

INDOOR BASEBALL REGAINING FAVOR Game Almost Same as Played Outdoors Has Aroused Fans. LEAGUE MAY BE FORMED.

Promoters Plan to Place Clubs in Several Big Cities—Big Major League Ball Tossers Have Taken Up Game. Waddell Establishes Strikeout Record.

While winter holds sway in many cities and the air is tinged with a Jack Frostian twang, making the outdoor game impossible, the game of indoor baseball has been so perfected that, minus the grass, the fence ads, and the bleachers, it is one and the same thing. It is in this perfectly safe game picking up in nearly every big city, and every one who has seen it played is as enthusiastic about it as they are about the real thing.

Among the major league stars who have taken up the indoor game are Hans Wagner, Tommy Leach, Christy Mathewson, Heinie Zimmerman, George Browne, Rube Waddell, George Wittse, Sherwood Magee and a number of others. These men are pleased with the game and believe it a splendid way to condition themselves for the coming season.

Indoor baseball of today is not the game witnessed several years ago, where a big soft ball was used and a sawed off broom handle was brought into play for a bat and where the runner was hit with the ball to be retired instead of throwing the sphere to the baseman—not like that at all.

All the rules and all the plays which have made baseball the national pastime of this country and are forcing it into all lands where a real sport is sought are in vogue, with but one modification—when a batter is hit by a pitched ball he cannot take his base. A ball an inch larger in circumference than the outdoor ball is used, and it is but little softer. Regulation outdoor bats are used, and the diamond is just as large as that demanded on the big circuits. Ninety feet base lines are marked off.

MADDEN LEANS TO TROTTERS

Noted Thoroughbred Horse Owner Branching Out as Breeder of Trotters. That John E. Madden is determined to give his young stallion Silko, winner of the Kentucky Futurity in 1906 and later a champion in Europe, taking a record in that country of 2:08 1/2, every chance to make good in the stud was shown recently when the master of Hamburg Place leased the entire band of brood mares belonging to the Hickorywood stud of W. L. Spears in Lexington, Ky., for the purpose of mating them to the young son of Moko and Silko. The mares secured by Madden are some of the best in the country.

Intercollegiate Soccer Season.

The eastern intercollegiate soccer season is on. The eleven in the league are Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, Haverford and Pennsylvania. The series will end early in the spring.

WINTER BASEBALL CHAT

The Japs are coming. The Kioto university is booking games with American college teams.

Not a day passes that some fan doesn't break into print with a "new idea." A million suggestions to improve the game are being printed and reprinted.

For the first time last season Walter Johnson, the Washington pitcher, won more than half his games. His record was twenty-five won and seven lost.

Dan Howley, a former catcher of Indianapolis, plans to take two teams to Ireland next fall. Hub Hart and Jack Heydon have already signed to go with Howley.

When will the American association muster up courage to place a third major league club in Chicago? The instant the organization invades major league territory war will follow.

Hans Lobert is one player who rarely strikes out. He fanned but nine times in ninety games last year. Will he be better in his prime had a much better eye than this. In one season, as a Highlander, Keeler played in every game but two, yet never once whiffed.

LISA

A Story of the Russian Revolution

By Allen W. Thompson

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I lived on my father's estate in the department of Tula, in Russia. Several of us living in close proximity were very intimate. Nicholas Dimitri was a sort of leader among us—a serious, intellectual fellow, who never spoke without weighing his words. Then there was Anna Alexandrovna, a young woman calculated to shine either in court society or among those women who band themselves together in England or America to accomplish some great good for their sex. Next came Lisa Saranin, not over eighteen, as gentle and retiring as the other two were full of vigor.

I suspected that Nicholas was tutored with the revolutionary doctrines at that time spreading all over Russia. This I regretted, for with his talents he might win the favor of the government, and this would in turn enable him to occupy some high office.

From a few words I overheard spoken between him and Anna it seemed to me that she encouraged him in taking a position antagonistic to the czar. Nicholas was influenced in a contrary direction by Lisa, whose nature was fitted for a quiet, peaceful life.

I suspected that both these girls loved Nicholas and that they were two antagonistic influences, the one



"SHE CAN SEND ME TO SIBERIA."

pulling him toward a dangerous career, the other endeavoring to keep him out of the strife that was all awaking. He was fixed by Anna's ideas, while Lisa's restraining influence was not in accordance with his ardent nature.

That there was a strife of another kind between these two girls I did not doubt. It seemed to me that on the one hand the resolute Anna would possess Nicholas if she was obliged to wreck her life in order to get him, and it seemed that if the gentle Lisa did not get him she would herself be wrecked. Not one word concerning these things was spoken. There was underneath our intercourse a current running deep and swift that was scarcely noticeable on the surface. I think I was the only one cognizant of it, and even I did not realize its strength.

Finally our little group was broken up by Nicholas and I going to the capital, I to practice law, Nicholas ostensibly to do the same, but since he was possessed of a good income there was no necessity for him to labor. Great was my surprise when he told me on our way to St. Petersburg that he was engaged to Lisa. I was pleased to hear the news, for, as I have said, I sympathized with Lisa in this struggle between the two girls. But somehow I did not think Anna a girl to give up a lover to one who, considering her own dominating nature, must have seemed greatly her inferior. Now that the subject was an open one between us I intimated this to Nicholas. His reply was characteristic of him:

"I know nothing of the rivalries among women and care less. A man's heart is independent of his relations with any woman. I love Lisa. Anna is companionable with me in an intellectual way."

"But does not Lisa fear her influence over you?"

"She does. She distrusts Anna. But one cannot expect that either of two rivals will do the other justice."

These few words furnished me with food for thought during the rest of the journey. I have noticed that the good women of the world are apt to be correct in their judgment of the bad ones. It struck me that Lisa was endeavoring to protect the man she loved against an evil influence. But with a man's logical mind I asked why should an influence drawing him to take up the cause of a downtrodden people be bad? And here is where a man's judgment is often mistaken when a woman's is right. He attacks a question with logic which is fallible. She attacks it with instinct which is infallible.

We hadn't been long in St. Petersburg when I learned that Anna was there. What she had come for I did not know, but I believed she had come because Nicholas was there. I saw her name among those present on sev-

eral occasions at court balls and heard that she was quite prominent among the beauties of the capital. I often met Nicholas and without directly questioning him gave him every opportunity to tell me if he saw her often and what was going on between them, yet he never would talk about her.

But one day he sent for me. I went to him at once and found him very much agitated.

"What's the matter?" I asked anxiously.

"You have heard the adage, 'Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned?'"

"Well?"

"I have resolutely refused to make love to Anna. It is one of those singular cases that I cannot understand. Her love has turned to hate."

"How can she harm you?"

"She can send me to Siberia."

"Surely she will not do that?"

"I think not. I fear not for myself, but for some one else."

"Who?"

"Lisa."

"Great heavens!"

"It is a question which a woman scorned hates the more—the man or the rival who has taken him from her."

"But how can Anna harm Lisa?"

"That I don't know. I only hope that if she harms her at all it will be through me. It would be some satisfaction for me to suffer for my own fault in not listening to Lisa's warnings. If one hair of Lisa's head should be harmed directly I should go mad."

I said all I could to comfort him, but in the situation there was no comfort. There had been a great revolution in his mind with reference to Anna. I could see that while before he had had confidence in her and had admired her he now stood in terror of her.

I went often to see him during the next few weeks and always found him much worried. One day, after not having called on him for a longer period than usual, I went to his rooms and found them empty. I asked the concierge what had become of him, and was told that he had gone out two days before and had not returned.

I knew the blow had fallen. I made every effort to find where Nicholas had been taken, but never succeeded in getting the slightest clew either as to the time or manner of his arrest. I did not doubt that he had been arrested for revolutionary designs.

It occurred to me to go and see Anna, whom I had known intimately, and question her. What use? Would she admit that she knew anything about Nicholas? No. I would have written Lisa sympathetically, but knew not what to say to her. I might say just the wrong thing. There was nothing to do but let the horrible episode take its course, or, rather, wear out the lives of those who were involved in it as countless similar ones had done with others.

I went home not long after this and as soon as I arrived went to see Lisa. I was informed by the butler that she was not at home. I asked where she was, but he could not tell me. He only knew that she had gone away some time before. She did not return during my stay at Tula, and I could not find out anything about her. All that concerned her must have been very secret, for no one seemed to be aware that anything unusual had happened.

But while I was at home news came that started the community. It was that Anna had been found in her carriage after coming from a ball at the Winter palace with a dagger driven up to the hilt in her heart.

All that was known as to whom the assassin might have been was that the concierge heard the door of the carriage close. Presently he heard it close again. But whether any one got in for the purpose of committing the deed he did not know. He had not seen any one enter or leave the carriage. The deed was the mystery of its time at the capital. Upon my return to St. Petersburg I asked an officer of police with whom I was acquainted about it, and he told me in confidence that Anna was a paid spy in the service of the government, and it was supposed that she had been assassinated by a relative or friend of some one she had betrayed. The assassin was never discovered.

The next time I went home I called upon Lisa. She had known through Nicholas that I sympathized with him and with her, and she showed her appreciation of my interest in them. But I found her very much changed. She was not twenty yet she looked thirty, with an oldish look at that. I refrained as much as I could from speaking of the unpleasant features of her love and neither of us spoke of the death of Anna Alexandrovna. Lisa seemed buoyed up by a hope that she would before long be reunited with her lover, but she gave me no reason for her expectation.

Two years after this I received a letter from Nicholas postmarked the United States of America. It told me that Lisa by the death of a relative had come into possession of a valuable estate. She had turned it into cash, gone to Siberia, bribed his jailers and effected his escape. They had gone around northward by sea and shipped from England for America. They were living happily on a farm in North Dakota raising wheat.

The closing paragraph of the letter interested me greatly. It referred to the punishment that had been meted out to Anna Alexandrovna. In my heart I could not but admit that in Anna's death I had seen Lisa's hand, revenging her lover. The epistle closed with these words:

While in prison she was passed one day that a government spy had been assassinated by order of a revolutionary circle and that her name was Anna Alexandrovna. A young man killed her in her carriage.

I breathed a sigh of relief.



Points For Mothers

The School Diet. If early rising is insisted upon a child should never be set any task before breakfast, especially in winter, and if it is not expedient to serve a full breakfast at 7 the child should be given a bowl of hot milk and bread or a cup of cocoa with a roll or other light food. Breakfast may be served later, after the first exercises of the morning, and should be a substantial meal with animal food in the form of fish, eggs or cold meat of some sort.

There should also be porridge of wheaten grits or hominy with milk or cream and abundant sugar; also bread and butter, with some sweets in the form of jam, marmalade or stewed fruit.

Dinner, which should always be served near the middle of the day, should comprise meat, potatoes and one or two green vegetables and some form of sweet pudding. Supper, it is generally admitted, should consist only of easily digested articles of food, and such substances as pastry, cheese and meats are better omitted.

It should consist of either a porridge with milk or cream or a light farinaceous pudding of rice, tapioca, sago and the like, with bread and butter and some simple form of preserve. Stewed apples or prunes, light plain cake or a bowl of broth, with bread or crackers, may be substituted for porridge or pudding.

Children, need fat, but they do not digest meat fat well, as a rule, and are very apt to dislike it. They will often take sweet pudding, however, when hot mutton fat wholly disagrees with them.

Milk should be freely supplied not only in the form of puddings and porridges, but as an occasional beverage, and children should be made to understand that when hungry they can obtain a glass of milk and a biscuit or a bowl of bread and milk.

Fresh fish, eggs and bacon are all wholesome and serviceable food for children, and meat should be given at least once a day, and to rapidly growing children it may be given twice daily.

Children's Guessing Party. A mother who wished to entertain school children gave a guessing party that was rather out of the usual run.

Boys and girls were invited for an evening with celebrities and their haunts. Nothing more explicit was said, so the young people were eager to know what was in store.

After being received by the hostess the party was ushered into a library, across one end of which was a huge white sheet. In a few minutes the room was darkened and a figure appeared dressed to represent Mrs. Jarley of the waxworks and in a witty speech announced the appearance of the celebrities.

She first distributed to each guest a card with pencil attached. These were lined and numbered to correspond with the celebrities to be shown.

In a few minutes a picture of Bluebeard was thrown on the sheet and thirty seconds given to guessing who he was.

The celebrities varied from heroes of fiction to monarchs, pugilists and football stars, noted actresses, poets, musicians, to well known places and buildings.

The pictures were made as different as possible, and when those that might be unfamiliar were given the showman elucidated it in a clever little speech.

At the end of the display the cards were numbered and passed in to a committee on awards. Each boy and girl having most correct guesses received a prize. There were also second and third prizes.

Such an entertainment is not hard to arrange if one can get the use of a lantern and some one to run it. It is essential to display the pictures rapidly.

The slides can be rented, or if you have a collection of postals they can be made into slides at small cost.

A Good Idea. A mother who has several active children that are frequently coming in with cut fingers or bleeding noses says that in two places in her household she keeps squares of cheesecloth about handkerchief size for such emergencies, as blood stains are hard to get out of handkerchiefs. Sometimes a week or more elapses before the rule is brought to light, because small boys are indifferent to the welfare of linen and also because they occasionally find it desirable to hide all evidence of affairs in which they have been aggressors. After so many days even the useful chalk treatment has to be repeated several times before the ugly stains are removed, making unnecessary work for some one. So when a "roughhouse" seems to be in prospect and always at playtime during the football season her young hopefuls have their pockets filled with the cheesecloth squares, and only one good handkerchief is allowed "for show."

So impressed are other mothers with the scheme that all the small boys of the neighborhood now go forth to play with this command ringing in their ears: "If your nose bleeds take the squares in your right hand pocket, remember."

LINCOLN MEETING. Plans Perfected for a Pleasant Occasion Sunday Afternoon. Arrangements have been perfected for the Lincoln Day exercises in Shively hall this afternoon, to which all are invited. Judge Henry E. McGinn, of Portland, Attorney Hayes, and other local speakers will make short talks and the musical program will be very complete. This will be an afternoon given up to a retrospect of the life of the Great Commoner, Abraham Lincoln.

A box of Lawson's Candy for a Valentine would delight any girl at Huntley's, The Rexall Store.

Red Letter Day at M. E. Zimmerman is planning to make today a Red Letter Day at his church. At the morning hour the G. A. R. will attend in a body, and the pastor will preach on "Abraham Lincoln a Providential Man." The old soldier boys will be guests of honor on this occasion. In the evening the address will be on "A Personal Letter From President Taft." The favorite songs, Psalms and sayings of the President will be made much of.

SUNDAY CALENDAR. Baptist—Cor. Main and Ninth streets, Rev. E. A. Hayworth pastor, res. 111 Ninth, S. E. 12 noon, Mrs. A. F. Parker, supt.; morning service 10:30, evening 7:30, P. E. C. E. 8:20 p. m. and Junior Sunday school. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject—"The Sanctification of Jesus."

Evening—"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Canemah Baptist Mission—S. E. meets at 3:00 p. m., Lewis Conklin supt.

Catholic—Cor. Water and Tenth streets, Rev. A. Hillebrand pastor, res. 913 Water, Low Mass 8 a. m., High Mass

10:30 a. m., afternoon service 4:30. Mass every morning at 8:15.

Congregational—Cor. Main and Eleventh streets, Rev. Wm. M. Proctor pastor, res. 609 Third, S. E. 12 noon, John Lawry, supt.; morning services 10:30, evening 7:30, young people 6:30. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Morning topic—"The Three Calls."

Evening—Prof. Shippee, Professor of History in Pacific University, will speak on "Christian Education."

Christ Ev. Lutheran—Cor. Eighth and J. Q. Adams streets, Rev. E. Schmidt pastor, res. 806 J. Q. Adams, S. E. 8:30 a. m.; preaching afternoons of first and third Sundays at 2:30 in English, other Sunday services mornings at 10:30 with preaching in German.

Christian Science—Willamette building; Sunday services 11 a. m., 8:30 12 noon; Wednesday services 8 p. m.

Morning subject—"Soul."

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