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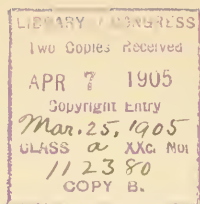
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INTRODUCTION

No other position on a ball team has shown such a change for the better in recent years as first base. Modifications in line with the betterment of the sport in every department have been made at intervals, but in no other department have they been so radical.

But a few years back the sole idea of a first baseman's qualifications was ability to hit the ball hard. But little attention was paid to his fielding and the common idea was that anyone who could bat at a .300 clip could be taught to field the position. All he was expected to do was to handle thrown balls and stop hits which came right over the bag or but a few feet each side. Ability to run bases was not considered. What was wanted was a man who could hit the ball a mile and send runs across the plate.

As a result, there was a tribe of players on the initial sack who even outweighed the catchers. Weight was an advantage in two ways, it put force behind the bat and a man of large proportions was an easier mark for a fielder to throw at.

This style of first baseman has disappeared and in his place has come a player more suited to the fast modern game. The first baseman of to-day is the superior of the man he has displaced in every way save that of extra base hitting. He is still expected to be one of the best batters on the team but must possess other qualities as well. In the field he is expected to do his share of the defensive work and ability to run bases is one of his important qualifications. As a result he makes up for his lack of heavy hitting by more scientific work with the stick and can be used to better advantage in the batting list.

Although the first baseman cannot yet be ranked as the most important player on the team, men of the caliber of Tenney,

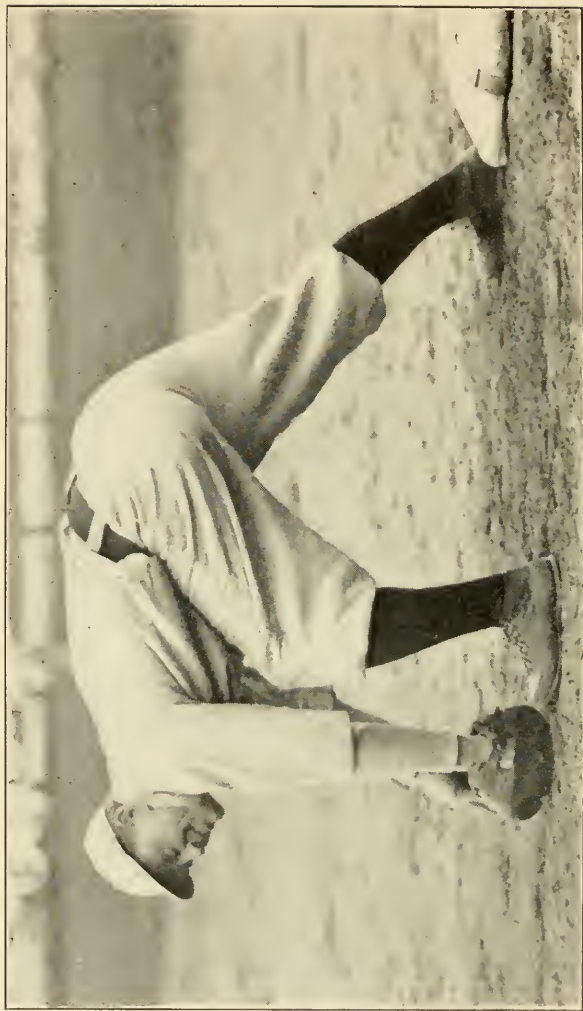


DAN MCGANN.

First baseman of the champion Giants, and, taking everything into consideration, batting, fielding and base running, one of the fastest big players in the business.

Bransfield, Chance and La Chance are of immense value to a team. Quick headwork on their part saves more errors for their team than that of any other player on the club and a first-class first baseman is absolutely necessary to round out a successful team. Much responsibility rests upon him because of the many chances he has to handle and the amount of damage done by breaks on his part.

One of the first points which comes up for consideration in the selection or making of a first baseman is: What special physical qualifications are necessary, if any?



JOE KELLEY,

Stooping forward to block a fast grounder that is coming in his direction. Kelley plays first with much accuracy.

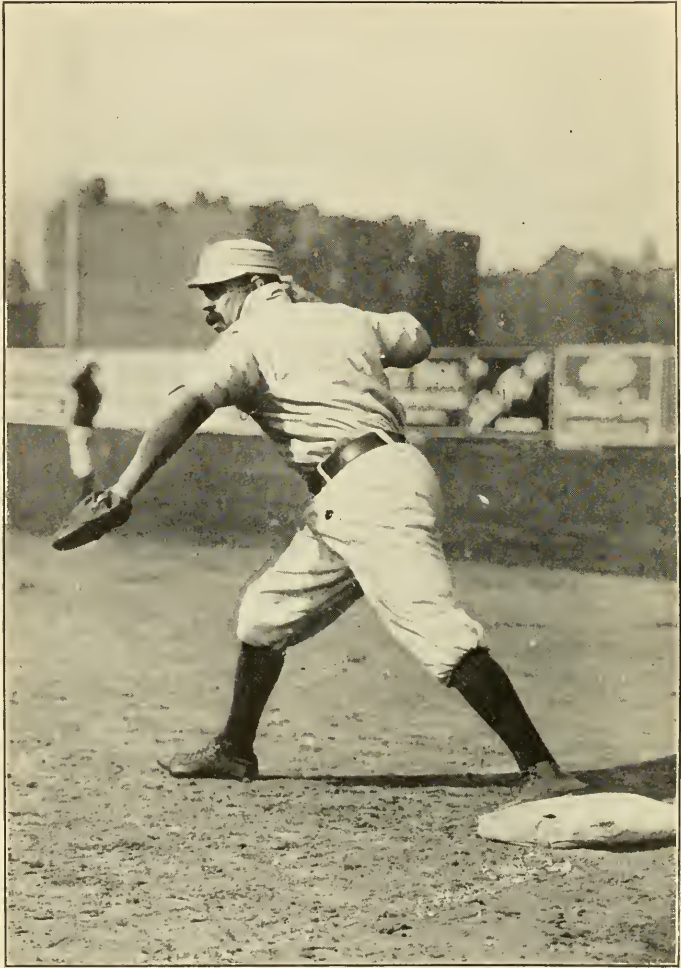
QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY

Height and reach are the cardinal qualifications of a first baseman and this is the only position on the nine where these two points are at a premium. There are first basemen who are not above the average in height and reach but players who are undersized are not wanted at first. Height is needed in getting high throws and a long reach is an aid in this direction also as well as in reaching for wide thrown balls. Every inch that a first baseman can reach without getting both feet off the bag is just that much gain for the fielders on hurried throws. As speed and handiness in fielding are also required of a first baseman a compromise in regard to height reach has to be made with the former and that is the reason there are not more giants on first. As it is, not a few of the major league first basemen are close to six feet in height.

Speed is one of the requisites coming into demand more and more every day on the part of first basemen. The latter are now required to cover considerable territory. More fouls are being batted out toward first now than ever and a speedy man can do much damage to an opposing team by chasing them down. In covering ground inside of first and toward the plate it is necessary to make fast turns and a quick man on his feet has a big advantage here.

A good arm is a valuable asset to a first baseman, though he does not have the same amount of use for it that a shortstop or third baseman has. Its value lies in ability to whip the ball back to third to prevent runners from going from first or second to that point on outs at first. It is also useful in making double plays at second when the ball is fielded by the first baseman and returned from second.

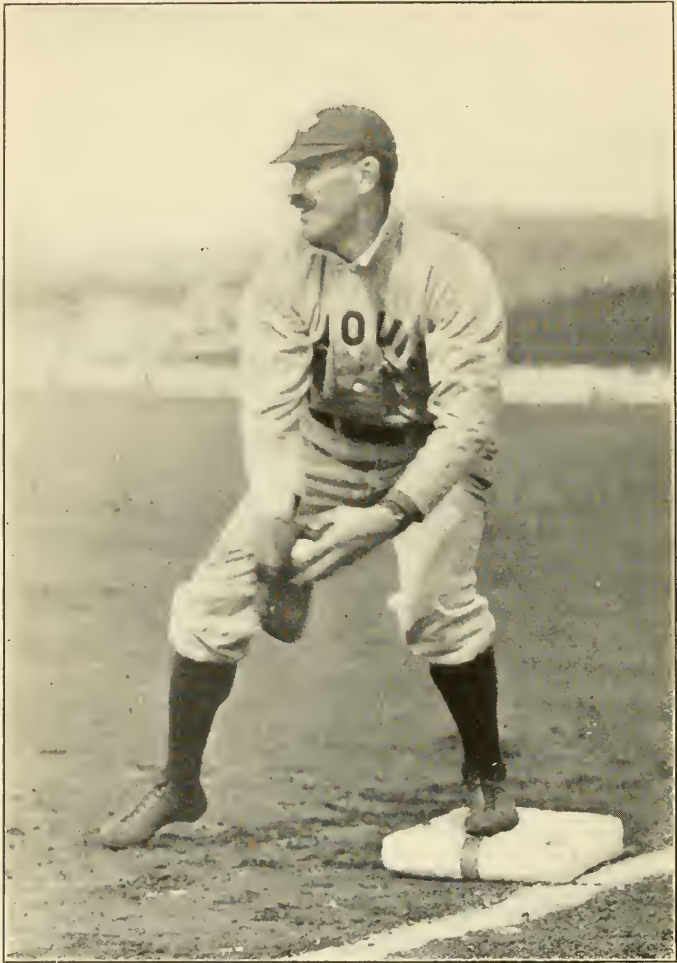
A good eye is of more value to a first baseman possibly than



LA CHANCE.

First baseman for the Boston champions, who is very expert in picking up low throws.

to any other member of the team when the latter is on the defensive. This comes into play in fielding bad throws and judging correctly close plays at first. A fraction of a second or a couple of inches frequently means the difference between an out and safety for the base runner. Hence it is important that a first baseman be able to judge accurately and quickly.



JACOB BECKLEY,

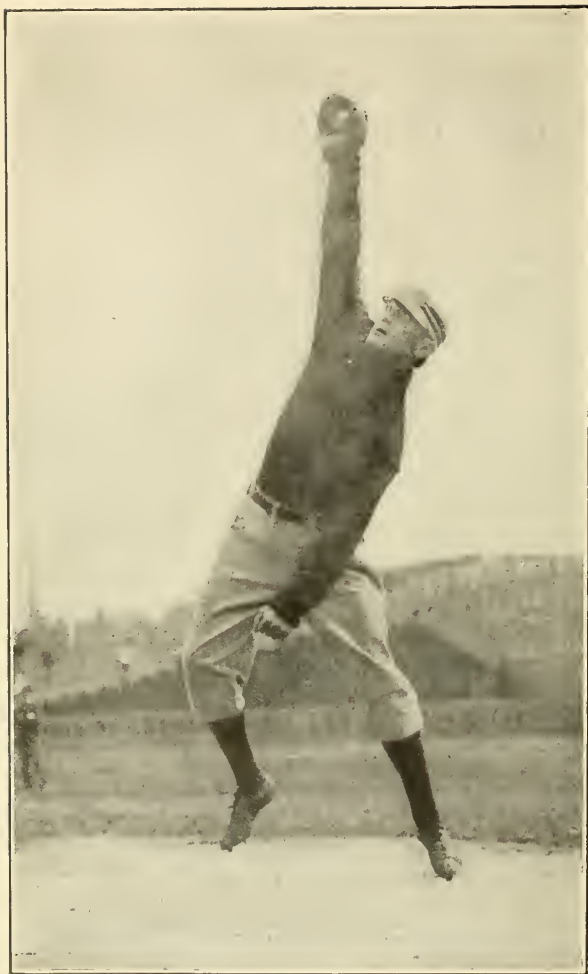
Ball in hand, ready to catch a runner who is trying to score from third. Beckley is noted for returning the ball very quickly on a base play.

HOW TO PLACE YOURSELF

The regular position for a first baseman is about ten feet inside of the bag and the same distance to the rear of a line drawn between first and second, unless the base line is skinned and the other portions of the diamond are covered with grass. In this latter case field back just far enough to get a grounder before it leaves the skinned surface. This covers the ground toward second not taken care of by the second baseman and yet enables you to prevent hits getting between yourself and the bag.

There is but one standard position for a first baseman while waiting for a batter with the bases vacant. Face the batter and lean slightly forward on the toes with the hands on the knees. This will enable you to get a quick start either for first in order to cover the bag on a throw or to field the ball. Balance yourself evenly so as to be able to get a quick start toward second or first as the case may demand. Watch the pitcher and get a start when he delivers the ball so as to get in motion. If you are standing still when the ball is hit sharply it is likely to get the jump on you and get past before you can get to it.

In fielding grounders there are several things to look out for. Be sure to get your glove firmly on the ground so as to prevent the ball from forcing its way under your fingers. A first baseman seldom has to field a ball with one hand and, when possible, always use both. Many of the chances sent toward first are hard enough without making them more so by trying for a spectacular play. In fielding any kind of a ball always squeeze it hard or it may twist out of your glove. When the ball comes to you on the ground keep your knees together and your body low so as to block the leather in case it should get past your hands. Even if the latter happens this will save you some disastrous consequences.



FRED TENNEY,

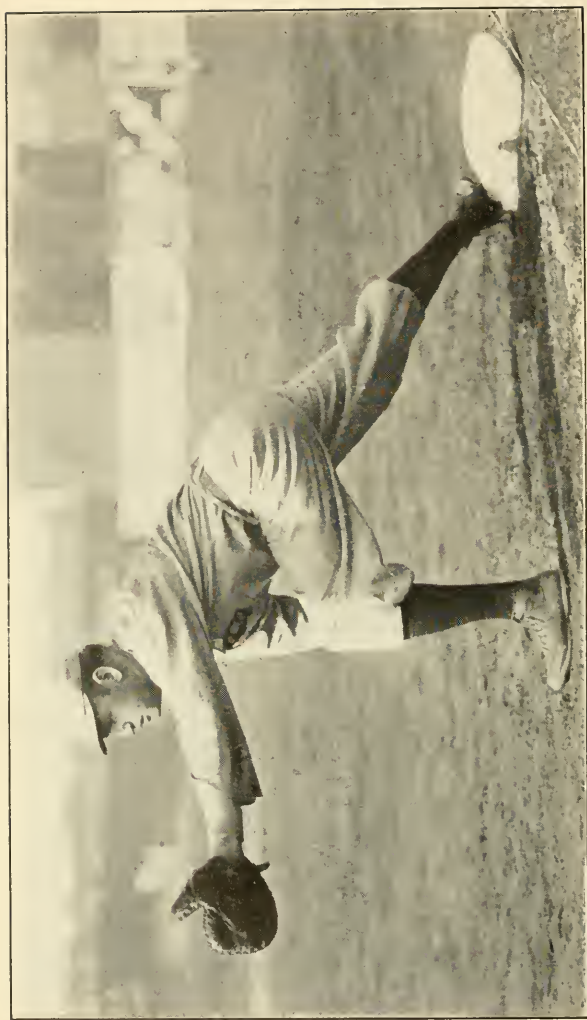
Who is a left-hand thrower but equally expert with both hands, in catching throws at first. He is a wonderful ground coverer.

In making a catch always try to place yourself in a position for the next play. In a good percentage of the cases this will be a run over to first to tag the bag. The pitcher should cover first or in some cases the second baseman, and in case they do it is best to make a toss to first. It costs you nothing to give the player covering the bag an out, while you take the assist. It is better to make the assist even when the out could be made with ease by yourself. The only exception to this is when the man covering the bag is unreliable in taking throws and in that case try hard to get the out yourself. In case the bag is not covered and the decision is close a slide will frequently save the day for you when you would otherwise fail.

First basemen have an opportunity to distinguish themselves on flies but a failure to handle them correctly will just as surely lead to censure. Most of the chances offered in this line are on foul flies and speed and a good eye are needed. Practice catching fouls before games. Make a batsman give you flies instead of confining his attention to grounders.

The easiest flies for the first baseman to get are those just outside of first or in toward the home plate. The hardest to handle are the ones directly back of the bag. These latter must be taken while running with the ball and with your back to the latter. On fair flies just inside the base line or further over toward second, care is necessary in order to avoid a collision with the second baseman. On flies in far enough for the catcher to get to the ball, he should be allowed to handle the chance owing to his large glove. The advantage in this direction, however, is with the first baseman in comparison with the other fielders.

In handling flies at first watch out for a steal when there are men on the bases. Stolen bases on a catch by the first baseman are more probable than on any other member of the team excepting the outfielders. Many fouls are caught with the back turned to first and going away from the latter. A quick turn is almost impossible to make and a fast base runner can get well started before the baseman is in a position to throw. Going to



CHARLEY CARR

Saving a wild throw and getting the runner out by a one-hand play.

second or third the runner is going with the throw and if he is trying for the home plate the throw is sometimes almost as far as it would be from right or left field. On ordinary catches with men on bases always turn quickly as possible, prepared to throw. If the runner is making a bluff to draw a throw hold the ball until you are in a position to throw with accuracy. With the game close and a man on third it is best to let the ball drop, unless it is, of course, for the final out, when you are not in a position to make a throw. A baseman with a good arm and who is quick on his feet can take more chances here than one who throws poorly and judgment is necessary in handling such plays. The speed of the base runner must always be taken into consideration and his position at the time the ball can be caught.



JACK DOYLE.

One of the "short men" who have demonstrated that it is not absolutely essential to be tall to play first well.

FIELDING THE POSITION

So far fielding in general has been dealt with, but now we come to the work which pertains more especially to first base. The first and foremost problem a first baseman has to solve is: taking throws from the fielders. A study of the infielders will do much to help you in this. Some fielders throw a ball which is easy to handle even though it comes over fast, while others put such force behind their throws that the first baseman is almost knocked off his feet.

Throws from nearly every position have their peculiarities. The easiest ones come from second base owing to the shorter distance the second baseman has to throw. Hard and high throws come mostly from the shortstop. From third base the throws are most likely to be wide or low. Throws from the catcher are hard as a rule and most of them hurried. The pitcher is the one most likely to cause the first baseman trouble, however. His throws are at short range and come quick and hard. With an erratic pitcher it takes hard work when a man is on first. With a fast man at bat there is more likelihood of a poor throw than otherwise owing to hurried fielding.

In fielding do all you can to steady your assistants. Face the way the ball is coming with your hands extended as a guide to the fielders. On a slow throw extend yourself as far toward the ball as you can without getting both feet off the bag. On a wide throw, in toward the plate, reach in toward the diamond so as to leave space behind you for the base runner. Unless you do he will collide with you and spoil your catch. In reaching for wide throws behind the bag this danger need not be figured on to such an extent. If forced to pull your foot off a few inches in getting the ball do not put your foot back on the bag after the man is safe. This will give the play away to the umpire every time, when a good bluff may result in the runner being called out.

High and low throws must be handled with judgment. If the throw is not so high as to force you to take your feet off the bag, go after it with both hands. You can reach higher with one hand than with two, however, and it is better to make a one hand catch with your feet on the bag than to get the ball with both and be forced to jump. If you get the ball at all you are also sure of an out, while when you are forced to jump the runner may get to base before you come down. When forced to jump for a ball try to catch it in such a way that you will light on the bag. In case of very wild throws where it is impossible to get your man, try hard to stop the ball no matter how you do it as the object then is to prevent the runner from getting extra bases.

Low throws must either be waited for or smothered. If the ball bounds far enough from the bag to come up higher than your knees the chance should be easy to handle. When the ball hits in close to the bag go after it just as it hits and before it has time to get started upward. When the ball is right up in front of you knock it down with your glove and pick it up. If the runner is not too close, a step away from the bag will frequently make a hard chance an easy one, but in taking such a risk you must judge the speed of the runner correctly. As in the case of the high throw make your out if possible, but under any circumstances make the stop even if you fail to get your man.

A good glove will prove of the greatest aid in handling hard chances. There is no excuse for a first baseman who does not provide himself with one. No restrictions are placed on the first baseman's glove as to size and shape, but if the latter is too large it will be unwieldy to handle. As most of the work at first is in the stopping of throws, a mitt is best. One with lacing around the edges is to be preferred as the padding can then be arranged to suit yourself. If properly padded the ball should stick without trouble even when making one-hand stops.

Good shoes are also an important item and the best you can afford are none too good. See that the spikes on your shoes are firm and sharp enough to give you a good hold.

PLAYING FOR BATTERS

So far we have given the batsman but little consideration and here is where brain work tells. A close study of the batsman is necessary to play a first-class game. With practice most anyone can become a good mechanical player but few master the finer points. A careful study of the game, the batsman and your own pitcher are required for this.

The first thing to notice is whether the batsman is right or left-handed. This will make all of the difference as to where he is likely to place a hit. With a left-hand batter and a slow pitcher or with a right-hand batter and a fast one the first baseman has more cause to look for hits than if the reverse conditions exist. With a slow pitcher the latter is likely to pull the ball around toward first when batting left-handed, but the hardest chances come with a fast pitcher and a right-hand batter.

Different curves and different styles of pitching also produce different fielding conditions. Fast pitching with the ball straight over the plate produces chances which are easy to handle unless the ball is hit too hard to stop. A straight pitched ball is generally hit without skew or twist and it requires less care in handling than any other kind.

When a pitcher is using curves and breaks and getting hit at all hard the fielders have their troubles. Bad bounds and breaks are to be looked for then. The ball is almost certain to have a certain amount of rotary motion and this causes bad bounds and sharp breaks. No rule can be laid down for fielding such hits and much judgment and experience is necessary in handling them properly. Even the best players are sometimes fooled, so do not get discouraged in case you make a break. Try to study out for yourself the reason why you make an error and whether

it was the pitching, peculiar batting or irregularities in the diamond which caused it. No two diamonds are exactly the same so far as fielding is concerned and the quicker you find out the ground around your position the better off you will be. By studying out causes for your failures you will lay up a store of knowledge which will prevent many mishaps in the future.

In placing yourself for the batter you should know something about the man you are playing for. It is safe to play closer in for a fast man who places the ball than a heavy hitter, though the first baseman has less latitude in this respect than the shortstop or third baseman. When fielding back for a heavy-hitting batsman take care not to get so far onto the grass along the base line when you are playing on a diamond with skinned base lines, that the ball will bound bad on leaving one surface for the other. In fielding always keep yourself in position to make the next play.

A word in regard to bunting is in order here. The first baseman does not have to handle as many bunts as the pitcher, third baseman or catcher but he is forced to take one now and then. Most of his chances of this kind come on bunts which are hit hard enough to get them past the pitcher and the important point is to know where you are going to throw. Either the pitcher or second baseman will cover the bag but they may have to do it on the run, so be careful to make the toss in such a way that they can handle the ball. Bunts directly down the first base line are the hardest to handle owing to the quick turn necessary and you should field in such a way as to make the turn with as little loss of time as possible.

The most important thing of all is to play the ball and **never** let the ball play you.

PLAYING FOR BASE RUNNERS

First base is one of the hardest on the diamond to take care of, with a man on base. In order to prevent a steal with a man on first the baseman must hold him close to the bag. The moment a runner gets a long lead off the bag he is sure to steal as the catcher has but one chance in a hundred of catching him. A perfect understanding between the first baseman, pitcher and catcher are necessary to keep the runner close to the bag. Signals between the three are necessary and they may be made in any way so long as they are simple and can not be read too readily by the opposing players.

The stricter enforcement of the balk rule on the pitcher has made it much harder than formerly to prevent the runner from getting a lead off first which will make a steal practically certain. It is all the more imperative to hold the runner close to first if you have a weak throwing catcher behind the bat. Once on second a single will score a fast runner while he is not likely to get beyond second if on first unless the ball is hit to right field. Therefore work hard to keep your man on first.

With a runner on first you are working more for the man at that point than for hits. Govern yourself by this. The runner will get as far off first as you do. Stay closer to the bag on this account than when the bases are empty. When the pitcher delivers the ball you can move out a step if you think the batsman is likely to put the ball well inside the bag. Do not get too far away, however, or a hit may be sneaked past you just inside the bag. The second baseman plays further over toward first when you are forced to hold a man at that point and he should get hits which are too far out for you to reach handily.

When the ball is not actually being pitched to the batter, keep working the base runner. If he takes too much of a lead while

the pitcher is winding up signal the catcher and the latter will pass the sign to the pitcher unless you can signal the pitcher direct. Then make a quick dash for the bag. Do not tire the pitcher by asking him to make too many throws, however. Sometimes a runner will be caught napping if you make a start toward second and then make a quick jump back past him to the bag. If possible, work your way around the base runner and try to induce him to get a good lead ahead of you toward second. If you are standing on the bag the runner will sometimes stand a few inches away from the latter. A quick throw will catch him napping unless he has his wits about him. With a left-hand pitcher the throw to first to catch a runner napping is easier and it is possible to hold the runner closer to the bag.

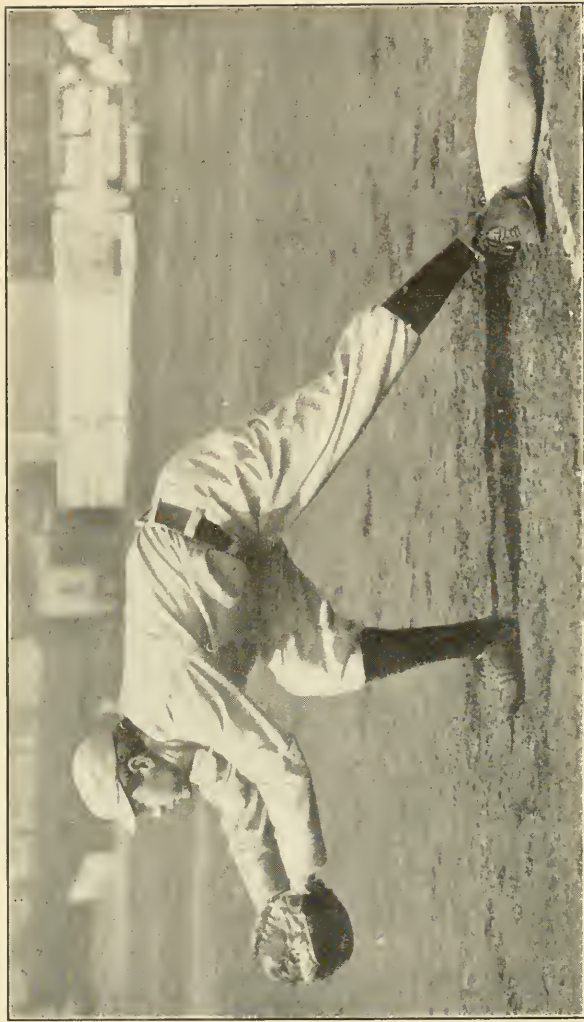
One of the best tricks to catch a man off first is worked with the assistance of the second baseman. The first baseman takes a long lead off first drawing the runner with him. Then the second baseman sneaks around behind the runner and makes a dash for first. This play depends for its success upon good signal work. Always be sure the catcher has signaled for an out ball before the play or the batter is likely to send a hit through the place left vacant by the second baseman. The pitcher must do all that he can short of balking to lead the runner and batter to believe that he is going to deliver the ball.

With a good catcher a throw from the latter occasionally will keep the runner in check, especially if the catcher can snap the ball fast and signals the pitcher for a pitch well up and out. The trick of the second baseman taking the throw to first can also be worked with the catcher doing the throwing.

With a man on first always watch out for a chance to make a double play. If forced in for the ball on a hit or over toward second the best way in most cases is to throw to second and force the man there, hustling back to first to take the return by the second baseman or shortstop. This play is particularly effective with a slow man batting and even if the double fails you catch the man nearest the plate.

With a man at second there is a chance for a double play also

if you work fast. If the ball is hit toward third cover the bag fast and when taking the throw set yourself for a quick return. The base runner at second will invariably try to get to third and you may be able to cut him off. This play also comes up sometimes on a throw to short. When the second baseman is forced to field the ball the runner can usually advance no matter how fast you handle the ball.



HARRY DAVIS,

Energetic young baseman for the Athletics, illustrating the proper manner to back the foot into the base while waiting for a throw.

HARRY DAVIS' IDEA

Two of the most important things for a first baseman in my opinion are ability to locate the bag with the feet, without taking the eye off the ball, and the knack of getting the ball with one hand. Ability to locate the bag readily is one of the things that usually worries a youngster more than anything else, and at the same time it is absolutely necessary in playing the bag successfully. I do not know how the knack of doing this is acquired myself, but I suppose it is practice and a thorough knowledge of the position.

Even some of the players on professional teams are clumsy in handling their feet, but it is a thing to avoid. You should be able to touch the bag either with one foot or the other without taking your eye off the ball or glancing down to find where it is. Try this in practice and keep on working until you can make the play perfect. When you can, you have added some 25 per cent. to your playing strength at least.

Now, as to getting wide or high thrown balls with one hand. The first thing in order to be sure of this is to get a good glove and take as much care of it as you would of your clothes or watch. There is an art in fixing the padding. The latter should not be too heavy and it should be rubbed back off the end of the fingers so as to give the ball a chance to be firmly held. If the padding is heavy at that point you can not grasp the ball hard enough to hold it and must use two hands or the ball will drop after being caught. Properly adjusted, the impact of the ball will cause your hand to grip it, and hold it just as safely as you could with two.

One-hand catches are of vital importance in fielding at first. Catching with one hand gives you a chance to cover a good two feet further inside the bag on a wild throw and almost the same distance on the other side.

A good first baseman must cover much ground around first and work with the pitcher. He should talk to the pitcher and coach him in regard to covering first. The latter is in a position to help the first baseman in making many plays which would otherwise be impossible and the way the game is being played now it is of the utmost importance that the pitcher do his share of the work in fielding at first.

So far as the changes in the position are concerned I don't think they are as much in method as in the men. We use much the same methods in handling chances now that were used formerly, but owing to the lighter men that are being used and their ability to get around faster, they are able to be of more use to the team. I think that the passing of the heavy man from third is as much due to the desire for better base running as anything else. Team work on the bases is of such importance now that fast men who can bat scientifically are needed at every point and a first baseman who does not study scientific batting and base running is bound to be a failure.

CHANCE ON THE POSITION

First base is a position that is requiring more brain work right along and it has increased manifold in difficulty in the last ten years. More qualifications are required of a first baseman to-day than formerly and headwork is considered among the first. Besides this a first baseman must bat hard and run the bases well. He must understand how to advance a man on base and play team work both with his bat and in the field. Hence, the position is not the easy one some persons who have never given the matter any study imagine.

The main fault with young players is that they do not give attention enough to headwork. If they have good height and reach and can play a good mechanical game that is all they think is required of the position. This is all wrong. Headwork and snap on the part of the first baseman puts life into a team and the finished points which come only with study and practice are the ones which tell in the long run. Avoid being only a mechanical player and try to make yourself an active, hustling member of the team.

The first baseman is on one of the danger points of the diamond. Throws if unstopped at that point, are more likely to do serious damage than those to any other place on the team. On throws from shortstop, third baseman and pitcher, there is no chance to back him up, and if the ball gets past the first baseman the runner is sure of third, if not of home. On throws by the second baseman a good catcher will prevent the runner from getting around; but even here a miss is likely to prove costly. A first baseman is in a position to save more errors for his team mates than any other man on the team. Never shirk a bad throw even though it will not count as an error against you. That is the worst thing you can do as it will



FRANK CHANCE,
Pulling down a high one at first base.

cause your fielders to lose confidence in you. Even if impossible to make an out, try hard to stop the ball and save the extra bases that will be gained if you fail to do so. A conscientious player who is out for the good of his team even at the sacrifice of himself is the one who will succeed.

Study your fellow players carefully so as to know their peculiarities and be in a position to protect their weak points. Have a good understanding especially with the catcher and pitcher. An understanding with the other infielders is of but little less importance as the first baseman must work with them more than any other player on the team.

In conclusion, play clean, hard ball. Never give up and play the hardest you know how even if your team appears hopelessly beaten. There frequently comes a change in luck when a game appears to have been lost which ultimately leads to victory, and you can not foresee when it is coming. Therefore keep trying.

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“KITTY” BRANSFIELD.

Veteran first baseman whose wonderful reach did much to help the Pittsburgs to win the championship.

BRANSFIELD ON THE POSITION

You hear some of the old-timers telling how some great player of the past played the game, but close students of the diamond are a unit in saying that base ball to-day is faster than it has ever been. This is true of every position on the team, but especially so when it comes to first base and the men who covered the initial bag some years back were not called upon to do the work required of those in the two big leagues to-day.

The days of the slugging first baseman are over, unless he can show other qualities as well. The first baseman of to-day must be a fast thinker and a fast man on his feet. This is required both in the field and at bat. In the latter department there has been a great improvement, and the man on first base must be able to hold up his end of the game in team work. In the field he must work with more members of the team than any other man on a nine and upon his success in this respect depends to no small extent his club's success.

Ability to throw is one of the things required of a first baseman now that was not but a few years back. Then most any kind of an arm was considered good enough for first base. Then the fast hit and run game came and with it the glass-armed first baseman disappeared. Men like Beaumont and Wagner could go from first to third on an out at first and that means a run nearly every time.

A first baseman should have a good working knowledge of his own team and the opposing batter. He should know how to field for each individual batter and this is growing in importance. Many more balls are hit toward first base now than formerly, and on this account the modern first baseman should not only be a good fielder, but fast enough to cover a large amount of ground. Unless he is able to place himself he will

not only have hits sent past him, but will cover much needless ground.

In addition to other qualifications a first baseman must be a sort of "India-rubber" man, as he is expected to scoop up grounders in most any position, get wide ones to right or left, and show jumping qualities which would do credit to a champion high jumper in order to get high throws. He must hustle out and get balls in front, to one side or back of the bag, and make the toss to first base in most any position and with such judgment that it will arrive at that point at the same time as the pitcher or second baseman.

Where pitchers are lazy it makes the first baseman's position all the harder. If you hold the ball you get all of the blame in nine cases out of ten while if you throw to an empty bag you are also blamed. Comiskey advises his first baseman to make the throw anyway and show up the pitcher, but I do not think this is best. It is too costly to the team in the end, and a first baseman's first idea should be to work for the good of his team, even if he does lose something personally.

The one advantage a first baseman has is in the use of a large glove and this is a decided advantage. The size of your glove permits you to make stops which would otherwise be impossible both on balls which are thrown wide, high, or with unusual force. This latter point is of importance when you are handling the throws of a man like Wagner.

STUDY PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

As a final course in learning to play your position take every opportunity to see the best men you can play the game. Professional players who make the game a study will naturally know more about it than you do and a careful observation of their methods will do more than anything else to help you along. Even the professional players in minor leagues have a better opportunity to learn the game than an amateur and if you study them at work you can pick up many valuable pointers.

Watching the professionals will do you but little good, however, unless you use your brain. Every player has certain points in which he is unusually strong. The best players are the ones who show the most uniform strength. By studying the strong points of each player you will strengthen your own work all around. If you have weak points the way to overcome them is to find out how others do and practice until you are sure of yourself on that particular point.

In playing first base certain players in the big leagues have placed themselves above the others and these are the men you should watch if you can. At first there are many players who show good mechanical form, but the ones you want to follow are those better known for their headwork. Fred Tenney is one of the men who ranks among the first flight, but Tenney is a left-hand player and therefore not available as a model for most young players. Left-hand players at first are rare and their chances for success not great. The fact that Tenney is left-handed is a big advantage to him in handling bunts toward first, but a left-hand first baseman has other disadvantages which are hard to overcome.

La Chance and Bransfield, the two first basemen of the champion Boston and Pittsburg teams, are both great players in their

position. La Chance is a good example of a man with great natural qualifications. He is not only tall, but has the greatest reach of any first baseman in either of the big leagues. La Chance can cover a great amount of territory with ease on this account. Bransfield is not as large as La Chance, but he is quick on his feet and covers ground through speed.

Probably two of the best models for young players to pattern after are Harry Davis of the Philadelphia American League team, and Frank Chance of the Chicago Nationals. Both are close to the ideal in all around work. In the field both are careful students of the game and use headwork in their positions. Both are also scientific batters and base runners. In addition Chance has also made a reputation for himself as captain of his club.

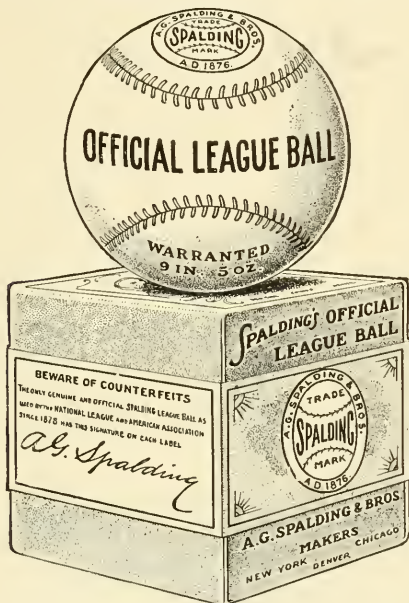
The number of young players who have recently come to the front is greater than in any other position on the team. Among them are Carr of Detroit, Dillon of Brooklyn and Jones of St. Louis.

Averages in base ball are not to be taken literally as an evidence of worth on the part of players, but if intelligently compiled they give a good idea of what one can do in a position. As examples of what a first-class player at first can accomplish the averages of the five leading first basemen in both the American and National Leagues as taken from Spalding's official guide are given below:

FIELDING.				NATIONAL LEAGUE.			BATTING.		
G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	PLAYER.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
18	169	11	0	1.000	Peitz	272	32	66	.243
141	1481	94	15	.990	McGann	517	81	148	.286
123	1205	106	13	.990	Chance	451	89	140	.310
142	1526	64	20	.988	Beckley	551	72	179	.325
117	1049	76	14	.988	Kelley	449	75	126	.281

FIELDING.				AMERICAN LEAGUE.			BATTING.		
G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	PLAYER.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
157	1693	69	16	.991	LaChance	567	55	131	.231
136	1447	109	19	.988	Jones	627	53	151	.241
64	598	46	8	.988	Isbell	308	26	64	.208
118	1233	64	17	.987	Ganzel	464	48	121	.261
24	274	8	4	.986	Sugden	347	25	91	.262

WHAT A BASE BALL PLAYER NEEDS



The first requisite of a ball player is, of course, the ball and bat. The Spalding Official League Ball has been used exclusively by the National League, minor leagues, and by all intercollegiate and other associations for over a quarter of a century, and is beyond all question the most perfect base ball that has ever been produced. It is backed up by an absolute guarantee to last through one continuous match game without ripping or losing its shape. The Spalding Official League Ball is sold by all first-class athletic goods dealers throughout the country, and the price is \$1.25 each.

For boys' use especially, there is a smaller size, called Spalding's Official Boys' League Ball, which combines all the qualities of the Official ball, and is just as carefully made. It is especially designed for junior clubs (composed of boys under sixteen years of age), and all games in which

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this ball is used will be recognized as legal games, the same as if played with the Official League Ball. The Official Boys' League Ball costs 75 cents.

Other balls which give good satisfaction are the Double Seam Ball, \$1.25; Varsity League, \$1.00; Interscholastic League—a smaller size of the Varsity—50 cents, and so on down in price. Every team, however, should practice with the official ball, thereby accustoming themselves to its use when called upon to play match games.

In selecting a base ball bat care should be used to select a properly balanced bat of only the best material and workmanship; the wood should be dried for a number of seasons out of doors in order to insure the proper resiliency and driving power, and should be of a correct model to properly balance according to the needs of the particular batter using that bat. This of course will vary according to the different styles of batting. A. G. Spalding & Bros. have facilities for producing the finest bats in the world. They have a corps of experts who devote their entire energies to this particular subject. Only second-growth ash of upland timber is selected, and after it has been carefully seasoned for at least three years, it is then worked up into bats, and any wood which shows any imperfection is thrown out.

The Spalding bat experts are familiar with every model used by any player of note in the country, and all of these models are incorporated in the line of bats turned out by this house.

In the regular line of bats, without question, the best is A. G. Spalding & Bros.' "Gold Medal" bat, each one of which is tagged with a certificate showing the weight, length, size and inspection, and is an absolute guarantee that it has passed the most rigid inspection and is perfect in every detail. The Gold Medal bat includes the models of every prominent batter in all of the leagues. The timber is thoroughly seasoned for from three to five years and fully guaranteed. The Spalding Gold Medal Bat is made with a tape-wound handle or a plain handle, in men's sizes, for \$1.00 each. There is also a Boy's Gold Medal Bat, in plain handle only, at 50 cents each.

Another good bat is called "The Mushroom," owing to the peculiar formation of the handle, which utilizes a principle by which a bat of the same weight is made many times more effective than the ordinary style under certain conditions, and as an all-around bat many prominent professional players testify to their appreciation of the good points of its construction. They say: "Both balance and model are perfect."

The knob arrangement at the end of the bat enables a more even distribution of weight over the whole length than is possible under the old construction, and for certain kinds of play the bat is practically invaluable.

John J. McGraw, Manager of the New York club, says: "For a long time I have been trying to find a bat that would balance when choking. Not until I used the Mushroom Bat, invented by Jack Pickett, have I found a bat that was up to my idea. It is used exclusively by the New York players."

James J. Callahan, of the Chicago American League club, says: "In all my experience as a ball player I have not found a more satisfactory bat than the Spalding Mushroom Bat. The timber is the best I have seen and the balance and model are perfect."

Wm. Gleason, Captain Philadelphia National League club, says: "No



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bat has given me such good service as the Spalding Mushroom Bat. Quality and balance are perfect."

Charles A. Comiskey, President of the Chicago American League club, says: "The Spalding Mushroom Bat receives my hearty endorsement. My experience as a ball player enables me to thoroughly appreciate its good qualities."

James F. Slagle, John Evers, F. L. Chance, J. Kling, J. McCarthy, Joe Tinker, Dr. J. P. Casey, D. Jones, of the Chicago National League club, all say that they have never used a more satisfactory bat. The price of the taped or plain Mushroom is \$1.00.

Spalding's Trade Marked Bats rank next to the Mushroom Bat in point of excellence and are made with the greatest care and thoroughly seasoned. They are as follows: Wagon Tongue Ash Bat, League quality, special finish, spotted burning, 50 cents; Black End Axletree Bat, finest straight grained ash, tape-wound handle, 25 cents; Black Band Bat, extra quality ash, 25 cents; Junior League Bat, extra quality ash, spotted burning, 25 cents; Boys' Bat, selected quality ash, polished and varnished, antique finish, 10 cents; Youths' Bat, good quality, 5 cents.



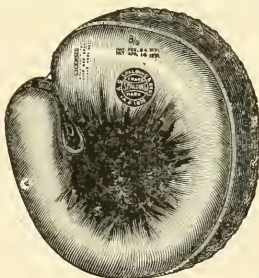
In catchers' masks, the best made is Spalding's Sun Protecting Mask, which is made of finest steel wire, extra heavily enamelled, and which protects the eye without obstructing the view; it sells for \$4.00.

Spalding's Neck Protecting Mask is made of finest steel wire, extra heavy and black enamelled to prevent reflection of light; the patent neck extension affords absolute protection to the neck, the price is \$3.00. The Special League Mask costs \$2.50, and then there are cheaper ones, at still lower prices.

Every catcher needs a mitt and he has the greatest variety to choose from. The very best mitt made is Spalding's "Perfection" which is certainly an object of art in its line. The leather is of finest quality calfskin, padding of best hair felt obtainable and every other detail of manufacture has been carefully considered, including patent lace back with rawhide lacing. Thumb is reinforced and laced, double row of stitching on heel pad and strap-and-buckle fastening at back. It costs \$6.00.

For professional use Spalding's are now making a special professional catcher's mitt which is a duplicate of their "Perfection," but slightly smaller in size, having no heel pad, and the face of

the mitt is covered with the finest quality of white buck specially selected. The padding in this professional mitt is in accordance with the ideas of the best professional catchers in this country; price \$7.00.



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Spalding's League Mitt is made of special tanned leather, very soft and pliable, heavily padded. It costs \$4.00.

In Spalding's No. 0 Mitt the face, sides and finger-piece are made of velvet tanned boulevard and the back of selected asbestos buck, well padded. \$2.50.

Spalding's "Decker Patent" Mitt, made same as the No. 0 Mitt, with the addition of a heavy piece of sole leather on back for extra protection to the hand and fingers. \$3.00.

Spalding's No. OA Mitt is extra large and heavily padded, and is extremely well made of velvet tanned boulevard and special tanned leather finger-piece and back. \$2.00.

Spalding's Amateur Mitt is made of extra quality asbestos buck, perspiration proof, extremely tough and durable. This is a very popular mitt. \$1.50.

The face and finger-piece of Spalding's No. C Mitt is made of special velvet tanned brown leather, sides and back of firm tanned leather. \$1.00.

The foregoing mitts are all equipped with strap-and-buckle fastening at back, have double row of stitching on heel pad, are reinforced and laced at thumb, and with patent laced back as an additional feature constitute absolutely the highest grade line of mitts ever manufactured. All styles are made in rights and lefts.

Spalding's Youths' Mitt No. AB is made with extra quality white buck, face and finger-piece extremely tough and durable; well padded; reinforced and laced at thumb and double row of stitching on heel pad; patent lace back; strap-and-buckle fastening at back. \$1.00.

Spalding's Practice Mitt is made of specially firm tanned oak leather, easy fitting, patent lace back. None better for practice. No. B, \$1.00.

Spalding's Youths' Mitt No. CC. Face and finger-piece velvet tanned brown leather, sides and back firm tanned leather; reinforced and laced at thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad; patent lace back; strap-and-buckle fastening. 50 cents.

Spalding's Youths' Mitt No. BB is a great favorite, made of extra quality firm tanned oak leather; well padded and substantially made; double row of stitching on heel pad; reinforced and laced at

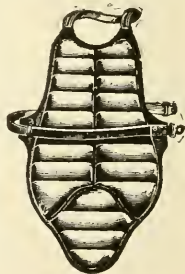
thumb; patent lace back; strap-and-buckle fastening at back. 50 cents.

Spalding's No. 4 Mitt. Men's size. Firm tanned leather; extra heavily padded; reinforced and laced at thumb joint and double row of stitching on heel pad. 50 cents.

Spalding's Junior Mitt is the most popular mitt made; the face and back are made of asbestos buck; well padded; laced thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad; patent lace back. No. CB. Each, 25 cents.

Spalding's No. 5 Mitt. Improved style; face and back made of asbestos buck; laced thumb; well padded and double row of stitching on heel pad. Each, 25 cents. Spalding's No. 7 Mitt has a face of asbestos buck and canvas back; it is a good size and well padded. Each, 10 cents.

A most necessary part of a catcher's equipment is a body protector. Spalding's Inflated Body Protectors are the only practical device for the protection of catchers and umpires. They are made of best rubber, inflated with air; light and pliable. The lower part of these protectors are hinged, so that they do not interfere with the catcher in bending over. When not in use they may be deflated and the protector rolled in a very small space; Special Quality covering of extra fine material. No. 2-0, Each, \$7.50. League Catchers' Protector No. 0, Each, \$5.00. Amateur



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Catchers' Protector No. 1, \$3.50; Boys' Catchers' Protector No. 2, \$2.00.

Umpires' Body Protectors are made to order only. A pattern showing exact size and shape required must be sent with order. They cost \$10.00.

For the first baseman there is a choice of five styles of mitts, as follows:

Spalding's No. BX Mitt, made of fine selected and specially tanned calfskin, extremely well made throughout and padded to meet the special requirements of a baseman's mitt; laced all around and strap-and-buckle fastening at back; double row of stitching on heel pad. \$4.00.

The No. BXS Mitt is composed of same quality materials and workmanship as in the No. BX First Basemen's Mitt. It has no heel pad and is made up especially for professional use. \$4.00.

No. CX Mitt, is made on same lines as No. BX; face of specially tanned drab leather, extra well padded at wrist and thumb; laced all around and strap-and-buckle fastening at back; double row of stitching on heel pad. \$2.00.

No. DX Mitt, a good article at a moderate price; made of oak tan specially selected leather, laced all around and strap-and-buckle fastening at back; a very easy fitting mitt. \$1.50.

No. EX Mitt is an excellent mitt for boys; made of good quality white leather, laced all around and strap-and-buckle fastening at back; suitably padded and will give very good service. \$1.00.



The Infielders have no less than sixteen styles to select from, ranging in price from \$3.00 to 25 cents.



Spalding's No. PX Infielders' Glove is made up on lines suggested by prominent professional players. The buckskin used in making up this glove is the finest obtainable, and all other items of manufacture have been carefully looked into. It is heavily padded around edges with fine quality felt, and padding extends well up into the little finger. Has no heel pad, but is made extra long to protect wrist. \$3.00.

Spalding's No. 2X Infielders' Glove has retained its popularity year after year and to-day is acknowledged to be the most practical in style and get-up of any on the market. Made of selected velvet tanned buckskin, lined and padded with finest felt; has web thumb; highest quality workmanship; double row of stitching on heel pad. No better made at any price. \$2.50.

Spalding's No. 2XS Infielders' Glove is a special glove with features that will appeal to the professional player. Made extra long, of selected velvet tanned buckskin, lined and lightly padded. Has no heel pad. \$2.50.

Spalding's No. AX Infielders' Glove is a very popular style. Made throughout of specially tanned calfskin, padded with best quality felt. Web thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad; highest quality workmanship throughout. \$2.50.

Spalding's No. XL Infielders' Glove is made in style similar to the No. PX professional glove, but of material same as in the No. X. Has no heel pad and is extra long. \$1.50.

Spalding's No. XS Infielders' Glove. Men's size glove. Made of good quality special tanned leather, well finished and exceedingly durable. Web thumb, double row of stitching on heel pad and nicely padded. \$1.50.



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Spalding's No. X is a fine all-around glove, improved style. Made of good quality horsehide, well padded. Web thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad. Will give excellent service. \$1.50.

Spalding's No. 15 is a well made glove, improved style. Made of extra fine quality brown leather, well padded. Web thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad. \$1.00.

Spalding's No. 15L Infielders' Glove is made in style similar to the No. PX professional glove, but of material same as in No. 15. Has no heel pad and is extra long. \$1.00.

Spalding's No. 12 Infielders' Glove is made of good quality soft suede tanned leather, nicely padded. Web thumb, double row of stitching on heel pad. 75 cents.

Spalding's No. 2XB Infielders' Glove is the best youths' glove; made throughout of selected velvet tanned buckskin. Quality of material, workmanship and style of glove same as the No. 2X men's glove. \$2.00.

Spalding's No. XB Infielders' Glove is a good youths' size glove. Made of fine quality white tanned horsehide. Similar in material, workmanship and style to the No. X men's glove. \$1.00.

Spalding's No. 16 Infielders' Glove is a good glove, full size, improved style, of good quality soft tanned leather, nicely padded. Web thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad. 50 cents.

Spalding's No. 17 Infielders' Glove is a youths' glove, all leather, good quality, well made and padded. Web thumb; double row of stitching on heel pad. 25 cents.

Spalding's No. 18 Infielders' Glove is youths' size. Made of asbestos buck and well padded. Double row of stitching on heel pad, web thumb. Best quarter glove on the market. 25 cents.

The outfielders' needs are as follows:



The best fielders' mitt is Spalding's No. 3X. Made of the very best and softest light tanned buckskin; the thumb and at wrist is extra well padded; laced thumb. \$2.50.

Spalding's No. 4X Fielders' Mitt is made of specially tanned drab leather, well padded with fine felt and carefully sewed and finished; laced thumb, strap-and-buckle fastening at back. \$1.50.

Spalding's No. 5X Fielders' Mitt is an exceedingly good mitt at a popular price; the face made of white tanned buckskin; brown leather back; laced thumb; constructed throughout in a most substantial manner. \$1.00.

For boys the best is No. 6X, which is made throughout of a good quality brown cape leather, well padded and laced thumb; and without doubt the best mitt of the kind ever sold at the price. 50 cents.

Spalding's No. 7X Boys' Fielders' Mitt is of asbestos buck, well padded and substantially made; laced thumb. 25 cents.

We now come to the matter of uniforms. In base ball, as in other sports, the constant desire of every player is to excel his fellows. He cannot expect to do this unless his outfit is first-class, and any disadvantage he is working under in this direction will detract just so much from ultimate results. For over a quarter of a century Spalding's have made the suits worn by the best players in this country, outfitting all the league clubs and colleges, and their experience counts for something.

The Spalding Base Ball Uniforms are cut and fitted according to the most scientific methods; are double-seamed and reinforced at the weakest points, where the greatest strain comes, and are made by experts who have spent many years in this work, and who are therefore better fitted to turn out a higher grade of workmanship than any others. There

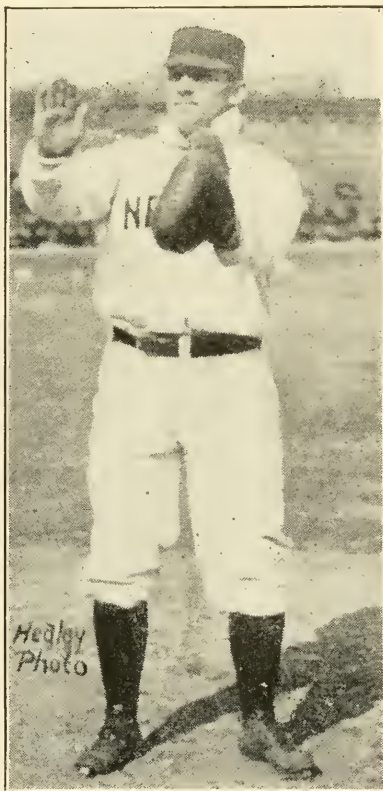
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is probably no place in athletics where quality counts for more than it does in a base ball uniform. The best is the cheapest.

We give below a list of uniforms suitable to all classes of clubs, from which it is possible to equip any team from the largest League club to the smallest on the lot.

The Spalding Uniform No. 0. Highest grade made. The workmanship and material of this outfit is of the very highest quality throughout, and special care has been taken to make this uniform superior to anything offered in this line. Used exclusively by a 11 league and professional clubs for years past is sufficient evidence of its quality and durability. Colors: White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray, Black, Maroon, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, Green, Cardinal. Consists of the Spalding Shirt, any style; the Spalding Pants, any style; the Spalding Stockings, No. 3-0; the Spalding Cap, any style; the Spalding Web Belt, leather lined. The Spalding Uniform complete, \$15.60. Net price to clubs ordering for entire team, \$12.50. No extra charge for detachable sleeves nor for lettering shirts with name of club.

The University Uniform No. 1. In workmanship and quality of material our University Uniform No. 1 is equal to our No. 0 Uniform, but slightly lighter. Colors: White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray, Black, Maroon, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, Green, Cardinal. The University Uniform comprises: the University Shirt, any style; the University Pants, any style; the University Stockings, all wool, No. 1R; the University Cap, any style; the University Web Belt, or all leather. The University Uniform, complete, \$12.50. Net price to clubs ordering for entire team,



JOHN J. MCGRAW,
Manager-Captain New Yorks, National League

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per suit, \$10.00. No extra charge for detachable sleeves nor for lettering shirts with name of club.

The Interscholastic Uniform No. 2. Made of same grade of material as our higher-priced uniforms, but of lighter weight flannel. Substantially made and a most serviceable outfit. Colors: White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray, Black, Maroon, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, Green, Cardinal. This is one of our most popular suits, and will give the best of satisfaction. It can usually be worn two seasons.



JAMES COLLINS,

Manager-Captain Bostons, American League.

Shirt, any style; Interscholastic Pants, any style; Interscholastic Wool Stockings, No. 2R; Interscholastic Quality Cap, any style; Interscholastic Web Belt. The Interscholastic Uniform, complete, \$1.65. Net price to clubs ordering for entire team, \$8.00 per suit. No extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.

The Club Special Uniform No. 3 is made of good quality flannel in a variety of very desirable patterns. Well finished and a most excellent outfit for amateur clubs. Colors: White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray, Black, Maroon, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, Cardinal. A most desirable young men's suit. Elegantly made, and of good, strong, handsome material. On exactly same patterns as the League suits. The Club Special Uniform No. 3 comprises the following: the Club Special Shirt, any style; the Club Special Pants, any style; the Club Special Stockings, all wool, No. 3R; the Club Special Cap, any style; the Club Special Web Belt. The price of the Club Special Uniform, complete, is \$7.00, and the net price to clubs ordering for entire team, per suit, \$5.50. There is no extra

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charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.

The Amateur Special Uniform No. 4 is made of good quality flannel and compares favorably with uniforms of other makers quoted at a much higher price. It is an excellent wearing uniform, cut and finished as well as higher-priced suits, and is very popular with the younger base ball players. Colors: White, Light Gray, Blue Gray, Maroon, Navy Blue, Green. The Amateur Special Uniform No. 4 consists of the following articles: the Amateur Special Shirt, any style; the Amateur Special Pants, padded; the Amateur Special Stockings No. 4R; the Amateur Special Cap, styles 21 and 5 only; the Amateur Special Web Belt. A single Amateur Special Uniform, complete, costs \$5.00, but the net price to clubs ordering for entire team is \$4.00 per suit. No extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.

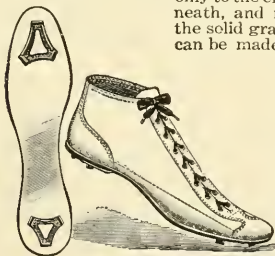
The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5 is made expressly for clubs composed of boys and youths, and will stand the hardest kind of wear. It is made and trimmed in first-class style. Colors: Maroon, Green, Blue Gray, Brown Mix. The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5 is made up of the articles enumerated herewith: the Spalding Junior Shirt, any style; the Spalding Junior Pants, padded; the Spalding Junior Cap, styles 21 and 5 only; the Spalding Junior Belt, the Spalding Junior Stockings. The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5, complete, costs \$4.00. To clubs ordering nine or more uniforms, the price is \$3.00 per suit. There is no extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.

The Spalding Youths' Uniform No. 6. The price at which this uniform is sold should make it extremely popular. It is very well made of good quality Gray material, and consists of the Spalding Youths' Shirt, button front, with one felt letter only; the Spalding Youths' Pants, padded; the Spalding Youths' Stockings; the Spalding Youths' Cap, style 21; the Spalding Youths' Belt. The Spalding Youths' Uniform No. 6, complete, costs \$2.00, and the net price to clubs ordering nine or more uniforms is \$1.50 per suit.

The prices of Spalding's Base Ball Shirts are as follows: "The Spalding" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$6.00; "University" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$5.00; "Interscholastic" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$4.00; "Club Special" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$2.75; "Amateur Special" Shirt, any style with name of club, \$2.00; "Junior" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$1.50.

Spalding's Base Ball Pants cost: "The Spalding" Pants, any style, per pair, \$6.00; "University" Pants, any style, per pair, \$5.00; "Interscholastic" Pants, any style, per pair, \$3.75; "Club Special" Pants, any style, per pair, \$2.75; "Amateur Special" Pants, padded, per pair, \$2.00; "Junior" Pants, padded, per pair, \$1.50.

The Pittsburg club has adopted the idea of wearing a collarless jersey with striped sleeves under the flannel shirt, the sleeves of which extend only to the elbow, displaying the striped jersey underneath, and matching the striped stockings. While the solid gray body is considered most suitable, they can be made up in any combination, but to order only, and orders should be placed early. They cost \$2.50 each.



The shoe used by all the best players is The Spalding Highest Quality Base Ball Shoe, which is hand-made throughout and of specially selected kangaroo leather. Extreme care is taken in its general construction, and no pains or expense spared in making this shoe not only of the very highest in quality, but a perfect shoe in every detail. The plates, made exclusively for this shoe,

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are of the finest hand-forged razor steel and firmly riveted to heel and sole. They cost \$6.00 per pair.

The Spalding Sprinting Shoe is made of same quality as our No. 2-0 shoe, but built on the famous Spalding running shoe last. They weigh about eighteen ounces to the pair and are made with extra care throughout. Per pair, \$6.50.

The Spalding Club Special Shoe is made of carefully selected satin calfskin, machine sewed, very substantially constructed, and a first-class shoe in every particular. Steel plates riveted to heel and sole. Per pair, \$5.00.

The Spalding Amateur Special Shoe is made of good quality calfskin, machine sewed; a serviceable and durable shoe, and one we can specially recommend. Plates riveted to heel and sole. Per pair, \$3.50.

The Spalding Junior Shoe. A leather shoe complete with plates. Made on regular base ball shoe last and an excellent shoe for junior teams. Per pair, \$2.00.



Spalding's Beveled Edge Shoe Plates, made of razor steel, are the kind used by all League players. They cost 50 cents for a pair of toe plates and 50 cents for a pair of heel plates.

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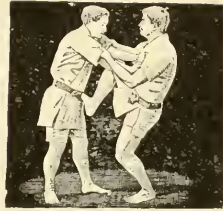
A club should also have an official scorer and a score book. A very good score book, with board cover, to hold 22 games, can be bought for 25 cents.

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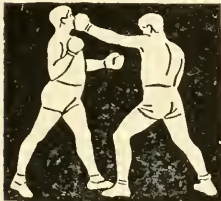
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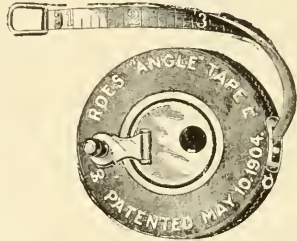
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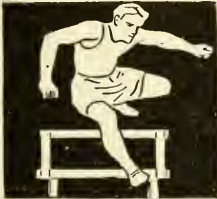


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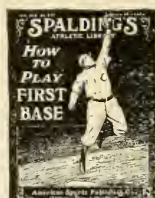
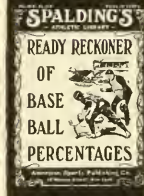
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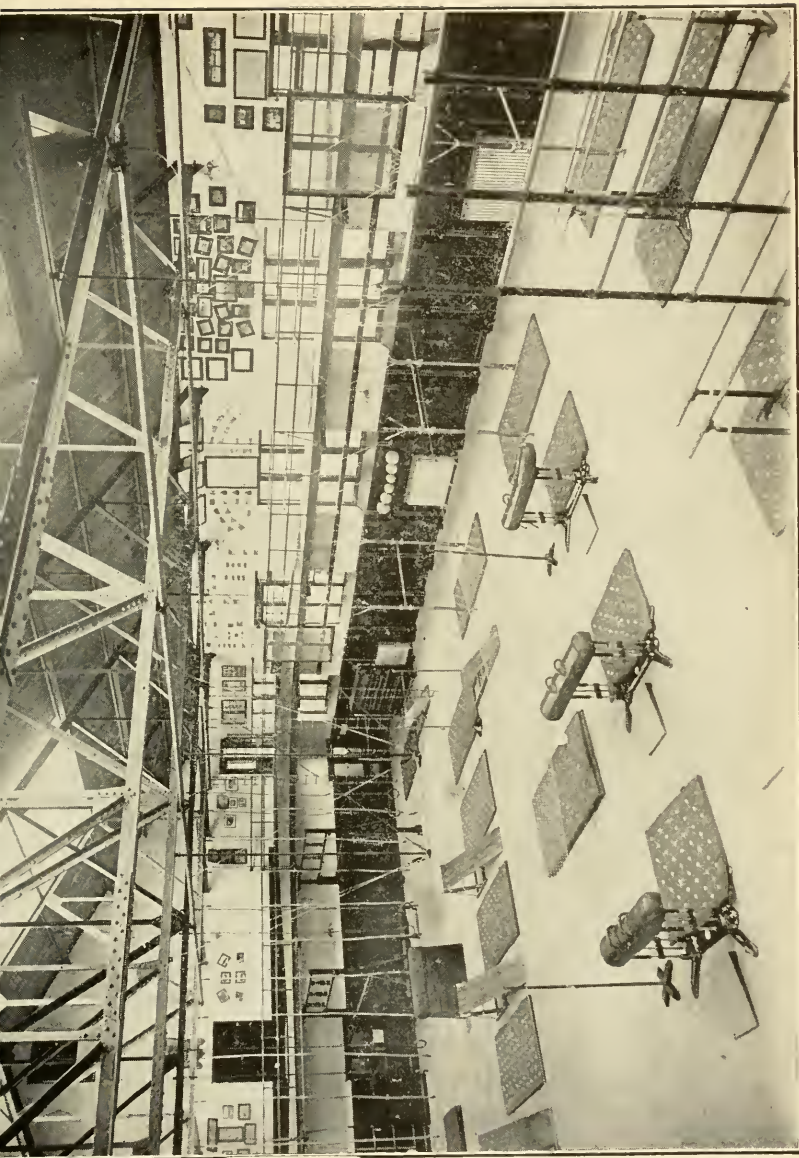
The progress made in the manufacture and the mechanical perfection of the various gymnastic appliances shown in the complete gymnasium installed by A. G. Spalding & Bros. at the World's Fair, demonstrated that the firm is alive to the imperative need of the times. Physical training is being rapidly advanced and in the congested sections of the country it is a growing problem how to provide for the new conditions. This is particularly true in public school work and similar institutions. Real estate in large cities is extremely valuable, and as a consequence, gymnasiums are often reduced in size and wholly inadequate to the growing needs. This means that the apparatus of the past of a fixed or cumbersome character must be superseded by appliances that may be rapidly and conveniently handled in a manner to accommodate the constantly increasing number of boys and girls needing systematic physical development.

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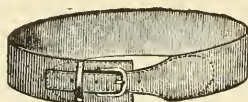
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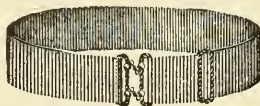
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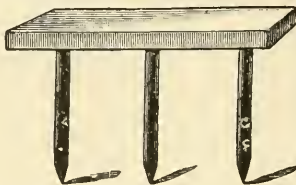
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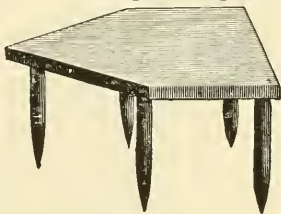
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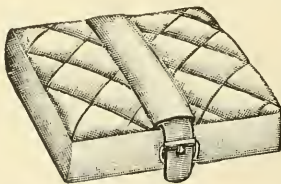
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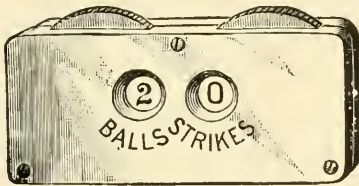
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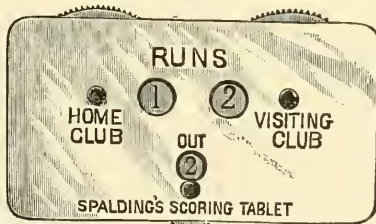
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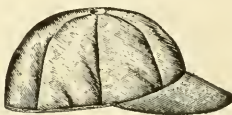
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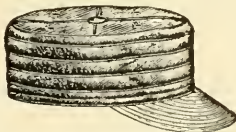
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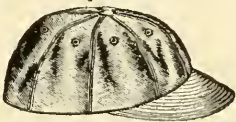
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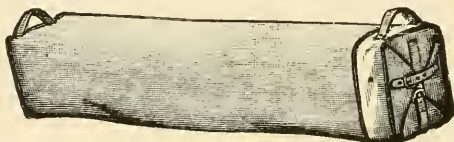
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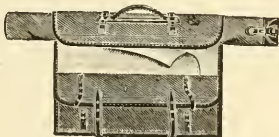
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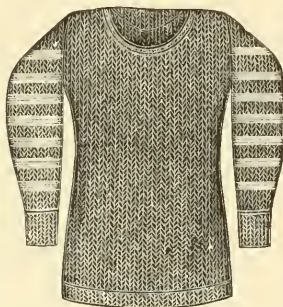
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To be worn with base ball suits.

Made with solid gray bodies and striped sleeves; any color desired.

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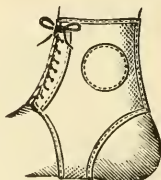
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Made with horsehide cover, rubber center and wound with wool yarn. Same as our Official League Ball in every respect except slightly smaller in size. It is especially designed for junior clubs (composed of boys under sixteen years of age), and all games in which this ball is used will be recognized as legal games, the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

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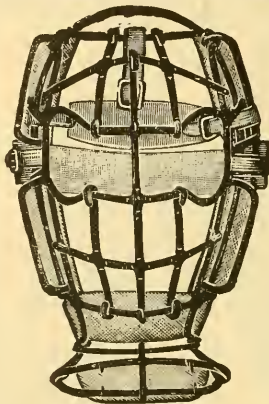
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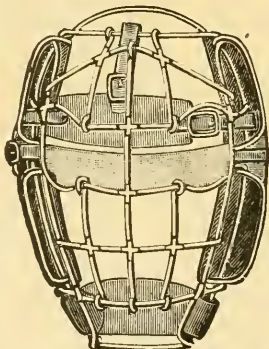
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Regulation League Mask

Made of heavy, soft annealed steel wire. Well finished and reliable in every particular.

BLACK ENAMELED

No. OX. Each, \$2.00

BRIGHT WIRE

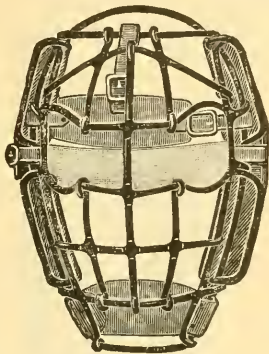
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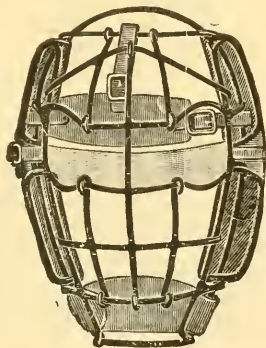
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BLACK ENAMELED

For the ordinary player there is no mask more suitable than our League style, which is made on our special form as approved by the best players in this country. Extra heavy and best annealed steel wire and best enameled. Fittings of best quality throughout.

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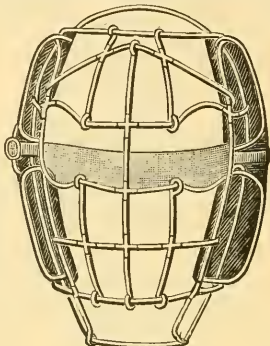
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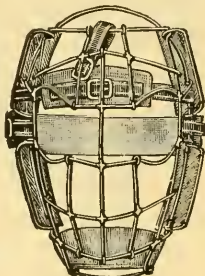
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Spalding Regulation Mask

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Made in same style as our Amateur mask, but without head or chin piece. Warranted.

No. L. Each, 75c.



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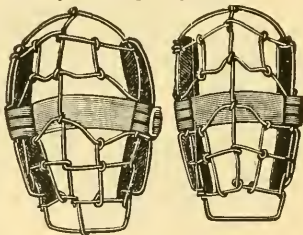
Spalding Boys' Amateur Mask

BRIGHT WIRE

Exactly same quality as our No. A mask, only smaller in size.

An absolutely safe mask for boys.

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No. C

No. D

Spalding Youths' Mask

BRIGHT WIRE

Well padded. No head or chin piece.

No. C. Each, 50c.

No. D. Each, 25c.

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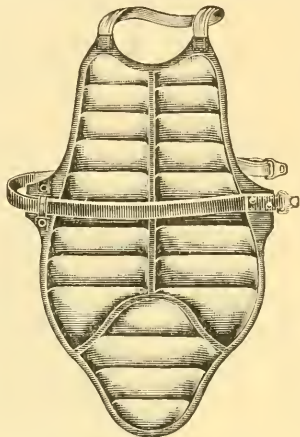
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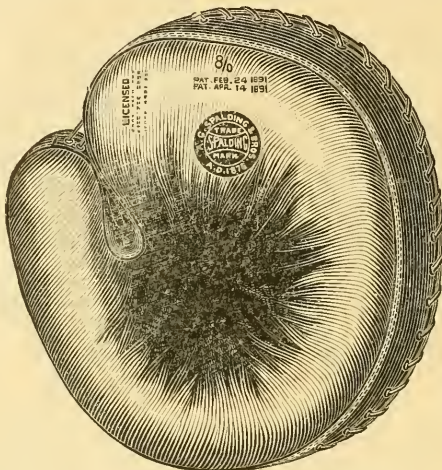
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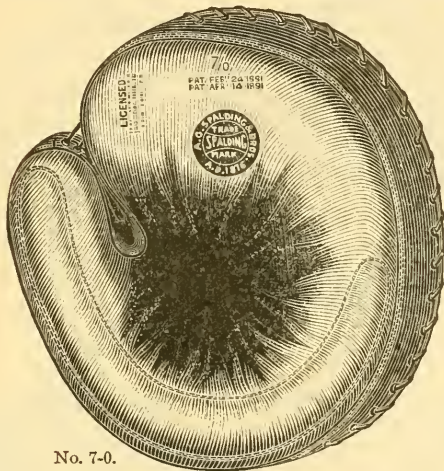
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THIS mitt we consider about as near perfection as it is possible to come in making an article of this kind. The leather is of finest quality calfskin, padding of best hair felt obtainable and every other detail of manufacture has been carefully considered, including patent lace back with rawhide lacing. Thumb reinforced and laced, double row of stitching on heel pad, strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

No. 7-0. Each, \$6.00

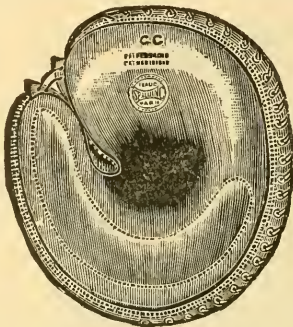
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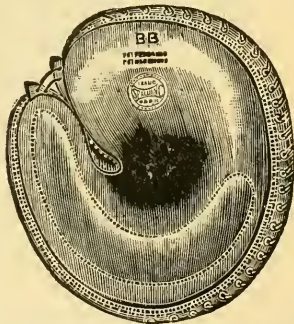
A VERY serviceable youths' mitt. Face and finger piece made of velvet tanned brown leather, sides and back of firm tanned leather; reinforced and laced at thumb and double row of stitching on heel pad; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

No. CC.
Each, 50c.

Spalding Youths' Mitt—Patent Lace Back

A GREAT favorite; made of extra quality firm tanned oak leather; well padded and substantially made; double row of stitching on heel pad; reinforced and laced thumb, strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

No. BB.
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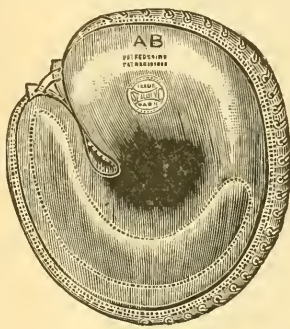


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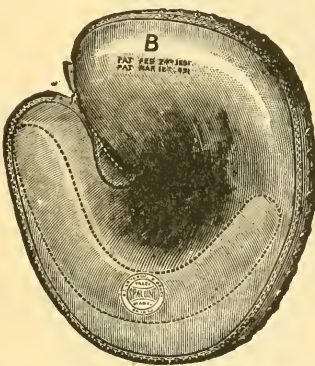
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Spalding Youths' Mitt

PATENT LACE BACK
 Superior quality youths' mitt. Made with extra quality white buck, face and finger-piece extremely tough and durable; well padded; reinforced and laced at thumb and double row of stitching on heel pad; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

No. AB. Each, \$1.00



Spalding Practice Mitt

PATENT LACE BACK
 Men's size. Face and back of asbestos buck, sides of firm tanned leather. Reinforced and laced at thumb, double row of stitching on heel pad; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

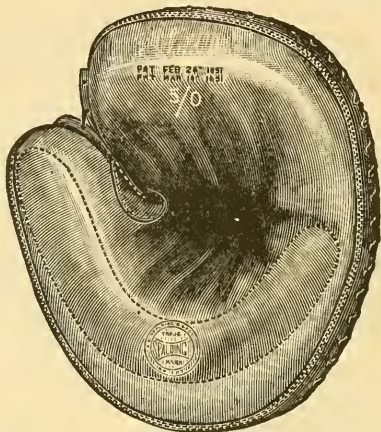
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Spalding No. OA Mitt

Extra large and heavily padded. Velvet tanned leather face and special tanned leather finger-piece and back. Extremely well made.

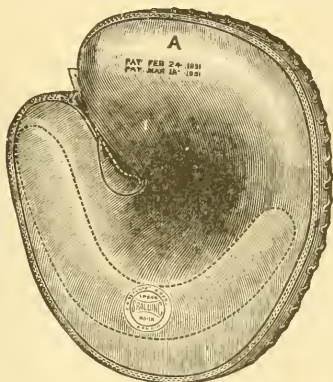
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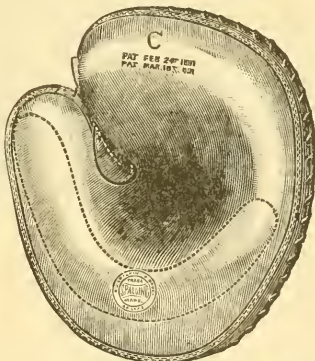


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Made of extra quality asbestos buck, perspiration proof, extremely tough and durable. A very popular mitt.

No. A.

Each, \$1.50



Spalding No. C Mitt

Face and finger-piece of special velvet tanned brown leather; sides and back of firm tanned leather. Superior quality throughout.

No. C.

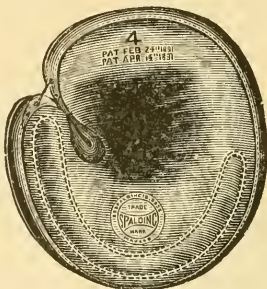
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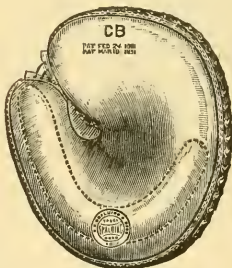


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Men's size, improved style. Face and back of asbestos buck; extra heavily padded; reinforced and laced at thumb joint and double row of stitching on heel pad.

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Spalding Junior Mitt

PATENT LACE BACK

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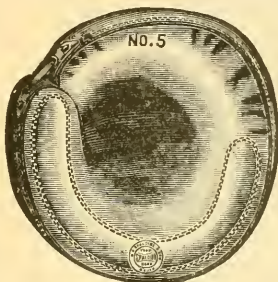
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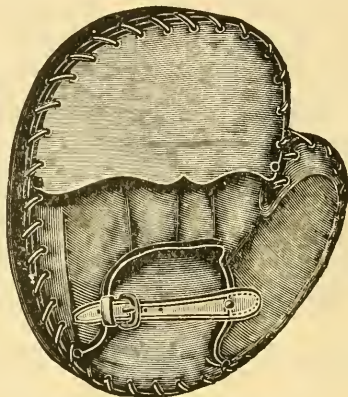
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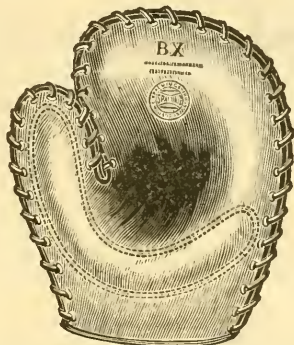
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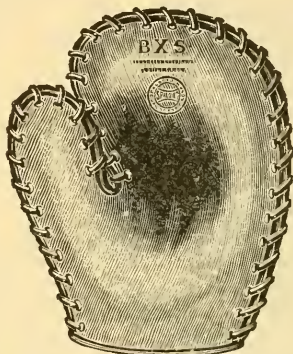
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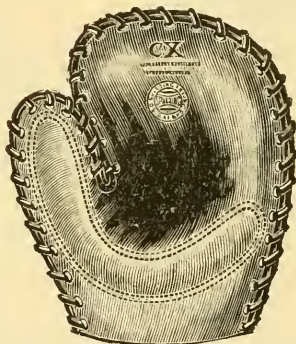
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Fine quality and finish; made on same lines as our No. BX Mitt; face of specially tanned drab leather; back of firm tanned brown leather; extra well padded at wrist and thumb; laced all around; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

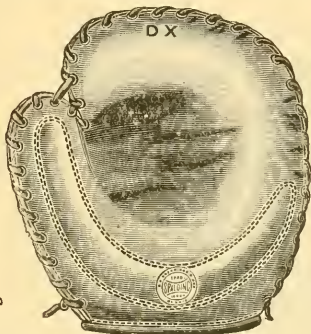
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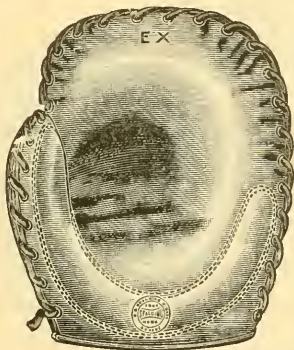
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No. EX First Basemen's Mitt

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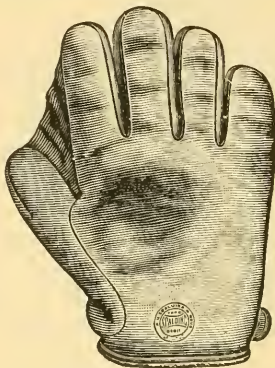
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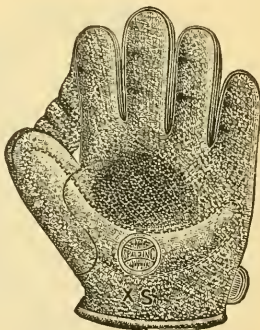
A special glove with features that will appeal to the professional player. Made extra long, of selected velvet tanned buckskin, lined and lightly padded. Has no heel pad. Made in rights and lefts.

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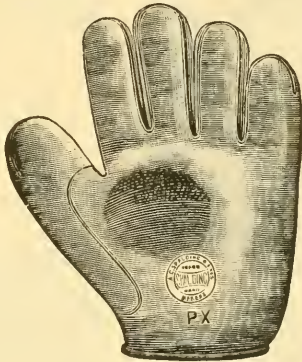
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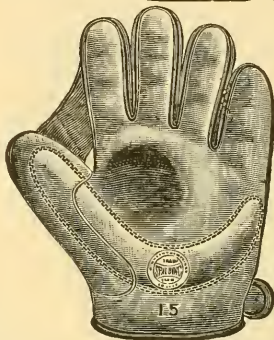
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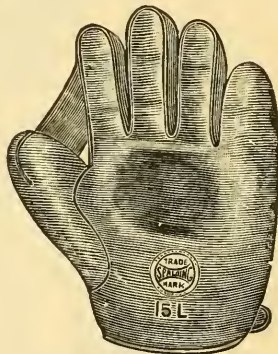
A well made glove, improved style. Made of extra fine quality brown leather, well padded; double row of stitching on heel pad. Made in rights and lefts.

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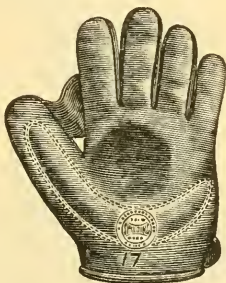
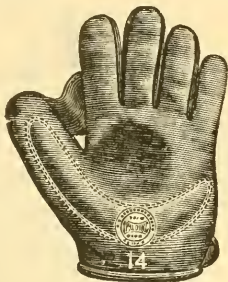
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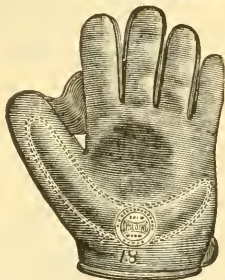
This glove is well made of soft tanned white leather, nicely padded; leather bound, and a first-class article in every way.

No. 14. Each, 50c.



A youths' glove; all leather, good quality, well made and padded; double row of stitching on heel pad.

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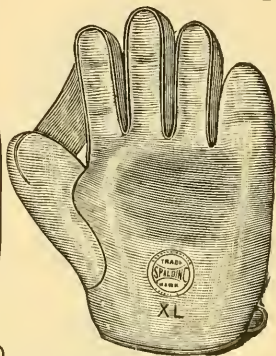
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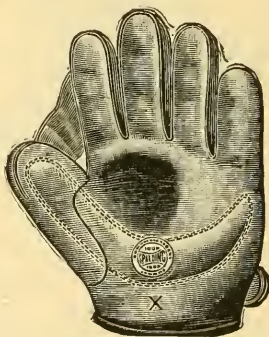
Made in style similar to our No. PX professional glove, but of white tanned horsehide. Has no heel pad and is made extra long.

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Spalding No. X Infielders' Glove

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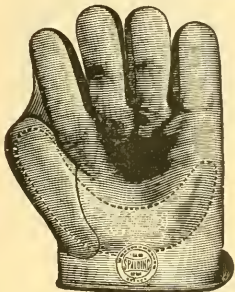
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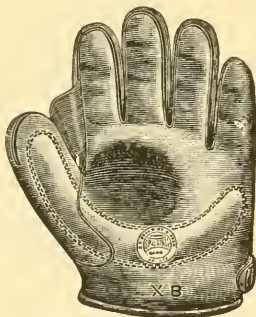
Our best youths' glove, made throughout of selected velvet tanned buckskin. Quality of material, workmanship and style same as our No. 2X men's glove; an article of particular merit. Made in rights and lefts.

No. 2XB. Each, \$2.00

A good youths' size glove. Made of fine quality white tanned horsehide. Similar in material, workmanship and style to our No. X men's glove. Made in rights and lefts.

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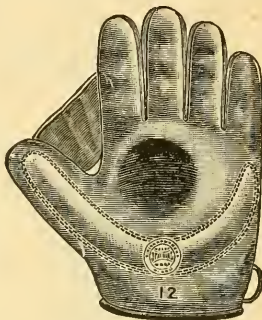
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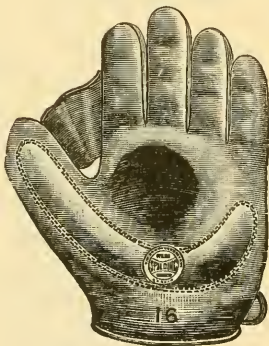
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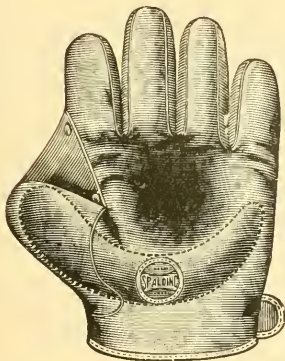
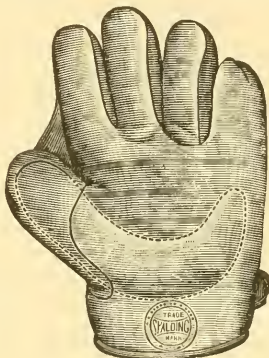
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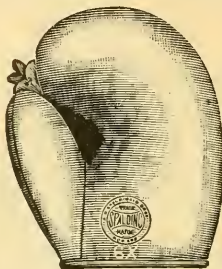
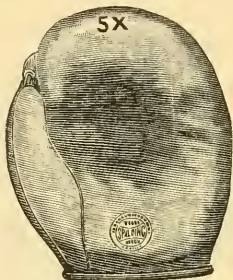
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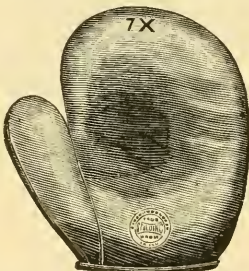


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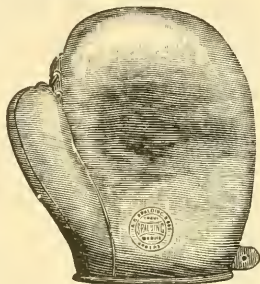
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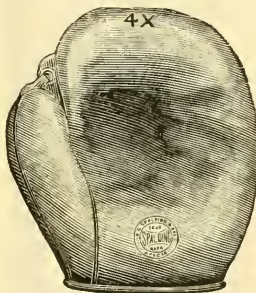
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Yours truly,

JOHN J. MCGRAW,
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Yours truly,

JAMES J. CALLAHAN,
 Manager-Captain Chicago American League Club.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 14, 1903.

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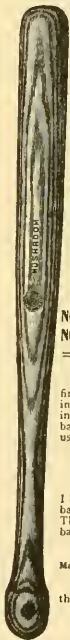
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We promise that these bats will be found perfect in balance, finish and quality of timber, and in placing our trade-mark and mark of superiority upon them we do so with perfect confidence that they will sustain the reputation of A. G. Spalding & Bros. for furnishing goods of satisfactory quality.

All Spalding Gold Medal Bats are made of most carefully selected best white ash, seasoned in open sheds for three years (not kiln dried). Each bat is passed under the critical eye of one of the best known old-time base ball players and carefully tested before being packed.



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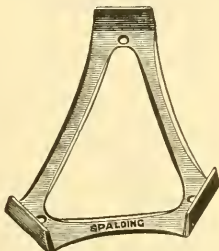
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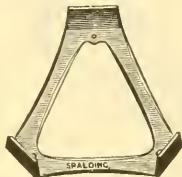
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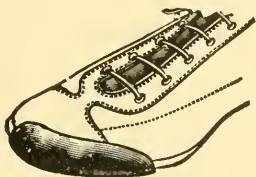
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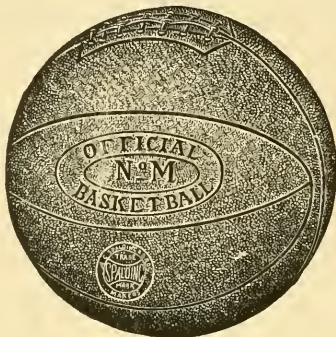
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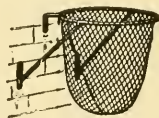
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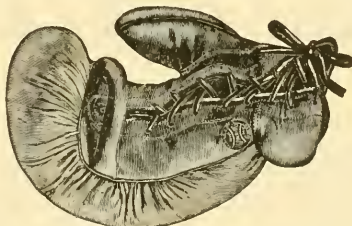
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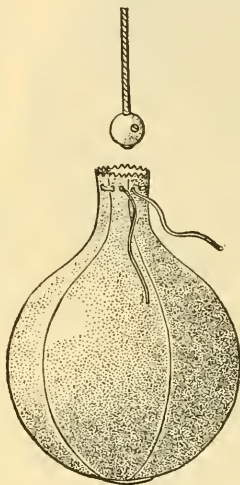
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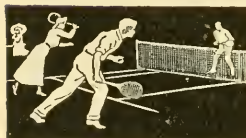
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