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CHAPTER THREE

FTER being signed for a tryout with A the Baltimore Internationals, I could hardly sleep at night for counting the minutes until the time to report for spring training. All the fellows in the school envied me and said they hated to see me go, but wished me all sorts of good luck.

The day arrived, however, and I packed my suitcases before breakfast. I was taking no chances on being left. Brother Matthias shook me by the hand and told me he knew I would make good, adding that I had only to "play the game" on the field and off.

FRIENDLY IN MISERY

There were a dozen other "rookies" waiting on the station platform with the regulars and the newspaper writers who were to accompany the club. Few of us ookles knew one another, but we herded together on the outskirts of the big crowd, unnoticed by anyone, although I thought I saw the newspaper experts looking us over the way stock buyers look 'em over in the Chicago yards. I don't remember that anyone gave me so much as the once-over. I was only a kid and to them had nothing but size and a schoolboy reputation to recom-I was nearly six feet two, and mend. I guess I looked like so much ivory.

We rokies knew that it was each man for himself to win a place on the ball club, and we knew, also, that before the training ended some of us would be playing in the trolley league or back on the old home lot. Still we were friendly in our early misery and rivalry and unanimous in our envy of the regulars.

TRAIN RIDE GREAT EVENT

The trip to Fayetteville was a great event in the life of a boy who had been under rather strict discipline for 12 years. I had gone to the institute al the age of 7, you will remember, and here I was at the age of 19, taking my first real railroad journey, and a much longer one than I ever thought I would take. Most of the way I was busy looking out of the window and it gave mo quite a thrill to run over high trestles and through tunnels, because I was only a boy after all and everything was so new to me. Likewise, the comforts of the hotel at Fayetteville appealed particularly to me. I roomed with another rookie, but I must say this boy's snores at night were music to me: they reminded me of the dormitory back at St. Marys."

The sport writers immediately starttheir annual series of stories about the season's dining room phenom. They criticised the rookies' form at the dinner plate and one of them said if I one bit more than anyone else. One of let me lean a bat against it. I was my first speech. As a speech, this was smothered with pork chops.



. Brother Matthias, a familiar figure

school.

GETS FIRST CHANCE AT

SHORT WITH ORIOLES Ruth took his first real railroad ourney when he traveled from Baltimore to Fayetteville for spring training with the Baltimore International League club at the age of 19. His

days as a "rookie" with his first professional ball club, after leaving St. Marys school, were much the same as those of other "rookles." His first assignment was to play shortstop with the "Yannigans." Thanks to the school training of Father Matthias, who shifted his boys to all positions. Babe got away with it, although his specialty was catching or pitching. To top things off, Babe drove out his first home run off professional pitching.

This was in the spring of 1914. Ruth was sent in to pitch, an exhibition game against the Philadelphia Athletics. Eddie Murphy, Rube Oldring and Eddie Collins then headed the Athletics' batting list. Babe won his game, his first victory over a big league club.

In the next chapter Ruth tells of his breaking into the majors-and of an even bigger event-his marriage to Miss Helen Woodford of Texas.

For two days Jack Dunn had us out ould swing a bat as well as I swung limbering up with the mildest sort of for years and wanted to hear how things a fork I would punch .300 for the sea-ball tossing. I didn't like it because I had been going on the "big team." The son. They evidently had never before had been limber for 12 years and want-fellows asked me all sorts of questions seen a healthy boy with a healthy ap-petite, because I don't believe I ate the ball clear out of the park if they'd of the brothers arranged for me to make

the wits said Babe Ruth's favorite wearing the gray uniform of the Balti- a "foul ball." I hadn't any swing at all. breakfast delicacy was a planked steak more club and felt that the proper thing but the boys were decent to me, so I told to do was to score a home run. Any- them how professional ball players took thing less than that wouldn't match up care of themselves physically and that with the suit. On the night of March 6 sort of thing. I had cut out smoking for Dunn anounced that there would be a a couple of months because one of the game on the next morning, and he told brothers had asked me to. I thought me that I was to go in at shortstop for this was a good thing for the example the Yannigans. That was the time I it showed the little fellows. I talked to thanked my stars for Brother Matthlas' training at every position on a ball team. I had wanted to specialize in pitching told them I was then getting \$1800 a year! I know mine popped when Jack Dunn gave it to me. You see, he started and catching and would not have known how to play short if I'd not been compelled to play them all at St. Marys. I me off at \$600 a year when the regular league season began. At the end of the first month he doubled the figure and a speared everything that came my way that day. month later came across with another

STARTS OFF WITH HOMER My first time at bat I was determined to show them that I could hit a homer didn't have to ask for these jumps. Of off a regular league pitcher. I dig my course, this isn't big money in the big spikes in the dirt, watched the ball sail- leagues, but at the time it was a lucky ing up the path and swung. There was rookie who could get \$1800 a season, and no telling where the ball went. As I was only 19 years old.

which was followed by Siglin's fly to soon as I hit and felt the blow singing left and Wisterzil's single to right, gave up the bat, I tore around the bags and the visitors a starter in the fourth scored easily. The ball had gone into Maisel walked and Schaller doubled to a cornfield away over the center field- center, cleaning the bases. Biff scored when Stumpf booted Cox's ball. Wiser's head. Later on in the game I terzil's double, Stumpf's error on Maipitched an inning-Dunn was trying me out for fair. Well, I wasn't Walter sel's ball, and Schaller's single to left Johnson, but they didn't score any more brought in one run and sent Seibold to the bench. Gardner came on and booted runs on me. Cox's grounder, Maisel scoring the tying After that game I noticed that the run, after which Koehler hit into a Reds were more friendly to me than double play. they had been. Apparently they had PORTLAND, been hearing some comments by Jack H. Dunn. Siglin, 2b Wisterzil, 3b BEAT WORLD'S CHAMPION Maisel, of . Schaller, If Within a few days Dunn gave me a place on the regular squad and when Kochler. he arranged an exhibition game with Connie Mack's world champion Ath-Spranger, 1b Kingdon, ss lazier, p letics at Wilmington, N. C., he told me ooks, p I would start the session in the box. Gee, I was going to work against the Sutherland, Totals ... team that had turned back the Giants n the fall of 19131. The first three men up were Eddie Murphy, Rube Old-Middleton, rf ring and Eddie Collins. They swung Borne, 8b Murphy, 1b and went back to the bench in order. We scored a run in our half, the Ath-Eldred, c Kenworthy, 2b letics tied it in the second and went mpf. a out in front in the third, but in our Baldwin half of the third we tied it up and for

Schorr, Siebold. the remaining six innings I held them Gardner, p in Babe Ruth's life at St. Mary's without a score. We won, 6 to 2. I had licked the world's champions.

 Totals
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 *One out when winning run scored.
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Glazier's triple to center, with one out,

and the right to wear that "Baltimore" on the chest, I was the happiest of all. To me it meant that my days in Saint Marys were ended and, although I loved the old school, I was impatient to be getting on in the world. I had cut out for myself a career in baseball and was determined to see it through. Dunn had decided to use me as a pitcher and we worked into the season with my name on the regular roster as a moundsman. As a home run hitter I hadn't lived up to the performance of my school days, perhaps, but it must be remembered that I had been working against the best twirlers in the world, whereas my school day home runs had

whereas my school day home runs had been made off the deliveries of young-LEAGUE LEADERS BEATEN sters like myself. BY BATTLING SENATORS

SPEECH A FOUL BALL

Salt Lake, Aug. 14 .- The Sacramento On July 3 I pitched a morning game Senators made their first victory in the for the Orioles and in the afternoon I series Friday when they defeated the asked Jack Dunn-yes, I called him Bees, 7 to 2. Mails held the hard hit-Jack then - for permission to beat it ting league leaders to eight scattered away from the afternoon game. I was hits, and the visitors' chance came in very anxious to go, and Dunn evidently the seventh, when they ran four players noticed this, so he asked me what was on my mind. I said to him, "O, I'm just going out to did Saint Marys to see the boys and play a little ball." AB R. H. E. AB R. H. E. AB R. H. E. M'G'fig'n,2b 5 2 1 1 Johnson,ss. 1 0 1 0 Kopp.H.. 4 2 2 0 Mulligan,ss. 4 0 0 1

the seemed mighty fine to get back to the old place. I felt as if I'd been away Compton.cf Mollwitz,1b. Ryan.rf.... ehan.3b

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0 Rumfer.cf. 0 Sheehan,1b. 0 Sand,3b... 0 Hood,H... 1 Bylet.c...

SCORE BY INNINGS

DOUBLE STEAL WINS FOR

SEALS; SCORE IS 3 to 2 San Francisco, Aug. 14 .-- A double steal by Agnew and Connolly in the

Columbus Trainer Makes Great Mark In Circuit Meets

the greatest hope for victory. They

have finished work and are now resting

preparatory to their heats on Sunday.

The Columbus, Ohio, trainer, Charley Valentine, doesn't believe in doing things unless he can do them right, and what he did at the recent Kalamazoo grand circuit meeting will long be remembered by the followers of the big ring. Charley won all the stake races on the card. That is what he did. Won

PIGERS KEEP ON TOBAGGON; the \$3000 Paper Mills stake with Peter OAKS WIN OUT BY 5 TO 2 Coley, 2:04%, the 2:14 trotting stake for

0 Couch,p... 3

Los Angeles, Aug. 14 .- The Tigers con- \$3000 with Royal Palm, 8:04% ; the \$2000 tinue on the tobaggon. Wheezer Dell 2:09 pace with Red Lancelot, 2:02%, and was Friday's victim of the Oaks, who the \$2000 2:06 pace with Edna Early. won, 5 to 2. Vernon was held scoreless 2:04%. He has already done a lot of for the first six innings. Three singles stake winning and the season is only in the seventh counted for one run for nicely started. Charley has a great them, and Long's triple in the eighth, stable of horses this year and more scoring Mitchell, ended their day's scor- stakes will fall his way without doubt. Valentine is one of the hardest working ing. Score trainers in the game and he deserves the OAKLAND VERNO:

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 AB. R. H. F.
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 Wille, rf... 3 1 1 0 J.Mitch'l,ss. 4 1 1 1
 Brubaker,as 3 0 1 0 Hong, rf... 4 1 2

 Cooper, cf... 4 1 2 0 Fisher, 2b... 4 0 2

 Miller, lf... 4 0 1 0 Edington, 1b 4 0 1

 Knight, 3b. 4 1 1 0 High, lf... 4 0 0

 Lane, 2b... 4 0 1 0 C'bourne, cf. 4 0 2

 Guisto, 1b. 4 1 1 0 Smith, 3b... 4 0 1

 Milze, c... 3 0 1 0 Devormer, c. 4 0 0

 R.Arlett, p. 3 1 1 0
success that he is having along the grand circuit this season. John Gill to Speak Before Aberdeen Club

joyment of its employes.

country.

Totals...32 5 10 6 Totals....35 2 9 0 SCORE BY INNINGS Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 14 .- The Aber-deen Rod and Gun club is making ar-000 231 310-10 000 000 110- 2 000 110 822.. 9 SUMMARY 2 rangements to have John Gill of Port-Hits land, naturalist and authority on fish and game, to speak here at a meeting of the club, August 17. On that date

SUMMARY Three base hits—Cooper, Arlett, Long. Two base hit—Smith. Stolen base—Cooper. Sacri-fice hit—Brubaker. Struck ont—By Dell 2, by R. Arlett 1. Bases on balls—Off Dell 1. Runs responsible for—Dell 5, Arlett 2. Double plays—Smith-Fisher-Edington, Fisher-Edington. Time—1:25. the club will bring a membership drive to a conclusion which, during the past two weeks has netted over 200 new members. Two teams worked in the drive, The winning team will banquet the los-

ing team. Lot Different From **Has Some Satisfaction** The Good Old Days Sir Thomas Lipton has the satisfaction of knowing he came nearer to lifting the America cup than any other challenger for the yacht racing classic. With Shamrock IV he won the first two races. The recent light harness meeting at Endicott (N. Y.) was staged over a new half mile course. The horses were placed On only one occasion has any other in new box stalls, all bedded down for





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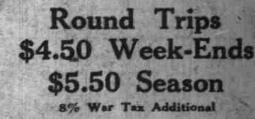
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