

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

"Germany" Schaefer Talks About Playing the Infield

SECOND HARDEST POSITION.

Man at the Keystone Station is Given Better Chance to Show Up Than Any Other Player—He Generally Lasts Longer in Game.

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What are the important qualities for a successful infielder in the major leagues today? Well, the only players who become successful infielders are those with a natural aptitude for baseball. A good mechanical player who can hit at a fair clip may make good and hold a position in the outfield, but when he comes to the infield he must be a quick thinker, fast fielder and a natural player as well.

How many baseball fans have thought of the build of these infielders and the part that plays in determining the qualification for a certain position? For instance, take the first baseman. He must be a tall, rangy fellow who can cover ground, but more especially one who has a reach to catch a trifle wild. Height and reach are valuable in stepping forward to meet thrown balls. Many a first sacker who understands his position robs a batsman of hits merely by stretching out to meet them. In the course of a season this one or two feet advantage will mean a score or more less base hits.

Speaking of the second baseman or the shortstop, I will say that the latter should be a short, chunky fellow, something on the dachshund order, for he has to gather the ball in from all positions while on the run, so the lower they are to the ground the better. The majority of the third sacker in the major leagues today are small men or fellows of medium height, but it is not essential there.

As you know, second base is the key to the infield. Second sack gives a player an opportunity to show up better than any other position, and I believe a player will last longer in the game in this position than any other—that is, if he is a natural and not a made ball player. A second baseman should go for short flies and depend on the outfielders for the coaching, as they are in a better position to judge the ball. The keystone stationer should go in for the short throw with the catcher, sending the ball down for a man and a runner at third. This play requires practice and a good throwing catcher. When running down a man between the bases go after him on the jump and get him under full headway before throwing the ball.

Recently I was asked who I thought was the gamest man in baseball. I know I have been in the game for many years, but I'll tell you I have not had the chance to size them all up, but I will hand a lot of candy to my present side partner, Kid Elberfeld. Some years ago when I was playing second base for the Detroit Tigers I had a little experience with the Kid. The latter is game to the core. No matter what you do to him, he will take it without batting an eye. But you have to watch out when his chance comes. When he was playing with New York he got me once when I wasn't looking for anything and gave me a pretty hard bumping as I came back to the bag. I tried to get back at him and learned how luck will break against a fellow. The next time I went to bat I passed the word that if I reached first no one was to give me the signal, because I would go down on the first ball pitched, having an engagement at second. I had a good lead and was away with the pitch. But there wasn't a chance to get Norman, because Catcher Kleinow pulled him off the bag with a wide throw, and I had to keep on for third without a chance to exchange compliments. I was ready for the Kid when the time came. He reached first, and I tipped O'Leary that I would take the throw if he stole. When he came down I was all ready, with my elbows in the right place. He came in just as I wanted him to, spikes first and feet up in the air. But the throw was short, and I had to run in to get the ball. Afterward Elberfeld told me he had me dead if I hadn't pulled off the bag. But that's what he thought.

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PLAYERS' REAL VALUE UNCERTAIN

Ball Tosser Who Looks Like Star Often Proves Failure.

GEORGE STONE AN EXAMPLE.

Few Years Ago St. Louis Americans Outfielder Would Have Brought Big Sum, but Not Now—Other Crackers Whose Brilliance Has Faded.

Star baseball players are certainly a mighty risky commodity. One year a player may show to advantage, look as if he was worth \$50,000 to his club cause his owner to turn down all kinds of fabulous offers for his services and the following year prove a big failure.

While every club owner is in the baseball business to get the money still it's the one ambition of every owner and manager to win pennants; otherwise there would be much more trading and selling of players among the various clubs of the majors and minors. Civic pride often keeps an owner from selling one of his stars for a big sum. The fact that such a sale may also bring upon his head the wrath of the fans plays a part as well in the baseball market.

Four years ago George Stone of the St. Louis club led the American league in batting. Stone and his big stick were feared by every pitcher in the Johnsonian circuit. Every club owner would have been delighted to buy Stone at almost any old price, while the St. Louis fans simply idolized their batting king. All kinds of offers were made to Owner Hedges, but he turned a deaf ear to them.

Stone was expected to be the big noise the following year, but he proved a rank disappointment. Trouble over safety caused him to get a late start. Injuries set him back several times just as he was getting into his stride, and all in all he had a bad year. One of the injuries to his ankle slowed



GEORGE STONE, ST. LOUIS AMERICAN OUTFIELDER.

him up considerably, and since then a number of the hits that he used to beat out go in to the put-out column. Three years ago Stone would have brought down something like \$10,000, yet it's questionable if any club would pay much more for him than the draft price.

A few years ago Manager McGraw of the New York Giants offered the St. Louis Nationals \$10,000 for Pitcher Karger and was willing to throw in a couple of young pitchers to boot. Owner Robison of the Cardinals wanted to give the fans a winner and turned down the offer without hesitation. Karger failed to show the next year, was traded to Cincinnati and then turned loose to a minor league club. He is now with the Boston Americans and has done very well, but is nothing like the pitcher he was a few years ago.

Not so many years ago Elmer Flick, Jack Powell, Lou Criger, Terry Turner, Herman Schaefer, Lee Tannehill, Bill Bradley, Bill Donovan and a host of other stars would have brought fancy prices if placed on the auction block of baseball. While quite a few of the boys are still valuable to have around, there wouldn't be any riot should they be offered for sale, and they wouldn't bring one-fifth the price they would have commanded five years ago.

Good players are men who take long chances. Players who take unusual risks are, of course, very liable to injury, and slight injuries often ruin star ball players. Yes, indeed, star ball players are more delicate than the daintiest bits of bric-a-brac.

MONSTER BEAR DOOMED TO DIE SAYS HUCKELBERRY JOE

"Grizley Bear" is going to die. That at least is the decree issued by "Huckleberry Joe" Carper of Promise, the government-paid hunter in Wallowa county's Meadow Park, a large sheep range fenced in by the government in the hope of keeping predatory animals away and the sheep safe.

Mr. Grizley has become renowned throughout eastern Oregon. He is a monstrously large animal, and walks through fences, knocks cattle senseless, and often kills them with a blow of his ears sheep with considerable loss to the owners and has made himself a general nuisance in that county. His depredations have been enacted for several months, and the sheepsman are up in arms. They have turned to Huckleberry Joe as a panacea for the evil and he is making preparations to start a big bear hunt in October. He will leave about October 25, and will keep going until he finds Mr. Grizley.

All he has to guide him to the animal is the fact that he is somewhere in Wallowa county. His tracks have been seen and they astound the oldest bear hunters in eastern Oregon. The footprints measure thirteen inches across, and when the bear has been seen at various times fighting with dogs, he stood over ten feet high. This is not a fairy tale but actual facts.

Provided with plenty of ammunition and a .351 Winchester, Huckleberry Joe will start out and keep going until he finds his fugitive. He is paid by the government to hunt these predatory animals, hence the expense is no item. Up one side of mountains and down the other will be his task.

SPORTING COMMENT AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

Tom Barclay, representing the Selby loaded shot gun shells, will leave for Union, Baker and Boise, Idaho. Mr. Barclay is one of the best trap shots in the northwest.

Right at this time the thing for the rank and file of the high school to do is to get out a second football squad. The first team squad so far has been limited in numbers, in fact there have been only about fifteen out for practice during the past week. Without a second team it is impossible to develop a winning first team.

Byron W. Brady of Wallowa has announced he will hold another big bluecock shoot at Wallowa late in October. The added money will be either \$100 or \$125 as the case may be and all trophies in the Union-Wallowa County Sportsmen association will be contested for again. Brady played an important part in the Elgin shoot last week.

Here is hoping that big Vern Bean makes good at the Provo (Utah) military school with the same degree of success that marked his football career on the local high school team. In addition to being the big rush with plenty of rush to spare after he is through rushing, he is a basketball player of more than passing ability.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding of La Porte, Ind., with their son, J. E. Harding at the wheel, arrived in La Grande last night on their way to Seattle and Los Angeles in a six-cylinder Olds. They have had no trouble, enroute and don't anticipate any. Mrs. Harding detoured at Cheyenne and took train to Salt Lake where she again joined the party. Mr. Harding is city electrician at La Porte, and the family is enjoying a tour of the west, looping-the-loop to Los Angeles and home via the southern route.

A. Bean and Fred Grout, old-time reliables on the line, will report for training and practice next week and then the prospects at the high school will brighten. Two valuable experienced men have been recruited already in Gauntt, a North Yakima tackle. Rinehart, the big husky from tackle. Rinehart the big husky from Summerville will also be out next week and his bulk will be a valuable asset to the line. He will likely start as guard.

He starts from Promise, his postoffice address.

His weapons are such that they will make Mr. Grizley cringe. No man has ever yet been able to get the bear up a tree. He fights at the first sight of trouble and has torn dog after dog to shreds. Knowing this, Mr. Carper has procured the best dogs known to hunters and will take an entire pack with him on the trip. No stone is to be left unturned in the effort to land the big bear.

Anyone wishing to join the hunt can do so by writing to Mr. Carper at Promise. Those who do go with him will have to supply their own grub for the trip. Ed Morris, the well known Winchester ammunition representative, will be one of the party at any rate, and it is believed others will join the delegation. When they start the understanding will be that there is to be no turning back until Mr. Grizley has been killed or the bear has proved the master and chased the hunters back. Once found, Mr. Carper says, there is no doubt but what the bear will fall for the bullets to be used are the enormously large soft-nosed sort that will tear tremendous holes in his anatomy once a charge goes home.

Mr. Carper is not alone distinguished for his bear hunting ability, for he is a huckleberry picker of renown—in fact that is where he won the peculiar title which he carries. He owns a huckleberry patch near Promise and in two years he has picked 1,335 gallons. This year he gleaned 900 gallons which netted him a dollar per gallon.

While La Grande nimrods have nothing but praise for the management of the shoot at Elgin last Monday, there is one thing that calls for more lauding sentences that the management and this the gunmen say, was a splendid luncheon the Cemetery association ladies of Elgin provided for the hungry blue rocks.

Chances for the first real winning girls basketball team in many years at the local high school are exceptionally bright this fall and ere long now the captains and managers will be named and diligent practice commenced. Lillian Baker the formidable center are the heaviest losses through graduation. The main bulk of the old squad with additions from the freshman class should mean a fast and snappy quintet this year.

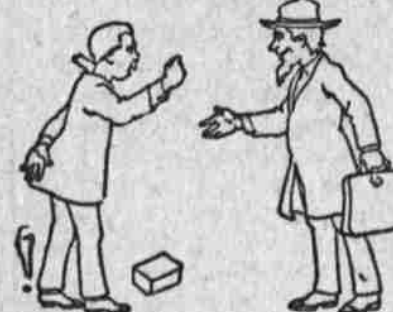
Humor and Philosophy by DUNCAN H. SMITH PERT PARAGRAPHS.

WHILE being happy is an attitude of mind, being comfortable is more apt to be an attitude of body.

When a put up job falls down there is apt to be a spill out.

Getting a place to work isn't nearly as necessary as getting a place to get paid.

There is only one thing more curious than a woman, and that is a man.



A kick in time saves a lot of trouble about having impossible stuff worked off on you.

Sometimes making a fool of a man is merely amusing, and at others it is abusing.

The man who won't speak a good word for another generally in the long run gets what is coming to him.

The persons who can't see what they are looking for are seldom looking for the right thing.

A woman's idea of having a good time consists in spending time and money on useless things.

Women necessarily have a sense of humor, for without it they would be unable to extricate men from the absurd position that they are constantly getting into.

Self Protection. "No, I haven't taken a bath in ten years."

"Don't you believe in baths?" "Oh, I don't suppose they do any harm if taken in moderation, but I don't dare take a chance. My wife is so tender hearted that if a tramp were to come along while I was in the tub she would give him my only suit of clothes."

In Practice. The man who fights and runs away May live to fight another day. But chances ninety are to ten That next time he will run again.

His Reason. "He says his wife is a fine cook." "She isn't, though." "Isn't she?" "No." "Then why does he brag about her so?" "Just because he is too stingy to hire a cook."

Believes in It. "Do you believe in the power of suggestion?" "Suggestion?" "Yes." "Well, when a girl suggests that she may be a sister to me I begin to suspect that she has been stealing me."

His View. "What is your idea of a good looking woman?" "It all depends." "Depends?" "Yes. If I am hungry a good looking woman is one that is cooking a good dinner."

Her Opinion. "Do you believe in woman's rights?" "Woman's rights?" "Yes."

"Well, I think that when a woman has to support her husband he should at least be called by her name."

Notice of Dissolution. Notice is hereby given that the La Grande Meat company has been dissolved by mutual consent and that M. J. Hally withdraws from the firm. The outstanding bills will be collected by and the firm will be managed by Fred Both and Paul Rohr.

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as Executor of the last will and testament of Duncan McBeth deceased, and the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county, has fixed Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1910, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any and all objections thereto. Dated at La Grande Oregon, this 3rd day of September, 1910. W. M. McBeth, Executor of said Last Will. Sept 3-10-17-24-Oct 1.

Notice of Restoration of Public Lands to Settlement and Entry.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., July 28, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that the public lands in the following described areas which were excluded from the Umatilla, Whitman, and Wallowa National Forests, Oregon, by proclamations of the president dated May 20, 21 and 27, 1910, respectively, if not otherwise withdrawn, reserved, or appropriated will by authority of the Secretary of the Interior, be restored to the public domain on October 22, 1910, and become subject to settlement on and after that date, but not to entry, filing or selection until on and after November 21, 1910, under the usual restrictions, at the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon.

In T. 5 R. 27, W 1-2 Sec. 14 and Sec. 15; in T. 10 R. 27, Secs. 6, 7, 8, 17 to 22, inclusive, 27 to 34, inclusive; all T. 11, R. 27; in T. 12, E. 27, Secs. 1 to 5, inclusive, E 1-2 and NW 1-4 Sec. 6, NE 1-4 Sec. 8; in T. 10, R. 28, W 1-2 Sec. 15, Secs. 21 and 22, W 1-2, Sec. 23 and 26, Secs. 27, 28, 33 to 36, inclusive; in T. 11, R. 28, Secs. 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32 and SW 1-4 Sec. 33; in T. 12, R. 28, Secs. 4, 5, 6, N 1-2 Sec. 8, Sec. 9; in T. 10, R. 31, Secs. 1, 2, and 5; in T.

10 S., R. 32, W 1-2 W 1-2 Sec. 3, Sec. 5 and N 1-2 Sec. 6; in T. 4, R. 32, Secs. 18, 19, 30; in T. 6, R. 42, W 1-2 Sec. 29, all Secs. 30, 31, and W 1-2 Sec. 32; in T. 1, R. 42, Sec. 5, N 1-2, SE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 6, E 1-2, SW 1-4 E 1-2 NW 1-4, SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 7, Sec. 8, W 1-2 Sec. 16, Sec. 17, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 18, NE 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 19, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 20, N 1-2, SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 and SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 21, S 1-2 Secs. 22 and 23, E 1-2 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 24, S 1-2 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 and E 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 25, S 1-2 NE 1-4, N 1-2 SE 1-4, E 1-2 NW 1-4 and N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 26, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4 and W 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 27; in T. 7, R. 43, W 1-2 Sec. 28, E 1-2 Sec. 29, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SW 1-4 SE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 Sec. 30, SE 1-4 NW 1-4 and W 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 31, E 1-2 Sec. 32, Secs. 33 and 34; in T. 8, R. 44, W. 1-2 Sec. 6, Sec. 7, and S 1-2 Sec. 8; in T. 7, R. 45, S 1-2 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 and W 1-2 Sec. 23, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, SE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 Sec. 24, all Secs. 25 and 26, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 27; E 1-2 E 1-2 Sec. 34, all Secs. 35 and 36; in T. 8, R. 45, Sec. 1, NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 2, NE 1-4, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 and E 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 12, E 1-2 E 1-2 Sec. 13, Secs 18 to 21, inclusive, Secs. 25 to 36 inclusive; in T. 7, R. 46, S 1-2 Sec. 19, all Secs. 25 and 26, S 1-2 Secs. 27, 28 and 29, Secs. 30 to 36, inclusive; in T. 1, R. 47, Secs. 1 to 10, inclusive, Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive, Secs 28 to 33, inclusive; in T. 2, R. 47, W 1-2 Secs. 6, Secs. 6 and 7, W 1-2 Sec. 8, Secs. 14 to 22, inclusive, Secs. 28, 29 and 30; in T. 7, R. 47, Secs. 25 to 36, inclusive; all south and east; all T. 3, R. 42; in T. 4, R. 42, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, E 1-2 Sec. 5, Secs 7 to 36, inclusive; in T. 4, R. 43, Secs 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11; in T. 1, R. 45, Secs. 1 and 2 and S 1-2 Sec. 3; in T. 2, R. 45, Secs. 25, 26, 35 and 36; in T. 1, R. 46, Secs. 1 to 6, inclusive; in T. 2, R. 46, Secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, to 36, inclusive; in T. 3, R. 46, S 1-2 Secs 32, 33, 34 and 35; in T. 5, R. 46, Secs. 1 to 12, inclusive; in T. 6, R. 46, Secs. 19 to 38, inclusive, Secs. 31 to 36, inclusive; in T. 1, R. 47, Secs. 4, 5, and 6; in T. 2, R. 47, Secs 7 and 8, S 1-2 Sec. 9, Secs 16 to 21, inclusive, Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive; S 1-2 of fractional T. 6, R. 47; in T. 1, R. 48, W 1-2 Sec. 3, Sec. 4 to 9, inclusive, W 1-2 Secs 10 and 15, Secs. 16, 17, and 18; in T. 2, R. 48, S 1-2 Sec. 16, 17 and 18, Secs 19, 20 and 21, W 1-2 Sec. 27, Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive, and W 1-2 Sec. 34; all fractional T. 6, R. 48; all north and east Willamette Meridian.

Warning is hereby expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun after May 20, 21, and 27, 1910, respectively, and prior to October 22, 1910, and all such settlement or occupation is hereby forbidden. JOHN McPHAU, Acting Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. Approved July 28, 1910. FRANK PIERCE, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Daily Aug 6-13-20-27. Sept 3-10-17-24 Oct 1-8

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