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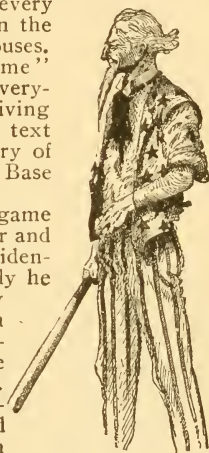
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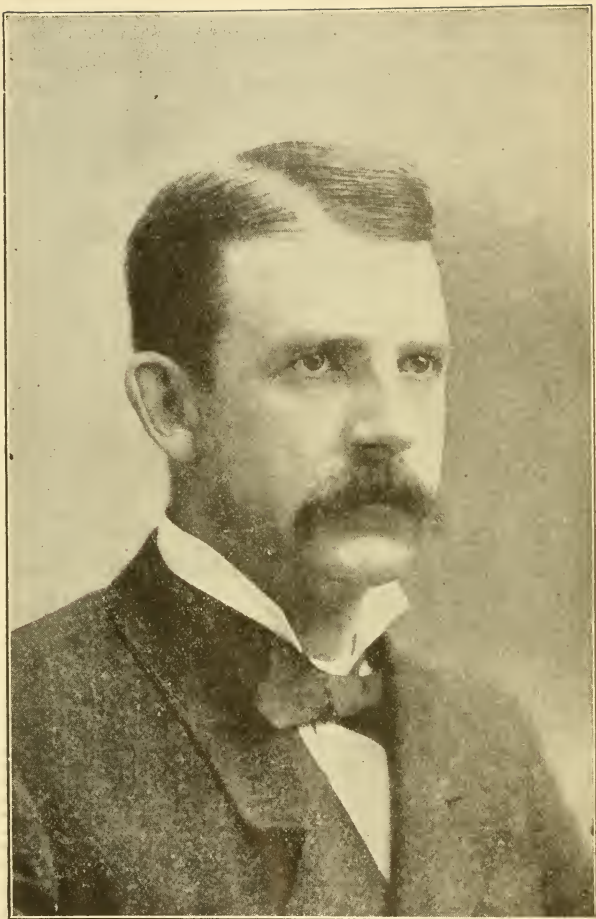
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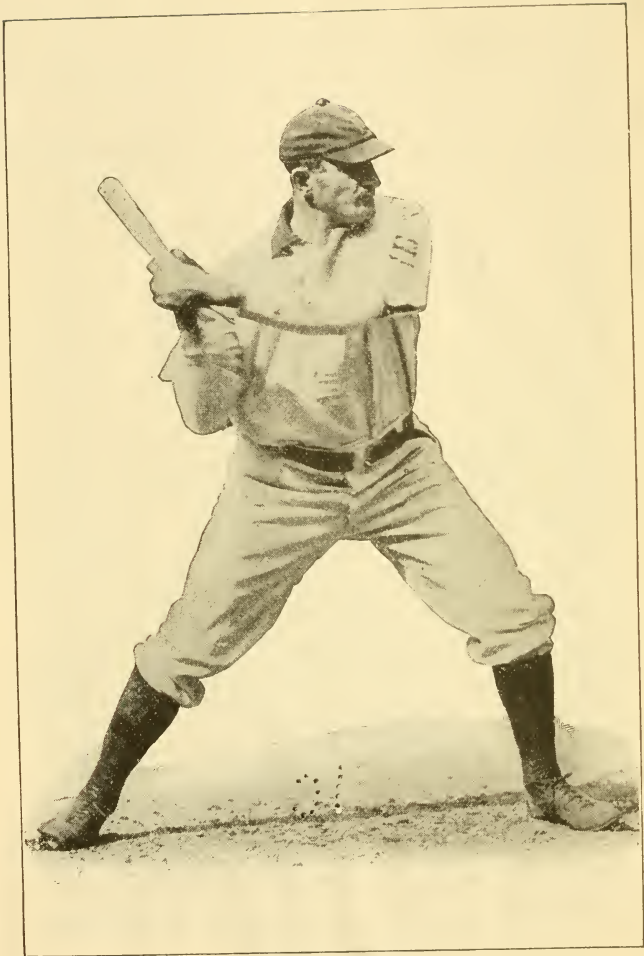
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INTRODUCTION

Many plays center about shortstop as a fulcrum, and as much is asked of the holder of this position as of other infielders. The accuracy of the shortstop's assists are, at times, supremely vital; while the strength of his arm, the speed of his legs and the quickness of his perception many times may contribute to the saving of a struggle badly "in the fire."

The proposition that confronts the candidate for a short field position is, briefly:

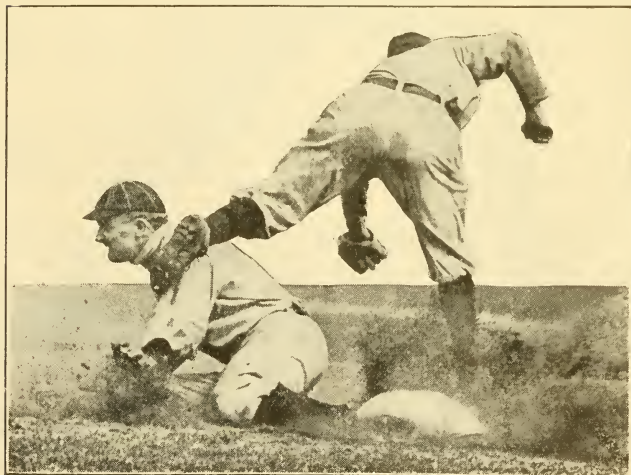
1. To have speed enough to range from second to third bases on all sorts of bounders.
2. To field with equal accuracy from either side.
3. To throw fast and surely from any position.
4. To get back to center and left field from short flies out of reach of the regular men covering these positions.
5. To know how to block off runners and to save every inch of space and second of time on men coming into second.
6. To run bases effectively and bat well.

As in nearly every other department of life, there are men physically better adapted to holding the position of shortstop than others. A peculiar combination of strength, speed and keen wits is required.

In general the men who are built low and close to the ground are accepted as ideal for this position. Short stature means that it is easier for the player to field ground balls, as he will have to stoop a less distance. It means generally increased activity in foot-work and ability to get in motion quicker. Then, too, when pulling down a high throw the short man does not have to come so far to tag the runner out. The shortstops of early base ball were largely men of short legs, long, strong arms and powerful torso.



DOYLE OF THE GIANTS STEALING A BASE.



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DON'T LET THE BALL "PLAY" YOU

Fielding accurately is, of course, the first feature of the shortstop's work. As the proportion of right-hand batters to left hand is very large the shortstop's life is a busier one in the field than either the second or third baseman's.

Every variety of hit ball known to the game is passed to the shortstop in the course of an average contest, and there can be no set way of handling any ball. The necessities of the occasion frequently govern this.

The first principle accepted by experienced shortfielders is that under no circumstances should the fielder let the ball "play" him. That is, instead of waiting for the ball to come on any old bounce the condition of the field and nature of drive may necessitate, the player should move in on the ball or so get to it that the bound will be easily handled, barring unforeseen accidents. Under the best of conditions balls will get away from players; but "playing the ball" saves many an error and besides gets the fielder into his own position for throwing as a rule.

Some amateurs have an ancient habit of getting down on one knee to stop a grounder. Such efforts as these should be discouraged. For, should the ball take the slightest bound out of the direct line, the fielder is caught napping. Moreover, granting that the ball is fielded, the player has to rise to his feet, draw back his arm and go through a series of motions before he can throw—all of which takes time and occasionally gives a life to a runner who should have been retired.

Two safe rules to follow in fielding this position are:

1. Get to the ball as quickly as possible.
2. Go after it with the idea of getting it away from you with the least delay possible.

Loafing or unnecessary delay in either particular are un-

pardonable and sometimes criminal. In professional base ball it is particularly distressing to see a fielder, after making an easy stop, hold the ball a tantalizing length of time and then make a wild throw to first. Due care should be taken in throwing where time permits; but in four chances out of six the play scarcely permits the fielder to get into throwing position.

Balls which the shortstop can get in front of are comparatively easy, no matter how hard driven. Unlike the fielding of third base position, where the nearness of the plate cuts quite an important figure, the shortstop is sufficiently far removed so that few balls really too "hot to handle" come his way. Once in front, only a bad bound excuses an error. But hard hit balls have a peculiar faculty for not going where the fielder happens to be and here is where the shortstop is required to do his most spectacular work. He is required to go extreme distances to right and left, pick up the ball with one hand and throw without stopping to set himself.

Here is where the man who has a natural aptitude for getting in motion quickly has a great advantage. He can save a fraction of a second in going after the drive over the man who is a slow starter.

What helps the fielder still more is watching the battery work of his side, studying the peculiarities of batters and so being able to judge about where a hit ball is going.

On no play should the shortstop neglect to observe what kind of ball is to be served the batsman. It does not always happen that the hit comes the way expected. It is quite possible to get a general idea of what is coming and to be prepared for it.

Having figured out as nearly as possible which way the batted ball is to come, and so placed yourself that you can best play it when it comes, without ruining your chances of fielding, a hit of another sort should calculations fail to materialize the next question up to the fielder is how to take the ball when it comes.

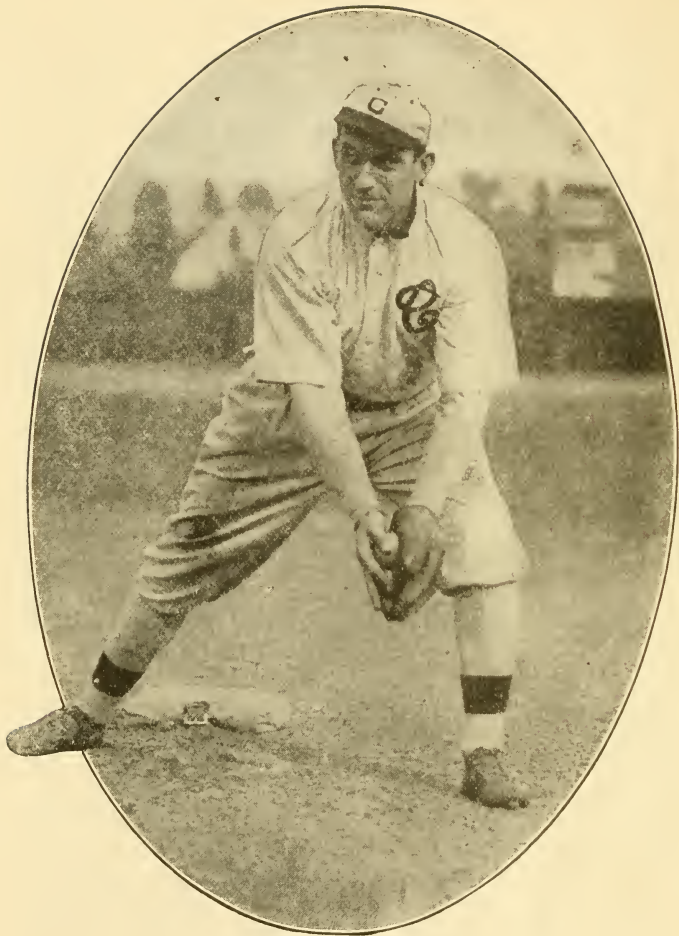
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Individuality will have to assert itself here. If the ball is to the right of you, even though palpably in the third baseman's territory, it is the shortstop's duty to be over there before it gets to the corner fielder in order to back up a possible fumble. If not in his territory, and the drive is too fast to get in front of it, don't waste time, but take it with one hand. You will be fortunate to stop it, but don't let possible errors in your column stand in the way. A man who tries is worth two times the man who is looking after his record. If the ball should stick and the play at first is easy, take your time, but don't waste it. If the play is fast don't take time to straighten up, but shoot the ball underhand to first. This is an important feature in heading off batters at first, and many shortstops have built up reputations almost solely on their ability to get the ball away from them which ever way they may happen to receive it.

Fielding balls on the left-hand side of the shortstop's position is a much more difficult proposition, yet many spectacular plays are seen on the diamond of balls fielded over second base and runners retired at first.

Yet the play at first is not the prime feature that makes an ability to field accurately to the left of the shortstop important. Double plays and the cutting off of hit-and-run plays rest entirely with the shortstop, on hits over or near second. The shortstop, in case of a double play, frequently has no time to let the ball tarry an instant in his hands, but scoops it over to the second baseman with almost the same motion with which it was fielded, whence it is relayed to first.

This play requires considerable practice, and the least miscue is apt to throw off the first out and ruin the double. There is no verbal instruction that can teach just how these plays can be executed. Each play has some slight variation from the other, which makes it necessary for the fielder to suit conditions to the case and work out his own problems on the diamond.



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NOT AN EASY TASK

BY NAPOLEON LAJOIE.

The shortstop's life, like the policeman's, is not a happy one. I have played several positions on a baseball team, and I know what I say. Short field covering involves a tremendous responsibility in both receiving hit balls and getting away thrown balls accurately, to say nothing of having to size up a play with two or three possible solutions every five minutes. I thought the sphere of the second baseman was hard enough, but when I tried shortstop in 1904 I found out that I had to accept more chances, cover even more territory and make longer and faster throws.

When I came over from second base I found my chief weakness was an over-eagerness to get to the ball, which seemed slower in getting down to me, and some difficulty in getting used to the longer and faster throw.

In the course of time I adjusted myself to the change. I found out, however, that there is one thing above all others that the shortstop must have, and that is ability to get the ball away from any position and deliver it accurately and fast.

To meet this requirement the fielder must have an arm of iron and must be naturally quick in mind, foot, eye and hand. There are some few things which can assist natural ability and qualifications in this respect. One of them is constant practice.

The shortstop's position at his station is not a much mooted one. Normally, the shortfielders, including myself, play very deep, provided they possess strong arms. No other player, by the way, than one who has, can hope to last long in this position. For a left-hand batter the position is somewhat different. I would in that case move somewhat to the right and well back.

The signals for curves to the pitcher also cause me to change

my position, as they do with every careful shortstop. For example, a straight ball to a right-hand batter means that the ball, if a grounder, will probably be hit straight to short or third base, while an outcurve to a right-hand batter means that the hit ball will most likely go to the right of second base. Various results occur from the different deliveries of pitchers, and for this reason shortstops should make a study of the effect of batting of right- and left-handers on the different curves, and place themselves accordingly. It will be found that while in many cases the calculation of the fielder as to where the ball is going to be hit will fail, in other instances they are correct and save many a weary chase after what would otherwise be a hard rap.

The playing of this position, too, varies with respect to the peculiarities of one's team mates in the infield. Any weakness of the second baseman on hits to his right or in covering the bag will make a corresponding difference in the fielding play of the shortstop. The same may be said of the other side of the shortstop.

Having accustomed himself to his position, and discovered the weaknesses and strength of the men with whom he is to work, the shortstop should next figure out carefully the points of the first baseman of his team—the target at which he is to throw. It may count something at a critical time to know whether his team mate is weak or strong on low or high throws.

The throwing proposition should be carefully considered by the shortstop. If the work of getting the ball away from the player proves a constant strain on him, he had better seek another berth, as sooner or later his arm will go and he will be useless altogether.

One of the most trying throws a shortstop has to make is that of taking a ball on the run to the left of him with one hand, and then getting it away to first in time to head off the runner. The throw must be made carefully or it will net two or three bases instead of one. At the same time it must be made hurriedly or it will be useless. Shortstops must bear in mind that

a ball thrown on the run will always raise. A fast grounder is the easiest for the shortstop, as he has time to set himself for the throw. Without unduly delaying, the shortstop should always take time to steady himself where the occasion permits. A slow bouncer must necessarily be taken on the run. If it is waited for the chances are the runner will beat it out. The most successful throwers from shortstop and second, who have the reputations of being able to shoot the ball accurately from any old position on the dead gallop, throw underhanded. Thus they save the interval it would take to straighten up. This is a hard throw, however, as the fielder is virtually looking at the first baseman from a distorted angle and his throw therefore is liable to go wrong. As stated before, however hard a play seems, if it saves a fraction of an instant it should be tried until found impossible or successful.

A great many of the old-time fielders were sticklers for putting their heels together and fielding according to precise method. I believe that every boy or man who is learning the game of base ball will find out by trial the method of handling ground balls best suited to his individuality. Few of the ball players of the present time pay any attention to keeping their heels together and such old-age maxims. The shortstop should play his position with his hands. If it goes through these the chances are the runner will be safe anyhow, and the fielders are now coached to back up the infield so that any chance of an extra base would be prevented by them.

The "pickup" is the play that makes most trouble for shortstops. So long as irregularities of the ground do not interfere, there is no reason why practice shouldn't make the shortstop perfectly accurate on this form of grounder however.

Covering second is one of the duties, frequently an onerous one, of the shortstop. By prearrangement with the second baseman it is understood which player is to cover the bag under certain conditions. The play of the opposing team, however, may necessitate constant changing of this arrangement through the game. For example, a base runner, by a "bluff" break for second,

may draw over the man who is to cover second and thus locate him. On the next day a hit and run with the batter may be worked and the batter push a single through the place he knew would be left open by the man covering second.

The pitcher, second baseman and shortstop should also have a code of signals in order to play a runner when he gets on the second station.

Most shortstops, when it has been decided that they are to cover the bag on certain plays, want the catcher to throw the ball direct to the base and take chances on getting to it in time. In nearly every case there will be little trouble in getting there. While it is part of the catcher's business to throw a perfect ball, still the shortstop ought to get all the practice he can in receiving throws and putting them on imaginary runners. The fraction of an instant in getting down to the ground with that throw counts here. It is the old story of an instant against the runner, which is the key of defensive play.

BY RHODY WALLACE

Any player who expects to become a shortstop must be able to throw from any position and to throw hard and fast; he must be good on handling ground balls and must be quick at everything he does. Nearly every play he makes requires the utmost speed he can put into it as delays are dangerous.

The most critical time for the shortstop is when men are on the bases and good batsmen are up. As the game is played now it is easy enough for the men on base and at bat to draw the fire of the defensive team and find whether second or shortstop intends covering the bag for a throw after attempts at the hit-and-run play. Having found this out, the batsman can hit through the man who is to cover the bag, or can try to, and the shortstop or second baseman, whoever he may be, can't help the matter. The only counter to this is for short and second to change their tactics in this respect after each feint by the enemy.

With men on bases, too, the shortstop has to be doubly watchful, both to cover the bag or to handle possible hits. He is impeded by runners in front of him likewise.

Covering the bag is one of the most difficult features of the play for the shortstop, inasmuch as it is to his left and all his play in this matter is to the wrong side of him. Some players watch the catcher for signals as to covering second base. This is as good as another, though the agreement is usually between the second baseman and shortstop. In any event, the player should be very careful about leaving his position before the ball is on the way to the plate.

Most shortstops prefer to have the catcher throw the ball at the base and low, taking chances on getting there in time. As a rule the chance against this is not large.



RHODY WALLACE,

As to covering the bag there are one or two rules that should apply always. Every ball hit to the left of the pitcher should be the signal for the shortstop to cover second. The general direction of the hit is quickly ascertained by the shortstop and by the time the fielder is ready to make the play at second the shortstop will have beaten his throw to the base.

With first and third bases occupied, the shortstop should cover the base on throws from the catcher, leaving the second baseman in a better position to return a short throw to the plate in case the third baseman starts for home.

The fielding of the shortstop's berth is the busiest of the entire infield. For while the shortstop is making plays as hard as any on the diamond, he has, even while making the effort, to decide in his own mind what throw will accomplish the best results, what time he has to make the effort, and how he will throw the ball.

There are times when a fraction of a second makes or mars a play for the shortstop, and therefore he has little time to think. I usually have the situation sized up for any possible condition before the batsman has hit the ball. The rest is a matter of mechanical fielding, and, as a rule, difficult throwing. Unless a man has an arm of steel and is very quick, he has little chance to last long. It is a terrific strain on the arms, and the body, too, and few men stick long in this position because of the wear and tear.

Study batters and watch the signals of the battery. You will find it will help you greatly in judging about what is going to happen.

All shortfielders should get underhand throwing practice and plenty of it. It is this form of delivery of the ball that enables shortstops to get the ball away without having to straighten up and draw back the arm.



AL BRIDWELL.

SHORT TALK WITH THE BOYS

BY ALBERT BRIDWELL.

In my observation it has yet to fail that when a score of boys are gathered for a base ball game, the spryest and most active of the group will wish to play shortstop if sides are chosen.

I can recall that when I played ball as a boy, I was one of the youngsters who essayed to play shortstop, because I had the reputation of moving rapidly over the ground, and there were few of my acquaintance who were fleet of foot and adroit who had not a similar inclination.

As I remember it, the boy who could play tag and seldom be touched, and the boy who could take part in prisoner's base and elude most of the boys who played against him, usually, for some reason or another, drifted into the position of shortstop when it came to a ball game.

Boys as they grow older and become young men learn that this seemingly natural selection of youth follows when the nines of mature years are placed on the field. The agile and alert player becomes a shortstop as naturally as the tall and cool boy, with a knack of catching thrown balls perfectly, gravitates to the position of first base.

For that reason, I wish to lend my encouragement to the short and sturdy chaps, who move with the rapidity of well trained and developed muscles, for the position of shortstop. Nine times out of ten, if the impulse of base ball takes them to that position on the diamond, they will succeed.

Any number of instances may be cited to prove this. At the present time we always can find excellent shortstops among the major league players who are men of lesser stature than those at some other positions on the field. For that reason, it is safe to recommend to the beginner, who is a little below the average

height, to play shortstop if he feels it in him to be a shortstop, and to stick to the position once he undertakes it.

The theory that the shortstop and second baseman have each a single position to play on the infield has been abandoned. To be strictly accurate both play two positions. Perhaps I might better state it by saying that they alternate in two positions.

Each of them has a field of his own to play and each of them at times must guard second base. Further than that, both of them are called upon to act as relay outfielders. For example: with a man on first base, the next batter is a pronounced right field hitter. To guard second against being stolen, or to assist in retiring the runner at second if the batter should hit the ball to right field, it is evident that for the time being the shortstop must become the second baseman.

To reverse that, if there is a runner on first base and the batter is a pronounced left field hitter, it is equally apparent that the shortstop must guard his position, while the second baseman naturally becomes the player on watch at the base of which he is supposed to be the custodian.

Thus it is evident that the shortstop, in addition to his duties as a fielder, must also meet all the requirements of a first class baseman when it becomes necessary to handle the ball accurately on runners.

On long hits to left field, and left center field particularly, the shortstop must be ready to relay the throw from the outfielder, exactly as the second baseman is required to become the relay assistant on all long drives to right field, and to right center field. Throughout all the incidents of a ball game the shortstop and second baseman are ceaselessly in earnest in supporting the fielding of their team mates.

As a rule the man of average height, who is not required to carry surplus weight, is quick of motion—an attribute which is of the greatest necessity to the shortstop. Within one inning a shortstop may be called upon to back up the third baseman on a hit which slants from third toward short and which the third baseman but imperfectly stops. He may be asked to relay the

ball from the center fielder to the plate. He may be called upon to cover second base on a throw made by the second baseman. It may be his duty to receive a throw from the catcher at second because the second baseman cannot afford to leave his own territory for the time being. There may be a chance after the pitcher has partially knocked down a ground hit which only the shortstop can handle by running through from his customary place to the spot where the ball rolls after it bounds from the pitcher's hands. Thus you see the shortstop is a young man of many possibilities, and to be successful in all of these chances he must not only be speedy, but he must have the endurance and the stamina to support him in his great activities on the diamond.

Elsewhere much advice has been given as to the playing of the position of shortstop. It is all good advice, and certain to be valuable to any young player. What I am trying to make clear is the fact that to be successful at shortstop there must be great innate speed possibilities, and that young players who have natural speed and natural ability to handle hits batted along the ground, and to catch speedy and not always accurate throws, are to be encouraged to play shortstop if they begin in that particular position.

Except that the shortstop is now quite as much of a second baseman as he is a shortstop, there is nothing relatively different in the work on that part of the infield from what there was years ago. There never has been a time when the shortstop was not a supporting player. The very theory of his position, from the days when the pastime began to develop along its present lines, were that he should be as nearly ubiquitous as possible. He is supposed to be fast enough to back up almost everybody on the field—with the possible exception of the outfielders. He cannot get behind them. It is too far away. But he has become a valuable assistant to them by reason of his ability to run far into the outfield and help them home with the ball, and that very play has saved more than one game in the larger professional organizations.

Modern batting has changed the work of the third baseman

and the pitcher, because it has given both of them the difficult bunt hit to handle. The same play has affected the first baseman, although not to a like extent, because the first baseman, except in the greatest of emergencies, must still be considered the guardian of the base at which he is stationed.

Modern batting has not had a like effect on the fielding of the shortstop. Hits to his field vary little from what they did years ago. If there is any change of note it is more in the batters than it is in the kind of hits which they make. More left hand batters and more batters of great sprinting ability make it incumbent on the shortstop to handle the ball with accuracy and extreme rapidity. Some of the batters of the professional leagues are adept in hitting the ball slowly at an extreme angle between third and shortstop, where it is almost out of the question for the third baseman to handle it, and where the only chance which the shortstop has is to be fully as lively as the batter and alert enough to divine his intention.

Taking everything into consideration, I believe that the boy of average height will find that the position of shortstop is as much or more to his liking than any on the field, provided he combines an abundance of speed with his inches.

SOME WAGNERISMS

BY THE EDITOR.

At first I thought of making the title of this brief article some "Aphorisms by Hans Wagner," but it is so difficult to get this great and genial player to devote a formal period to the discussion of baseball that it was given up. The only way to gather information from Wagner is to pick it up here and there as he is heard to discuss certain plays in traveling about during the league circuit and as he talks of baseball now and then when he is home with the folks.

The modesty of Wagner has not been exaggerated. He is every bit as modest and as unassuming as he is a great ball player, and he is one of the greatest ball players who ever lived in the history of our great American game.

Through the necessity of the Pittsburg club to have a competent man at shortstop most of his playing has been done at that position, but he can also play first base, second base and the outfield. I do not know that he ever tried his hand at third base and if there is one position more than another on the diamond which might embarrass him, perhaps it is third base. That would be largely due to his haste in getting the ball over to the first baseman, for he is a very hard and swift thrower, and occasionally he might shoot the ball into the stands.

"WAGNERISMS."

Don't fool with the ball. It is just as likely to fool you. When it comes toward the place that you are playing on the field try to figure where you will stop it the surest, and then stop it.

Pretty motions aren't half so valuable as throwing out the batter. If somebody says that you threw the ball like a camel, never mind, if you got the player out.

When you stop the ball on the ground, smother it. Don't try to get it with the ends of your fingers. Not only will the ball

be apt to get away from you, but your fingers may be none the better for the contact.

Don't play baseball with flat feet. A fielder must be in motion or be ready to get in motion. An inch gained when the ball left the bat may be a foot gained when it gets to you, and the foot that you have gained may be a gain of a yard on the batter who is trying for the base.

When a base runner is coming to the base and you are guarding it to receive the throw, keep your eye on the ball, instead of on the runner, but be sure that you know your distance from the base. Young players occasionally make perfect catches but imperfect motions when they are trying to reach the runner, because they have underestimated the difference between them and the base. Nothing makes a man feel cheaper than to reach for a runner and find that he has slid to the base in safety because the fielder was playing too far inside.

Don't try to play hard hits with a soft hand. Know that the ball is coming with speed and be prepared to grip it, not to pat it softly.

Know the position of first base so well that when a fast runner is on his way to the base you are never compelled to take a second look before you are ready to send the ball away from you.

Cultivate plenty of freedom of motion in the shoulder. Many an infielder loses an opportunity to make a good play because he is too accustomed to use his forearms in stopping the ball when he should be equally as proficient in using the full arm.

Plenty of practice in handling slow grounders will never hurt any young player. The ball, slowly twisting and squirming over the turf, is a great deal harder to handle than when it bounds regularly, and with little motion to it except the forward motion, which has been communicated by the force with which it was batted.

Know what the next play must be on the field. There is little excuse for the infielder who throws to first base when he should have thrown to second to try for a double play.

Young players frequently do that because they have not thought out the probabilities of the game in advance.

The shortstop can work with the pitcher as well as any other member of a team. If he knows that the pitcher is trying to force a batter to hit the ball to a certain part of the field he can afford to lend his assistance toward covering any point where the next play is likely to occur. If it is well known that a certain batter is a pronounced right field hitter and the exigencies of the game make it better for him to bat in that particular direction at a certain time, the shortstop who edges over to third at that point is not helping the strategy of his team very much.

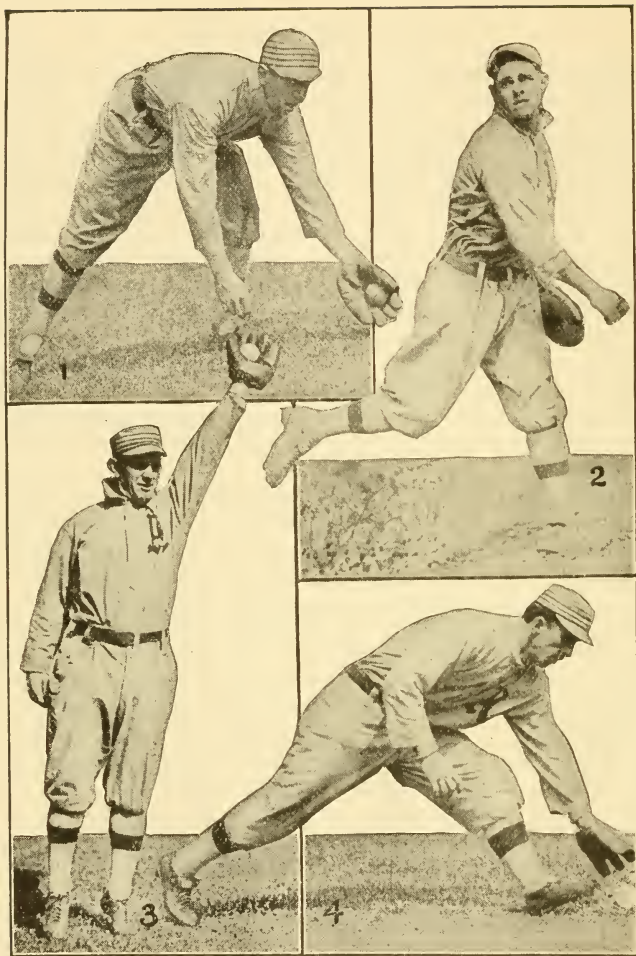
Study the batters. All of them have their peculiarities. They may fool everybody two or three times in succession and the next ten times bat exactly where they are usually accustomed to push the ball.

No hesitancy need be had in wearing a glove. Everybody wears them now and they save the hands. A shortstop with two good hands is a great deal better than a shortstop with battered fingers, who loses the telling hit in the greatest emergency.

It is always good base ball to be able to run back of the shortstop's position and catch those tantalizing short flies which are the bane of all teams in the field. Many a game has been won because the shortstop was too slow and the left fielder too far out to get a fly which either could have caught in one hand.

Occasionally it is not a bad play to block a runner, but it is pretty poor base ball to try to block every runner who is trying for second base. Some don't need to be blocked, and others are as clumsy in trying to make the base as they would be in attempting a double somersault. It is well to study their ways of sliding. Almost all of them have qualities which are their personal property.

Never try to make a one hand stop when it would be every bit as easy to handle the ball with both hands. Your team mates are not interested in your personal gracefulness. They want to see the batters put out.



1, Collins; 2, McInnes; 3, Murphy; 4, Barry.
A GROUP OF PHILADELPHIA AMERICANS.

Van Oeyen, Photo.

REQUIREMENTS OF SHORTSTOP PLAY

BY HUGH JENNINGS,

Manager of the Detroit team, premier shortstop of his time.

It is a difficult matter to give points on paper as to what are the requirements of superior work at shortstop. The ball player par excellence is the one who intuitively knows what to do and has the speed and mechanical skill to do it accurately. He does not have to stop to think or to reason. His studying has been done before hand, so that no situation during a game will arise that can catch him napping. He "lies awake nights" planning how to meet the emergency that has just arisen. It is no new situation that requires hesitancy. It is an old friend—or enemy—and is welcomed as furnishing the opportunity of putting plans, well-laid beforehand, into instant execution.

For that reason I say it is a rather difficult matter to set down on cold paper what are the requirements of acceptable work at short. The whole thing might be summed up in the advice to study the possibilities, and, having studied, study some more. Whatever the position may be on the ball field—shortstop or bat boy—there is room for thought and study as to how to do the work in the best possible way. For the shortstop the endeavor should be to plan out the best methods of defense—to keep his opposing players from making runs—and of offense—how to make as many runs himself or aid in his team mates making them.

Not so long ago I had some experience at shortstop myself, and from what I learned during that period and from watching other men at the position and at other stations, I have reached the conclusion that the position of shortstop is not only the most important, but is the most difficult of them all if played properly. Those who are disposed to question this assertion will argue

that the shortstop has more time to get in front of the drives than the first or third baseman, for instance, and that these drives do not come to him with the same speed. Concisely, that the shortstop has more time to handle less difficult offerings than those sent to either third or first base. But whatever credit to the position can be derived from this feature is more than overbalanced by others. Without leaving the imaginary lines that bound his own legitimate territory, he must be able to make headlong dives that are to terminate in wonderful scoop-ups of balls that sizzle past; and, having done so, he must oftentimes make phenomenally long, quick and accurate throws.

He must be prepared at any moment to go outside of his recognized territory and back up second, third and home, besides going far into the outfield to relay throw-ins of long hits. To play the position well a man must certainly have a good pair of hands and a good arm and be fast on his feet.

A good pair of hands is absolutely essential because of the many ground hits sent in his direction and also because he is supposed to take a majority of the catcher's throws when an attempt is made to steal. A strong arm is required because of the long, quick throws necessary when playing deep. Speed is essential because of the amount of territory he must cover on both sides.

A shortstop can improve his position very much if he becomes the directing head of the infield. When the ball is not hit to him he must direct the man to whom it is hit where to throw it so that he will not hesitate in sending the ball immediately where it will do the most good.

The position of shortstop offers the most brilliant possibilities to the young amateur. He has chances to distinguish himself there he could gain in no other position. Bring to it the study, practice, good pair of hands, able and accurate arm and the speed essential and I am sure the man who chooses to shine at that post will never have cause to regret his choice.

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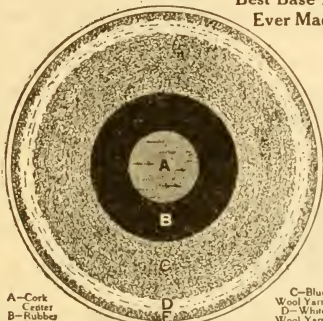
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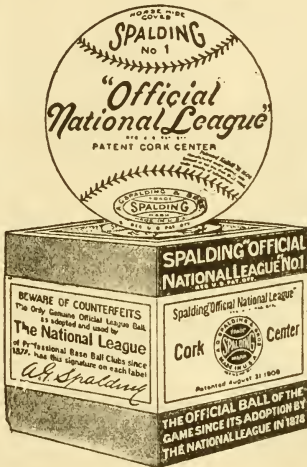
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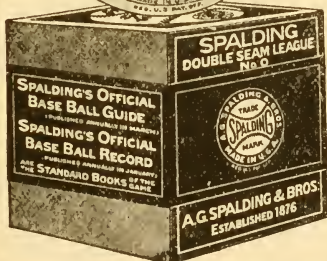
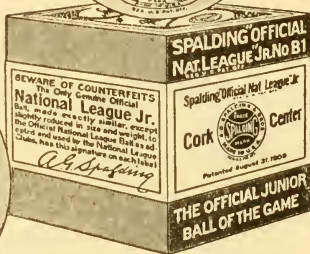
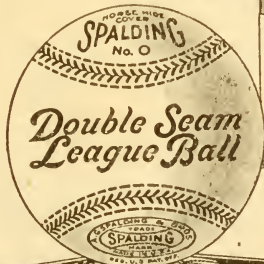
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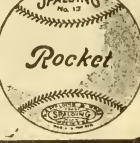
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PROFESSIONAL MODEL. KING PATENT PADDING

No. 10-0. Patented Molded Face. Modelled after ideas of greatest catchers in the country. Brown calfskin throughout. King Patent felt padding, hand stitched, may be adjusted readily. Patent laced back; leather lace; metal eyelets; leather strap and brass buckle fastening. Felt lined strap, and heel of hand-piece also felt lined. Leather bound edges. Smaller than our No. 9-0. . . . Each, **\$8.00**



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No. 9-0. Patented Molded Face and hand formed pocket. Brown calfskin throughout. Padded with hair felt; patent lace back; leather lace; metal eyelets; leather strap and brass buckle fastening. Heel of hand piece felt lined. Leather bound edges. Larger than No. 10-0; has not patent King Padding. Each, **\$8.00**

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No. 7-0. Brown calfskin throughout. Patent combination shaped face, padding of hair felt and Fox Patent Padding Pocket, so additional padding may be inserted at heel. Extra felt padding supplied with each mitt. Patent laced back and thumb; leather lace; strap-and-buckle fastening. Heel of hand-piece felt lined. Leather bound edges. . . . Each, **\$6.00**

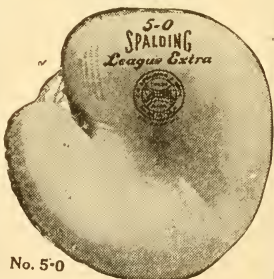


No. 7-0

Spalding "Collegiate" Catchers' Mitt

Patented January 2, 1906; March 30, 1909, and including King Patent Padding, Patented June 28, 1910.

No. 6-0. Molded face. Olive-colored leather, perfectly tanned to enable us to produce necessary "pocket" with smooth surface on face. King Patent felt padding, hand stitched, patent laced back and thumb; leather lace; strap-and-buckle fastening. Heel of hand-piece felt lined. Leather bound edges. Each, **\$5.00**



No. 5-0

Spalding "League Extra" Catchers' Mitt

Patented Jan. 2, 1906; Sept. 29, 1908; March 30, 1909.

No. 5-0. Molded face. Tanned buff colored leather, patent felt padding; strap-and-buckle fastening at back; reinforced at thumb; patent laced back. Heel of hand-piece felt lined. Leather bound edges. . . . Each, **\$4.00**

Spalding "League Special" Catchers' Mitt

Patented January 2, 1906; March 30, 1909.

No. 4-0. Molded face. Tanned brown leather; patent felt padding; reinforced and laced at thumb; patent laced back; strap-and-buckle fastening at back. Heel of hand-piece felt lined. Leather bound edges. Each, **\$3.00**

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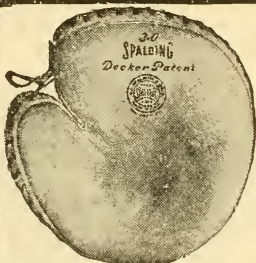
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No. 3R

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No. O. "Interstate." Professional model size. Brown grain leather face, sides and finger piece, pearl grain leather back; padded; reinforced, laced at thumb; patent laced back. Ea., **\$3.00**

No. OA. "Inter-City." Special large size. Brown grain leather face, green leather sides and back; reinforced, laced at thumb; patent laced back. Each, **\$2.50**

No. 1S. "Athletic." Large model. Smoked horse hide face and finger-piece; reinforced and laced at thumb; patent laced back. Special style padding. Each, **\$2.00**

No. 1C. "Back-Stop." Large model. Gray leather face and finger-piece; brown leather side and back; padded; reinforced, laced at thumb; patent laced back. Each, **\$1.50**

No. 1R. "Semi-Pro." Large model. Black grain leather; reinforced, laced at thumb; patent laced back. Special padding. Ea., **\$2.00**

No. 2C. "Foul Tip." Oak tanned leather; padded; reinforced and laced at thumb; back patent full laced. Each, **\$1.00**

No. 2R. "Association." Large model. Black, smooth tanned leather face, back and finger-piece; tan leather sides; padded; reinforced and laced at thumb. Each, **\$1.00**

Spalding Youths' Catchers' Mitts

No. 3R. "Interscholastic." Large size. Black leather face, back, finger-piece; sides of brown leather; reinforced, laced at thumb. Ea., **75c.**

No. 2B. "Youths' League." Junior size. Pearl colored; smooth tanned leather face and finger-piece; back and sides of brown leather; padded; patent laced thumb. Each, **\$1.00**

No. 4. "Public School." Large size. Face, finger-piece and back brown oak tanned leather; padded; reinforced, laced at thumb. Ea., **50c.**

No. 5. "Boys' Delight." Face and finger-piece of brown oak tanned leather; canvas back; laced thumb; well padded. Each, **25c.**

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No. AAX

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No. **BXP**. Calfskin; leather lacing. Leather strap at thumb. King Patent Padding. Each, **\$4.00**

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Patented Feb. 20, 1912

No. **AX**. With Fox Patent Padding pocket, so additional padding may be inserted. Extra felt padding supplied with each mitt. White tanned buckskin face, back and lining; leather lacing all around. Ea., **\$4.00**

Spalding Basemen's Mitts

No. **BXS**. "League Special." Brown calfskin face, back and lining; leather lacing all around. Ea., **\$4.00**

No. **CO**. "Professional." Olive calfskin face, back and lining. Padded; laced all around. Each, **\$3.00**

No. **CX**. "Semi-Pro." Face of tanned buff-color leather, back of firm tanned brown leather, laced all around, padded at wrist and thumb. Each, **\$2.50**

No. **CXR**. "Amateur" (Black.) Black calfskin face, black leather back and lining. Properly padded; laced all around. Each, **\$2.00**

No. **CXS**. "Amateur." Tanned brown grained leather. Correctly padded; laced all around. Ea., **\$2.00**

No. **DX**. "Double Play." Oak tanned leather, padded, laced all around. Each, **\$1.50**

No. **EX**. "League Jr." Black smooth leather, laced all around. Suitably padded. Each, **\$1.00**



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No. **1F**. Face of white buck, balance of brown calfskin; padded; without hump. Laced all around. Ea., **\$3.50**

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No. **8F**. Black tanned leather, padded; leather lined; reinforced, laced at thumb. Each, **\$1.00**

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Leather Lined. Weltd Seams.
No. BB1. Professional model. King Patent Padding. Patented March 10, 1908; June 26, 1910 Finest quality buckskin. Worn by some of the most successful National and American League infielders. Most popular style ever put out. Each, \$4.00
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The Spalding "Leaguer" Glove

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No. PX. "Professional." Finest buckskin, same as in our No. PXL. Padded with felt. Weltd seams. Ea., \$3.00
No. XLW "League Special." Tanned calfskin. Padded with felt. Extra long to protect wrist. Highest quality workmanship. Full leather lined. Weltd seams. Ea., \$3.00
No. 2W. "Minor League." Smoked horse hide. Professional model. full leather lined; King Patent Padding, as in Nos. SXL and BB1. Weltd seams. Each, \$3.00
No. 2XR. "Inter-City." Professional style, with padded little finger, extra large thumb; weltd seams. Good quality black calf, leather lined throughout. Each, \$2.50
No. 2Y. "International." Smoked horse hide; professional style, with specially padded little finger, extra large thumb, weltd seams. Full leather lined. Ea., \$2.50
No. PBL. "Professional Jr." Youths' Professional style. Selected velvet tanned buckskin. Same as No. PXL men's. Leather lined throughout. Weltd seams. Each, \$2.50
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No. PX



No. 2W



No. 2YA

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No. 3XR



No. XLA



No. 10



No. 16

No. 3XR. "Amateur." Good quality black tanned leather, correctly padded, and extra large thumb; welted seams. Leather lined throughout. . . . Each, \$2.00

No. 4X. "Association." Good quality brown tanned leather, nicely padded; leather lined throughout, with inside hump; welted seams. Good value. Each, \$2.00

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No. XS. "Practice." White velvet tanned leather; welted seams; inside hump; full leather lined. Each, \$1.25

No. 15. "Regulation." Men's size. Brown tanned leather, correctly padded; palm leather lined. Ea. \$1.00

No. 15R. "Regulation." Men's size. Black tanned leather, padded; inside hump; palm leather lined. Each, \$1.00

No. 10. "Mascot." Men's size. Olive tanned leather, padded; popular model; welted seams; palm leather lined. . . . Each, \$1.00

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No. XB. "Boys' Special" Boys' Professional Style; good quality special tanned white leather, welted seams; leather lined throughout. . . . Each, \$1.00

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No. 16W. "Star." Full size; white chrome tanned leather, welted seams; correctly padded; palm leather lined. . . . Each, 50c.

No. 17. "Youths." Good size, special brown smooth tanned leather, nicely padded; inside hump, palm leather lined. . . . Each, 50c.

No. 14. "Boys' Amateur." Youths' professional style. Special tanned white leather correctly padded and inside hump; palm leather lined. . . . Each, 50c.

No. 18. "Boys' Own." Oak tanned leather, padded; with inside hump; palm leather lined. . . . Each, 25c.

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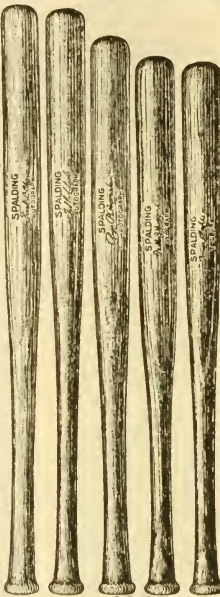
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| No. 50. Men's League, ash, plain handle. " 50c. | |
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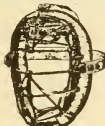


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No. 10-0W



No. 8-0



No. 8-0



No. O-P



No. O-X



No. B.

Spalding "World Series" Open Vision Special Welded Frame Mask

No. 10-0W. Heavily padded; special welded frame. Has the best features of mask manufacture that have come to us during the many years since we put out the first really practical base ball catchers' mask. Weight is as light as consistent with absolute safety; padding conforms to the face with comfort. Each, **\$5.00**

Spalding Open Vision Specially Soldered Frame Masks

No. 8-0. Heavily padded, soldered and reinforced frame of special steel wire, heavy black finish. Reinforced with hard solder at joining points. This feature of maximum strength, together with our patented open vision, has the endorsement of the greatest catchers in the National and American Leagues. Each, **\$5.00**

No. 9-0. Lightly padded, but otherwise similar in construction to our No. 8-0. Some catchers prefer the light padding that we use in our No. 9-0 style to the heavy padding with extra forehead pad, as in the No. 8-0. . . Each, **\$5.00**

Spalding "Special Soldered" Mask

No. 6-0. Each crossing of the wires heavily soldered. Extra heavy wire frame, black finished; improved padding on sides, special forehead pad and molded leather chin-piece; elastic head-band and detachable cloth sun-shade. . . Each, **\$4.00**

Spalding Open Vision Umpires' Mask

No. 5-0. Open vision frame. Has neck protecting attachment and a special ear protection; nicely padded. Safest and most convenient. . . . Each, **\$5.00**

Spalding "Sun Protecting" Mask

No. 4-0. Patent molded leather sun-shade, protecting eyes without obstructing view. Heavy steel wire, black finish. Padded leather chin-strap, improved design; hair-filled pads, including forehead pad, special elastic head-band. Each, **\$4.00**

Spalding "Neck Protecting" Mask

No. 3-0. Neck protecting arrangement affords positive protection. Finest heavy steel wire, black finish; hair-filled pads, special elastic head-strap. Each, **\$3.50**

Spalding "Semi-Pro" League Mask

No. O-P. Black annealed steel wire. Continuous side pads, leather covered, hair-filled; forehead pad; leather chin-strap; elastic head-band. Each, **\$2.50**

Spalding "Regulation League" Masks

No. 2-0. Black annealed steel wire. Hair-filled padding of improved design, including forehead pad, molded leather chin-strap; elastic head-band. Ea., **\$2.00**

No. O-X. Men's. Heavy annealed steel wire, finished in black. Improved leather covered pads, including forehead pad, molded leather chin-strap. Ea., **\$1.50**

No. OXB. Best youths' mask. Black finish, soft annealed steel wire, similar quality throughout to No. OX. . . . Each, **\$1.50**

No. A. Men's. Black enameled steel wire, leather covered pads, forehead pad and molded chin-strap. . . . Each, **\$1.00**

No. B. Youths'. Black enameled steel wire, similar in quality throughout to No. A, but smaller in size. . . . Each, **\$1.00**

No. C. Black enameled; pads covered with leather, wide elastic head-strap, leather strap-and-buckle. . . . Each, **50c.**

No. D. Black enameled; smaller than No. C; substantial for boys. Each, **25c.**

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SPALDING BASE BALL UNIFORMS

Complete set of sample cards, showing swatches of various colors and qualities of material that we actually furnish in our Base Ball Uniforms, will be mailed on application to any team, together with measurement blank and full instructions for measuring players for uniforms.

Spalding "World Series" Uniform No. O.	Complete, \$15.00	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	\$12.50
Spalding "League" Uniform No. 1-T.	Complete, \$12.50	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	10.00
Interscholastic Uniform No. 2.	Complete, \$9.00	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	7.50
Minor League Uniform No. M.	Complete, \$9.00	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	7.50
City League Uniform No. P.	Complete, \$7.50	
Net Price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	6.00
Club Special Uniform No. 3.	Complete, \$6.00	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	5.00
Amateur Special Uniform No. 4.	Complete, \$4.00	
Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team.	Suit,	3.50
Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5.	Complete, \$3.00	
Net price to clubs ordering nine or more uniforms.	Suit,	2.50
Spalding Youths' Uniform No. 6.	Very well made of good quality Gray material.	Complete, 1.00.

ABOVE UNIFORMS CONSIST OF SHIRT, PANTS, CAP, BELT AND STOCKINGS.

SPALDING BASE BALL SHOES



Lightest Base Ball
Shoes ever made.

No. FW. "Featherweight." Kangaroo uppers, white oak leather soles; hand sewed, strictly bench made. Has special edge and vamp protector (Patent applied for), which takes the place of ordinary pitchers' toe plates. Leather laces. Per pair, \$7.50

Sizes and Weights of Spalding "Featherweight"
No. FW Base Ball Shoes

Size of Shoes.....	5	6	7	8	9
Weight, per pair..	18 oz.	18 1/4 oz.	19 oz.	20 oz.	21 oz.

Owing to the lightness and fineness of this shoe, it is suitable only for the fastest players, but as a light weight durable shoe for general use we recommend No. 30-S.

No. 30-S. "Sprinting." Kangaroo leather uppers, white oak leather soles. Built on our famous running shoe last. Strongly made, light in weight. Hand sewed and strictly bench made. Leather laces. Per pair, \$7.00

No. 0. "Club Special." Selected satin calfskin. High point carefully tempered carbon steel plates hand riveted to heels and soles. Per pair, \$5.00

No. 0S. Same as No. 0, but with sprinting style flexible soles. " 5.00

No. 35. "Amateur Special." Leather, machine sewed. High point tempered carbon steel plates hand riveted to heels and soles. Pair, \$3.50 ★ \$39.00 Doz.

No. 37. "Junior." Leather, regular base ball shoe last. Plates hand riveted to heels and soles. Excellent for money, but not guaranteed. Pair, \$2.50 ★ \$27.00 Doz.

Juvenile Base Ball Shoes

No. 38. Made on special boys' size lasts. Good quality material throughout and steel plates. Furnished in boys' sizes, 12 to 5, inclusive, only. Per pair, \$2.00

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SPECIAL NOTICE. Keep the uppers and soles soft by applying Spalding Waterproof Oil. It will greatly add to wear of shoes. Can 25 Cents.

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Spalding Roll Collar Sweaters

The Nos. AA, A and B Sweaters, listed below, are made of special quality worsted, exceedingly soft and pleasant to wear. For straight athletic wear there is no garment more useful than these regular roll collar sweaters which we have been making in our factories for over twenty-five years. Full fashioned to body and arms and put together by hand, not simply stitched up on a machine, as are the majority of garments sold as regular made goods. All made with 9-inch roll collars. Sizes: 28 to 44 inches.



No. AA

than in No. AA. Carried in stock in Gray or White only See list below of colors supplied on special orders. Roll collar.

Each, \$6.00 ★ \$66.00 Doz.

No. AA. The proper style for use after heavy exercise, inducing copious perspiration, for reducing weight or getting into condition for athletic contests. Particularly suitable also for Foot Ball and Skating Heaviest sweater made. Carried in stock in White or Gray only. See list below of colors supplied on special orders.

Each, \$8.00

★ \$84.00 Doz.

No. A. "Intercollegiate." Special weight worsted, lighter



than in No. AA. Carried in stock in Gray or White only See list below of colors supplied on special orders. Roll collar.

Each, \$6.00 ★ \$66.00 Doz.

No. B. Heavy weight, but lighter worsted than in No. A. Carried in stock in Gray or White only. See list below of colors supplied on special orders. Roll collar. . . Each, \$5.00 ★ \$54.00 Doz.

SHAKER SWEATER

No. 3. Good quality all wool sweater, Shaker knit, well made throughout. Sizes: 30 to 44 inches. Standard weight, slightly lighter than No. B. Carried in stock in Gray or White only. See list below of collars supplied on special orders. Roll collar. . . . Each, \$4.00 ★ \$45.00 Doz.

We allow four inches for stretch in all our sweaters, and sizes are marked accordingly. It is suggested, however, that for very heavy men a size about two inches larger than coat measurement be ordered to insure a comfortable fit.

PLAIN COLORS—Sweaters on this page are supplied in any of the colors designated, at regular prices. Other colors to order only in any quality, 50c. each garment extra.

SPECIAL ORDERS—In addition to stock colors mentioned, we also supply any of the sweaters listed on this page, without extra charge, on special orders only, not carried in stock, in any of the

following colors: **BLACK** **CARDINAL** **SEAL BROWN** **MAROON**
NAVY **DARK GREEN** **SCARLET** **COLUMBIA BLUE**

N. B.—We designate three shades which are sometimes called RED. They are Scarlet, Cardinal, Maroon. Where RED is specified on order, we supply Cardinal.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Solid color sweaters with one color body and another color (not striped) collar and cuffs furnished in any of the colors noted, on special order, at no extra charge.

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SPALDING COAT JERSEYS

No. 10C. Worsted, same grade as No. 10P Plain (listed on Page 100). Solid stock colors (not striped), or one solid stock color body and sleeves with different stock color solid trimming (not striped) on cuffs, collar and front edging. Pearl buttons. Each, \$3.50 ★ \$39.00 Doz.



No. 10C

SPALDING STRIPED JERSEYS

Following sizes carried in stock regularly in all qualities: 28 to 44 inch chest. Other sizes at an advanced price.

We allow two inches for stretch in all our Jerseys, and sizes are marked accordingly. It is suggested, however, that for very heavy men a size about two inches larger than coat measurement be ordered to insure a comfortable fit.

No. 10PX. Special quality worsted, fashioned; solid stock color body, with stock color striped sleeves, usually alternating two inches of same color as body, with narrow stripes of any other stock color. Colors as noted. . . . Each, \$3.25 ★ \$33.00 Doz.

No. 12PX. Good quality worsted; solid color body, striped sleeves, usually alternating two inches of same color as body, narrow stripes of some other color. Colors as noted. Each, \$2.75 ★ \$30.00 Doz.



No. 12PW. Good quality worsted; solid stock color body and sleeves, 6 in. stock color stripe around body. Colors as noted. Each, \$2.75 ★ \$30.00 Doz.

STOCK COLORS of Nos. 10PX, 12PX and 12PW Jerseys
BLACK AND ORANGE
NAVY AND WHITE
BLACK AND SCARLET
ROYAL BLUE AND WHITE
COLUMBIA BLUE AND WHITE
SCARLET AND WHITE
MAROON AND WHITE

Second color mentioned is for body stripe or for stripes on sleeves. Other colors than as noted above to order only, not more than two colors in any garment, 50c. each extra.



Nos. 10PX and 12PX



No. 12PW

SPALDING COTTON JERSEYS

No. 6. Cotton, good quality, fashioned, roll collar, full length sleeves. Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Gray, and Maroon only. . . . Each, \$1.00 ★ \$10.80 Doz.

No. 6X. Cotton, as No. 6, but with striped sleeves in following combinations only: Navy with White or Red Stripe; Black with Orange or Red Stripe; Maroon with White Stripe. Ea., \$1.25 ★ \$13.20 Doz.

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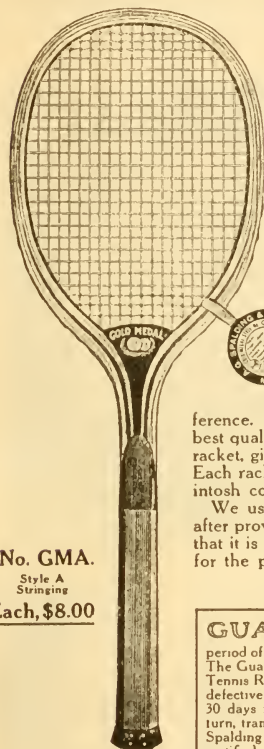


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Spalding Gold Medal Rackets

Patented January 3, 1905; June 12, 1906.



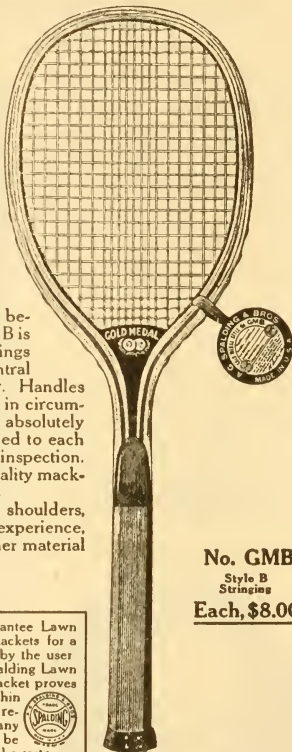
STYLE
A

No. GMA.
Style A
Stringing
Each, \$8.00

THE success we have met with in putting out this racket accompanied by the broadest guarantee ever given on an article of this kind is the best evidence as to the truth of our assertions regarding the great care which we exercise in watching every detail of its manufacture. The racket is sold upon its own reputation and the Spalding Guarantee is your assurance of satisfaction.

The difference between Styles A and B is in the additional strings reinforcing the central portion of the latter. Handles 5, 5½ and 5¾ inches in circumference. Stringing of clearest and absolutely best quality lambs' gut. Tag attached to each racket, giving particulars of special inspection. Each racket enclosed in special quality mackintosh cover.

We use a dogwood insertion in shoulders, after proving to our satisfaction, by experience, that it is far superior to cane or other material for the purpose.



STYLE
B

No. GMB.
Style B
Stringing
Each, \$8.00

GUARANTEE We guarantee Lawn Tennis Rackets for a period of 30 days from date of purchase by the user. The Guarantee Tag attached to each Spalding Lawn Tennis Racket reads as follows: If this Racket proves defective in workmanship or material within 30 days from date of purchase, please return, transportation charges prepaid, to any Spalding Store, and the defect will be rectified. Imperfectly strung Rackets will be restrung, and in the event of a broken frame due to workmanship or defective material, the Racket will be replaced. Notice.—This Guarantee does not apply to Rackets weighing less than 13 ounces.



We urge that at the conclusion of play this Racket be rubbed dry, and when not in use be covered with a Waterproof Cover, placed in a Racket Press, and the gut occasionally gone over with Spalding Tennis Gut Preservative. **KEEP YOUR RACKET IN A DRY PLACE, otherwise the Guarantee is void.**

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PERFECT SEWING

ON the record made by the Spalding Championship Tennis Ball so far we are willing to base our claims for superiority, and wherever the ball is used, either in a tournament or regular play, we are certain our judgment will be confirmed. Absolutely best in every particular of manufacture and made by people who have been in our employ, many of them, for twenty years and over, we place the Spalding Championship Tennis Ball before the most critical clientele in the athletic world with perfect confidence that it will give absolute satisfaction.

No. 00. Per dozen, \$5.00
Three balls only. . . . 1.25
One or two balls. Each, .45



Wright & Ditson Championship

No. 5. So well known that comment as to its qualities is unnecessary. Per doz., \$5.50
On orders for NOT less than 1 gross. . . Per gross, \$60.00



Tournament

No. 0. In the manufacture of the Spalding Championship Ball only those which are absolutely perfect in every particu-

lar are allowed to pass, and the "culls" or "throw-outs" are stamped simply Tournament and do not bear the Spalding Trade-Mark. These balls will answer for practice or for children's use, but should not be used for match play. . . . Per dozen, \$3.00. Each, 25c.

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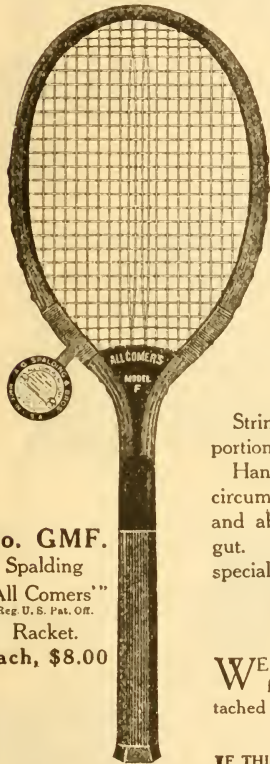
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"All Comers" No. GMF Racket

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off. Feb. 20, 1912

Patented March 6, 1900;
January 3, 1905; June 12, 1906



No. GMF.
Spalding
"All Comers"
Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.
Racket.
Each, \$8.00

THIS racket is built for hard continuous play, and every detail of its construction has been passed upon by six different players of National reputation who know what is needed in a really dependable racket for tournament use.

New model, with large frame. Walnut throat piece. The shoulders wrapped with gut for special reinforcement.

Stringing is double in the central portion in the popular expert style.

Handles 5, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in circumference. Stringing of clearest and absolutely best quality lambs' gut. Each racket enclosed in a special quality mackintosh cover.



MAURICE McLOUGHLIN
Winner of All Comers'
Tournament at Newport, 1911
National Champion, 1912

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Large bottles. Each, 50c.
Small bottles. Each, 25c.

Spalding Elastic Bandages



Spalding Shoulder Bandage

Give circumference around arm and chest. Mention for which shoulder required.

No. 101. Cotton thread. Each, \$3.50
No. 101A. Silk thread. Each, \$5.00

Spalding Knee Cap Bandage

Give circumference below knee, at knee and just above knee, and state if light or strong pressure is desired.

No. 104. Cotton thread. Each, \$1.00
No. 104A. Silk thread. Each, \$2.00



Spalding Wrist Bandage

Give circumference around smallest part of wrist, and state if for light or strong pressure.

No. 106. Cotton thread. . . . Each, 50c.
No. 106A. Silk thread. " 75c.

Spalding Elbow Bandage

Give circumference above and below elbow and state if for light or strong pressure.

No. 102. Cotton thread. Each, \$1.00
No. 102A. Silk thread. Each, \$2.00



Spalding Ankle Bandage

Give circumference around ankle and over instep; state if light or strong pressure is desired.

No. 105. Cotton thread. Each, \$1.00
No. 105A. Silk thread. Each, \$2.00



Spalding Elastic Bandage

Composed of threads of rubber completely covered. The pressure can be applied wherever necessary. To fasten insert end under last fold.

No. 30. Width 3 in., 5 yds. long (stretched). Each, 60c.
No. 25. Width 2½ in., 5 yds. long (stretched). " 50c.



Spalding Elastic Belt

Our elastic foot ball belt stretches with the length of the body and may be attached to jacket and pants, thus forming one continuous suit. By closely fitting the body, the opposing player has less chance of tackling. Allows perfect freedom in all positions.



No. 1. Width 6 inches. Each, \$1.50

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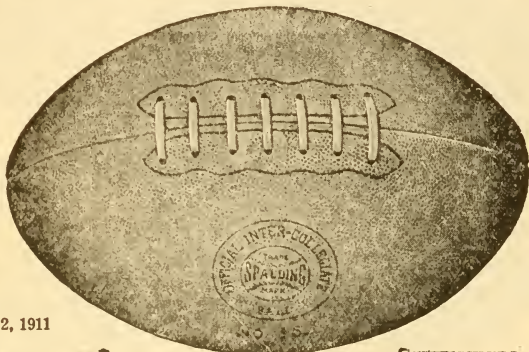
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The Spalding Official Intercollegiate Foot Ball



Pat. Sept 12, 1911

No. J5 . . . Complete, \$5.00

This is the ONLY OFFICIAL COLLEGE FOOT BALL, and is used in every important match played in this country.

GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY
IF SEAL OF BOX IS
UNBROKEN

Each ball complete in sealed box, including leather case, guaranteed pure Para rubber bladder (not compounded), inflater, lacing needle and rawhide lace.



WE GUARANTEE every J5 Spalding Foot Ball to be perfect in material and workmanship and correct in shape and size when inspected at our factory. If any defect is discovered during the first game in which it is used, or during the first day's practice use, and if returned at once, we will replace same under this guarantee. We do not guarantee against ordinary wear nor against defect in shape or size that is not discovered immediately after the first day's use. ¶ Owing to the superb quality of every Spalding Foot Ball, our customers have grown to expect a season's use of one ball, and at times make unreasonable claims under our guarantee which we will not allow.

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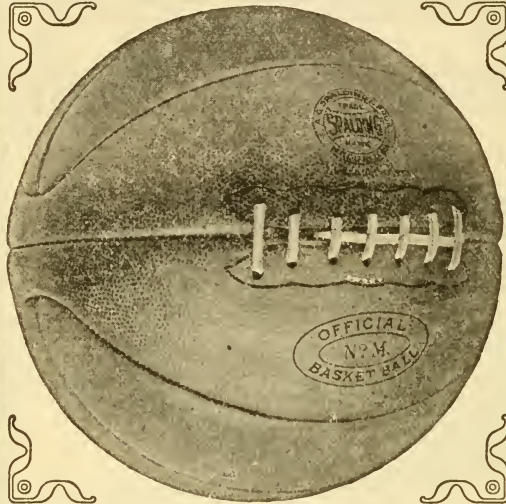
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WE GUARANTEE
this ball to be perfect in material and workmanship and correct in shape and size when inspected at our factory. If any defect is discovered during the first game in which it is used, or during the first day's practice use, and, if returned at once, we will replace same under this guarantee. We do not guarantee against ordinary wear nor against defect in shape or size that is not discovered immediately after the first day's use.

Owing to the superb quality of our No. M Basket Ball, our customers have grown to expect a season's use of one ball, and at times make unreasonable claims under our guarantee, which we will not allow.
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OFFICIALLY ADOPTED AND STANDARD. The cover is made in four sections, with capless ends, and of the finest and most carefully selected pebble grain English leather. We take the entire output of this superior grade of leather from the English tanners, and in the Official Basket Ball use the choicest parts of each hide. Extra heavy bladder made especially for this ball of extra quality pure Para rubber (not compounded). Each ball packed complete, in sealed box, with rawhide lace and lacing needle, and guaranteed perfect in every detail. To provide that all official contests may be held under absolutely fair and uniform conditions, it is stipulated that this ball must be used in all match games of either men's or women's teams.

No. M. Spalding "Official" Basket Ball. Each, \$6.00

Extract from Men's Official Rule Book

RULE II—BALL.

SEC. 3. The ball made by A. G. Spalding & Bros. shall be the official ball. Official balls will be stamped as herewith, and will be in sealed boxes.

SEC. 4. The official ball must be used in all match games.



Extract from

Official Collegiate Rule Book

The Spalding Official Basket Ball No. M is the official ball of the Intercollegiate Basket Ball Association, and must be used in all match games.



Extract from Women's Official Rule Book

RULE II—BALL.

SEC. 3. The ball made by A. G. Spalding & Bros. shall be the official ball. Official balls will be stamped as herewith, and will be in sealed boxes.

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SPALDING OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOES



No. 14V



All of these shoes are hand made. Finest kangaroo leather uppers and best white oak leather soles. They are the same style shoes that we supplied to the American athletes who were so successful at the last Olympic Games, and they are worn in competition by all prominent athletes in this country.

Spalding "Olympic Championship" Pole Vaulting Shoe

No. 14V. High cut; special last. Style supplied to record holders for pole vaulting. Hand made steel spikes in sole. One spike in heel. Made to order only. Not carried in stock.

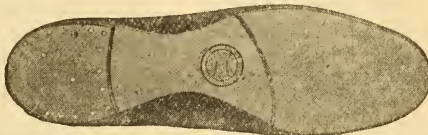
Per pair, \$6.00

Spalding "Olympic Championship" Walking Shoe

No. 14W. For competition and match races. This style shoe is used by all champion walkers. Per pair, \$5.00



No. 14W



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No. 2-0



Spalding "Olympic Championship" Sprint Running Shoe

No. 2-0. Extremely light and glove fitting. Hand made steel spikes firmly riveted on. This shoe is worn by all champions in sprint and short distance races.

Per pair, \$6.00

Spalding "Olympic Championship" Distance Running Shoe

No. 14C. For distance races on athletic tracks. Low, broad heel, flexible shank. Hand made steel spikes in sole. No spikes in heel.

Per pair, \$6.00



No. 14C



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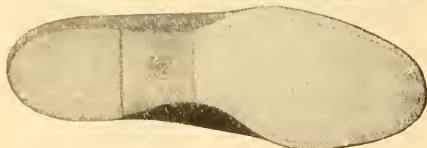
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Spalding **MARATHON** "Μαραθών" Long Distance Running Shoes

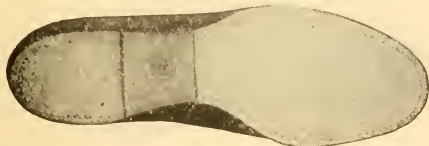
No. MH. High cut, but light in weight. Well finished inside so as not to hurt the feet in a long race. Special leather soles, will not wear smooth; light leather heels; special quality black calf-skin uppers. Hand sewed. Pair, \$5.00



No. MH



No. MO



No. MO. Low cut. Blucher style. Otherwise the same as No. MH.

Per pair, \$5.00

Keep the uppers of all running shoes soft and pliable by using Spalding Waterproof Oil. It will greatly add to the wear of shoes.

Per can, 25c.

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Spalding Outdoor Running Shoes



No. 11T



No. 11T. Calfskin,
machine made; solid
leather tap sole holds
spikes firmly in
place. Pair, **\$4.50**
★ **\$48.00 Doz.**

No. 11. Calfskin,
machine made.
Per pair, **\$3.50**
★ **\$36.00 Doz.**

Juvenile Outdoor Running Shoes

No. 12. Leather,
good quality, com-
plete with spikes.
Sizes 12 to 5 only.

Per pair, **\$2.75**



No. 11



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Spalding's Worsted Jerseys

Following sizes carried in stock regularly in all qualities: 28 to 44 inch chest. Other sizes at an advanced price.

We allow two inches for stretch in all our Jerseys, and sizes are marked accordingly. It is suggested, however, that for very heavy men a size about two inches larger than coat measurement be ordered to insure a comfortable fit.



No. 1P

STOCK COLORS

PLAIN COLORS—We carry in stock in all Spalding Stores our line of worsted jerseys (NOT Nos. 12XB, 6, or 6X) in following colors: NAVY BLUE GRAY BLACK MAROON

SPECIAL ORDERS

We also furnish, without extra charge, on special orders for one-half dozen or more, not carried in stock and NOT supplied in Nos. 12XB, 6, or 6X, the following colors. On orders for less than one-half dozen 10 per cent. will be added to regular price
WHITE DARK GREEN
CARDINAL IRISH GREEN
ORANGE PURPLE
SCARLET YELLOW
ROYAL BLUE SEAL BROWN
COLUMBIA BLUE OLD GOLD

Other colors than as noted above to order only in any quality (EXCEPT Nos. 14P, 12XB, 6, and 6X), 50c. each extra.

N. B.—We designate three shades which are sometimes called RED. They are Scarlet, Cardinal, and Maroon. Where RED is specified on order, Cardinal will be supplied.



No. 1PF

SPALDING INTERCOLLEGIATE JERSEY

This jersey we consider in a class by itself. No other manufacturer makes a garment of anywhere near the same grade. We recommend it to those who really want the best.

No. 1P. Regular roll collar. Full regular made; that is, fashioned or knit to exact shape on the machine and then put together by hand, altogether different from cutting them out of a piece of material and sewing them up on a machine, as are the majority of garments known as jerseys. Special quality worsted. Solid colors as specified above. Each, \$4.00 ★ \$42.00 Doz.

No. 1PF. Straight low collar. Quality of worsted and manufacture same as No. 1P. Solid colors as specified above. Each, \$4.00 ★ \$42.00 Doz.

No. 10P. Regular roll collar. Special quality worsted, fashioned. Solid colors as specified above. Each, \$3.00 ★ \$30.00 Doz.

No. 10PF. Straight low collar. Quality of worsted and manufacture same as No. 10P. Solid colors as specified above. Each, \$3.00 ★ \$30.00 Doz.

No. 12P. Regular roll collar. Good quality worsted. Solid colors as specified above. Each, \$2.50 ★ \$27.00 Doz.

No. 14P. Regular roll collar. Worsted. Solid colors: Navy Blue, Black, Gray, and Maroon only. Each, \$2.00 ★ \$21.00 Doz.

No. 12XB. Boys' Jersey. Regular roll collar. Worsted. Furnished in sizes 26 to 34 inches chest measurement only. Solid colors: Navy Blue, Black, Gray, and Maroon only. No special orders. Each, \$2.00 ★ \$21.00 Doz.

Jerseys with Necklace—Nos. 1P, 1PF, 10P, 10PF or 12P Jerseys with necklace stripe of any color specified above, at an extra charge of \$1.00 per garment.

Woven Letters, Numerals or Designs

We weave into our best grade Jerseys, No. 1P, Letters, Numerals and Designs in special colors as desired. Prices quoted on application. Designs submitted. Prices Subject to Advance Without Notice.

Jerseys are being used more and more by Base Ball Players, especially for early Spring and late Fall games. On account of the special Spalding knit they are very durable, and at the same time they offer no restraint on the free movement of the player



No. 1PF Jersey with Necklace

No. 1P Jersey with Woven Letter

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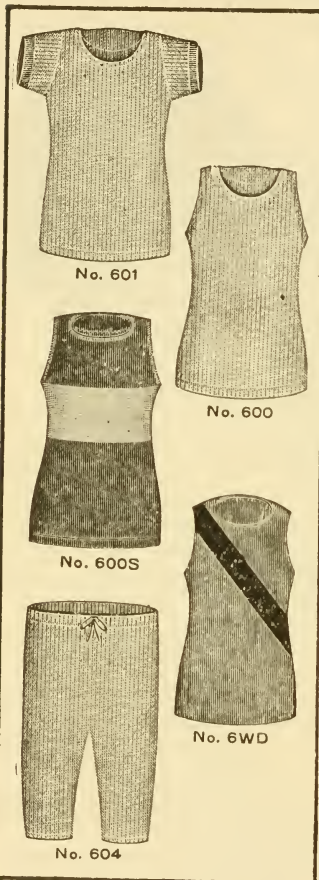
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Spalding Athletic Shirts and Tights



STOCK COLORS AND SIZES. OUR WORSTED GOODS are furnished in Gray, White, Navy Blue, Maroon, and Black only. Stock sizes: Shirts, 26 to 44 inch chest. Tights, 28 to 42 inch waist.
SANITARY COTTON GOODS. Colors: Bleached White, Navy, Black, Maroon, and Gray. Stock sizes: Shirts, 26 to 44 inch chest. Tights, 26 to 42 inch waist.

Spalding Sleeveless Shirts—Plain Colors

STOCK COLORS AND SIZES
No. 600. Good quality worsted. Each, \$1.25 ★ *\$12.60 Doz.*
No. 6E. Sanitary Cotton. " .50 ★ *4.75 " "*

Spalding Striped Sleeveless Shirts

No. 600S. Good quality worsted, with 6-inch stripe around chest, in following combinations of colors: Navy with White stripe; Black with Orange stripe; Maroon with White stripe; Red with Black stripe; Royal Blue with White Stripe; Black with Red stripe; Gray with Cardinal stripe.

Each, \$1.50 ★ *\$15.00 Doz.*

No. 6ES. Sanitary Cotton, solid color body, with 6-inch stripe around chest, in same combinations of colors as No. 600S.

Each, 75c. ★ *\$7.50 Doz.*

Spalding Shirts with Sash

No. 600D. Good quality worsted, sleeveless, with woven sash of different color from body. Same colors as No. 600S. To order only; not carried in stock. Each, \$2.00 ★ *\$21.00 Doz.*

No. 6WD. Sanitary Cotton, sleeveless, with woven sash of different color from body. Same combinations of colors as No. 600S. To order only; not carried in stock.

Each, \$1.25 ★ *\$12.00 Doz.*

No. 6ED. Sanitary Cotton, sleeveless, solid color body with sash stitched on of different color. Same combinations of colors as No. 600S. Each, 75c. ★ *\$7.50 Doz.*

Spalding Quarter Sleeve Shirts

No. 601. Good quality worsted. No. 6F. Sanitary Cotton, ed, stock colors and sizes. stock colors and sizes.

Each, \$1.50 ★ *\$15.00 Doz.* Each, 50c. ★ *\$4.75 Doz.*

Woven Necklace on Shirts

We furnish either Nos. 600, 601 or 600S Shirts, on special orders only, with necklace woven of different color to body of shirt, in stock colors only, for an extra charge of \$1.00 per garment.

Spalding Full Sleeve Shirts

No. 3D. Cotton, Flesh, White, Black. Ea., \$1.00 ★ *\$10.00 Doz.*

Spalding Knee Tights

STOCK COLORS AND SIZES
No. 604. Good quality worsted. Pair, \$1.25 ★ *\$12.60 Doz.*
No. 4B. Sanitary Cotton. " .50 ★ *4.75 " "*

Spalding Juvenile Shirts and Tights

ONLY SIZES SUPPLIED: Chest, 26 to 30 inches, inclusive; Waist, 24 to 26 inches, inclusive.
No. 65. Sleeveless Shin, quality of No. 600. Each, \$1.00
No. 65S. Sleeveless Shirt, quality of No. 600S. " 1.25
No. 66. Quarter Sleeve Shirt, quality of No. 601. " 1.25
No. 64. Knee Tights, quality of No. 604. " 1.15

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Do You Know

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What was the greatest number of victories in a major league playing season?

What pitchers have had no-hit games to their credit in the major leagues since 1880?

What player holds the record for circling the bases?

What major league club holds the record for greatest number of shut-out games in a season?

What players have batted .300 since 1876?

What major league players participated in every game of their club's schedule in 1912?

Who batted nearly .500 in 1887?

What was the greatest number of runs made in a major league game since 1876?

What pitcher in the National League struck out 21 batsmen in a nine-innings game?

What pitcher holds the record for the first no-hit-no-run game?

Answers to above and records of all the leagues, teams and players, with pictures of players and teams, will be found in **SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL RECORD FOR 1913**. Sent by mail anywhere on receipt of **10 Cents** by A. G. Spalding & Bros. (see list of store addresses on inside front cover).

Who won the 100 yards championship in 1876?

How many events America won in the first international meeting—England vs. America?

What amateur won four National Championships in one day?

Who holds the half-mile indoor board floor record?

Who won the first American all-around championship?

Who comprise the All-America athletic team for 1912?

What the record is for running 100 yards?

Who is the all-around champion?

What the records are for best college athletic performances?

Where the next Olympic games will be held?

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Special articles on college base ball and on early college games. All America teams. Reviews, records, scores of Yale - Harvard - Princeton, etc., games, with captains. Pictures of leading clubs.

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EVERY BOY who aims to become a good ball player should read the Spalding Athletic Library Base Ball Series (Group I), a list of which is given in the front part of this book. Every department of the game is thoroughly covered by a competent authority, and they form the best books of instruction on the game ever published.

CAUTION TO THE BASE BALL BOYS OF 1913

Because of your youth and inexperience, advantage is frequently taken of you base ball boys, by the so-called "Just as Good" dealer, who tries to palm off on you some of his "Just as Good" Base Ball goods, made especially for him by the "Just as Good" manufacturer, when you call for the Spalding goods. You are cautioned not to be deceived by this "Just as Good" combination, for when you get onto the field you will find these "Just as Good" Balls, Bats, Mitts, etc., will not stand the wear and punishment of the genuine Spalding articles. Remember that Spalding Goods are standard the world over, and are used by all the leading clubs and players. These "Just as Good" manufacturers endeavor to copy the Spalding styles, adopt the Spalding descriptive matter and Spalding list prices, and then try to see how very cheap and showy they can make the article, so the "Just as Good" dealer can work off these imitations on the unsuspecting boy.

Don't be deceived by the attractive 25 to 40 per cent. discount that may be offered you, for remember that their printed prices are arranged for the special purpose of misleading you and to enable the "Just as Good" dealer to offer you this special discount bait. This "discount" pill that the "Just as Good" dealer asks you to swallow is sugar coated and covered up by various catchy devices, that are well calculated to deceive the inexperienced boy, who will better understand these tricks of the trade as he grows older. Remember that all Spalding Athletic Goods are sold at the established printed prices, and no dealer is permitted to sell them at a greater or less price. Special discounts on Spalding Goods are unknown. Everybody is treated alike. This policy persistently adhered to makes it possible to maintain from year to year the high quality of Spalding Athletic Goods, which depend for their sale on Spalding Quality, backed by the broad Spalding Guarantee, and not on any deceiving device like this overworked and fraudulent "Discount" scheme adopted by all of the "Just as Good" dealers.

Occasionally one of these "Just as Good" dealers will procure some of the Spalding well known red boxes, place them in a showy place on his shelves, and when Spalding Goods are called for, will take from these Spalding boxes one of the "Just as Good" things, and try to palm it off on the boy as a genuine Spalding article. When you go into a store and ask for a Spalding article, see to it that the Spalding Trade-Mark is on that article, and if the dealer tries to palm off on you something "Just as Good," politely bow yourself out and go to another store, where the genuine Spalding article can be procured.

In purchasing a genuine Spalding Athletic article, you are protected by the broad Spalding Guarantee, which reads as follows:

We Guarantee to each purchaser of an article bearing the Spalding Trade-Mark that such article will give satisfaction and a reasonable amount of service, when used for the purpose for which it was intended and under ordinary conditions and fair treatment.

We Agree to repair or replace, free of charge, any such article which proves defective in material or workmanship when subjected to fair treatment: PROVIDED, such defective article is returned to us, transportation prepaid, within thirty days after purchase (except where otherwise stipulated on special guarantee tag attached to certain articles), and accompanied by a letter from the user, giving his name and address, and explaining the claim.

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Beware of the "Just as Good" manufacturer, who makes "pretty" Athletic Goods (as if they were for use as an ornament) at the expense of "quality," in order to deceive the dealer; and beware of the substitute-dealer who completes the fraud by offering the "Just as Good" article when Spalding Goods are asked for.

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Caddy
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Standard Policy

A Standard Quality must be inseparably linked to a Standard Policy. Without a definite and Standard Mercantile Policy, it is impossible for a Manufacturer to long maintain a Standard Quality.

To market his goods through the jobber, a manufacturer must provide a profit for the jobber as well as for the retail dealer. To meet these conditions of Dual Profits, the manufacturer is obliged to set a proportionately high list price on his goods to the consumer.

To enable the glib salesman, when booking his orders, to figure out attractive profits to both the jobber and retailer, these high list prices are absolutely essential; but their real purpose will have been served when the manufacturer has secured his order from the jobber, and the jobber has secured his order from the retailer.

However, these deceptive high list prices are not fair to the consumer, who does not, and, in reality, is not ever expected to pay these fancy list prices.

When the season opens for the sale of such goods, with their misleading but alluring high list prices, the retailer begins to realize his responsibilities, and grapples with the situation as best he can, by offering "special discounts," which vary with local trade conditions.

Under this system of merchandising, the profits to both the manufacturer and the jobber are assured; but as there is no stability maintained in the prices to the consumer, the keen competition amongst the local dealers invariably leads to a demoralized cutting of prices by which the profits of the retailer are practically eliminated.

This demoralization always reacts on the manufacturer. The jobber insists on lower, and still lower, prices. The manufacturer, in his turn, meets this demand for the lowering of prices by the only way open to him, viz.: the cheapening and degrading of the quality of his product.

The foregoing conditions became so intolerable that 14 years ago, in 1899, A. G. Spalding & Bros. determined to rectify this demoralization in the Athletic Goods Trade, and inaugurated what has since become known as "The Spalding Policy."

The "Spalding Policy" eliminates the jobber entirely, so far as Spalding Goods are concerned, and the retail dealer secures the supply of Spalding Athletic Goods direct from the manufacturer by which the retail dealer is assured a fair, legitimate and certain profit on all Spalding Athletic Goods, and the consumer is assured a Standard Quality and is protected from imposition.

The "Spalding Policy" is decidedly for the interest and protection of the users of Athletic Goods, and acts in two ways:

First.—The user is assured of genuine Official Standard Athletic Goods and the same prices to everybody.

Second.—As manufacturers, we can proceed with confidence in purchasing at the proper time, the very best raw materials required in the manufacture of our various goods, well ahead of their respective seasons, and this enables us to provide the necessary quantity and absolutely maintain the Spalding Standard of Quality.

All retail dealers handling Spalding Athletic Goods are requested to supply consumers at our regular printed catalogue prices—neither more nor less—the same prices that similar goods are sold for in our New York, Chicago and other stores.

All Spalding dealers, as well as users of Spalding Athletic Goods, are treated exactly alike, and no special rebates or discriminations are allowed to anyone.

This briefly, is the "Spalding Policy," which has already been in successful operation for the past 14 years, and will be indefinitely continued.

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Standard Quality

An article that is universally given the appellation "Standard" is thereby conceded to be the criterion, to which are compared all other things of a similar nature. For instance, the Gold Dollar of the United States is the Standard unit of currency, because it must legally contain a specific proportion of pure gold, and the fact of its being Genuine is guaranteed by the Government Stamp thereon. As a protection to the users of this currency against counterfeiting and other tricks, considerable money is expended in maintaining a Secret Service Bureau of Experts. Under the law, citizen manufacturers must depend to a great extent upon Trade-Marks and similar devices to protect themselves against counterfeit products—without the aid of "Government Detectives" or "Public Opinion" to assist them.

Consequently the "Consumer's Protection" against misrepresentation and "inferior quality" rests entirely upon the integrity and responsibility of the "Manufacturer."

A. G. Spalding & Bros. have, by their rigorous attention to "Quality," for thirty-seven years, caused their Trade-Mark to become known throughout the world as a Guarantee of Quality as dependable in their field as the U. S. Currency is in its field.

The necessity of upholding the Guarantee of the Spalding Trade-Mark and maintaining the Standard Quality of their Athletic Goods, is, therefore, as obvious as is the necessity of the Government in maintaining a Standard Currency.

Thus each consumer is not only insuring himself but also protecting other consumers when he assists a Reliable Manufacturer in upholding his Trade-Mark and all that it stands for. Therefore, we urge all users of our Athletic Goods to assist us in maintaining the Spalding Standard of Excellence, by insisting that our Trade-Mark be plainly stamped on all athletic goods which they buy, because without this precaution our best efforts towards maintaining Standard Quality and preventing fraudulent substitution will be ineffectual.

Manufacturers of Standard Articles invariably suffer the reputation of being high-priced, and this sentiment is fostered and emphasized by makers of "inferior goods," with whom low prices are the main consideration.

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