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BASEBALL HUMOR.

This Brand Is Purely English and Wholly Unconscious.

THE WAY WE PLAY THE GAME.

A British Writer, Who Must Have Encountered a Curious Species of "Fan," Describes the Fine Points of the Great American Sport.

One of the most illuminating appreciations of the national game is that contained in a book on America written by Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout, a gentleman of British extraction who is evidently a trained student of American life.

Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout naturally felt that no picture of life on this side of the water would be complete without a description of our national game—a view which we are glad to indorse as eminently correct. He therefore devoted several pages of informed comment to it which the average American in particular will read with admiration and gratitude.

Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout began this part of his work by the statement that the mysteries of baseball were generally supposed to be too profound for any foreigner to penetrate. But the writer was no ordinary foreigner, and baseball had no mysteries for his trained eye. Witness the following marvelous description of the organization of the game:

"A number of clubs representing different cities of the U. S. A. and manned presumably by natives of the respective cities join to form a league, and throughout the spring and summer months a lively contest is under way for the championship of the league, or, as it is popularly referred to, the banner. Two teams of nine men each take the field. The men on one team, known as the 'outs,' distribute themselves about the field, while one of their number in the center, known as the 'pitcher,' tosses the ball to a comrade at one end, known as the 'catcher.' The men on the other team, known as the 'ins,' take turns at smiting at the ball as it is tossed past them by the pitcher. The object is to hit the ball and to reach the first station before the ball can be returned by a member of the opposing team to his comrade at that station."

There is an authoritative air about this statement that carries conviction. No one could mistake the Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout for one of those travelers in foreign lands who see things on the wing and indulge in generalizations about the country as inapt as they are hasty. He has plainly gone carefully into the subject of American baseball, and the result is a conservative statement that must commend itself to all thinking people. But the erudite writer has more to say:

"Sometimes the ball is struck so hard as to enable the runner to advance to the second station or the third station or even to complete the circuit of the field and make what is called a 'home run.'

"The various stations are known as 'first sack,' 'second sack,' 'third sack' and 'home plate.' To decide whether the runner reaches the station before the ball there is an official known as umpire who passes on all other disputed questions as they arise. Decisions are frequently very close, and partisan spirit runs high among the spectators. There are cheers when the umpire 'cries 'Saved!' There are loud cries of protest when the umpire declares a ball fouled or 'out of bounds.' Clever plays are always applauded, and after a peculiarly difficult catch the stands ring with cries of 'Well fielded; well caught, indeed!'"

How vivid, yet how exact, is that description! As one reads those marvelous lines of the Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout he can almost hear the umpire calling out "Saved!" as the runner reaches the first, second or third "station," as the case may be, and the enthusiastic cry of "Well caught, indeed!" from the wild eyed excited mob of "fans" on the bleachers as the fielder manages to engulf an unusually difficult fly.

There has been in the past some criticism of British books on America. Dickens and Kipling, as well as divers other notables, have been charged with viewing this country with eyes jaundiced by British prejudice. But in the case of the Hon. Chillingly Butler-Stout such criticism is silent. His genial and instructive criticism leaves room for nothing save admiration.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Cocaine.

Travelers in Peru and countries where coca grows chew the leaves of this plant for the purpose of allaying the sense of hunger and the feeling of exhaustion that accompanies it. At first the leaves were thought to possess food elements, but now it is known that the cocaine they contain merely allays the irritability of the nerves that produce the sense of hunger. Cocaine is an alkaloid made from the coca leaf, which has the effect of completely destroying the sensibility of nerves. The discovery of this active principle of the coca leaf explained fully and satisfactorily the effect produced by chewing the leaves.

Trouble.

The worn, gray haired man met a mysterious stranger.

"And who might you be?" asked the man.

"My name is Trouble," replied the stranger.

"Strange that I got these gray hairs dodging you and never met you before," said the man.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Kiss Feminine.

Brother—Which one of those Penton girls is it that you don't like? Sister—Ssh! Some one might hear you. When the crowd comes up I'll kiss her twice.—Illustrated Bits.

Literature.

"Pa, what is literature?"

"Literature is writing printed in some expensive manner."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Too many people mistake a wish for an ambition.—Chicago News.

OLD ENGLISH EXECUTIONS.

Breakfast For the Guests Invited to See the Hanging.

Executions, when criminals were hanged in the Old Bailey in London, had certain customary sequels. The governor of Newgate, for instance, always gave a breakfast to those friends he had invited to see the hanging, and by established custom deviled kidneys always formed the principal dish, although, as John Hollingshead had related, nearly every one was obliged to swallow a glass of brandy first.

Another function described in "London In the Sixties" was the reception held afterward by the hangman at the Green Dragon, in Fleet street, where he took refreshment with his admirers and sold the fatal rope at the rate of sixpence per inch.

In the good old times nearly every criminal who was executed was credited with a confession and "last dying words," whether he uttered them or not. According to Case and Comment, these were printed in thousands by Mr. Catnach of Seven Dials. And sometimes an offender was reprieved on his way to Tyburn and had the pleasure, like Lord Brougham, of reading his own obituary notice.

Many of these broadsides, printed on a peculiar whitey brown paper, can still be obtained in the neighborhood of the Dials at certain quaint little shops that seem to have defied alike time and the "improvement acts." You can see them in the window alongside of old ballads, forgotten comic songs, children's toys and bottles of sticky looking sweets.

An execution which never came off was that of Edward Dennis, the public hangman, who in 1780 was sentenced to death for complicity in the Gordon riots. He was respited and resumed his occupation. So thoroughly did Dennis regain favor that in 1785 the sheriffs of London presented him with a gorgeous official robe "as a testimony to his execellent mode of performing business." Dennis found this robe not only inconvenient when at work, but rather conspicuous at other times, so he sold it to Old Cain, a well known charlatan of the day. Decked in the hangman's robe and a pasteboard crown the fortune teller cut an imposing figure.

FLED FROM HIS BRIDE.

Romantic Story of the Marriage of General Sam Houston.

In "As I Remember—Recollections of American Society During the Nineteenth Century," is a romantic story of General Sam Houston, whose "appearance was patrician and courtesy that of the inborn gentleman."

"I have spoken of General Houston's appearance. I now wish to refer to his fine sense of honor. He was married on Jan. 22, 1829, to Miss Eliza Allen and separated from her directly after the marriage ceremony in, it is said, the most painful circumstances. The wedding guests had departed and General Houston and his bride were sitting alone by the fire when he suddenly discovered that she was weeping. He asked the cause of her tears and was told that she never loved him and never could, but had married him solely to please her father.

"'I love Dr. Douglas,' she added, 'but I will try my best to be a dutiful wife to you.'

"'Miss,' said General Houston, even waiving the fact that he had just married her, 'no white woman shall be my slave. Good night!'

"It is said that he mounted his horse and rode to Nashville, where he resigned at once his office as governor and departed for the Cherokee country, where and elsewhere his subsequent career is well known. Having procured a divorce from his wife, he married Margaret Moffette in the spring of 1840."

ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY.

How New York's Grill Room Prices Hit the Blue Grass Brother.

After his brother had been in New York a little more than a year a Kentuckian decided to pay him a visit. Hoping to surprise his brother, the Kentuckian did not apprise his brother of his intentions. Arriving at 9 o'clock in the morning, he asked to be directed to a good eating house. The taxicab pilot steered his course for the largest, costliest and most fashionable hotel grill room on Broadway.

Being a stranger in a strange land and hungry, the Blue Grass brother ordered a regular home meal. When he got the check from the waiter its size staggered him. He wasn't accustomed to New York hotel prices.

After verifying the correctness of his bill at the cashier's desk and being insulted by the waiter for tipping him 25 cents, the visitor started out to look for his brother, whose office he found about 1 o'clock

In response to his inquiry as to his brother's whereabouts a clerk said:

"He's over eating at the Blank hotel's new grill room."

"Go slow, friend. Only a millionaire could overeat at the Blank hotel. I know, because I had breakfast there myself this morning."—Louisville Times.

A Tart Critic.

The Abbe d'Aubignac, who wrote admirably on dramatic composition and had instanced many living examples of failure in that direction, was so imprudent after thirty years' silence as to write a tragedy himself. In the preface he boasted that he, of all dramatists, had most scrupulously observed the rules of Aristotle, whose inspiration he had followed! To this it was replied by one who had suffered from his criticism, "I do not quarrel with the Abbe d'Aubignac for having followed the precepts of Aristotle, but I cannot pardon the precepts of Aristotle that caused the abbe to write such a tragedy."

Practical Point of View.

The man watched his wife as she entered the voting booth.

"Do you like to see a woman mingling with a lot of men at a polling place?" inquired a bystander.

"It depends a great deal on the way she votes," said the husband, who was a practical man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Nervous Patient.

"You should take an ice cold plunge every morning," said the physician.

"But, doctor, I have insomnia."

"The ice cold plunge will help to cure it."

"No, it won't. I'll lie awake all night dreading it."—Washington Star.

Gave a Respite.

The Doctor—How is the patient this morning? The Patient's Wife—I think he's better, but he seems to be worrying about something. The Physician—Hum! Yes. Just tell him I won't send it for a month. That ought to freshen him up some.—Chicago News.

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Number Nineteen

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The motion of the earth would change—and seasons, too; we might even drop off this world we're spinned upon—if the weight of the things on the earth greatly changed.

But if man is not a creator, he has been given powers that enable him to control matter.

So, humanly speaking—or using an infinite word in a finite way—man does create.

And so is effort worth while, and labor worthy of a crown.

You can create value in your farm as well as produce a living from its crops.

You can regulate the habits of animals and plants. You can stop apples from rotting and you can make tomato blossoms hold on and develop into fruit.

You can create courtships of plants that will intensify into improved families. You can marry long-eared corn to short, fine corn and produce strains perhaps never dreamed of.

When by thought and study the operations of the farm have become a science, the notion of drudgery is gone. It is easier to farm, scientifically, than it is to make glass or steel or great ships.

And the great big point in farming is to feed the land for the work you have planned it to do.

The athlete must eat beef; the polar man must eat fat; the dweller in Afric heat does best to drink hot water, not cold. Same flesh and blood, but treated differently to fit it for different conditions.

What crop will you raise? What must the land have to sustain that crop? Of course, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—but the mixture should be more to meet the plant's need.

Not hard to get straight information as to the requirements of your land.

Next, be sure that the fertilizers you buy are really the mixtures you require. A mistake or swindle injures a crop—puts you back a whole year.

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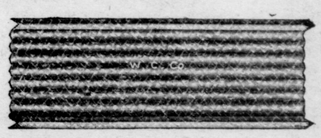

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