

OUR MAIL BOX

*A Department Devoted Exclusively to the Fans
and Their Ideas and Suggestions on
the National Game*

Sea Bright, N. J.

MR. F. C. LANE.

Dear Sir: Although I am not an expert dopester, it seems to me that the present batting system is defective. Of course I acknowledge that the system shows the number of hits, but it does not show their strength. Your system has the right idea and I heartily endorse it.

By the way, what's wrong with Frank Lynn and A. Fan? He must have "Old Chromitis." At this writing, Connie and his merry crew are in seventh place. If the anti-loafing law is put into effect soon, Connie's merry losers will have to find jobs. McGraw's hustlers, on the other hand, can never get into such straits.

Wishing you luck, I am,

Yours sincerely,
L. WARREN.

Boston, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

I have taken major league managers who do not play in any of the big league games but who have played some time ago, and constructed a pretty nice ball team which I think could stand its own with some of the teams today, for a few innings at least. Here it is:

BATTING ORDER

Huggins	Second Base
L. Fohl	Eight Field
McGraw	Third Base
Jennings	Short Stop
Jones	Center Field
Hendricks	Left Field
Mitchell	Catcher
Mathewson	Pitcher
Connie Mack	Manager
Griffith	Pitcher
Robinson	Catcher

A most interested follower,

P. J. CHRISTY.

San Francisco, Cal.

MR. EDITOR:

I was very glad to see another letter from Old Chromo, in the June issue. It seems to me that his work is slowly being accomplished, as the letters in Our Mail Box are gradually looking less like Kindergarten Masterpieces, barring one or two wild outbursts such as the kind donated by "Mr." A. Reilly, from Montreal. Mr. Reilly shows some class, as far as signing his signature goes, but the class fades miserably as far as the contents of the letter is concerned. He simply wasted a lot of time and space when he wrote such a ridiculous letter, which is worthy of a place in the waste-basket only.

Such letters should be abolished from the letter box, as they are foolish and take up lots of space while saying nothing. In his "Literary Gem" Mister Reilly says that Napoleon was aggressive. Now no one ever brought poor Napoleon into any arguments, but Mister Reilly, to take up space, and show us how foolish he is, tries to compare Napoleon to John McGraw. I would strongly advise "The Mister" to study a history before trying to make comparisons he knows nothing about. His even

saying that Napoleon was aggressive is laughable, for while we all admire Napoleon's gift of leadership, it would be just as sensible to say that Kaiser Bill is aggressive, for both he and Napoleon fought for the same objective.

Mister Reilly then tells us what a bad baseball town Montreal is, which probably would impress us as being true, if Mister Reilly did not follow up his declaration with a lot of similes he was unfamiliar with. He says, "The attendance at a ball game would gratify a clergyman on a Saturday night's service, for he knows how many to expect, and even these are passed in on a handshake, wink and nod, and look like a bunch of Old Chromo's Sole Supporters," trying to get warm on a cold, raw day by cheering the Mackmen to victory."

By this remarkable statement, it seems that Mister Reilly is not very familiar with church methods, or else Montreal churches differ greatly from those we have in San Francisco. In all the time I have gone to church I have never seen any clergyman winking at a person entering church, nor have I ever seen them passing any in on a handshake and wink and nod, as Mr. Reilly says. Mr. Reilly are you sure that the clergyman at your church does not stand on his head and bow to the people coming in church? To tell the truth, I don't believe that Mr. Reilly ever visited a church, or if he did he must have been too engrossed with winking and nodding to notice what was going on. Take a tip from me, Mr. Reilly, and visit a church so that you may become used to their methods, besides looking in the history as I advised you. And another thing, Mister, please stop using so many commas in a sentence, as they confuse you. Also you had better give up reading then Dead-Eye Dick novels, and try Old Chromo instead; you might learn something.

But to get off the subject of Mister Reilly, and his miraculous manuscript, and turn to a "letter."

Lester Beesley, in a very interesting letter, tells us facts that we are glad to read. I for one say, more of Beesley's letters, and less of Mister O'Reilly's.

Beesley, before whose name Mister would look look much better than the Honorable Reilly, goes on to say that he admires McGraw for his ability as a manager, although the Irish in him gets control of him once in a while. Those are my sentiments exactly, and I think every fan believes the same. Even Mister Reilly will have to agree with that statement, although I think that the Irish got control of Reilly (or was it the Scotch).

The new bill making men fight or work would seem at first sight to spell the doom of baseball for a year or so. Still, I hope not, and probably the President will allow the game to continue without taking all the stars. The legitimate stage is allowed to keep all of its young men, why not baseball?

Am glad to note that several former Coast Leaguers are doing well. Olaf Erick-

son seems to be showing class with Detroit, and Ping Bodie is clicking the old apple. Another boy I hope makes good is young Fitzgerald, with Philadelphia, who was a great lead-off man in San Francisco, and a good outfielder despite the fact that his arm is weak. When the scribes all said that Charley Hollocher was the class they meant it, and he is surely living up to his reputation. In another year I believe that he will be the greatest short fielder in the game.

We certainly miss the letters of Fanny Rosenthal, the Great Traveler from Wisconsin, and way stations. I hope that he has become discouraged and we will no longer be troubled with his wails.

All the letters in the May issue were good, particularly the defense of Heine Zim by E. M. Stockard, and the idea of an All-Star World's Series of the National League vs. American League. This would help in figuring out which league was the fastest, besides furnishing some great baseball, and more letters like this one by Russel Wilson will help a lot toward uplifting the Letter Box.

In conclusion I wish the BASEBALL MAGAZINE the best of success, and also send my regards to the Honorable Mister Reilly, Fanny Rosenthal, Morgan of Cuba (N. Y.), Miss Benhke, and several other of my staunch supporters? May their letters occupy prominent places in the future (Prominent places in the waste-paper basket beside those of Bull Durham, Bolivar Socwater, Strange, and the rest of the wild and woolly).

Hoping to see this printed, and expecting affectionate replies from my above mentioned admirers, I am,

Yours as ever,
OLD CHROMO'S SOLE SUPPORTER.

Fenton, Iowa.

DEAR MR. LANE:

In the May issue of your excellent magazine I read the article on "Does the American League outclass the National?" and I certainly enjoyed it. It doubtless showed 90 per cent. of the fans that the National League is every bit as strong as its younger rival. I have had numerous arguments on this question with different fans, and always stoutly maintained that the National League, on the whole, is as powerful as the American League. I have worked out a little "dope" on the comparative strength of the two leagues since the American League was established, on the basis of two all-star teams from each league. In my two teams, Cy Young, Jimmy Collins, Napoleon Lajoie and various other star players have been excluded, as they played in both leagues.

National League	American League
Catchers	
Kling, Archer	Sullivan, Schalk
Pitchers	
Mathewson, Alexander	Johnson, Waddell
First Base	
Jake Daubert	George Sisler
Second Base	
Johnny Evers	Eddie Collins
Third Base	
Heine Zimmerman	Frank Baker
Shortstop	
Honus Wagner	Jack Barry
Outfielders	
Carey, Seymour, Shulte	
Speaker, Cobb, Jackson	

I figure the older league has the advantage in catchers, pitchers, shortstop and third base, while first base, second base are even, and the American League takes outfield honors.

VERNON STEHLE.
(A National League and BASEBALL MAGAZINE booster.)



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**THIRTY-THREE LYNN BOGUE HUNT
PAINTINGS OF GAME ON NEW
REMINGTON SHOTSHELL CHART
FOR HUNTERS**

FOR an example of practical service to shooters, especially in view of the present necessary high cost of ammunition, it would be difficult to find anything more appropriate than the new art hanger devoted to "Recommended Game and Trap Loads," which the Remington Arms Union Metallic Cartridge Company, Inc., has just issued. And yet, while the purpose of this hanger is to help shooters choose shells which will render best service—enabling one properly selected shell to do what two ill-chosen ones might fail at—it at the same time has unusual artistic and educational value.

Briefly, the hanger, which is a full color lithograph, 20 by 26 inches in dimensions, is divided into nine panels, eight of which are devoted to loads for small game and one to trap loads. In each panel except the last appear full-color reproductions of new natural history paintings by the celebrated naturalist-artist, Lynn Bogue Hunt. Thirty different species of leading American game birds are depicted, and three game animals, and in this work Hunt has equalled if not surpassed his best efforts. These splendid pictures will gladden the heart of every old sportsman who has a favorite game bird, for every one of them is absolutely true to life; in fact the illustrations provide just as valuable a checklist as does the type matter pertaining to shot gun loads. The characteristic markings of the game are displayed in all cases, making the illustrations especially useful for identification purposes. At the same time, the artistic effect is most pleasing—as of course the American sportsmen have learned to expect from this gifted illustrator, whose natural history studies in color are always true works of art.

Seventy-eight standard loads are given, for guns ranging from 10 to 20 gauge, but of course there are many duplications, inasmuch as there are nine separate tables, each devoted to a certain class of shooting. For example, the first takes in jacksnipe, and woodcock, while the last is confined entirely to trap loads. There is no attempt, however, to recommend a particular load for any one kind of game in all localities; those given are selected to give best results under general conditions. And considering the very great experience of

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the Remington UMC people in supplying arms and ammunition for use all over the world, no better guide could be followed by the average hunter. In fact, the more that is done by such large manufacturers to standardize the loads in shotgun shells, the better it will be for the shooters, to say nothing of the dealers. In past years a tremendous amount of good powder and lead has gone to waste, due to lack of knowledge among shooters of what is needed in a shotshell load and to the indulgence of manufacturers. Standardization, with reduction of the variety of loads to those of the best balance will increase to a marked degree the general average of results obtained and conserve ammunition accordingly. In just the same way, by following the recommendations of this chart, individual shooters will profit doubly.

The new hanger will be displayed in the stores of all alert dealers in arms and ammunition, of which, by the way, there are over 80,000 in this country. In addition, a few will find their way to the walls of club houses and the homes of individual shooters. That every one of them will be highly valued and most carefully preserved is a foregone conclusion.

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