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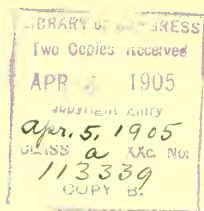
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## INTRODUCTION

By many base ball men, second base is considered the easiest of the infield positions to play, with the exception of first base. The chief reason for this impression is that the drives the second baseman must handle are seldom so hot as those the third baseman and shortstop receive, while he has less of the onerous duty of throwing long distances. The shortstop and third baseman have to field the ball over greater reaches of ground than the second baseman, and from the very nature of their positions, must make their throws more rapidly.

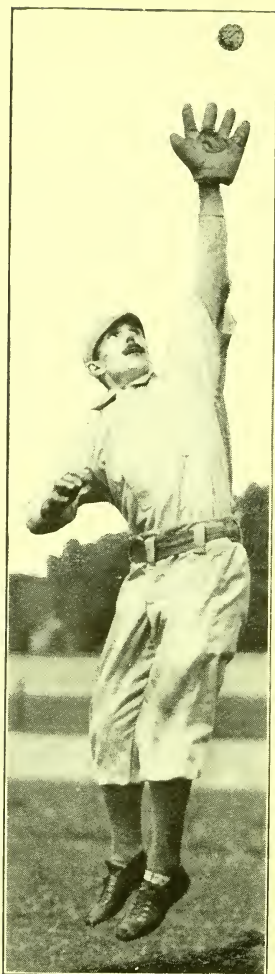
For a natural ball player, second base involves less wear and tear than the other infield positions, and the life on the diamond of players in this berth is usually of more considerable duration. The strain on the arms is not nearly so great and this essential to an infielder is often overworked and ruined early in the careers of shortstops and third basemen.

Nevertheless the second baseman's position, with reference to its relation to the infield work, is second only to the shortstop's and many authorities consider it even more important. Unquestionably, however, more is required of the shortstop, as he has to do almost everything the second baseman has under more trying conditions.

What has been said regarding physical conformation as applied to shortstops is equally adapted to second basemen, and no particular build is required of men in this position, though the average type may be considered as low in stature and very active of foot.

There are two things that stand out as essentials of the second baseman—ability to use the underhand throw and certainty of handling grounders on the left side.

Frequently hits to the second baseman are slow, and the ball



BOBBY LOWE.

For years Lowe has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most expert infielders in the national game. The photograph depicts him making a sensational catch of a high line hit.

must be snapped to the first baseman almost as it is received. The throw, coming from close quarters, is the more easily missed by the first baseman if it is not perfect, owing to its greater force, than throws coming from longer distances, as from third and short. Moreover, when the first baseman does miss, the ball is likely to roll to the stands before it stops, perhaps benefitting the runner an extra base.

As advised in the articles in connection with third base and shortstop, constant practice in this feature—underhand throwing, is essential to insure absolute accuracy.

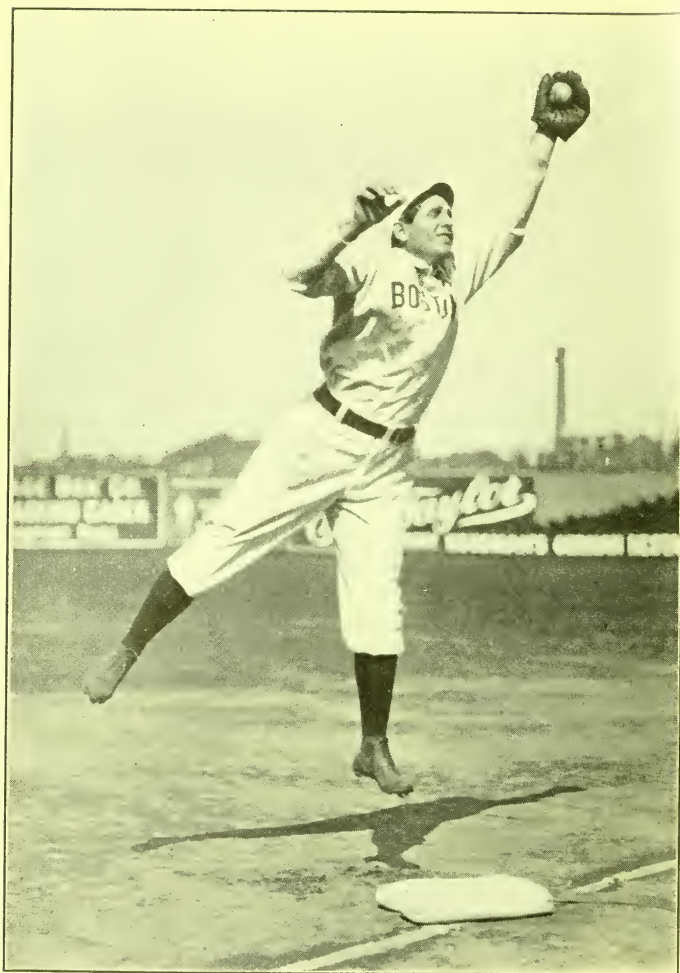
Ability to field on the left hand is particularly essential when the first baseman is tied up with a runner on the bag. Under such conditions it is up to the second baseman to cover a world of ground and generally on his weakest side.

Under such circumstances it is advisable to play deep so as to have a greater latitude of action. The second baseman has one great advantage over the third baseman in this respect, inasmuch as when a ball is hit to him, it is coming in the direction the runner is traveling, while when hit to the third corner the runner is traveling away from a ball. This has an appreciable time effect on the result of plays and the fact that the ball gets to the third baseman more quickly as a rule does not entirely offset the difference, for he still has the long, accurate throw to make.

As a rule, the second baseman's throw is the easiest of all the infielders, and his chief attention should be devoted to the underhand practice. An occasional throw to home from second in case of a double steal or other situation, may come up to him, but these are the exception and not the rule.

The technicalities of fielding the position are explained in "How to Play Shortstop" (No. 228 of the Spalding Athletic Library series), and are not fundamentally different for the second basemen.

Nothing but constant practice along the lines suggested in these articles will result in anything like finished playing. No matter how naturally good a player may be it takes hard work to keep on edge, and no aspirant for base ball honors will do



RAYMER,

Boston National League club's second baseman, shutting off a wild throw by a sensational one-hand catch.



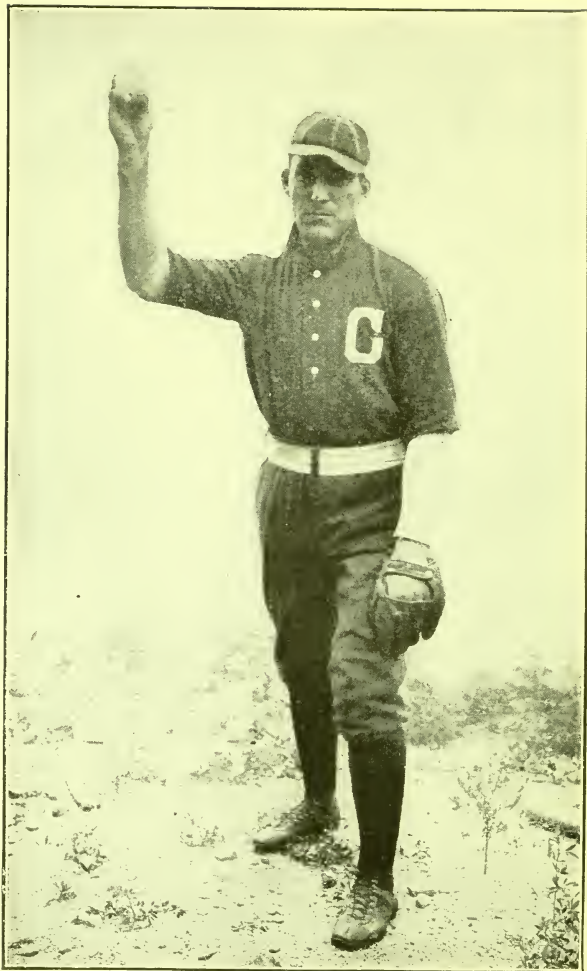
well to neglect his daily workouts in season. Have batters hit to you on your left side so that you will perfect yourself in this department, work the underhand throw to first as often as the opportunity presents and keep in good condition. Without this there is nothing.

The second baseman, as well as any other member of a base ball club, must be in shape to do his best. If a man is to be relied upon his manager wants to count upon him for doing certain things all the time, and not occasionally. The man who lapses from condition occasionally is drawing a salary for something he does not earn.

The best advice that can be given infielders, especially second basemen, shortstops and third basemen, is to forget there is such a thing as an error column. Try for everything and let nothing that seems possible, however remotely so, get away without your best efforts to stop it. A shirk can never make a first rate player.

The second baseman, like the shortstop, needs a quick working brain. There are times when a hair will turn the balance for or against an important play and hesitation is fatal.

Be sure and have a distinct understanding with your teammates, more especially with the pitcher, catcher and shortstop. Various methods are used for determining who shall cover second base on throws from the catcher, and one is as good as another.



LAJOIE.

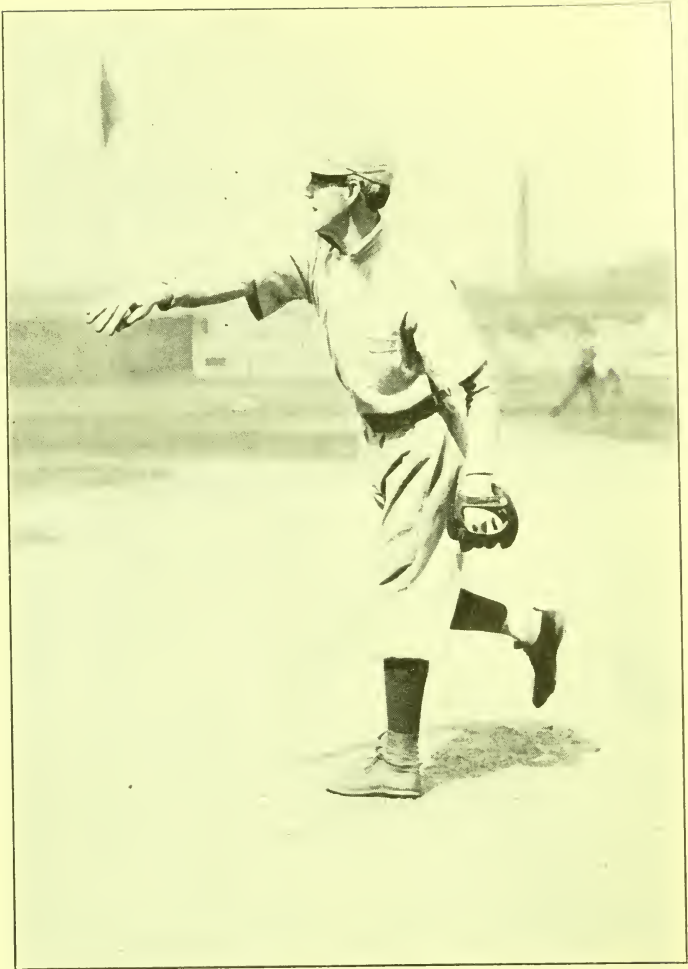
His feet are set firmly on the ground before throwing, and he keeps the ball high, with an overhand motion.

## BY NAPOLEON LAJOIE

Although I played shortstop with fair success, second base is the position I first held down with best results. While I consider shortstop a very important position in the game, second base is scarcely less so. The shortstop and third basemen have to work harder with their throws, but in other respects the second baseman has his time filled up taking care of grounders on the wrong side of him, watching the base, doing his utmost to turn double plays and in a variety of duties.

It is not everybody that should try to play second base. A very fast man with extremely long arms makes the ideal player. Short legs may have the same effect as the long arms, and that is to bring the reach of the fielder closer to the ground so that he may field the ball without slacking his speed either on the pickup or the throw.

For here again the old principle of saving that fraction of a second is everything to the fielder in cutting off runners at first. Where a short armed player is compelled to stop, bend to the ground, straighten up and throw, the long armed fellow scoops the ball up without a serious interruption of his progress and gets it away a good half a second before the other fellow. This may not seem much until you come to figure it out. Try it. To first base from home is 90 feet. You read about all sorts of phenomenal times in making this distance; but the runner who covers it in say even five seconds, is going some. Say the average is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  seconds; that means the runner is moving at an average rate of 20 feet a second. Thus, a variation of a half second in the time of fielding a ball to first base means a discrepancy of 10 feet in catching the runner. So even the scantest fraction of a second may determine whether the fielder has nailed his man or not. Every ounce of effort at every stage of the play



JOHN EVERS.

Sensational midget second baseman for the Chicago National League club. Although he has not attained his majority he is one of the most skillful players in the game.

should be exerted by the second baseman in order that no particle of time, however minute, be sacrificed. Of course the fielder may save himself on a slow runner.

I am told that this feature has been brought in other lessons in this publication, but the time-saving factor cannot be too strongly put or too often reiterated. It is the whole defensive game. Why a fifth of a second means a latitude of two feet to the base runner. Consider this, you amateurs who leisurely place yourself in the way of a boulder and take time to get a graceful pose while you throw the ball.

Another advantage the long-armed or short-legged man has in playing second base is that there is less danger of falling. The second baseman has much fielding to do on the awkward side, the left. For the short-armed man, who must make fast time to get to drives between him and first, there is great danger that in reaching too far for the drive he will lose his balance. The reach here is a most important factor.

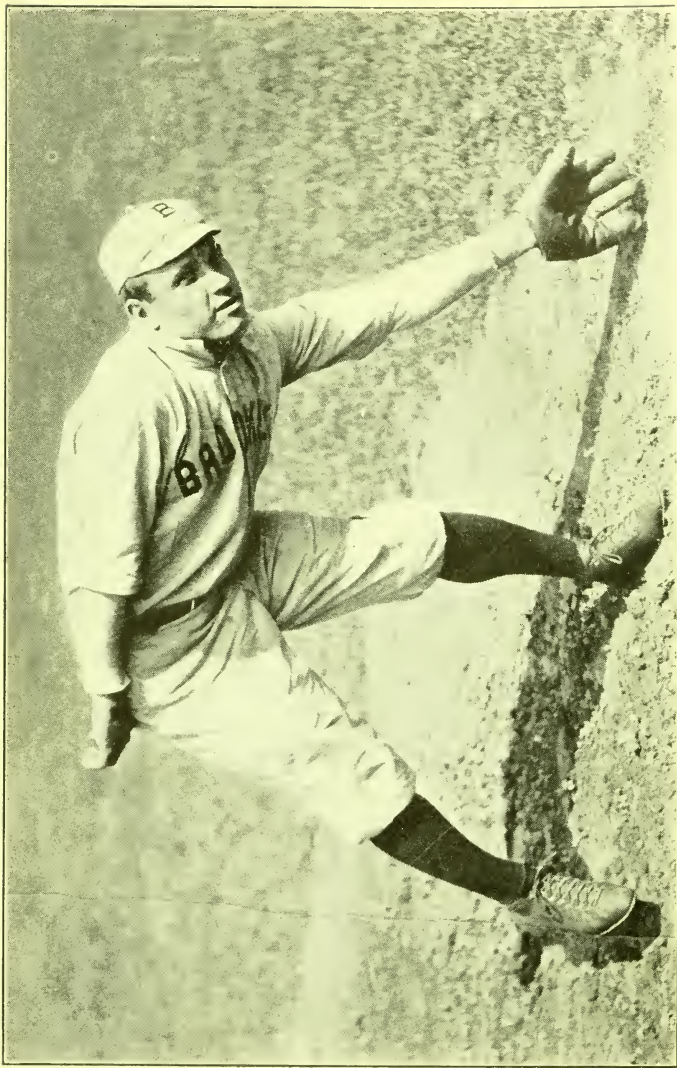
But this is a mere matter of physical construction. While this is important it has been proven that physical conformation in this respect can be occasionally disregarded if the player has extreme aptitude for the requirements of his place.

At second base these are especially:

1. To cover a world of ground, both on grounders and on short flies to the outfield.
2. To field balls on either side while under full headway.
3. To be able to throw accurately underhanded.

Unless a player is certain of himself on these points he has no business aspiring to be a second baseman. There are too many men who are capable in these particulars for managers to long try experiments with doubtful quantities. And yet when it comes right down to hard fact, there are fewer players in the business who are making great names at second base than in perhaps any other infield position. It testifies to the severe requirements of those who hold this berth on a ball team.

To begin at the rudiments: As in the shortstop's case, I always play well back in the field, though this is modified by con-



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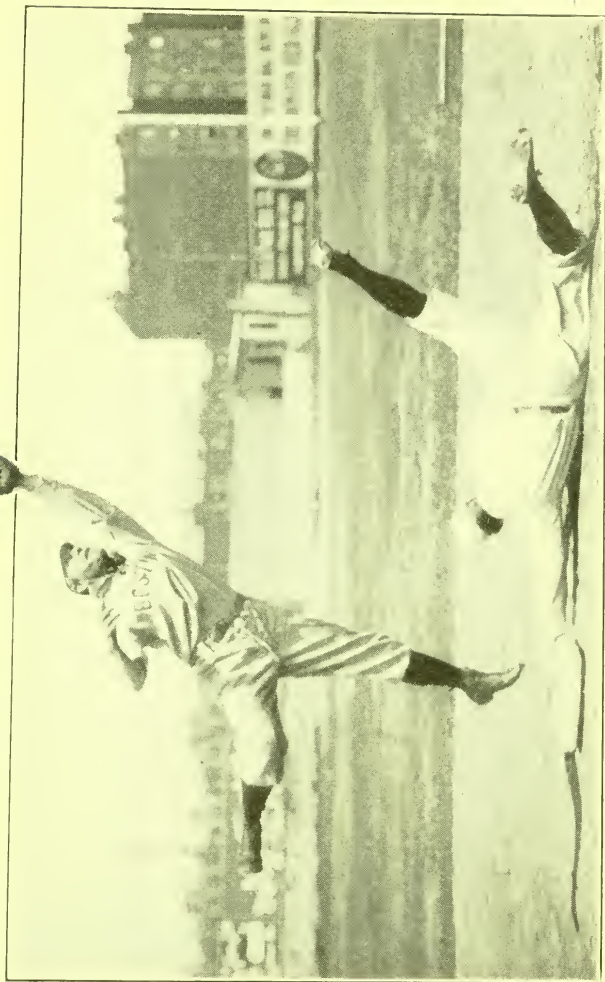
Second baseman of the Brooklyn club, trapping the ball and keeping an eye on the batter at the same time.

ditions. These involve the batter and the pitcher. As to the first it has been my policy to keep in touch with what the man in the box is going to send up to the batter. It does not always happen that a hit ball goes where you figure it ought to, just because a certain ball was thrown the hitter; but it does happen a reasonable number of times. Thus, for a left-hand batter being served a certain kind of ball you would have to place yourself in entirely a different position with reference to the base than if a right-hand man were up. Then, too, the fact of the base being occupied or unoccupied makes a great difference in where you place yourself. Instructions cannot be orally given players on these points. They are a matter of judgment, depending entirely on the individual. In the main, however, play deep. You stand a much better chance all around of getting the ball safely to first.

The pitcher, too, is an important factor in governing the manner of holding down second. For a weak fielding pitcher the basemen should play closer in, in order to get medium balls which are knocked through the box.

But playing deep field, if you find the ball is not coming fast enough go in to meet it and smother it if you find it coming with a shoot. No player, however, can make up his mind exactly how to take a ball until it is very close on him. If a player permits himself to "set" for a ball, it may take an unexpected bound at the last second and go clear of the hands.

The second baseman's duties are so interlaced with those of the shortstop and right fielder that it is well for these three parties to come to a definite understanding on the subject. Of course with all teams that have played together for any length of time this matter is adjusted early; but when a player breaks into the second base position with a lot of strange players he should have a distinct understanding at the outset.



HOBE FERRIS,

Second baseman of the Boston American League champions, stopping a wild throw and preventing a base runner from making an extra base.



## COVERING THE BAG

If your right fielder knows he can rely upon you for a certain effort on short flies to his territory it will save him a great deal of unnecessary running, and possibly an occasional collision. On the other side, it is necessary for the shortstop and second baseman to reach an agreement as to covering the bag. This is such a delicate matter that practice and conditions will have to govern. Occasionally the catcher tips off which is to cover. If a hard and fast rule is made, the enemy is apt to discover it and the batters hit through the open place.

Of course there are general rules for covering the bag when the ball is hit. It is a second nature, under such circumstances, for the shortstop to handle the throw, if there is a runner on first and the ball is hit to the left of the pitcher. Likewise, it is the second baseman's place to hustle to the bag to get the throw if the ball is hit to the right of the pitcher.

Under these last conditions the shortstop can be of material help to the second baseman, who is receiving the throw on the force out. Naturally, no throw should ever be made where there is not a chance to get the runner, and the shortstop can advise the second baseman whether it is wise for him to try for a double at first. If he signs to throw, you know there is a good chance to get the man. In turning, step in front of the base so as to get clear of the runner coming down the line. In letting go of the ball pay no attention to the runner, however, as it is his duty to take care of himself under the circumstances. He will not be over anxious to get hit with the ball. By stepping to the front of the plate, however, you can usually avoid having your throw blocked in case the runner is right on top of the base.

In fielding short flies, the second baseman should run in the

general direction of the hit, after getting one glance, trusting to the outfielder to coach him on the time to turn and make a catch. The fielder is in a much better position to judge the ball, as a rule, than the second baseman.

The interworking of the catcher and second baseman plays several parts during the game. This comes in on all throws to second, whether to stop a steal, to head off a player too far from the base, or to bluff a man on third into running home. As for the first two, it is only necessary for the catcher to know which of the pair is to protect the base, to determine his throw. For the double steal proposition, however, no little practice is required. This is attempted with a man on first and another on third. The first goes down to draw the fire of the catcher. The latter throws the ball, ostensibly to catch the runner at second, while the man on third makes a dash for home, trusting to beat the return. The play requires the second baseman to run in on the short throw immediately he gets the signal, taking the ball a short distance behind the pitcher's box, and getting it, therefore, in time to return it home to head off the runner about to score. The play requires much practice and an accurate throwing catcher.

The second baseman, less often than the third or shortstop, has to deal with men caught between the bases in run-ups. He is called upon to assist in cases properly in the territory of the other basemen frequently, however. There is one sure way to catch a man between the bases and it is the way by which nine out of ten are handled. That is to threaten the runner with the ball until you have him chasing down the line at full speed. Then throw the ball. The runner will have up too much speed to reverse his movement readily, to the end that the man who receives the ball can run him down.

Playing the bag on hits to the shortstop or third baseman or pitcher has its little niceties which experience and practice will soon teach.

As stated before, the baseman ought to move instantly he observes the ball to be hit in another part of the infield than

his territory. To be at the bag as soon as possible is the first principle, as it will help the throw from short or third and every fraction counts in double plays, as elsewhere in the game.

When taking the catcher's effort to nail a base runner coming down from first, stand to the left of the bag. Nearly every runner will attempt to get into the base behind the baseman and every inch you can gain on him will help when the umpire's decision is handed down. Never make your play to tag a man twice, if you think you have missed, unless the runner is palpably off the bag so that the umpire can see it clearly. You will prejudice your own chances with the umpire by repeating on a close effort.

The second baseman's arm gets off very lightly, as compared with the arms of other infielders, with the possible exception of the first baseman. Most of the throws made by the second baseman are to first, and then on balls fielded from his left side and consequently only a short throw from the destination. There is one thing the second baseman must practice and become proficient in, however, and that is throwing underhanded. With the runner coming down the line in the same general direction as the ball, he is gaining time on you all the while and even though you are close to the base, there is seldom a time when the second sacker has time to straighten up and throw. The underhand throw is the thing to cultivate and it will save many a second in a game, at times when fractions are vital.

The second baseman has plenty of chance to distinguish himself. The fact that so few names are handed down to history as having brilliantly occupied this berth ought to show something of its difficulty. There is this to say about it, however, that there is less wear and tear on second basemen and their base ball lives are, as a rule, much longer than those of other infielders.

## BY CLARENCE RITCHEY

It has been said that the left side is the feature of the second baseman that should be particularly strong; but I find that there is more demand for hard infielding and difficult work on the other side of the body in this position. Many is the hit that just skirts second, and then the long hard run for it, and the remarkable throw that must be made to stop the runner will require the utmost that is in the player.

As a rule, however, the position is not an extremely difficult one, as compared to third base and shortstop, though it is equally as important, if not even more so, than the two named.

The second baseman's principal asset is his throwing ability—that is, after his accuracy in fielding. The quick, accurate deliveries from awkward positions, both to first base and home, require something more of this position than is the case with other infield jobs, while the same fast work is exacted of him in the double plays.

Every man in his position should be a student of men and conditions if he wants to make a success. Some advocate perpetual hurry all the time; but all is not hurry, even in a base ball infield. The second baseman, at least, I have found it, by sizing up the batter or the runner, by noting carefully conditions previous to a play, in other words, by anticipating what is going to happen, can frequently turn a trick that would otherwise be hard. The "never lose an instant" idea would have a man dash in on a ball, take a chance of bobbling it in order to smother it early and get it away quickly, only to find that he has beaten the runner about two full seconds, simply because the latter could not run to first base in less than five seconds.

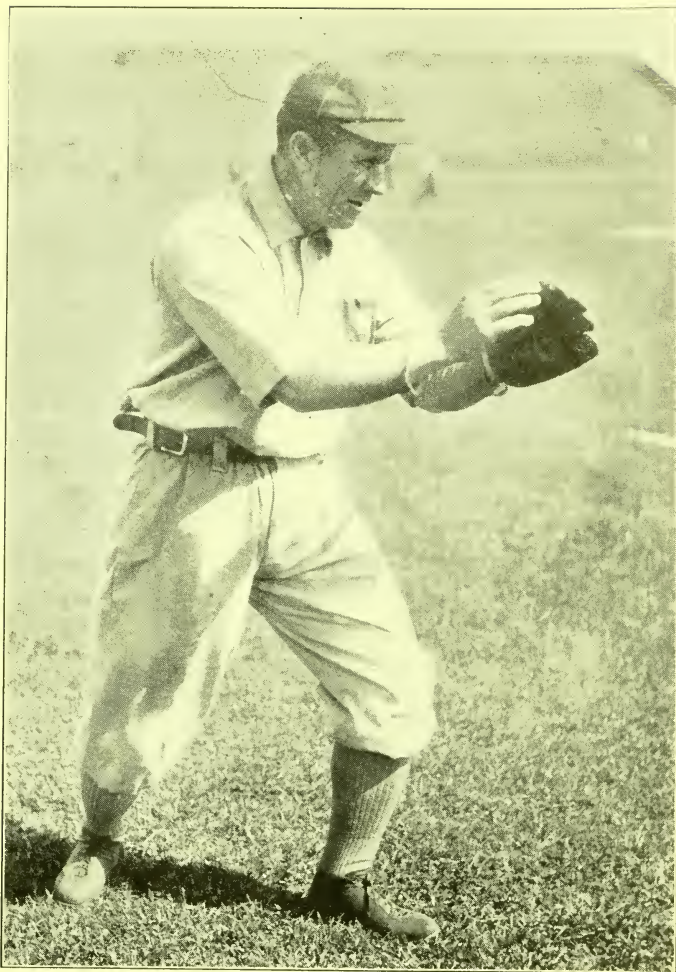
This is wasted energy.

Thus, if you are sure of your runner, and the hit is easy, a

player can rest up by taking it easy. An argument in favor of this is that many a mistake is made through too great a desire to get the task done. The man who can judge exactly the amount of time he has to perform his task in, is the man who is sure of a base ball career. He can play slowly for the slow, and save himself for the speedy. And for some of these he will have to move very fast as there are runners in the game who will make a fielder hurry even if the ball comes perfectly.

The best thing a youngster who would break into the game can do is to practice with experienced men. It is hard to tell anybody what to do in mere words. Illustrating is everything in base ball.

Briefly, however, a player must absolutely perfect his throwing from all angles; must be an accurate fielder on both sides; and must practice short, hard flies over and behind him and out of reach of the right fielder. These are the principal essentials to the second baseman.



KID GLEASON,

Philadelphia National League second baseman, waiting for a throw. In spite of his many years of service he is one of the fastest basemen in the game, covering a great deal of ground and making but few misplays.

## BY WILLIAM GLEASON

Throw, throw, throw!

Having done this, still throw.

Then you must field, field, field! And, having done this, practice fielding some more.

Then study combination plays with the shortstop. Then work out awhile with your catcher. Then practice putting the ball on the base runner. Then stir out and snatch a few pop flies that are just where the blue of heaven is so dazzling you can't see the ball, and where your neck cracks as you run backwards looking for them.

Then for a change, throw, throw, throw!

All this, if you want to be a second baseman. The position requires speed and accuracy in two things especially—fielding and throwing. The positions for the latter are always awkward, and the chances, in case of the former, are nearly always difficult.

Too much practice in backhand and underhand throwing is impossible. With the runner coming in the same direction as the ball is hit, a fraction of a second of your time for handling the ball is already knocked off. With the ball half the time hit away from the first base, and the direction of your run being therefore away from the destination of your throw, not the smallest fraction of time can be lost in getting the sphere to first. If the runner is fast and the hit near second base and slow, it is nearly impossible to field it to first in time to retire the runner.

It is not for any one man to tell another how to do these things. He can tell how he does them, but in many cases the individual peculiarities of the player instructed are such that he can do the same things better another way.

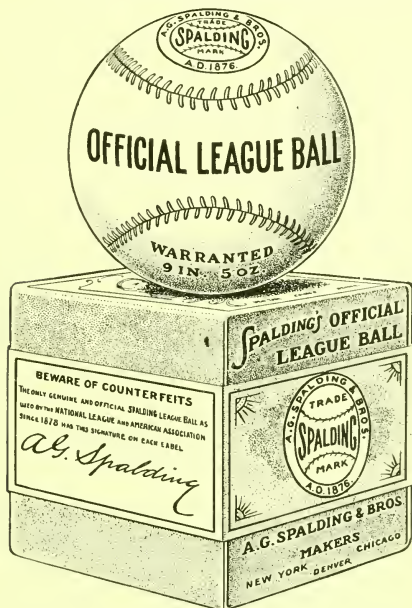
Personally, I think second base not a remarkably difficult position to play, after manual accuracy has been developed. A great deal of responsibility is present, but the position breaks up fewer men than almost any other in the business.

There are a few general directions that may be given, however. In regard to fielding, I observe the following rules:

1. Always keep in front of the ball.
  2. Always go in to meet the ball.
  3. When running to the right, pick up the ball with the left hand.
  4. Unless there is plenty of time, always throw on the run, especially in going away from first after a chance.
  5. Return a throw to the catcher underhanded, to stop a double steal.
  6. Take your cue for a double play from the man who fields you the ball.
  7. Pay no attention to the runner to second in trying for a double at first.
  8. Step into the diamond, before making your throw to first.
  9. Never throw the ball unless your chance of catching the runner is good.
  10. In receiving a throw to stop a steal, step to the left and back, to prevent a slip in behind you.
  11. If you fear a collision, turn your hip well braced, in the direction of the runner.
  12. Avoid injuring a runner by unnecessary roughness, in protecting yourself.
  13. Have the catcher or others who throw to you aim to reach you about shoulder high—you are then in a better position to return a throw.
  14. Where time is scarce, scoop the ball to the man covering the bag with the same motion that you field it.
  15. Trap a ball in an almost perpendicular position, with the heel of the hand toward the field.
- Second basemen for the most part are natural players and I would not advise any one who finds extreme difficulty in mastering the rudiments to persist in his efforts to fill the position.



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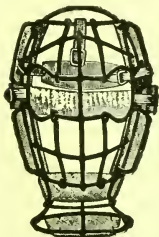
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Charles A. Comiskey, President of the Chicago American League club, says: "The Spalding Mushroom Bat receives my hearty endorsement. My experience as a ball player enables me to thoroughly appreciate its good qualities."

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 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.



Professional



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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

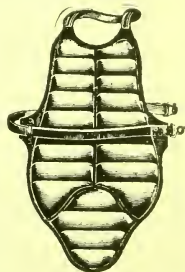
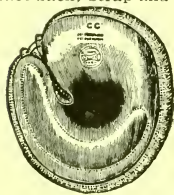
thumb; patent lace back; strap-and-buckle fastening at back. 50 cents.

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. A m a t e u r



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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 Infielder's 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.

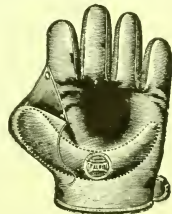
Spalding's No. 2X Infielder's Glove has retained its popularity year after year and to-day is acknowledged to be the most practical in style and get-up of any on the market. Made of selected velvet tanned buckskin, lined and padded with finest felt; has web thumb; highest quality workmanship; double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

Spalding's No. 2XS Infielder's 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 Infielder's 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 Infielder's 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 Infielder's 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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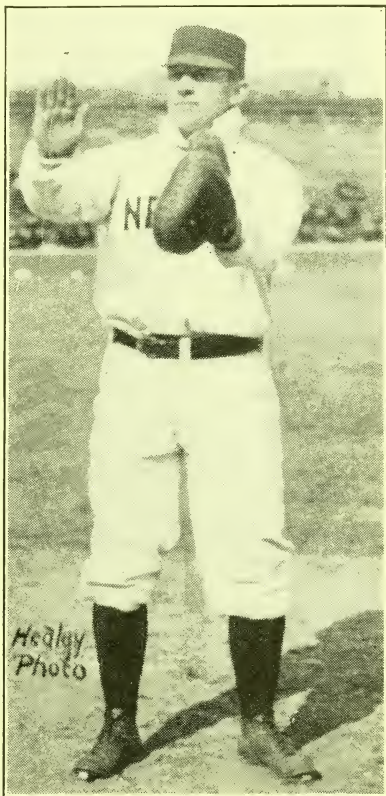
is probably no place in athletics where quality counts for more than it does in a base ball uniform. The best is the cheapest.

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 all 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,

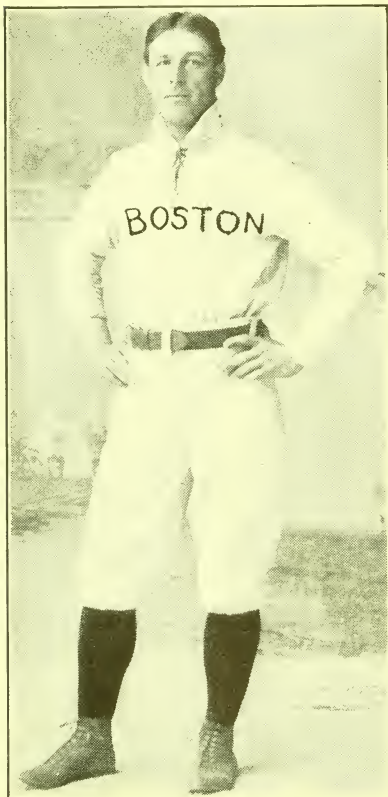


JOHN J. MCGRAW,  
Manager-Captain New Yorks, National League.

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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.

Interscholastic Shirt, any style; Interscholastic Pants, any style; Interscholastic Wool Stockings, No. 2R; Interscholastic Quality Cap, any style; Interscholastic Web Belt. The Interscholastic Uniform, complete, \$9.65. 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.

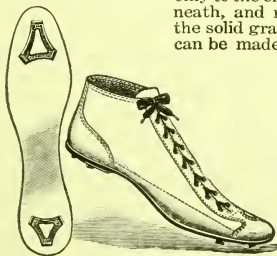
The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5 is made expressly for clubs composed of boys and youths, and will stand the hardest kind of wear. It is made and trimmed in first-class style, Colors: Maroon, Green, Blue Gray, Brown Mix. The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5 is made up of the articles enumerated herewith: 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, it 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.



TOE



HEEL

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.

Toe and heel plates of good quality can be bought for 25 cents a pair.

Spalding's Pitchers' Toe Plate is worn on the toe and affords a thorough protection to the shoe, and at the same time a most valuable assistant in pitching. Made for right or left shoe. Made of aluminum, they cost 50 cents, and of brass, 25 cents.



Every player needs an ankle supporter and the best made is the Hackey Patent Ankle Supporter. It is



worn over or under stocking and supports the ankle admirably, while not interfering in any way with free movements. It relieves pain immediately and cures a sprain in a remarkably short time. In ordering, size of shoe worn should be given.

No. H. Made of soft tanned leather, best quality. Per pair, \$1.00.

No. SH. Good quality sheepskin, lined, bound and reinforced. Per pair, 50 cents.

No. CH. Black duck, lined and bound, leather reinforced. Per pair, 25 cents.

In stockings, the best cost \$1.75 per pair, and range in price down to 25 cents for a cotton pair. Belts and caps also come in a great variety, both of styles and prices.

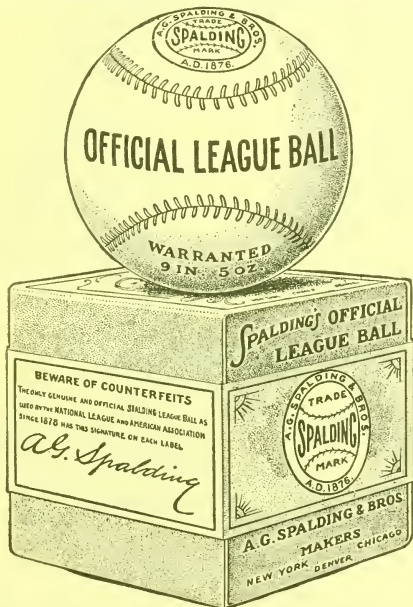
Every player should have a uniform bag to keep his outfit clean and in good shape. A canvas one costs \$2.50, and when made of fine bag leather, \$5.00.

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.

A complete list of base ball goods will be found in Spalding's Base Ball catalogue which will be sent free to any address by A. G. Spalding & Bros. from their stores in any of the following cities: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, St. Louis, Boston, Buffalo, Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Washington, Pittsburg, Syracuse, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Montreal, Canada.

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**Each, \$1.25**

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No. 10. A very lively ball; the inside is all rubber, making it the liveliest ball ever offered at the price. Put up in a separate box and sealed. . . . . Each, 25c.

## Boys' Favorite

No. 7. Horsehide cover and well constructed. An excellent large size ball for boys. Put up in a separate box and sealed. Each, 25c.

## Boys' Amateur

No. 14. This ball is a little under regulation size, has a sheepskin cover, and is very lively. Put up in a separate box and sealed. . . . . Each, 15c.

## Boys' Lively

No. 9B. A good Boys' Lively ball, juvenile size, two-piece cover. Each ball trade-marked. . . . . Each, 10c.

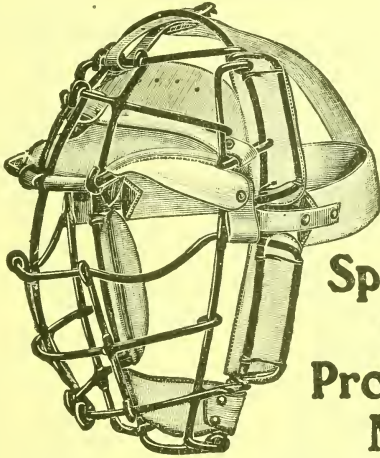
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## Spalding Sun Protecting Mask

This mask is used by practically all catchers on league, college and semi-professional teams. The patent sun shade protects the eyes without obstructing the view. Mask is made throughout of finest steel wire, extra heavy black enameled. Fitted with molded leather chin strap, hair filled pads and special elastic head band.

**No. 4-0. Each, \$4.00**

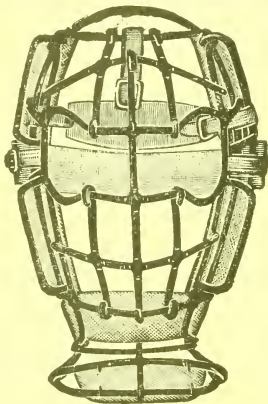
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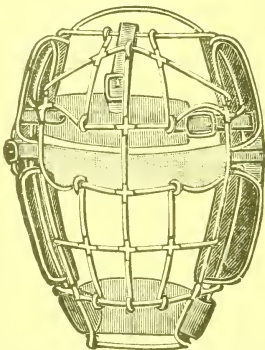
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### Neck Protecting Mask

Careful players realize the value of the neck protecting attachment with which this mask is fitted. The arrangement is made so as not to interfere in the slightest with free movements and it affords absolute protection to the neck. Finest steel wire, extra heavy and black enameled to prevent reflection of light.

No. 3-O. Each, \$3.00



### 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

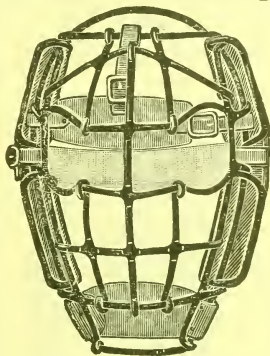
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No. 2-0

## Spalding Special League Mask

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 black enameled. Fittings of best quality throughout.

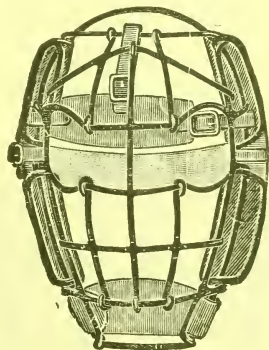
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## Spalding Amateur Mask

BRIGHT WIRE

Same size and general style of the League mask. Substantially made and warranted perfectly safe.

No. A. Each, \$1.00



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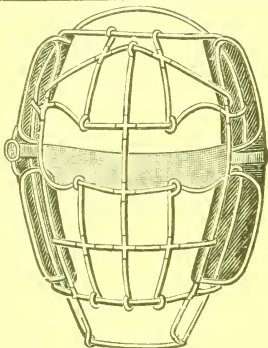
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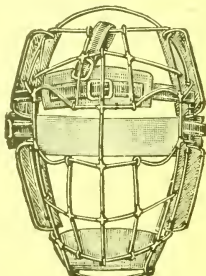
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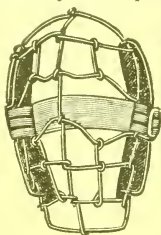
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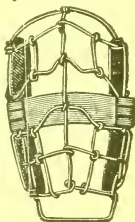
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No. C



No. D

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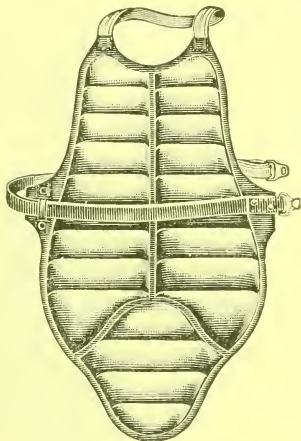


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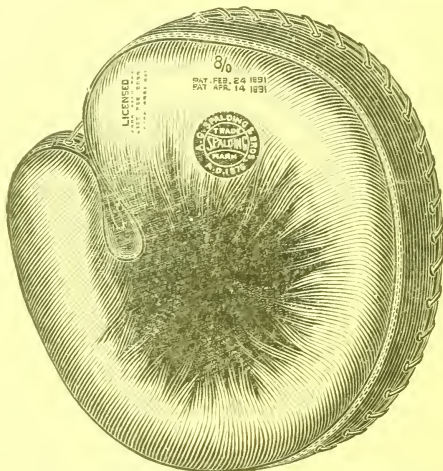
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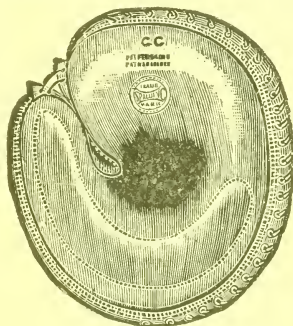
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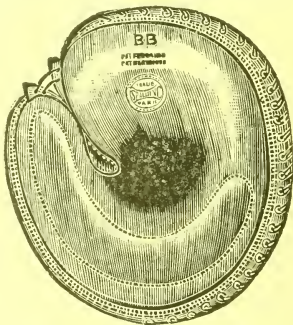
A VERY serviceable youths' mitt. Face and finger piece made of velvet tanned brown leather, sides and back of firm tanned leather; reinforced and laced at thumb and double row of stitching on heel pad; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

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.

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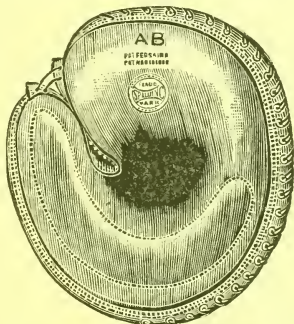


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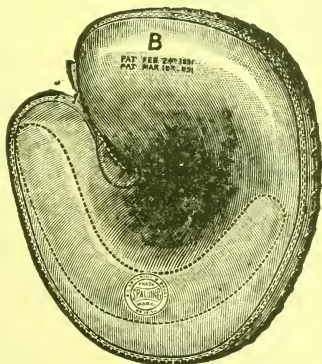
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Men's size. Face and back of asbestos buck, sides of firm tanned leather. Reinforced and laced at thumb, double row of stitching on heel pad; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

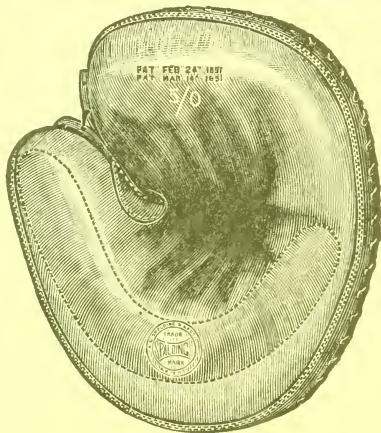
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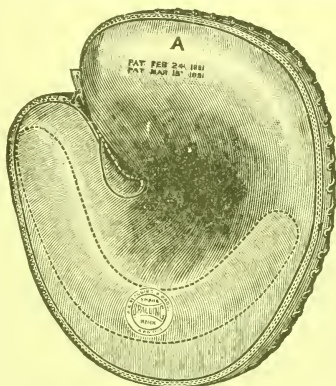
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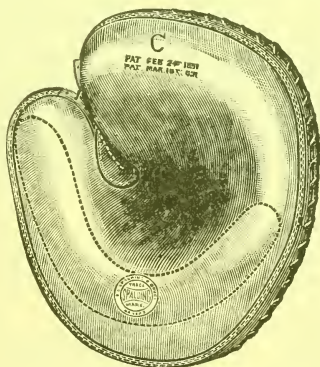


## Spalding Amateur Mitt

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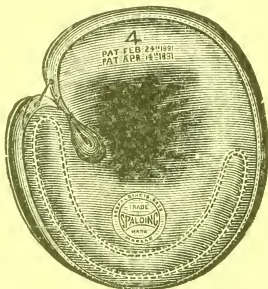






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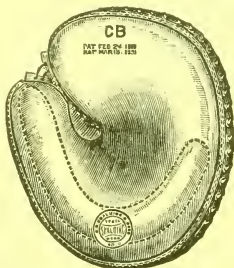


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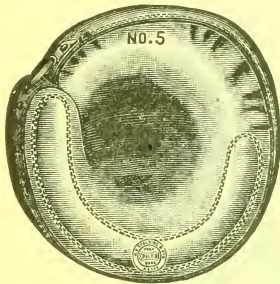
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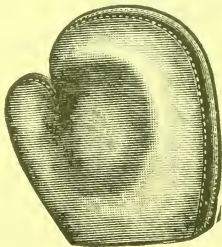
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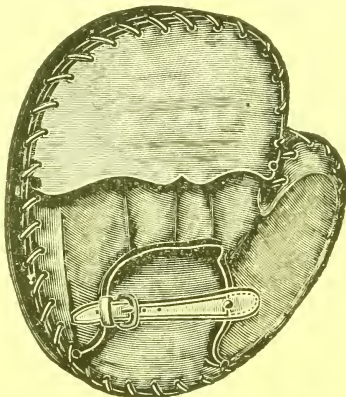
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Face, sides and finger-piece made of velvet tanned leather and the back of selected asbestos buck, well padded. Well known for reliability.

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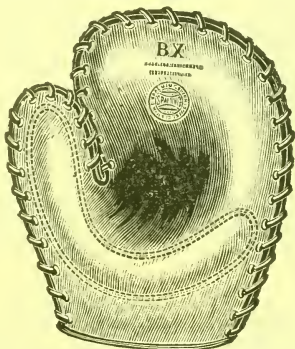
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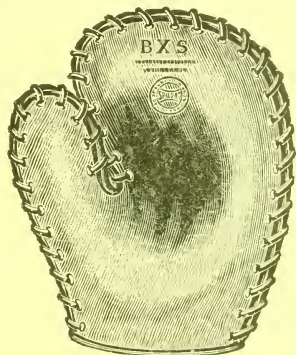
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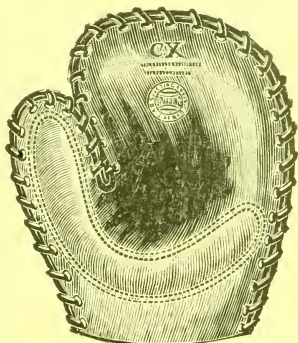
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## No. EX First Basemen's Mitt

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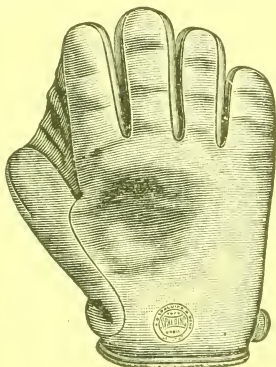
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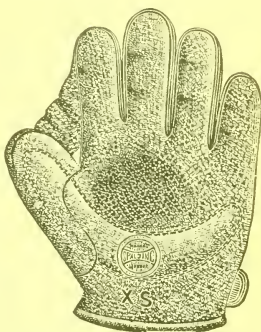
A special glove with features that will appeal to the professional player. Made extra long, of selected velvet tanned buckskin, lined and lightly padded. Has no heel pad. Made in rights and lefts.

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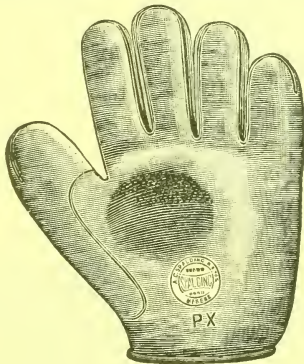
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OUR No. PX Infielders' Glove is made up on lines suggested by prominent professional players. Quality and workmanship cannot be surpassed. The quality of buckskin used in making up this glove is the finest we have been able to obtain, and all other 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.

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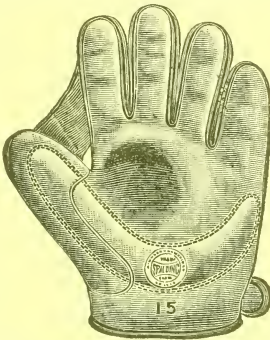
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## Spalding Men's Size Infielders' Glove

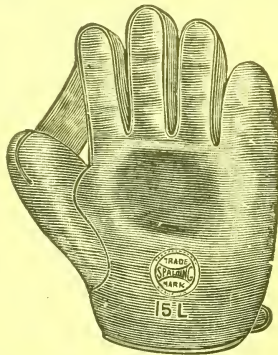
A well made glove, improved style. Made of extra fine quality brown leather, well padded; double row of stitching on heel pad. Made in rights and lefts.

**No. 15. Each, \$1.00**

## Spalding Men's Size Infielders' Glove

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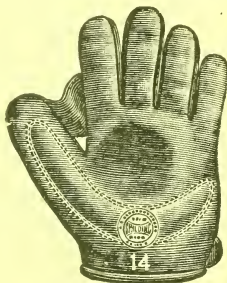
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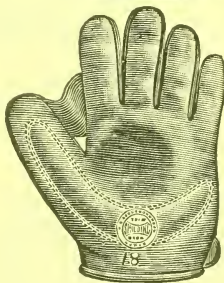
This glove is well made of soft tanned white leather, nicely padded; leather bound, and a first-class article in every way.

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

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Youths' size. Made of asbestos buck and well padded; double row of stitching on heel pad. Best quarter glove on the market.

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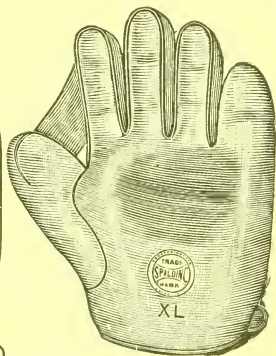
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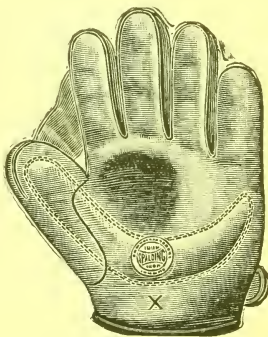
Made in style similar to our No. PX professional glove, but of white tanned horsehide. Has no heel pad and is made extra long.

No. XL. Each, \$1.50

## Spalding No. X Infielders' Glove

A good all-around glove, improved style. Made of good quality white tanned horsehide, well padded and leather lined; double row of stitching on heel pad. Will give excellent service.

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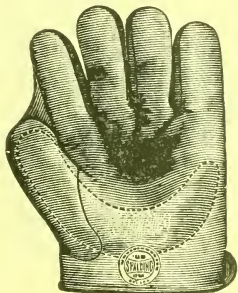
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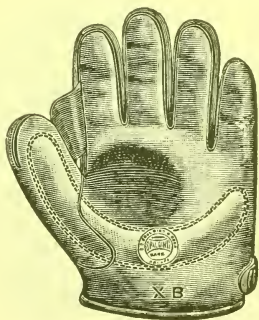
Our best youths' glove, made throughout of selected velvet tanned buckskin. Quality of material, workmanship and style same as our No. 2X men's glove; an article of particular merit. Made in rights and lefts.

**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.

**No. XB. Each, \$1.00**

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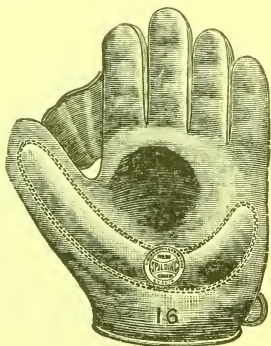
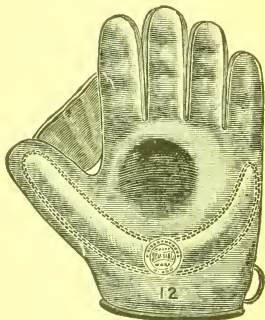
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## Spalding Men's Size Infielders' Gloves

Made of good quality soft suede tanned white leather, leather lined, nicely padded; double row of stitching on heel pad.

No. 12. Each, 75c.



## Spalding Men's Size Infielders' Gloves

A good glove, full size, improved style. Good quality soft tanned white leather, nicely padded; double row of stitching on heel pad.

No. 16. Each, 50c.

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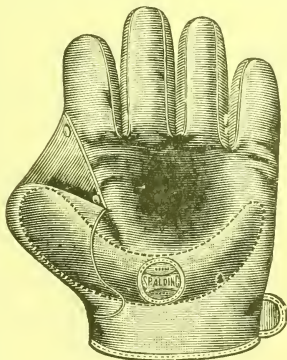
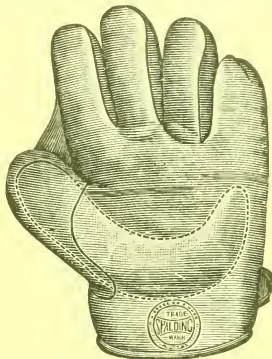
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## Spalding Regulation Infielders' Glove

This 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 correctly padded with finest felt. Highest quality workmanship throughout; double row of stitching on heel pad. No better made at any price.

No. 2X. Each, \$2.50



## Spalding No. AX Infielders' Glove

A very popular style. Made throughout of specially tanned calfskin. Padded with best quality felt; double row of stitching on heel pad. Highest quality workmanship throughout.

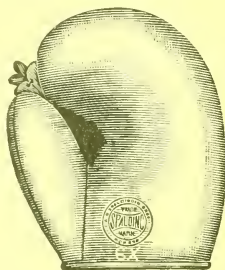
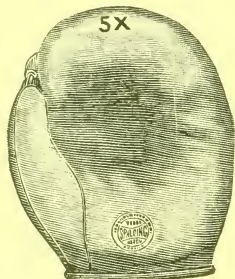
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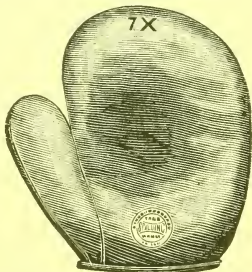


## Spalding No. 5X Fielders' Mitt

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; strap-and-buckle fastening at back. . . . . Each, \$1.00

## Spalding No. 6X Boys' Fielders' Mitt

A substantial mitt for boys; 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. Each, 50c.



## Spalding No. 7X Boys' Fielders' Mitt

Made of asbestos buck, well padded and substantially made; laced thumb.

No. 7X. Each, 25c.

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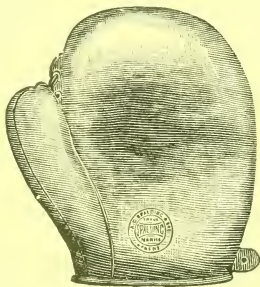


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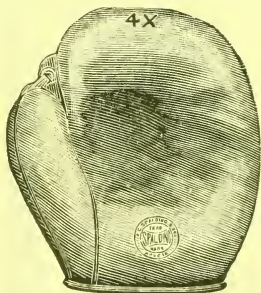
### Spalding No. 3X Fielders' Mitt

Made of the very best and softest white tanned buckskin; the thumb and at wrist is extra well padded; laced thumb, leather lined. Our highest quality Fielders' Mitt, the finest procurable and of the best workmanship; none better made for the purpose; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.



No. 3X. Each, \$2.50

### Spalding No. 4X Fielders' Mitt



Style much improved; made of specially tanned drab leather, well padded with fine felt, leather lined, and carefully sewed and finished; laced thumb; strap-and-buckle fastening at back.

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## THE Spalding Mushroom Bat

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**I**N this bat a principle has been utilized which makes a bat of the same weight many times more effective than the ordinary style under certain conditions, and as an all-round bat we have received many letters from prominent professional players testifying to their appreciation of the good points of its construction. They say: "Both balance and model are perfect." Only the very best quality of air dried timber has been used and every one is carefully tested by an expert before leaving our factory. The knob arrangement at the end of the bat enables us to get 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.

We recommend it heartily to our customers, feeling certain that they will find in the combination of good qualities which it possesses something that they have sought for in vain elsewhere—a perfect bat.

**No. M. The Spalding Mushroom Plain Bat, Special Finish. Each, \$1.00**  
**No. MT. The Spalding Mushroom Taped Bat, Taped Handle. " 1.00**

NEW YORK, Sept. 22, 1903.

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. This bat is used exclusively by the New York players.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. MCGRAW,  
 Manager New York B. B. Club.

In all my experience as a base ball player I have not found a more satisfactory base ball bat than the Spalding Mushroom Bat. The timber is the best I have seen; the balance and model of the bat is perfect.

Yours truly,

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

In all our experience as base ball players we have not found a bat more satisfactory than the Spalding Mushroom Bat, introduced by Jack Pickett.

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Of Chicago National League Club.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14, 1903.

I have played professional base ball for the last fifteen years and have tried all kinds of bats, but no bat has given me such good service as the Spalding Mushroom bat, introduced by Jack Pickett. Quality and balance are perfect.

Yours truly,

WM. GLEASON,  
 Captain Philadelphia National League B. B. Club.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14, 1903.

The Spalding Mushroom Bat, introduced by Jack Pickett, receives my hearty endorsement. My experience as a ball player enables me to thoroughly appreciate its good qualities.

Yours truly,

CHAS. A. COMISKEY,  
 President Chicago American League Club.

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## SPALDING GOLD MEDAL BATS

In placing the Spalding Gold Medal Bats in our line we do so to emphasize the fact that in bat making something more than mere manufacturing skill is necessary. The man who makes a base ball bat should know just what is required, not merely in a general way but in a special sense, and when he is shaping the timber there must be within him the knowledge and skill required to shape it so that the balance will be perfect and the bulk left in the correct place. This is something that comes only through experience, and we claim that a bat-making career extending over twenty-nine years, with un-equalled facilities at our command, should be considered when players decide whose bats they will use.



we have endeavored to make this the best Base Ball Bat ever placed on the market, and so such. Give it our unqualified guarantee. If this bat proves defective in any particular feature within this time to any of our stores or to the dealer from whom you purchased it.



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.



Boys'

- |          |   |       |              |
|----------|---|-------|--------------|
| No. CM.  | Spalding Gold Medal Plain Bat, golden finish.                   | - - - | Each, \$1.00 |
| No. GMT. | Spalding Gold Medal Taped Bat, white wax finish.                | - - - | " 1.00       |
| No. GMB. | Spalding Boys' Gold Medal Plain Bat, golden finish, boys' size. | "     | .50          |

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Since 1877, when we introduced the Spalding line of trade-marked bats, they have been recognized as standard by players to whom quality is a consideration. Wherever possible, we have improved both style and quality from time to time, and the assortment as now made up comprises absolutely the most up-to-date and thoroughly trustworthy styles that can be produced. The timber used in their construction is seasoned from two to three years before using, thus ensuring not only a lighter and stronger bat, but also retaining the life quality and driving power of the natural wood.



No. 3-0



No. 0X



No. 2X

### SPALDING MEN'S BATS

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|----------|---|------------|
| No. 3-0. | Spalding Wagon Tongue Ash Bat, League quality, special finish, spotted burning. | Each, 50c. |
| No. 0X.  | Spalding "Axletree" Bat, finest straight grained ash; tape wound handle.        | " 25c.     |
| No. 2X.  | Spalding Black Band Bat, extra quality ash.                                     | " 25c.     |



No. 3X



No. 2XB



No. 10

### SPALDING BOYS' BATS

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|----------|---|------------|
| No. 3X.  | Spalding Junior League Bat, extra quality ash; spotted burning.                   | Each, 25c. |
| No. 2XB. | Spalding Boys' Bat, selected quality ash, polished and varnished; antique finish. | Each, 10c. |
| No. 10.  | Boys' Hard Wood Bat; good quality.  | " 5c.      |

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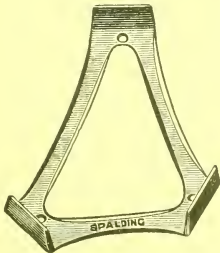
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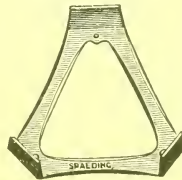
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## Spalding Bevel Edge Shoe Plates

RAZOR STEEL.



No. 3-0. Toe Plates.  
Per pair, 50c.



No. 4-0. Heel Plates.  
Per pair, 50c.

### Professional

BEST QUALITY STEEL

No. 1. Toe Plates, 10c.

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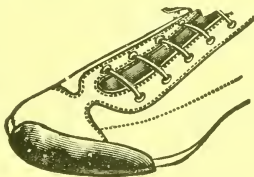
### League

HARDENED STEEL

No. 0. Toe Plates, 25c.

No. 2-0. Heel Plates, 25c.

## Spalding Pitchers' Toe Plate



A thorough protection to the shoe and a most valuable assistant in pitching. Made for right or left shoe. Used by all professionals.

No. A. Aluminum, . . . . . Each, 50c.

No. B. Brass, . . . . . Each, 50c.

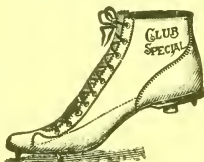
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### Spalding Club Special Shoe



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.

No. 0. Per pair, \$5.00

### Spalding Amateur Special Shoe

Made of good quality calfskin, machine sewed; a serviceable and durable shoe, and one we can specially recommend. Plates riveted to heel and sole.



No. 35. Per pair, \$3.50

### Spalding Junior Shoe



A leather shoe, complete with plates. Made on regular base ball shoe last and an excellent shoe for junior teams.

No. 37. Per pair, \$2.00

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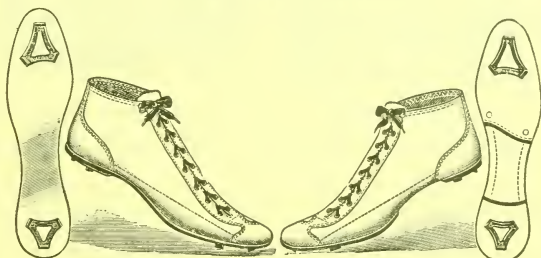
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### The Spalding Highest Quality Base Ball Shoe



No. 2-0

No. 30-S

Our "Highest Quality" Base Ball Shoe 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 quality, but a perfect shoe in every detail. The plates, made exclusively for this shoe, are of the finest hand-forged razor steel and firmly riveted to heel and sole.

No. 2-0. "Highest Quality." Per pair, \$6.00

### The Spalding Sprinting Shoe

Same quality as our No. 2-0 shoe, but built on our famous running shoe last. Weigh about eighteen ounces to the pair and made with extra care throughout.

No. 30-S. Sprinting Shoe. Per pair, \$6.50

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## Club Special Uniform No. 3

Made of good quality flannel, in a variety of very desirable patterns. Well finished and a most excellent outfit for amateur clubs. A most desirable young men's suit. Elegantly made, and of good, strong, handsome material. On exactly same patterns as the league suits.

Club Special Uniform No. 3  
Complete \$7.00

Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team. Suit, \$5.50

COLORS: White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray, Black, Maroon, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, Cardinal.

CONSISTING OF: Club Special Shirt, any style; Club Special Pants, any style; Club Special Stockings, No. 3R; Club Special Cap, any style; Club Special Web Belt.

No extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.



## Amateur Special Uniform No. 4

Made of good quality flannel, and compares favorably with uniforms of other makers quoted at a much higher price. An excellent wearing uniform, cut and finished as well as our higher-priced suits. Very popular with the younger base ball players.

Amateur Special Uniform No. 4  
Complete \$5.00

Net price to clubs ordering for Entire Team. Suit, \$4.00

COLORS: White, Light Gray, Blue Gray, Maroon, Navy Blue, Green.

CONSISTING OF: Amateur Special Shirt, any style; Amateur Special Pants, padded; Amateur Special Stockings, No. 4R; Amateur Special Cap, styles 21 and 5 only; Amateur Special Web Belt.

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## The Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5

This uniform is made expressly for clubs composed of boys and youths, and will stand the hardest kind of wear. Made and trimmed in first-class style.

Spalding Junior Uniform No. 5. Complete, \$4.00

Net price to clubs ordering Nine or more Uniforms, Per suit, \$3.00

### COLORS:

Maroon, Blue Gray,  
Green, Brown Mix.

No extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.

CONSISTING OF: Spalding Junior Shirt, any style; Spalding Junior Pants, padded; Spalding Junior Cap, styles 21 and 5 only; Spalding Junior Belt; Spalding Junior Stockings.



## The Spalding Youths' Uniform No. 6

The Spalding Youths' Uniform No. 6. Complete, \$2.00

Net price to clubs ordering nine or more uniforms, Per suit, \$1.50

Very well made of good quality Gray material.

### CONSISTING 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 price at which we are selling this uniform should make it extremely popular.

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## The Interscholastic Uniform No. 2

Made of same grade of material as our higher priced uniforms, but of lighter weight. This is one of our most popular suits and will give the best of satisfaction. Can usually be worn two seasons.

Interscholastic Uniform No. 2. **\$9.65**  
Complete,

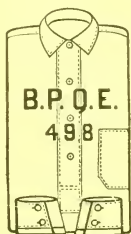
Net price to clubs ordering for **\$8.00**  
Entire Team. . . . Suit,

### COLORS:

White, Pearl Gray, Yale Gray, Light Gray,  
Black, Green, Maroon, Royal Blue,  
Navy Blue, Brown, Cardinal.

CONSISTING OF: Interscholastic Shirt, any style; Interscholastic Pants, any style; Interscholastic Stockings, No. 2R; Interscholastic Cap, any style; Interscholastic Web Belt.

No extra charge for lettering shirts with name of club nor for detachable sleeves.



We have on hand a special flannel, Royal Purple, dyed particularly for teams connected with the Order of Elks. While we do not recommend that this be made up solid color in suits, still it makes a beautiful combination as trimming on white flannel, and we are making these uniforms now in that way in our Nos. 0, 1 and 2 qualities only.



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## Spalding Base Ball Shirts (Separate)



TAPE BOTTOM.

- No. 0. "The Spalding" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$6.00
- No. 1. "University" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$5.00
- No. 2. "Interscholastic" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$4.00
- No. 3. "Club Special" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$2.75
- No. 4. "Amateur Special" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$2.00
- No. 5. "Junior" Shirt, any style, with name of club, \$1.50

## Spalding Base Ball Pants (Separate)

- No. 0. "The Spalding" Pants, any style. Pair, \$6.00
- No. 1. "University" Pants, any style. " 5.00
- No. 2. "Interscholastic" Pants, any style. " 3.75
- No. 3. "Club Special" Pants, any style. " 2.75
- No. 4. "Amateur Special" Pants, padded. " 2.00
- No. 5. "Junior" Pants, padded. " 1.50

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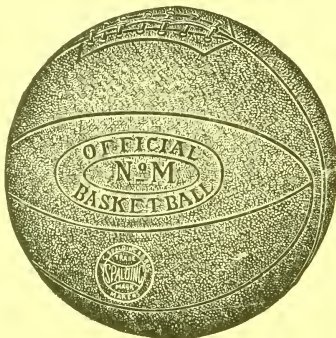
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## THE SPALDING "OFFICIAL" BASKET BALL



Officially adopted and must be used in all match games. The cover is made in eight sections, with capless ends and of the finest and most carefully selected pebble grain leather. The bladder is made specially for this ball, of extra quality Para rubber. Each ball packed complete, in sealed box, and guaranteed perfect in every detail.

**No. M. "Official" Basket Ball. Each, \$5.00**

*Extracts from Official Rule Book*

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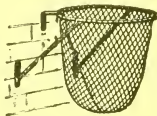
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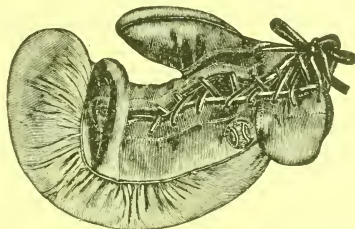
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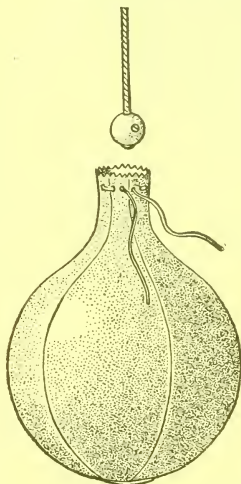
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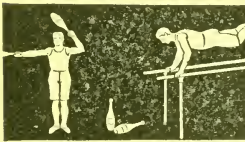
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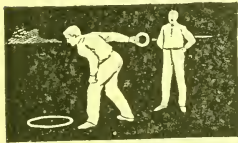
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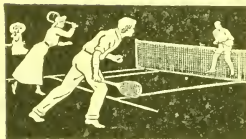
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