

# TALK of the DIAMOND

Major League Doings  
King Kelley's Plaint  
Salaries

THE baseball season has reached the apex of its annual flight, and the season will now gradually wane as the fall approaches. The battle for first place in the American league proves the most interesting by reason of its closeness compared with that of the National. In the latter organization the Pittsburghs have a commanding position, which they should have no great difficulty in holding or, in fact, improving, and at present it seems likely that the tribe of Dreyfuss will make it three straight. Should the Pirates capture the pennant again this year President Dreyfuss will take the team abroad, playing in Australia and probably giving exhibitions in other countries.

Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and New York seem to be the likeliest; pennant possibilities in the American league. The Boston Red Sox and Connie Mack's Athletics have been putting up a fast article of ball and ought to finish one, two, in the order named on form computation.

## St. Louis Tennis in the Doldrums.

Both the St. Louis tennis have been having rather a difficult row to hoe. Neither the Nationals nor the Ameri-

can appear to be able to play a game acceptable to the "fans," and not since the interclub series at the beginning of the season have the teams drawn the kind of crowds that mean a balance of cash on hand at the year's close.

Of course, Patsey Donovan's Cardinals have been severely handicapped by the loss of Burkett, Hedrick and Padden. The acquisition of these stars, however, does not seem to have helped the Browns to any great extent. The latter team has been the means of helping many American nines up the ladder by its weak performances, and the same may be said of Donovan's troupe in the National. So what consolation is there in the situation for the backers of either of the St. Louis nines?

**Good Individual Players.**  
Still, in spite of the low rating of the two teams, there are several individual players on both sides that are putting up a creditable article of ball. Take Jesse Burkett, the "scrappy" left fielder of Jimmy McAleer's Americans as an instance. Burkett made a reputation as a batsman with the St. Louis Nationals and since he has bunched with the American aggregation has shown

that he has not forgotten how to wield the stick. He is one of the timeliest and most consistent hitters in the business.

Then there are Frank Donahue and Mike Kahoe, the former a pitcher and the latter the famous catcher, who are fulfilling all kinds of ginger into their work. Donahue is considered by many to be the bright particular star in the St. Louis American's twirling department, and he certainly has a splendid record.

Kahoe is one of the old timers in baseball. He can catch with his eyes shut and can throw to second with his arms in a sling. Mike cannot help playing ball well. In fact, he is said to have begun to play ball while in his cradle.

**Listen to Joe Kelley!**  
Joe Kelley, the franchise captain and manager of the Cincinnati, has another kick registered with the secretary of the American Objector association, of which "King Kel" is a charter member. "Kel" says the umpires have too much power and that no player is safe while these bloodthirsty villains are permitted to roam at will. The fact that he believes the umpires to have combined to exterminate the genus ball player from the broad domains of this fair land has caused the ex-captain of the Brooklyn to lose a lot of sleep lately, and it has worn on him so that he recently had to call in the reporters and tell those kind hearted souls all about it.

**The Dreadful Umpires.**  
The umpires abuse their privileges, according to "Kel." They order men out of games for almost any old kind of a reason and take especial delight, so he avers, in waving out of the grounds objectors to manifestly wrong decisions. "Kel's" idea is to have the league officials curtail the powers of the umpires to such an extent that they will have to obtain the permission of the score keeper before they can light a cigarette and that they will have to get the written consent of the league president before they can call a man out on strikes. We all can see the wisdom of "Kel's" arguments and advocate that he consult a physician immediately. The symptoms are alarming.

**Ed Deleahanty's Career.**  
The recent death of Ed Deleahanty, better known as "the Only Del" and "Home Run Deleahanty," was tragic in the extreme. It goes to show that the sooner a ball player cuts out all sorts of dissipation from his programme the better off he will be. "Del" had been living a rather fast life for the last year and had lost a large sum of money at the New Orleans races. His losses made him despondent, for when he came to his senses at the close of the New Orleans season he found that he had spent the greater part of \$1,000 advance money drawn from the New York National league club. The major leagues decided that he could not play with the New Yorks this year because he had signed an agreement with the Washington club of the American league prior to his contracting with the Giants. He accordingly went to Washington after doing all in his power to obtain the privilege of playing with New York.

**"Del" Was in Poor Form.**  
The Washingtons paid New York the advance money that had been placed at "Del's" disposal, and the latter jumped into his playing togs, appearing with the Senators for several weeks. "Del" could not seem to get

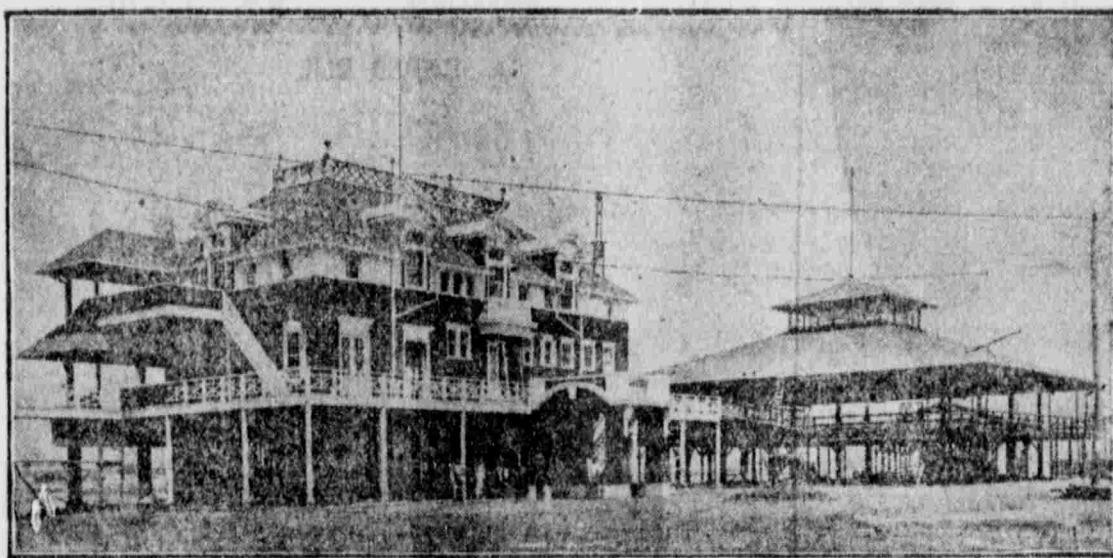


BERTHA GALLAND AND HER NEW PLAY.

The new play in which Bertha Galland is to star next season is "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall." It is a dramatization by Paul Kester of the latest novel by Charles Major, author of "When Knighthood Was in Flower." Miss Galland will open in the play Sept. 23 in the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia.

J. Fred Zimmerman, Miss Galland's manager, has engaged William Lewers, a former member of Julia Marlowe's "The Cavalier" company, for leading man. He will enact the role of Sir John Manners. Mr. Lewers was to have appeared with Mrs. Langtry next season, but at the request of Mr. Major and Mr. Kester she agreed to release him. Frank Losee will be Sir George Vernon, Dorothy's father, a strong character part.

his eye on the ball, however, and the "fans" were greatly disappointed by his showing. The Washington manager ment coddled him along a bit, and he said: "Wait until the warm days come. With all this he is a sturdy chap and



THE CLUBHOUSE AND "COOLING OUT" PADDOCK AT BRIGHTON BEACH.

Then you will see me line them out." The warm days came, and still "Del" was playing a poor game. Suddenly he disappeared from the club, and nothing more was heard of him until like a thunderbolt came the news of his death.

**A Noted Player.**  
Deleahanty was one of the best known and most valuable ball players in America. He was thirty-seven years old and a native of Cleveland. He was the oldest of five brothers, all professional ball players. In 1899 he led the batting list of the National league, with a percentage of .408. Last year he led the American league, with the redoubtable Napoleon Lajoie ranking second.

**High Salaries Soon to Go.**  
The high salaries ball players have been coming in for their "humps" of late, and it is certain that the widespread agitation of the subject will bear fruit at some date not far distant. The present salaries, of course, extend only to the time stated in the contracts, and now that the two major leagues have "got together" it is a foregone conclusion that they will chop down the excessively high prices paid for the services of the leading players.

Prominent men in both the American and National leagues are even now considering plans for a joint agreement on a salary limit, after the fashion in vogue in some of the minor leagues. Then will the golden days of the ball tesser be at an end, for a period, at least, and once more will they have to subsist on the plain fare of the athletes of days gone by. It will be a sad awakening, but such is the fortune of war and baseball.

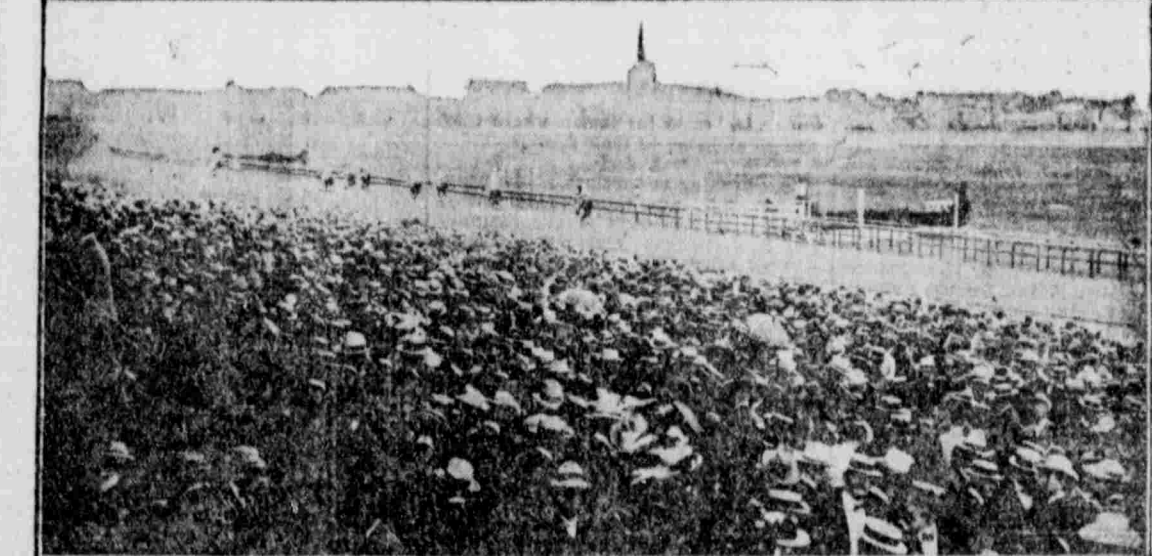
A well known club owner told the writer not long ago that it was his belief that beginning with 1904 the salary limit of both the big leagues will be placed not higher than \$2,500, truly a striking contrast to the days of the present, when men like Willie Keeler, Lajoie, Fred Clarke, Pitcher Christy Mathewson and others receive sums well over the \$5,000 mark for their services for a single summer.

**HARRY GRANT.**  
**A MIDGET JOCKEY.**  
St. Louis has been noted in the last few years for many distinctive characteristics. Her latest claim to originality is that she has now within her boundary one of the smallest jockeys in the world.

This latest recruit to riding honors in St. Louis is a little bit of a tot named James Hennessy.

He is the smallest boy that has ever taken part in an actual race in any race course in the United States.

And this means that he is probably the smallest in the world. He is not



TYPICAL RACING SCENE AT BRIGHTON BEACH, NEW YORK, ONE OF THE FASTEST TRACKS IN THE WORLD.

can hold his own with any boy of his age.

His weight is fifty-six pounds, so that if he were invited to ride a good horse in a handicap the lead in the saddle would outweigh the jockey himself.

James was born in St. Louis of Irish parents, and as he lived in the neighborhood of the fair grounds he was always around the stables and occasionally managed to be allowed to exercise some of the thoroughbreds that are constantly there.

Although he has only ridden in two or three races, he is very sensitive about his professional ability, and he recently had an encounter with a boy who laughed at his pretensions to jockeyship.

His antagonist was some fifteen pounds heavier than he, but James had no trouble in defeating him.

Hennessy is at present under the care and protection of Willie Harris, who is a horse trainer of recognized ability. Harris has a five year contract on his boy's services and intends to teach him all he knows about the riding game.

Jimmy has two great friends in the animal world that he values highly. One is the race horse Hansborough, who will come at the boy's call and deliberately kiss him.

Another is a beautiful water spaniel. This dog is wonderfully intelligent, and he is Hennessy's constant companion. The boy was recently engaged to ride the horse called Back.

**ANZELLA IN TRAINING.**  
O. G. Kent's great trotter, Anzella, 2:05 1/4, is being trained by Ben Kenney, who will fit her for the matinee.

Johnson, who becomes a star next season, presenting a dramatization of Miss Hallie Erminie Hives' novel, "Hearts Courageous," by Franklin Fyles, has arranged to begin Mr. Johnson's tour in Chicago Aug. 31.

Lipton's Aggressive Modesty  
Golf....  
The Turf  
Pugilism

# SPORTING ...GOSSIP

IT is with the utmost confidence that the American yachting sharpsharps await the sailing of the America's cup races. The challenger has come, has been seen in trials during all sorts and conditions of wind and wave, and that she will conquer there seems to be not even the slightest chance. So parts this statement in your respective hats, all ye croaking pessimists and doubters. The time will come and is not far distant when you will be strikingly reminded of its truth.

While the trials on this side of the Atlantic have shown the decided superiority of Shamrock III, over Shamrock I, it is the fervent hope of all Yankeeedom that the day is far off when a craft of the mediocre ability of Shamrock I will be considered a worthy "trial horse" for a prospective American cup defender. Our actual knowledge of the performance of Shamrock I, in many kinds of weather is such that no matter how much we may admire the sportsmanship of Sir Thomas we cannot consider any comparisons in which she figures as having any important significance. If John Jones' bay horse Billy the Hug can defeat Sam Smith's plow horse sixteen minutes in a mile, would you feel warranted, "gentle reader," as the novelists say, in putting your real gold on the aforementioned Billy the Hug to win a Suburban, an American Derby or a Brooklyn handicap? Assuredly not, and therefore don't permit your Anglomaniac friends to jolly you into wagering the price of a bonnet for your blue eyed sweetheart on the inflated chances of a British built cup challenger that has succeeded in worsting the plow horse of international yachting.

**Lipton a Great Jollier.**  
But the omnipresent Sir Tom is building the Shamrock market in great style. He is the jollier-in-ordinary of the yachting world. He says Shamrock I is so much faster now compared to her form of four years ago that he had

Such evidence of a retiring, diffident disposition is rarely brought to light outside the circles of American political life. All the more credit is due Sir Tom. We do not believe that his motto is "Every man his own press agent," and we stamp his reported statement that "Conversation is the chief object being the spice of a yachtsman's life" as a base fibel on the well circulated name of one who early realized that the inner circles of English royalty can be butted into by the man with the dough.

## A New Golf Organization.

The new Women's Western Golf association should prove a decided benefit to the supporters of the game in the wide territory covered by the organization. Representatives of fourteen clubs met at Chicago recently and termed the association its stated object being "to promote team play and to give an annual championship tournament."

The clubs intended included all those within a radius of 500 miles of Chicago that were members of the Western and United States Golf associations, and the outlook is that entire success will crown the movement to give women players wide recognition as golf factors of national importance.

The officers elected are thoroughly representative, and the personnel of the executive staff, which is made up of women of playing reputation, is such as will command the confidence of the supporters of the game.

The officers are as follows: President, Miss Alexander, Exmore; vice president, Mrs. Dewor, Onwentsia; secretary, Mrs. Brower, Edgewater; treasurer, Mrs. Bartlett, Lake Geneva; directors, Miss Carpenter, Indianapolis Country club; Miss Anthony, Glenview; Miss Cotton, Chicago Golf club; Miss Taft, Midlothian; Miss Douglas, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## Racing at Brighton Beach, N. Y.

The midsummer meeting of the Brighton Beach (New York) Racing association has just closed after seventeen days of exceptional prosperity. The attendance broke all records for the course, and the races were of a distinctly high class.

The principal event of the meeting was the Brighton handicap, worth almost \$20,000, which was captured by the sensational record breaker Waterboy, bred and owned by John B. Haggin. Other valuable races at Brighton were the Brighton Derby \$10,000; the Produce stakes, \$15,000; Brighton Junior, \$10,000; and the Brighton cup, \$10,000.

The next races at Brighton will be the trotting events of the grand circuit scheduled for Aug. 17-22. The Brighton Beach track will close its season of activity in the fall with its annual autumn meeting for the thoroughbreds.

The Brighton track is attractively situated just outside of Brooklyn and within a few hundred feet of the Atlantic ocean. The course is considered one of the fastest in the world.

## Jeffries and His Troubles.

The members of the happy pugilistic family of Jim Jeffries, now dallying

Tommy tied himself up to the Jeffries camp together with Fitz to assist in preparing the bigger Jim for the coming championship bout to be held in Frisco. He of the clan of Ryan shortly became dissatisfied with the modus operandi of the training quarters and "vanooosed the ranch." That was bad enough. But, to make matters worse, from Jeff's viewpoint, Tommy bought a ticket for Corbettville and offered his services to the ex-champion. He of the pompador that was accepted Tommy's proposition to become sparring partner. Straightway the news was carried to Jeff, and his conversation is said to have been positively emphatic on the receipt of the "info."

But, stay! The end is not yet. Shortly after the victim of Kid McCoy's jabs and jolts escaped from the house of Jeff close unto the Gate called Golden the once mighty Fitz found occasion to land the retort discoursing to one Billy Delaney—a sojourner of repute, who engineers Jeff's championship deals. And he it truthfully said, much smoke arose and the bell-rings waxed exceedingly wroth. Where-

## PLANNING AUTO SPEEDWAYS.

General Roy Stone is the "Father of Good Roads." Having done much in years past to advance the best inter-



GENERAL ROY STONE.

ests of cycling patrons, he is now turning certain states for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of speedways for automobiles.

upon Fitz said, "I don't want to play in your yard." The one so addressed thereupon threw out his chest and in making reply spoke thusly, "Take your clothes and go." And when the eventide drew near these obstreperous individuals were seated far apart, each wearing chips on their respective shoulders. And still do their coolness remain warm in spite of the fact that he of the full grown freckles remaineth close unto the dwelling of his two times conqueror.

CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

## THE SEAWANHAKE CUP.

Eastern yachtsmen are taking considerable interest in the season's race for the Seawanhake International cup, which has been held by the Royal Canadian Yacht club ever since 1896. The race will be sailed on the home waters of the latter club, Lake St. Louis.

At the annual meeting of the Seawanhake Corinthian Yacht club the report of the race committee informed the members that the Manchester Yacht club of Manchester, Mass., was the challenging club this year. Nothing definite was stated regarding the plans of that club for a suitable racing boat, but the fact has recently been announced that the Manchester club syndicate has already ordered two boats from Burgess and Backard, and one is already under construction. The syndicate of the club builders is headed by A. Henry Higginson and Reginald Boardman.

A third boat has also been designed by E. A. Boardman, a member of the Manchester club.

## REVOLVER CONTESTS.

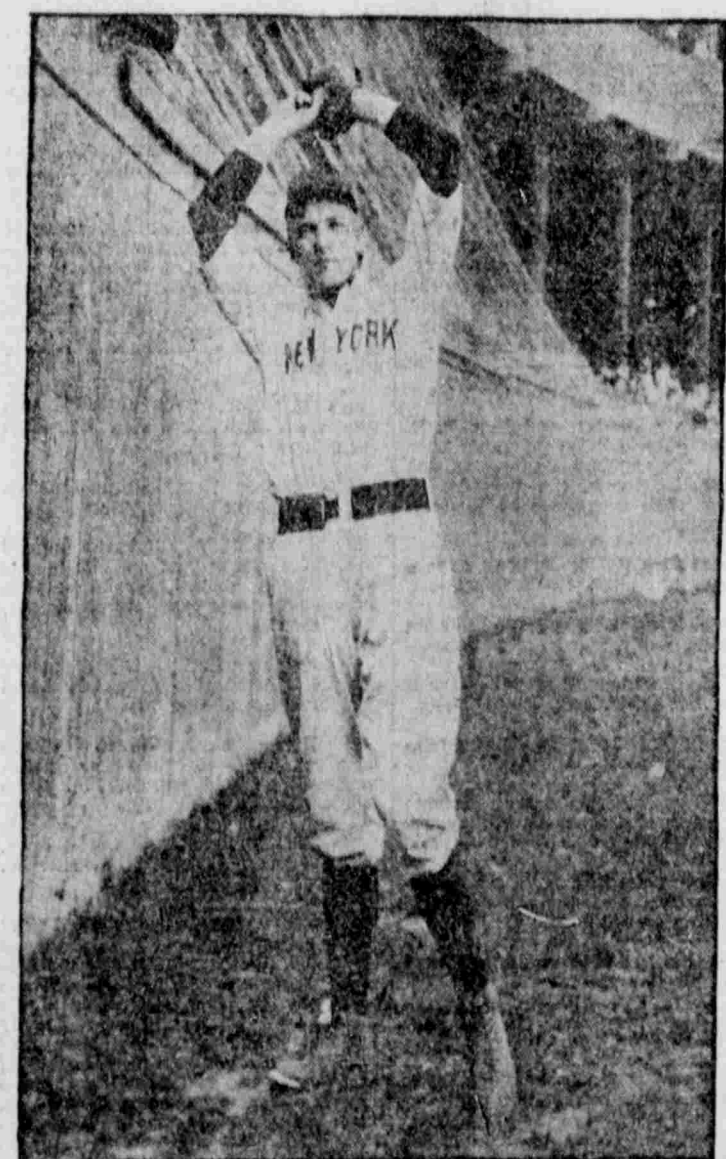
The championship matches of the United States Revolver association, which turned out to be such exciting and interesting contests last year, will be held again this year at Sea Girt, N. J., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Rifle association. The event will take place next September. Simultaneously matches will take place at Boston, St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco.

## WELTY TO RACE A STRING.

The Hon. John C. Welty of Canton, O., former owner of Pilot Boy, 2:09 1/4, will have a stable of campaigners out this year. It is to be hoped that there is a good winner or two in the lot.



JAY MCGREGOR, A SPEEDY WESTERN CANDIDATE FOR GRAND CIRCUIT HONORS.



PITCHER CHRISTY MATHEWSON OF THE NEW YORK NATIONALS.

Mathewson is pitching one of the best games of ball in the country these days. He recently won nine consecutive games and is the mainstay of the Giants in their fight for the pennant. "Matty" has some of the most effective curves that ball sharps have ever encountered. His out drop has a "break" to it that few batsmen can gauge with any degree of accuracy.

## WIG AND MASK.

"A Gentleman of France" will be sent on tour the coming season by Martin J. Dixon, who will star "Ylvis Granger" in the title role formerly played by Kyle Belter.

Herbert Kealey and Effie Shannon will not be repeated next season, as was thought probable. They will first continue in "Sherlock Holmes," and

later possibly in a new play by F. Marion Crawford.

William Timmons Belfort has been engaged by David Higgins and Georgia Walston to play a light comedy part in their New York production next season. Louis James and Frederick Warde will not appear in Shakespeare next season, contrary to their time honored

custom. They will be seen in a new drama by Collin Kemper and Rupert Hughes, based on the life of Alexander the Great.

Grace Pilkins (wife of Commander Maritz, U. S. N.) will probably soon return to the stage.

Blanche Walsh in a recent address at Carnegie hall, New York, before the woman's auxiliary of the National Arts Theater society declared that such a

theater could succeed only if actors threw ambition to the winds and the present starting system was abolished.

Denman Thompson manifested much interest in the late Arthur Sidman's work when he was preparing "York State Feller" for the stage. Mr. Sidman was one of the early portrayals of the character of Cy Prime in "The Old Homestead."

A. L. Levering, manager for Orrin

In New York. John J. Donnelly will be Mr. Zimmerman's personal representative and manager for Miss Bertha Galland.

Hattie Williams has returned to New York from London with the manuscript of her character in "The Girl From Kays."

According to the latest London reports, John Hare will not appear in a dramatization of "Pendennis" next sea-

son after all. He has been signed by Charles Frohman to appear in London and probably in this country as well in a new and original comedy by J. M. Barrie.

Leon Epsneson, who for eleven years was connected with Henry Irving as ballet master and whose management of stage groupings in "The Dead Heart" and "Hobbespierre" were seen in this country, died recently in London.