report to higher officials as soon as the same is completed if the captain files charges.

CAPTAIN ROBERTS,



Shifty Half-Back on Illinois Team.

Japs Invite American Team. The Universities of Kelo and Waseda have invited the University of California to send a baseball team to Japan next year, starting about the middle of May and returning September 1. The Universities of Washington, of Seattle, Wisconsin, and Chicago have all sent teams to the islands, and a team of professional players, under the leadership of Mike Fisher, the former Tacoma manager, toured the islands in 1909.

GOSSIP OF SPORTDOM

Toes are more important now in football than weight. Rutherford, the Purdue player, "wasn't any rougher a lot of others."

Illinois has a great deal of respect for "Chicago luck" in football. In football nowadays the chiropro, dist takes the place of the trainer.

In a world's championship series heavy hitting is better than good luck. Pennsylvania's Improved football team has caused Yost to sit up and take notice.

In the international football game, Tripoli bears a striking resemblance to the football.

Nothing but poor playing by the home team ever interferes with the baseball business. Lucky Frank Schulte is married. His wife can teach him how to drive that new automobile.

Has any one noticed the golfers bringing their clubs home? Another sign of an early winter.

To hear track men talk, one would think the Olympic games were nearly as important as the city champion ship.

Football players have abandoned the ancient practice of wearing long hair, but musicians are not quite so sensible.

Hailstorm, like baseball, depends on the whims of the weather man, but there are no doubt headers in the flying game.

The amateur federation bug is beginning to bob up all over the country. Atlanta, Omaha and Cincinnati are the latest athletic centers heard from.

A SERIOUS ERROR

Many a case of kidney disease has proven fatal because the symptoms were not recognized. If you suffer with backache or bladder troubles, etc., see the doctor at once.



When Your Back is Lame, Remember the Name: DR. CASPER'S KIDNEY PILLS. They are sold in a box at all drug stores. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

WILLING TO BELIEVE HIM.



De Wealth—It is a generous and helpful world. De Wealth—Indeed? De Wealth—Yes. When it was announced that I desired to do a comparatively poor man there was a general movement to assist me in the enterprise.

ERUPTION COVERED BODY

Three years ago this winter I had a breaking out that covered my whole body. It itched so it seemed as if I should go crazy. It first came out in little pimples on my back and spread till it covered my whole body and limbs down to my elbows. When I scratched it made sores, and the terrible itching and burning kept me from sleeping. I tried several remedies but all to no purpose. Then I concluded to try the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, also the Resolvent, for about four months, and they completely cured me of eczema. I have never had a good night's rest after the skin eruption first broke out till I commenced using the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I had only used them a few days before I could see they were beginning to heal, and the terrible itching was gone.

Those that lived in the home at the time know how I suffered, and how the Cuticura Soap and Ointment cured me. I never take a bath without using the Cuticura Soap, and I do not believe there are better remedies for any skin disease than the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. (Signed) Miss Sarah Jenkins, Waukegan, Ill., Mar. 16, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold in drug stores and dealers everywhere, a sample of each with 32-page book will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. L. K., Boston.

Elemental Error

Julius Bruns was arrested for a drunkenness offense and a police officer became involved in an argument with his best companion. He did not last long in the police station, as the judge had his highest regard for the man who had been drinking.

The judge said, "Do you possibly strip your line in the water? There are no fishing fish around here, only eggs and food."

Distemper

In all of these things all spectators should take heed and avoid any stable proceeding from having the disease with epidemic distemper. Every bottle guaranteed. Over 7,000,000 bottles sold last year. \$3.00 and \$1.00. Good. Get yours or send to manufacturers. Write for free book to "The Mollusca" Special Catalogue, Boston, Ind.

Early Training

"She claims that her ancestors died torturing with red hot peppers." "I believe it." "She can swear she's three sizes too small and look happy." Harper's Weekly.

An Old Field Weed

Many seeing that old field weed the mullen stalk, never consider the good it is accomplishing in curing lung troubles. It presents in Taylor, Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen, the finest known remedy for coughs, colds, croup, consumption, Whooping Cough, etc.

At the Dance

"Ah say, Miss Mandy, am you program full?" "Lorree, no, Mr. Lumley. It takes mo'an 'saw'ich an' two olives to fill mah program."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA

Take the old standard GUNVET TABLETS. The formula is printed on every bottle showing it is a safe and reliable malaria remedy, and the most effective form. For every case of malaria, 10 cents.

Lots of men who all around on dry goods boxes and growl about hard times would consider it an insult if anyone were to offer them a job.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules. Easy to take as candy.

Sometimes a man who flatters gets even with a girl who flirts.