

ABANDON HIT-AND-RUN PLAY

Teams of Few Years Ago Were More Adept at Scientific Play Than They Are Today.

While the hit-and-run play is often used in baseball, it is really a lost art. Nowadays when the hit-and-run is successful the batter usually comes through with a clean-cut safe drive for one or more bases, which, when the play is pulled off as it should be, is next to impossible.

Hit-and-run requires a scientific batter. His object is to shove the ball toward the place from which the infielder has moved in order to cover the bag toward which the runner has started. It might be the second baseman or the shortstop. The batter is supposed to so place the ball that if an infielder can reach it at all he has to cover enough ground to make a double play impossible, and nine times out of ten, if he manages to throw the batter out at first, the play has succeeded in moving up the base runner.

There is chance for the ball rolling safe, but the double play is absolutely eliminated.

But it is but seldom that one sees the hit-and-run play worked in this way. Nowadays the batter gives the runner the sign to start, and then he takes a wallop at the ball. Sometimes a three-base hit results, on which the runner could have scored, even if he had not started in advance, but more often a high fly goes up, and when the play is successful it is because the batter gets the ball into safe territory.

Conceding that baseball has advanced in many respects, there is no doubt that the teams of a few years back were more adept at the hit-and-run game than they are today.

MANAGER CHANCE WAS RIGHT

Showed Good Judgment in Refusing to Send Pinch Hitter in to Bat for Frank Schulte.

During a fanning bee by some of the Louisville players Scotty Ingerton related a story regarding Schulte, the heavy hitting outfielder of the Cubs. "It was in 1911, when I was with the Boston Nationals," said Scotty. "The Cubs were playing the Doves. In the early part of the game with two men on bases Schulte went up to the plate to bat, regardless of the fact that Tinker and Evers argued with Frank Chance that the home run hit should not be allowed to hit."

Chance, however, ignored Joe and Johnny and allowed Schulte to bat. The result was that Schulte knocked an infield fly for the third out, leaving the two men on the bases. In the ninth inning, with the Cubs still trailing, it was Schulte's turn to bat again. Tinker and Evers again tried to persuade Chance to use another man, saying that the pitcher, a left-hander, whom I cannot recall just now, was pitching good ball.

"Chance said: 'He hits well enough for me and I see no need in sending any one else to bat.'" Schulte sent the ball over the fence, which gave the Cubs the victory, and after



Frank Schulte.

covering the circuit he returned to the bench and said in a drawing voice so that all the men could hear, "I guess brains won that game!" directing his remarks of course to Tinker and Evers.

"In the same year in Philadelphia," continued Scotty, "Schulte, who is a slow talker and rolls out his words, was telling how Doolan instructed Alexander, who was pitching, to keep the ball on the outside and high. 'Well,' said Schulte, 'I just leaned over and tapped the ball and knocked it into the left field bleachers, which you know is some distance, and this time brains did not count.'"

BROOKLYN FEDS GET SPLendid TWIRLER



Tom Seaton.

The Phillies mourn the loss of one of their best pitchers in the person of Tom Seaton, who is now with the Brooklyn team of the Federal league. Seaton did splendid work for the Phillies last year and Doolan counted on winning many a game with him in the box this season. But the Feds coaxed the twirler away and after much dickering he was given to the Tiptops, as the Brooklyn Feds are known. He showed his old skill in the first game he pitched for the Tiptops and should win a big majority of his games this season. The Feds landed a rich prize when they inveigled the former Quaker star into their fold.

Among the Baseball Players

Bill Steen, the Cleveland pitcher, has copped Eddie Cicotte's title of "hard-luck twirler."

Ed Sweeney, the Yankee catcher, is throwing well, reads an exchange. Throwing what well?

Frank Chance is very much pleased with the work of Truesdale, the new infielder from Buffalo.

Frank Chance declares his team last season made him sick. And adds that he is perfectly well this year.

McGraw says he wouldn't trade Art Fletcher for any shortstop in the world, not even Hans Wagner.

George McQuillan is showing a large assortment of wares, and is one of the reliables of Clarke's strong staff.

Johnny Dobbs, the new manager of the New Orleans team, is doing wonders with the tail-end combination of last year.

"Over the Plate Red Ames Put the Ball," reads a headline in a Cincinnati paper. Well, where did they want him to put it?

The Athletics have added another Baker to the club roster. He is a left-handed pitcher and his Christian name is Orlando.

The Doolan-Knaeb combination around second for the Baltimore Feds is showing more speed than it did with the Phillies.

The man who sits and cheers lustily always thinks he is helping the home team a lot, says a Washington sport writer. And maybe he is.

The Syracuse club of the New York State league has signed an infielder named Looney. It will go hard with him when he makes a bobble.

Gus Williams, the man Branch Riekey said would be sure to make good

as a ball player this year, has started to fulfil the prediction of his manager.

Manager Griffith can't explain why his team does so poorly at home. However, he declares they'll play better ball on the home lot in a short time.

The Terrapins have only one south-paw batsman. That particular athlete, Guy Zinn, however, has the reputation of treating porters very badly.

Ernest Lanigan, the wizard statistician, points out that it is nothing new for Magee to slobber Rube Marquard for two home runs in one game. He did it on May 5, 1913.

A baseball enthusiast opines that the Athletics are showing poorly. Connie Mack's champions didn't get going early last season, but they landed. So keep your lamps lit.

Wilbur Robinson is making good with the fans of Brooklyn, and it looks as if the Dodgers are going to have a more prosperous year than last summer in spite of the opposition of the Feds.

Mughey Jennings started his professional baseball career 23 years ago. It was in May, 1891, that he joined Louisville a green youngster and made good right off the reel.

Marty McHale, the young pitcher who has been doing so well with the Highlanders, was once with the Red Sox, and harbors a grudge against the team because he was let go.

The veteran Woodie Thornton is playing the outfield for Columbus in the South Atlantic league.

Coffey Gives Advice.
Jack Coffey, who used to play shortstop for the Braves and is now managing the Denver Grizzlies in the Western league, announces his ideal formula for a pennant winning ball club. Coffey wants seven parts hitting, seven parts hitting, four parts base running, one part sacrifice hitting and one part fielding. While pitching and sticking have ever been essential to the winning of pennants, Coffey apparently holds the fielding end almost too cheaply. Far more games have been lost on a wild throw than have been won by a sacrifice hit.

Thomas Runs Athletics.
Capt. Ira Thomas of the Athletics will do no more catching in championship games. He has taken over the active running of the team. A word from Connie Mack and Ira rushes out on to the diamond and works the changes his boss maps out.

CARE OF THE CENTERPIECE

Convenient Receptacle Which May Be Employed to Keep the Linen Unwrinkled and Fresh.

Embroidered or lace trimmed centerpieces should be ironed flat and rolled up, not folded, for putting away. If desired a very little boiled starch may be added to the last rinsing water but the centerpiece will look handsomer if simply wrung out of hot water and ironed while wet with a very hot iron. Several centerpieces may be rolled at once over a length of broomstick or any other stick of suitable size and length. Newspapers made into a long, smooth roll, will answer if there is nothing else handy.

A most attractive receptacle for the safe-keeping of centerpieces may be made with an ordinary mailing tube, a yard long, one yard of flowered cretonne and several yards of No. 4 ribbon at 5 or 6 cents the yard. Cut off the four corners of the square of cretonne and bind all around with ribbon. Use the corner pieces to cover the ends of the mailing tube, pasting the material to the tube with library paste. Paste one edge of the square along the tube, roll over until the tube is completely hidden and tack in place. The cut-off corners at either end will fit nicely around the covered ends of the tube. At the opposite edge of the cretonne square sew short lengths of ribbon, and when the centerpieces have been laid on the square, begin at the tube and roll up, trying the finished roll of cretonne and centerpieces within, by means of the ribbon ends. Or, instead of using ribbons to tie up the roll, attach metal snap-fasteners to the cretonne in such manner that the roll may be snap-buttoned together.

Plain Boiled Greens.

Dandelion, spinach, mustard, beet tops and a large number of other similar greens are very health-giving and should be more freely used. The needless waste of labor and material in squeezing dry and chopping, then adding garlishes and general effort to secure "refined foolishness" and "exhausting fussery" have so injured the popularity of spinach, dandelion, etc., that few now dare to write with all boldness. "Just clean them well, pick out all defective leaves, sticks and dirt, wash thoroughly after soaking in salted water and then boil with a reasonable amount of water. When done just take them out with a fork, then skim out all remaining pieces of leaves, and most emphatically do not further drain, squeeze or dry them. We often put in either salt pork, corned beef, tongue, knuckle of ham or other meat in boiling. They can be boiled in clear, slightly salted water or with any meat if desired. A little vinegar or lemon juice is all the dressing needed for many tastes, although some prefer pepper and butter for seasoning."



In the sick room be sure to wash each glass and spoon immediately after use.

Choose high, narrow saucepans, with close-fitting lids, for cooking vegetables.

A linen cover for the hot water bag is a good thing to have in the guest room.

In roasting meat allow fifteen minutes for each pound and fifteen minutes over.

Satin slippers of the most delicate colors can be cleaned with denatured alcohol.

Allspice, soaked until soft enough to string, may be made into a fragrant necktie.

Oranges preserved whole make a delicious dessert if filled with whipped cream or custard.

Place a large sponge in the bottom of the umbrella jar if you would avoid breaking it.

If you can't quite afford to have a chair reupholstered, try a pretty slip cover over it.

Try thickening the custard for lemon pies with grated potato instead of corn-starch.

A little express wagon is a great convenience for carrying in vegetables and firewood.

Buttercup Jelly.

Soften one-half cupful of gelatin in one cupful of cold water. Meanwhile heat one pint of milk in double boiler and stir in the beaten yolks of three eggs mixed with one cupful sugar and cook to a custard. Flavor with vanilla, add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Take from fire and stir in stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs. Turn into mold and when cool put on ice. Be sure to thoroughly beat the mixture or the jelly and custard will separate.

FAILS TO SECURE RECOGNITION

Lady's Own Friends Assert Could Not Recognize Her When Brought Face to Face.

Arritts, Va.—Mrs. D. J. Bowen, of this town, makes the following statement: "For 20 years I suffered with womanly troubles, and although I tried different treatments, I did not get any relief."

I was unable to look after any of my work, and my friends thought I could not get well.

Finally, I began to take Cardul, the woman's tonic, and I hadn't taken one-third of the first bottle, before I could notice its good effects.

Now I can do all my work, feel like I'm not more than 16 years old, but am really 49. My own friends say I look so well, they don't recognize me when we meet in the road.

My daughter is using Cardul, and she says it is a fine medicine. I also have a number of lady friends taking it, since they found out how it helped me.

Whenever I feel a little fatigued after a day's extra hard work, I just take a dose of Cardul and am all right.

I can't say too much for Cardul. Thousands of women who now suffer from womanly troubles, could be relieved and benefited, by following Mrs. Bowen's example.

Are you of this number? If so, try Cardul today. It cannot harm you, and is almost sure to do you good.

At the nearest drug store.—Adv.

Most men who are good at guessing conundrums are not much good at anything else.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels and cure constipation. Adv.

ALL HAD TO BE IDENTIFIED

Conscientious Philippine Judge Would Have No Doubt as to Ownership of Clothes.

An officer of the war department, who has seen service in the Philippines, tells a curious story as to the native ideas of justice in those islands.

An American had come home one day just in time to witness a thief in the act of climbing out of a window with the better part of the American's wardrobe. The latter gave chase so earnestly that the thief was finally obliged to drop the clothing so that he might run the faster. He soon disappeared from sight. The American gathered up his belongings. Just then along came a native policeman who proceeded to place the American under arrest, since he acted in a most suspicious manner.

To the local magistrate before whom he was haled the American told his story very plainly and emphatically. When he had concluded the Filipino judge said: "You are dismissed, but you may leave the clothes here."

"Why?" demanded the American. "For this reason," answered the magistrate, with the air of a sage, "that it is uncertain that you speak the truth. When the thief returns to identify these clothes as the ones he stole, you may have them."—The Green Bag.

DID THE WORK

Grew Strong on Right Food.

You can't grow strong by merely exercising. You must have food—the kind you can digest and assimilate.

Unless the food you eat is digested it adds to the burden the digestive organs have naturally to carry. This often means a nervous breakdown.

"About a year ago," writes a Mass. lady, "I had quite a serious nervous breakdown caused, as I believed, by overwork and worry. I also suffered untold misery from dyspepsia."

"First I gave up my position, then I tried to find a remedy for my troubles, something that would make me well and strong, something to rest my tired stomach and build up my worn-out nerves and brain."

"I tried one kind of medicine after another, but nothing seemed to help me."

"Finally a friend suggested change of food and recommended Grape-Nuts. With little or no faith in it, I tried a package. That was eight months ago and I have never been without it since."

"Grape-Nuts did the work. It helped me grow strong and well. Grape-Nuts put new life into me, built up my whole system and made another woman of me!"

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.