

GAME'S FUNNY SIDE TOLD BY OFFICIAL

Umpire Billy Evans Tells of Practical Jokes Players Spring on Rivals.

DOYLE VICTIM OF COLLINS

Giant Second Baseman Nipped on Pop Fly After Athletic Star Pools Him by His Shouts—"Foxy" Plays Go Wrong.

BY BILLY EVANS, American League Umpire.

Baseball abounds in freak plays. Scoundrels do their best to add zest to the game. If a visiting player happens to be the victim, the home team is given credit with having pulled something foxy. If a home player is the offender, he is usually looked on as a piece of solid iron.

In the fourth game of the world's series Eddie Collins and Jack Barry pulled one on Larry Doyle that made the giant leader look foolish. Philadelphia fans revelled in the situation. Gotham rosters berated Doyle. The matter, it was a very wise move by Collins and Barry, but not nearly so dumb a play by Doyle as most fans thought. I have seen Barry and Collins pull the same play half a dozen times in the American League season. Some of the brainiest base runners in the league have been fooled even more badly than Doyle.

The play happened with Doyle on first and Snodgrass at the bat. Evidently the hit-and-run signal must have been flashed, for Doyle started to run, as Snodgrass started to throw. Collins and Barry, however, pulled something foxy. In an attempt to carry out his part of the programme, he hit the ball, his effort being a little pop fly to Baker. Doyle was over the plate in second when Snodgrass hit the ball. Collins and Barry took in the situation in a moment.

Doyle Badly Fooled. Collins raced to second base ahead of Doyle as if to receive a throw from the direction of third. He kept making wild gestures with his arms and yelling "Baker, Baker." He kept saying "I don't make it close," and a few more similar expressions.

The intent on the part of Collins and Barry was to fool Doyle. In the second inning that Baker was handling a ground ball, Doyle stopped once as if in doubt and then hurried to second. Collins and Barry in the conversation by Barry and Collins caused it. In all probability, the two of them, to make Doyle believe that Baker had fumbled the ball and then hurried to second. Doyle, however, did not come to until he saw Baker throw the ball to Davis and the umpire gave both men out. The play caused Doyle to be unmercifully roasted, much of which was undeserved.

Altitzer Joke Victim. Just to show how easy it is for the baserunner to be made to look bad, I recall a play on Dave Altitzer when he was with the Chicago club. Chicago was playing Cleveland, and Altitzer had reached first on a single. The next batter gave the hit-and-run sign to Dave, and he started for second at a 19-second clip when the pitcher began to wind up.

George Stovall, who was playing first for Cleveland, was holding the baserunner on, and was only a step or two from first when the batter hit a terrific line drive right into his hands. It was only a matter of taking a few steps and touching first to double Altitzer, which he did.

It seems to me, Nick Altrock was coaching at third for Chicago at the time. He never missed a chance to see the humor in any situation, and Altitzer had reached first on a single. Stovall was quick to grasp the situation. Realizing that Altitzer thought the ball was hit on the ground, Stovall carried out his part of the joke by hurling the ball to second.

As he intended, the throw was wild and went to left center. Seeing this, Altitzer was on his feet in a minute, and on his way to third. Joe Birmingham made the throw to third, but it arrived late. When Bradley received it he made a desperate dive for Altitzer, who was then reclining on the base. I was umpiring the game that day, and, keeping as sober a face as I could, I loudly declared him out.

The crowd, by this time, was in an uproar over the play. Altitzer protested strongly against the decision, and followed me across the diamond from third to first, telling me just how fierce the ruling was on the play. I always a pretty play, and the Cuban roared for this play, simply because he carried out the instructions of his coach, a set rule in baseball. Those who could see the humor in the situation thought it a good joke on Dave, but some of the bleacherites who were not close enough to be wise to the angle of the pitcher labeled it as a prime homebase play.

Altitzer was subjected to much criticism, yet he really was in no way to blame. It was some time before he forgave any of the fellows who had a part in the episode.

In one of the post-season games between Cleveland and Cincinnati, this Cleveland outfielder made what seemed a clean steal of home. A steal of home is always a pretty play, and the Cuban pulled this off so artistically that even the Cleveland crowd applauded the feat.

That evening it happened to be on the same train with Clarke Griffith, bound from Cleveland to Philadelphia, to take in the world's series. Naturally, among the subjects discussed was the Cuban pull, and I remarked to Griffith that under the circumstances it seemed Marsans had pulled a funny play, adding that some one must have got his signals crossed.

Crowd Head Master. "That was a funny play," remarked Griffith. "Marsans was applauded. I was given credit for being a wise manager, to take such a chance, and everybody marveled at how cleanly Marsans had stolen home. As a matter of fact, we were all very lucky that we didn't resemble a collection of solid ivory. I had given the signal for the squeeze play. The pitcher evidently anticipated the play, for he pitched out so far out that the batter refused to attempt to squeeze, and the catcher couldn't handle it.

SHAVER GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEAM, WINNER OF LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.



Top row (left to right): Edward Coleman, Robert Hird, Clarence Herbig, Robert Colvin. Second row: William Holman, John Franklin, F. E. Speirs (principal), Harold Mitchell, Bert Quid. Bottom row: Harry Furnish, Jake Rau, Henry Akervick (captain), Pete Hanser and Eugene Donnovan.

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BUDDY RYAN TELLS HOW TO PLAY BALL

Portland's Star Fielder and Hitter Advises Youth With Ambition.

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Writing for The Oregonian Clever Beaver Relates What He Has Done to Win Plaudits of Fans Whom He Wishes Well.

BY JOHN "BUDDY" RYAN.

I have been asked to write a story for the Portland fans on some angle of baseball, but there are so many that I am stumped to select any one branch of the game for the reason that I am a player and not a critic of the sport. A ball player sees a game from an entirely different angle than does the critic or the average fan. He is engaged in the contest and every nerve is on edge trying to guess the next move of the opposing team and the possibility of the next play coming his way. An outfielder may seem to have an easy time, yet even though he goes through the game without a chance in the field, he is under as much of a strain as an infielder.

The element of expectancy is just as trying on a player as the actual effort of fielding a hard hit ball. In tight games an outfielder must be constantly on the alert and must also know what kind of delivery the pitcher usually depends upon in a pinch, for on this depends his accuracy in getting under a long hit to the outer garden. When a pitcher uses a certain ball the batter cannot do other than hit it in certain places, and the outfielder knows what ball is being pitched and is also familiar with the hitting of the man at bat, he seldom misjudges an infielder's or hard hit liner over the infielders' heads.

Mistake of Fans Corrected. Many persons are inclined to think that outfielders are only kept for their hitting ability, but this is a mistake. Some men have retained places on baseball teams for their batting prowess, but the modern game knows few such players, and these few are only used occasionally, principally as pinch hitters. Fielding is just as necessary a requirement nowadays as batting.

In asserting that the strain experienced by an outfielder is as much as an infielder, I mean it is such when outfielders are playing the game as it is when they are not. Some outfielders take the game as a joke and do not attempt to play inside baseball, and these players do not help the clubs in the pennant races as usually attribute their lack of success to such players or to poor pitching, or both.

Short Swings Successful. Some players are successful at batting by using a long hard swing, but the ball like Lajoie and Wagner, who use short swings, using the forearms principally.

What do I attribute my success this past season? To tell the truth I cannot say, excepting that formerly I think I swung too hard on the ball, and took too long a stride. In hitting a baseball squarely a batsman must meet the ball accurately, and this requires a good eye and a steady nerve. A free, choppy stroke, using the forearm is better calculated to meet the ball squarely than is the long full-arm stroke. Except for a few players, who can be accomplished by persistent coaching, no batsman can be educated to become a hitter. A successful hitter usually possesses a natural swing developed himself, though many good hitters have been made more successful by having a competent manager who realizes their weakness and by consistent coaching has succeeded in breaking them of the bad habits at bat.

Baseball is a great game and it affords opportunities for the young players that no other pursuit offers at the ages when young men become dependent upon their own resources.

Since I have been with the Portland team I guess I have received over 1000 letters from boys and young men whose ages range from 10 to 17 years asking me for my advice on their relative to playing baseball when they "grow up."

If they possess athletic tendencies my advice to them is to embrace baseball, providing they like the sport for the sport's sake and are ambitious enough to try to improve their efforts in the game.

Outdoor Exercise Good. The outdoor exercise and the present-day surroundings will make them strong, rugged men, and after they have played baseball 10 or 15 years, or even 20, they will have a much smaller period of time, they will have made more money than they could have earned at some profession in which they are usually compelled to struggle several years before average mediocre success comes their way. On the other hand by playing baseball they not only earn a nice livelihood

but they are afforded plenty of time off the diamond to complete their studies in a professional line. In addition, they have the benefit of traveling over the country, stopping at first-class hotels, etc. Unless, however, the young man reading this is thoroughly confident of his ability, and is ready to stand hard knocks and willing to listen to the advice of older heads when he first starts out, he had better remain out of baseball. It is absolutely essential for the young player starting out to learn the game, and this knowledge cannot be acquired in a study of the game. No matter how long one plays baseball, or how great a star he may become, there is always something he can learn from a better player. Baseball is as much of a study all the time as is a college course of education.

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M'CREDDIE KEEPS SILENT

Manager of Beavers Expected to Give Fans News as to Outlook for 1912 Season Upon His Return From the East.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

One day last Fall, Jesse Garrett found a story in a Portland paper in which ex-Judge McCreddie was quoted as saying that the Portland Northwestern League team of 1912 would comprise only young players of promise, and immediately he bought several copies and mailed the clipping to a number of his teammates. He thought it a good joke on his teammates.

Among those to whom Jesse mailed the clippings were Billy Spears, Jesse Stovall, Ned Pettigrew and Bill Tomenson, and he is now being flooded with replies from these worthless reprobates who are sure that they are no longer classed as youngsters.

The article which attracted the notice of Garrett said that all of the "dead timber" was to be weeded out and in the note accompanying each clipping he signed himself "Kid" Garrett, and some of the replies he received caused the utmost mirth to the "Little Giant." "I hardly imagined for a minute any of them would take it seriously," said Jesse, laughingly commenting on the incident, "but they did. A couple of them asked me to write about it. To further the cause Jesse has written all of them except Stovall, and requested each of the others to mail the clippings to Stovall and let him think they have "inside information" that he is the "one referred to in the phrase 'dead timber'."

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