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BASE-BALL.

A Highly Interesting Chapter on the American National Game.

Some Noteworthy Episodes of the Past Season's Play.

Welch's Trick—A Wonderful Triple Play—Death on the Ball Field.

[NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.]

Henry Chadwick, the well-known baseball expert, was asked to tell about several of the remarkable episodes of the past season's play, as he had witnessed them.

"Just about the most noteworthy," he replied, "was that which marked the game of May 21st, at Philadelphia, between the Chicago and Philadelphia nines. The game opened favorably for Chicago, but in the second inning

THOMPSON'S ACCIDENT.

a play occurred which virtually enabled the Philadelphia team to turn the tide of expected defeat into that of a well-earned victory. In this innings, after two men were out, Flint, of the Chicagoes, hit a long high ball to the extreme end of the left field, on which he easily secured third base; but thinking that he could score a home run on the hit, instead of stopping at third, he continued on to the home plate. In the meantime McCarthy had run for the ball, with Wood after him to assist in returning it in, and though Flint had nearly reached third base before McCarthy could handle the ball in the out field, so prompt was his throw in to Wood—half way down at left field—and so swift and accurate was Wood's forwarding of the ball to the catcher, Clement, at home base, that Flint was landed out just before he reached the plate, the most enthusiastic applause greeting this fine piece of out-fielding. The Philadelphia team eventually won the game by 4 to 3, and chiefly from preventing Flint's home run as they did in the second innings.

"Thompson, the noted right-fielder of the Detroit team, was the victim of a rather amusing accident which occurred in the game played at Detroit on July 3, between the Detroit and Boston teams. The accident occurred in the innings in which the Detroits virtually won the game. Rowe was on third base, and Thompson was at first. Thompson started to steal second base, and Rowe at the same time ran from third for home base. On the throw to second, Sutton, who had the ball, seeing that he could not throw the ball back in time to have Rowe put out at the home plate, turned his attention to catching Thompson between the bases. As the latter ran back to first base he made a big slide in, feet foremost, but did not slide far enough to avoid the ball, and consequently was put out. Just here came in the amusing part of the occurrence, for, while the players walked in from the field, Thompson lay at full length on the ground, making no effort to rise beyond a sitting posture. At first it was thought he was hurt, and some of the players went to him to rise; then it was, however, that it was discovered that he had torn his breeches in such a manner that it was impossible for him to get up, right before the grand stand, without making an awkward exposure of himself. Morrill, who was standing by Thompson, called to Richardson to bring him his coat, and a large water-proof coat was procured, and, with this covering him, Thompson walked to the club house and there changed his torn breeches for another pair. The occupants of the stand were convulsed with laughter when they learned the true intent of Thompson's accident.

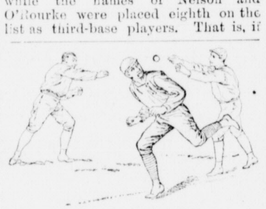
"In a game at St. Louis, last July, between the champions and the Metropolitans, Welch, the St. Louis center-fielder, played one of his characteristic tricks on the opposing players, which resulted in Nelson's failure to score a run on Orr's long three-base hit, and kept Orr on first base instead of his reaching third, as he might easily have done. It is a rule of play in base-

WELCH'S TRICK.

running when runners are on the bases for them to watch the ball closely in the case of a long, high hit to the outfield, so as to be able to do one of two things promptly, and that is either to run on the apparent failure of the fielder to get under the ball for a catch or to be ready with one foot on the base they occupy to run to the next base the moment the apparently sure catch is made. In the case in question Nelson was on second when Orr hit a long, high ball to right center which really insured the scoring of Nelson's run, and the giving to Orr his third base on the hit. But Welch, in running to catch the ball, tried a trick on the runners which succeeded admirably. As he ran out to get under the ball, though he saw that it was going beyond his reach for a catch, and would surely strike the fence at center field, he settled himself with lifted hands in such a manner as to lead the runners to think that a catch would be certain. So Nelson waited on second base until the catch should be made, ready to start for third the moment the ball was handled. To his disgust, however, he saw it returned from the fence and picked up by Welch, and before Nelson could get a chance to leave second the ball was back in the infield, and Orr had to be content with a single base for his hit for three bags.

"One of the best tests of a pitcher's skill which the progress of a game presents is that afforded by the position in which the first man at the bat in an innings play makes a three-base hit, and obliges the pitcher to put forth his very best efforts in the form of skillful strategic play in the position, in order to prevent the base-runner from scoring his run. A striking illustration of this point was shown in the contest at Philadelphia on May 21, between the Philadelphia and Chicago teams. In the eighth innings of this game, while the Chicago team were within one of tying the Philadelphia team's score, Sunday, the Chicago outfielder, opened the innings at the bat with a clean base-hit to left center field, on which he earned third base. Ferguson was in the box as the Philadelphia pitcher, and the point he had to attend to was to keep Sunday on third while pitching out the next three batsmen. He began by retiring Ryan—the next batsman—out on strikes. Sullivan came next, and after two strikes had been called on him he was retired on a foul fly. Next came Daly, and he, too, after barely escaping being put out on strikes, was finely caught out on a sharp fly tip, and this left Sunday on third base, the innings play ending in a blank. It was a feat in strategic pitching well worthy of special record.

"In the contest at Chicago, on Sept. 15, between the Chicago and New York teams, a point of play occurred which plainly pointed out the necessity for the introduction of an amendment to the rules regulating the position at the bat of players whose names are printed on the score cards. The play in question was as follows: The score card, in naming the order of batting, placed the names of "O'Rourke or Brown" as the occupant of the catcher's position on the New York side, and the order of their batting as fifth on the list, while the names of Nelson and O'Rourke were placed eighth on the list as third-base players. That is, if



RADFORD'S TRIPLE PLAY.

O'Rourke caught, Nelson was to play third base, and if Brown caught, O'Rourke was to play third. According to the order as placed on the card, if O'Rourke played at third base he was to be the eighth striker, but if he played as catcher then his batting order would have been fifth. In the fifth inning O'Rourke, who had been playing third base, went to the bat after Connor, and in accordance with the order of the card was not in his proper position to bat. O'Rourke then hit the ball for a home-run, and as he came in Anson stepped upto the umpire and claimed that the run could not count as O'Rourke had batted out of order, and his appeal was granted, and the run declared no count. The New-Yorkers claimed that as both O'Rourke and Brown's names were on the card for fifth place either had the right to bat; but this was not so, inasmuch as the position alone gave the right to bat, and as O'Rourke was down to play both as catcher and third base the order belonged to the position he filled; as that was third base, his batting order was eighth on the list. As it happened the loss of the run by the New York team did not result in that of the game, as New York won by 4 to 3. But the incident showed very plainly that the rule governing the play should be changed so as to give the legal order of batting under such circumstances.

"In one of the May games between the Louisville and Baltimore teams at Louisville Hecker and Werrick played a successful trick on the visiting batsmen in the following manner: The play in question occurred in the second innings while Dawes was on first base and Fulmer on second. Fulmer made an attempt to steal to third base, and in doing so the fielders alleged that he had run out of the line of the base to avoid the ball in the hands of the baseman, Werrick, but the umpire decided Fulmer safe. During the dispute over the decision Werrick, who held the ball, had it up his sleeve, and when the umpire—Eddy Cuthbert—called play at the close of the dispute Hecker entered the pitcher's box and acted as if he had the ball in hand ready to deliver it to the bat. Fulmer, deceived by this action, left the base he had previously occupied and stood off it ready to run home. As he did so, Werrick slipped the ball from up his sleeve and laughingly went up to Fulmer and touched him out, greatly to the amusement of the astonished crowd looking on, not one of whom had noticed where the ball had gone. It was a lesson to Fulmer to make a special note of the old base-ball saying, 'keep your eye on the ball.'

"On July 9 the Metropolitan team met the Cincinnatis on the home grounds, and on the occasion found themselves opposed to the strong battery fire of Pitcher Mullane, who on that day was in fine form for his best strategic work in the box. In addition to the effective pitching of Mullane, the splendid support given behind the bat by Catcher Baldwin was especially a noteworthy feature of the contest. But the Metropolitans also played a remarkably fine game, and the most striking feature of it was the splendid triple play of Radford, who was playing second base for them on the occasion. Baldwin was at the bat, Carpenter at second base, and Tebeau at third. Both the runners had taken ground in base running and were ready to start on the first fair hit. Baldwin caught the ball square on the bat and hit a hot liner just as both the runners ran for their respective bases. But Radford caught the swift line ball beautifully, and touching second base with it before Carpenter could get back, promptly threw the ball to third base in time to cut off Tebeau. This put the side out by a model triple play, and Radford's skillful performance brought out tumultuous applause.

"One of the saddest events of the season of 1887 was the fatal occurrence at Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 19, which resulted in the death of young Edward Likely, of Lincoln. The accident did not occur in a match game, but only while a party of ball players were practicing for a contest arranged for the next day. The party of half a dozen or so were playing when young Likely took the bat and stepped up to the home plate for a hit. Harry Claskey was the pitcher, and he was sending in very swift balls. As

A DEATH ON THE FIELD.

Likely struck at the ball it just touched the bat near the handle and glanced off like a rifle shot to the batsman's face, striking the latter with such force as to cause him to fall unconscious with his head striking the ground squarely on the top. He was taken up insensible and carried from the field to the nearest hotel, where he was promptly attended to by physicians. But he never rallied from the effects of the blow and fell combined, and within ten minutes time the poor boy was dead. He was a bright youth, just twenty-three years of age, and highly esteemed by his companions. Various theories as to the immediate cause of death were advanced, but it is probable that it was due mainly to the severe shock to the nerve center. The blow on the face was not alone sufficient to have caused death. It was the only actual death on the ball field last season

"A curious incident happened in the contest of May 16th, at Bridgeport, Conn., between the Bridgeport and Danbury teams. It is a rule of the game that any ball hit from the bat can be legally caught, provided it is not caught on a rebound from the ground, and an object other than the person of a fielder. But if it is caught after rebounding from the hands or the person of any fielder engaged in the game the catch is a legitimate one. In the case in question a high ball was batted to the field, and both Lovett and Wilson ran to catch it. The ball as it fell first struck Wilson's hands, but singular to relate, after he had three times failed to hold it securely as it rebounded from his hands, it went to Lovett's hands, who was standing close by ready to assist in the catch. But Lovett similarly failed to hold the ball securely, and on the second rebound from his hands Wilson grasped it, and this time the catch was made, after five distinct failures to make the catch before the ball could reach the ground.

"In looking over the striking events of the last season, mention should not be omitted of the records made in rapid base-running. Prizes had been offered for superiority in this matter, and the contests took place at Philadelphia on Oct. 17. The 120 yards run is very different from the same distance straight away, and records in this feat are novel. It is to be hoped that the contests be continued in coming seasons, as it will improve the game

AN UNUSUAL FLY CATCH.

and add a new feature of interest to the sport. Ferguson, of the Philadelphia team, won the first prize and made the record 14 1-5 seconds."

A Novel Scrap-Book.

I am reminded, writes C. M. Skinner in the New York *Book Buyer*, in speaking of extra illustrations that a scrap-book may be made a thing of beauty that will put to shame the rarest of *editions de luxe*. Only the practiced inlayer of plates should undertake its preparation to insure its result, but in its diversity of theme and treatment, it has a more general interest than the biography or book of criticism that is the usual subject for pictorial enlargement. Travelers' scrap-books are especially entertaining. One young gentleman made a running record of his foreign tour in letters to his "folks" that he sprinkled with pen sketches, and bound into a volume on his return. A wealthy gentleman in Brooklyn, who travels far and often, makes a pictorial record of each in the form of a book or books filled with photographs of places and things that he has seen. His last journey among the effete despotisms is memorialized in three portly volumes, bound in crimson morocco and containing in the order of their viewing all the sights of moment visited in his journey. Another tourist made a history of his European travels in letters to newspapers, and these letters have been clipped out, pasted in double columns on heavy paper, neatly bordered with black lines and interspersed with 100 illustrations and addenda carefully inlaid, some of the smaller pictures serving as tailpieces to the letters. The illustrations embrace photographs, photogravures, lithographs, wood cuts, etchings, steel engravings, pen and pencil drawings, and represent distinguished people who were seen and celebrated pictures in the museums as well as places of science and historic interest. Such curiosities as hotel bills and theater programmes are also included. The volume is a quarto, nearly as bulky as Webster's Dictionary.

The Age of Reason.

"What is that bell for!" asked Uncle William.

"Recitations," replied Nephew James.

"Then you must leave me."

"Oh, no; I don't attend recitations."

"Oh, you just attend lectures?"

"No; at least, I haven't attended any yet."

"The campus is quite deserted," said Uncle William.

"Yes," said Nephew James; "it's study hour."

"Then you want to go to your room."

"Oh, no, I don't study."

"Well," exclaimed Uncle William, who is a weak-minded, old fashioned old man, "what do you do?"

"Go to college," said Nephew James. —*Burdette.*

Love is like the measles; we can't have it bad but once, and the later in life we have it the tougher it goes with us.—*The Earth.*

Humorous Selections.

Are not the absent cashiers "Our Canadian Relations" the newspapers speak of?

School teacher—Johnny, how many mills make a cent? Johnny—One, if it is a fertilizer mill.

Flirting with the cook is said to be a good recipe to make a wife look closely after the kitchen.

It makes a difference where you are. A green grocer in London is one who sells vegetables. In Chicago it is one that trusts.

"Sofa so good," as the young man said when he sat on the lounge by the side of his best girl, and placed his arm around her shapely waist.

Ingemisca—"You look very like Sir F., John." John (delightedly)—"Oh, do I? Is he intelligent?" Ingemisca—"I don't know. He doesn't look so."

An Illinois editor defines a philanthropist as a zealous person bent on doing the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number with the greatest possible amount of other people's money.

Farm-house visitor—Is that your only cow? Dairymaid—Yes, sir. Visitor—How much milk does she give? Dairymaid—Two gallons a day. Visitor—And how much do you sell? Dairymaid—Five gallons.

Not long ago a city missionary in Chicago dropped into a Clark street dive with temperance tracts in his hand, and, accosting a dozen or more loafers sitting around, remarked: "Gentlemen, may I ask if you—" He got no further. With one accord they ranged themselves in front of the bar and answered in chorus: "I don't care if I do." He departed.

"Johnny, did you put water in the milk this morning?" said the milkman. "Yes, sir." "Don't you know that is wicked, Johnny?" "But you told me to mix water with milk." "Yes, but I told you to put the water in first and pour the milk into it. Then, you see, we can tell people we never put water in our milk."

Feudal Hospitality.

We are inclined to be overhard in our judgment of knights and barons of Germany in the middle ages, whose castles are perched on every commanding rock by every road and river, but we are scarcely just. It is true that there were robber-knights, but so there are at all times rascals among a class, and we are wrong in supposing that every ruined keep was a nest of a robber-knight. It was not so. They kept the roads in order, and supplied mules and horses to travelers; they gave free hospitality when they halted for the night. The travelers paid a small toll for the maintenance of the road, and also for the use of the horses and mules which carried them on the next stage. On the navigable rivers the barons kept the towpath, and supplied the beasts which would drag the barges up the stream, and for this also they received, and very properly, a toll. Here and there an ill conditioned knight exacted more than was due, but he was speedily reduced to order. It was to the interest of all the knights and barons along the highway to keep the communication open and not to divert it into another channel; consequently when one member of the confraternity was exacting and troublesome the rest combined against him, or his over-lord reduced him to reason. As the knights and barons had their castles on heights for purposes of defense, and these heights were considerable, it was not convenient for the wayfarers, at the end of a toilsome journey, to have to scramble up the side of a mountain to the castle of the lord to enjoy his hospitality. Accordingly they were entertained by him below in the village built on the highway. It was irksome to him and his wife and servants to be perched on a rock like an eagle, consequently in the time of peace he lived in his "town house," that is, his mansion at the foot of the hill, where he could get his provisions easily, and see the world, as it flowed along the road. In an old German village there is accordingly to be found generally a somewhat stately mansion below, as well as the castle above, with the same coat-of-arms carved over their doors, inhabited by the same family in past times, oscillating as circumstances required, between the house and the castle.

Garrulous men are commonly conceited, and they will be found (with very few exceptions) to be very superficial as well. They who are in a hurry to tell what they do know, will be equally inclined, from the impulse of prevailing habit, to tell what they do not know.

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