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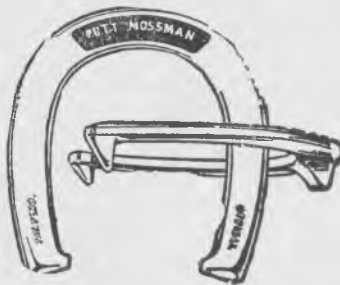
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IN this issue will be found an article by Secretary D. D. Cottrell, who is touring in Europe, on the Passion Play.....while this has nothing to do with horseshoe pitching and this is the first time anything like this article has been printed in the Horseshoe World we thought it worthy of publication.....all pitchers will be glad to read this very interesting article from the pen of Mr. Cottrell, mailed to the Horseshoe World as he was entering the port of Beirut, Syria . . . He has had a wonderful trip and is due back in the States soon after this is printed . . . nothing more said about the summer tournament.....let's not give up the idea.....We had several letters from pitchers saying they were mighty glad a summer meet was being planned.....let's hear from the parties who made the offer to the National Association.....fair time is here.....a good time to boost the game.

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I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU!

WOULDN'T this old World be better
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you"
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp warm and true
Carried with it this assurance
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be more happy,
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If we praised the good we see
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me
"I know something good about you."
—ROBERT R. REEDY,

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A VISIT TO THE PASSION PLAY

(By D. D. Cottrell)

FROM all parts of the world more than 5000 people had come on a pilgrimage to this little Bavarian village of Oberammergau located 2800 feet above sea level in the foot hills of the Tyrol Alps about 60 miles a little southwest of Munich, in Germany, to see 600 of its 2300 inhabitants fill its age old mission of enacting "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ." In 1633 the inhabitants vowed in solemn assembly that if a deadly plague from which they were suffering was stayed, they would once every ten years perform with all due reverence and solemnity a play commemorating the love and passion of Christ as revealed in His life, resurrection and ascension. This play has been enacted decade after decade with scarcely a break for nearly three centuries by these Bavarian peasants in fulfillment of this vow.

Our party of 60 conducted by Rev. Dr. Ray Allen of Buffalo, N. Y., on his nineteenth tour to Palestine, representing 13 states from Rhode Island to California, after visiting England, Holland, Belgium and Germany, arrived in Munich, the ancient capital of Bavaria, for a few days, having as our objective attendance at The Passion Play the last Sunday in May. Saturday afternoon we left by busses to Oberammergau over wonderful roads, through a fertile and well-worked farming country whose inhabitants mostly live in the numerous small villages instead of on their small farms as we do in America. The whole outlook as we drive along gives a vivid idea of their wonderful thrift. A few miles before reaching the village our route leaves the somewhat hilly rolling country and climbs by a winding road over rugged mountains and around sharp curves, above precipices hundreds of feet high until suddenly the beautiful valley of the Ammer River and the village we are seeking comes into view.

We stop at the central information bureau where we are met by boys and the long-haired be-whiskered men of that village, practically none of whom speak anything but German, who take our luggage and escort us to our lodging places in the different homes mentioned on our tickets which had been arranger for before leaving New York. There are few small hotels or "pensions" but most of the visitors

live in the different homes in which the players live. The management of the play delivers to each place of entertainment a ticket for each person entertained according to the class of accommodation furnished. The price of tickets for the play varies from 10 to 20 marks each according to the location of the seat. A mark is about 24 cents in American money. No tickets are to be bought except at the place in which entertainment is furnished.

About 4:30 Sunday morning the writer was awakened by the ringing of the church bell and before long was on his way to the beautiful Catholic church of the village where he saw the players and a large number of the visitors receive communion as a fitting preparation for the play which in itself is a devout religious observance and impresses the visitor as such. About 7:30 the beautiful theater, which is entirely open toward the stage but covered, and closed on the other three sides, begins to fill, and when the beautifully costumed chorus of 48 trained singers, all graduates of a conservatory of music, preceded by Anton Lang, who gives the prologues this year, appeared promptly at 8:00 o'clock the 5200 seats were all filled. The prologuer begins in German "Bow down in deep adoring love Oh race by the curse of God oppressed etc."

The chorus which stands in semi-circular form opens and gradually moves backward while the curtain that conceals the center of the stage raises and shows the first tableaux emblematical of the fall of man—Adam and Eve fleeing from the Garden of Eden. The back of the stage is open to the sky and mountains. The wooded hill-sides with pasturing herds form part of the scenery giving play to light and shadow infinitely superior to anything the best electricians can achieve. Today the mountains with some snow on them are shown in all their grandeur and beauty as patches of the Sunshine and cloud chase each other across their face. The wind sweeps the colorful costumes of the players as the crowd follows Peter and John into Jerusalem where they arrange for the place where Christ and His twelve disciples are to eat the Passover.

Deep emotions are vividly portrayed in the plot of the Pharisees against

the Christ; in the Sanhedrin scene while they discuss and bargain for the betrayal; in the scene of the Last Supper; in the mob scene before Pilate's house when he washes his hands declaring he will have nothing more to do against this just man; in the remorse of Judas because he has betrayed innocent blood and the different heart-rending scenes which lead up to the crucifixion. As Mary bade farewell to her Son and as Christ bade farewell to His disciples a wave of almost uncontrollable emotion swept over the thousands in the audience as they viewed this realistic and unforgettable scene.

Alois Lang, the wood-carver and sculptor, portrays the Christ throughout with beautiful poise, harmonious movements and wonderful strength, humility and pathos which makes his whole appearance most realistic. As he hangs for fifteen minutes on the cross it seems as though you are in the crowd that saw such a scene more than nineteen hundred years ago, not as one of the jeering mob, but as one of the few who saw him as the Divine Redeemer who gave his life for the redemption of a lost world.

Annie Rutz who has been doing her best since she was seventeen years old in helping to earn the family living, but now at the age of 22 has been postponing her wedding for a considerable time so she could take the part of Mary says: "The world thinks it does not want to hear the old story of our Lord but we know it has a message for men and women of our day. It is our duty to try and impart it to the world. As her voice breaks in grief in the scene of the crucifixion, it is not just good acting but the putting of herself into the part of Mary and trying to impress this wonderful story on a sin-sick world.

There is no make up, no artificiality, no lighting effects, throughout the whole play. Mary never used rouge in her life. Hansi Preisinger who takes the part of Mary Magdalene comes from a wealthy family but she helps prepare and serve the food for the tourists entertained in her father's inn. Having seen a great many of the greatest actors of the world in their favorite roles, none seem to compare with these sincere, devoted Bavarian peasants as they in simple

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New England Meet

The New England championship Horseshoe Tournament will be held at North Attleboro, Massachusetts, September 12, 13, 1930, during week of Tercentenary celebration sanctioned by the Tercentenary committee of North Attleboro, Thomas F. Coady, chairman and approved by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

Tournament Committee: Dr. A. Flynn, chairman; Dr. F. J. Carley, R. Irving Rhodes, Jr., Robert Franklin, J. Roy Underhill, Dick Payette, George Pichett, Ben Richardson, Ludger Drollet.

Prize list—Junior Tournament, Friday, Sept. 12, 1930: 12 prizes, value \$100. First prize, value \$15, also gold medal designating New England championship.

Senior Tournament, Sept. 13, 1930:

First—Gold watch with chain and knife \$50, also Loving Cup and Championship Gold Medal.

Second, Smoking Set, \$25.

Third, Smoking Set, \$25.

Fourth, Waldemar Chain and knife in box, 1-10—14 Kt. white gold filled, \$25.

Fifth, Waldemar Chain and Knife in box, 1-10—14 Kt. White and Gold filled, \$25.

Sixth, Military brush and comb, silver backs, \$20.

Seventh, Smoking Stand and Lighter, \$20.

Eighth, Gold Ring, 14 Kt., Ruby \$18.

Ninth, Parlor Lamb (electric) \$15.

Tenth, Telechron clock, \$10.

Eleventh, Stub Brush and Comb, silver backs, \$10.

Twelfth, Aladdin Lighter, \$10.

Thirteenth, Pewter Cigarette Box and Lighter, \$10.

Fourteenth, Pewter Nested Ash Trays and Lighter, \$8.

Fifteenth, Box Cigars and Lighter, \$7.

Sixteenth, One Set Putt Mossman Shoes, \$5.

Special prizes—Largest per cent of ringers, \$10; 2 sets Gold Cuff Links, One Sofa Pillow.

Most Doubles, \$9; 2 sets Gold Cuff Links, 1 Neck Scarf.

Many special prizes. Total prizes, value \$500.

Entry rules: The tournament will be played on the Community Field.

Duration of tournament will be two days.

All entrants will be required to pitch one hundred shoes or any number decided upon, best sixteen qualifying for the round robin.

All qualifying entrants in the men's tournament will play each other one 25 or one 50-point game as decided upon on the round robin plan.

The qualifying entrants in the junior tournament must be sixteen years of age or under, will play each other one twenty-one point game on the round robin plan.

The New England Championship Gold Medal and first prize in each division will be awarded to the player winning the greatest number of games in each of the men's and junior tournament.

Entry fee for men is three (\$3.00) dollars; for juniors is one dollar.

The winner of the men's and junior tournament will be declared the New England Champion in their respective classes.

The decisions of the tournament committee shall be final on all questions regarding the tournament.

This New England Championship Tournament is sanctioned by the Tercentenary Committee of North Attleboro and approved by The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America.

In order that all entrants may be published, entry blanks and fees should be in the hands of the committee by Sept. 3, 1930.

Any question concerning entries or the tournament should be addressed to Dr. F. J. Carley, 33 High St., North Attleboro, Mass.

NEW CLUB PROGRESSING

The Willis Avenue Horseshoe club, Springfield, O., has just completed constructing three clay courts which are mighty fine ones, well lighted and modern in every way.

Ten members enjoy these lanes with the prospect of the addition of several more members.

Loy D. Johnston is one of the leaders of the club.

Boy Scouts in Abilene, Tex., enjoy horseshoe pitching. Ed. Shumway, their Scout Executive, has just written for a copy of the Horseshoe World. Boy Scouts are always welcome to free copies for the Scout camps.

Every Sunday sees a large gathering of central Ohio pitchers at the home of Straud Russell, near West Jefferson, O.

RESULTS OF HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Employes of Southern Pacific Lines, Houston, Texas, May 23-24, 1930
Singles

	W	L
C. E. Collins, San Antonio	1	2
M. Dinges, Beaumont, Tex.	2	1
J. R. Eaton (Houston Shops)	1	2
xJ. L. Hall (General Office)	2	1
x Dinges and Hall tied for first place Dinges winning in play-off 50-46.		
Collins and Eaton tied for third place, Collins winning in play-off 50-38.		

Doubles

	W	L
E. A. Unsworth		
J. R. Eaton	2	4
F. C. Bush		
J. H. Meek	4	2
M. D. Dinges		
E. W. Bateman	5	1
C. E. Collins		
H. S. Davis	1	5

DEFEAT NOLIN, KY.

The undefeated Mutual Trust Ramblers of the New Albany Central Horseshoe Club, defeated Nolin, the Kentucky state champions 10 to 6 Sunday, June 29th.

"Uncle Charlie" Widman, former Floyd county king, led the attack for the Hoosiers by winning all his games and pitching 51.5 per cent ringers.

Lee Akers, Kentucky state title holder, played best for the losers, with four wins and loss, a ringer per cent of 47.

Following is the individual score:

New Albany			
	W	L	Pct.
Widman	4	0	51.5
Russell	3	1	37.5
LaDuke	2	2	27.5
Longest	1	3	38
	10	6	
Nolin			
	W	L	Pct.
L. Akers	3	1	47.0
Harris	2	2	35.5
H. Akers	1	3	27.0
D. Akers	0	4	33.0
	6	10	

Harley Porter is a Cleveland, O., pitcher.

WELLES PARK CLUB HAS OPENING CONTEST

Four hundred horseshoe pitching fans witnessed the opening match game on Sunday, June 1st, of the Welles Park Horseshoe club, of Chicago, Illinois, and the Chicago Falconers, at Welles Park courts. The timely ringers with fine defensive horseshoe pitching by Andrew Geavaras, Leo Meller and Jimmy Sabo, of Welles, enabled Welles Park team to open their 1930 season with a victory over the fast Falconer club.

In the 25 games played, Welles won 17, scoring 1,096 points, 478 ringers and 74 doubles, to Falconers 968 points, 436 ringers, 64 doubles. Sunday, June 22, Chase Park, Chicago 1929 city playground champions, accepted their first defeat at the hands of the Welles boys, winning only seven out of the 20 games played. An interesting twilight game was played June 18th, at Welles courts, in which Andrew Geavaras defeated Bill Rehfeldt, 50 points, 42 ringers and 10 double ringers, to Rehfeldt's 47 points, 42 ringers and 10 doubles. Eighty-four ringers in a 50-point game is a mark well worth mentioning.

A WORD FROM ATHOL, MASS.

The Athol Horseshoe club was organized at Athol on May 20th with a membership of about 40, and more are coming. We have two new clay courts and a side practice court, located in a small shady grove just off Silver Lake St., equipped with electric lights, seats and a refreshment stand complete.

The officers of the club for the year 1930 are as follows: Edward Fredette, president; E. D. Metcalf, vice president; W. L. Mann, secretary; Edmund Fredette, general manager; Dominick Gilmette, and grounds committee, W. E. Robinson, C. Hood and M. E. Manning.

We have also signed up with the Interstate Horseshoe league, with headquarters at Springfield, Mass. This league comprises 10 teams of 10 men each from the following cities: Springfield, Holyoke Canal club, Holyoke City club, North Hampton, East Hampton, Greenfield, Millers Falls, Athol Brattleboro, Vt., and West Swanzee, N. H. These teams are to play once in each city, eight 50-point games, four best players to start, with cups or medals to the two best teams at the close of the season.

MT. PLEASANT-LANSING MATCH

Following are the results of a held at Potter Park, Lansing, with match held Saturday, July 5, between Joe Ltzko, Michigan champ, in the Mt. Pleasant and Lansing, Mich., harness for Mt. Pleasant:

		LANSING						
	W	L	Pts.	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct.
Graham	6	0	300	163	320	161	40	50.3
Minnich	5	1	285	191	342	134	25	39.2
Johnson	5	1	283	177	318	133	27	41.8
Barnes	4	2	277	230	386	137	25	35.5
Allen	3	3	242	242	368	129	17	35.1
Starkweather	2	4	246	288	428	117	9	27.3
Totals.....	25	11	1633	1291	2162	811	143	37.5

		MT. PLEASANT						
	W	L	Pts.	OP	SP	R	DR	Pct.
J. Lutzko	5	1	299	177	394	203	42	51.5
Rhode	3	3	263	267	384	129	15	33.6
B. Cobel	2	4	187	291	386	91	9	23.6
W. Cobel	1	5	190	298	386	98	12	25.4
Whitaker	0	6	181	300	276	112	18	40.6
Taylor	0	6	171	300	336	87	15	25.1
Totals.....	11	25	1291	1633	2162	620	111	28.7

VISIT PASSION PLAY

faith portray the part for which they have been chosen.

The action of the play is from 8:00 a. m. until 11:30 and from 2 p. m. until about 5:30. The seats are opera chairs. The weather was cool enough to make a sweater and an overcoat comfortable and you are thankful that you brought along the blanket which your hostess so kindly loaned you to put over your knees. You almost lose all sense of the passing of time as the sixteen acts, with their numerous scenes and the twenty-four tableaux come before you so continuously and logically as the play proceeds.

It was the pleasure of the writer and a number of others of the party to have seen this play the last of May in 1910. They thought then that it was the greatest production ever staged but we believed that this year it had never been surpassed. Anyone having seen this play once must receive a wonderful uplift and get an impulse to more noble living.

We have heard from Frank Lundin, New London, Ia., again. We are always mighty glad to hear from Frank and will never forget what a wonderful pitcher he was back in the days when he held national championship honors.

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A renewed interest is being taken in horseshoe pitching at Wilmington, Ohio.

Illinois Meet

The Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament will be held in connection with the Illinois State Fair, according to L. E. Tanner, president of the state association.

The dates are August 20 and 21. A total of \$350.00 in prizes offered.

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1930 Schedule

At Ashland, O.

The schedule of the Ashland (O.) Horseshoe Pitching Association is announced by Bent Donley, chairman of the governing board.

Eight teams comprise the pitching league which is being inaugurated this summer on the Brookside park courts. Organizations represented by teams in the league are: Donley's Elevator, Eagle Rubber Company, Ohio Public Service, Cresco Raincoats, Post Office, Jeromesville, Faultless Rubber Company, and the Hamilton Printing Company.

Each team consists of six players. Three of them will be "class" pitchers and three will be rookies. Only four of the six eligible players will participate in each match. The limit on class players is similar to the American Basket Ball league plan.

The games will start promptly at 8 o'clock. All will be single matches. Donley's Elevator meets Eagle Rubber Company and Ohio Public Service faces Hamilton Printers in the first games Monday evening. The first two teams play on Courts 1, 2, 3 and 4, while the latter pair pitch on Courts 5, 6, 7 and 8.

In each instance, the first two teams in the following schedule play on Courts 1, 2, 3 and 4, while the latter two teams play on Courts 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The schedule follows:

June 17—Cresco Raincoats vs. Post Office; Jeromesville vs. Faultless Rubber.

June 23—Eagle Rubber vs. Hamilton Printers; Donley's Elevator vs. O. P. S.

June 24—Post Office vs. Faultless Rubber; Cresco Raincoats vs. Jeromesville.

June 30—Donley's Elevator vs. Cresco Raincoats; Eagle Rubber vs. Post Office.

July 1—O. P. S. vs. Jeromesville; Hamilton Printers vs. Faultless Rubber.

July 7—Jeromesville vs. Donley's Elevator; Eagle Rubber vs. Faultless Rubber.

July 8—Cresco Raincoats vs. O. P. S.; Hamilton Printers vs. Post Office.

July 14—Hamilton Printers vs. Donley's Elevator; Eagle Rubber vs. O. P. S.

July 15—Cresco Raincoats vs. Faultless Rubber; Post Office vs. Jeromesville.

July 21—Post Office vs. Donley's Elevator; Eagle Rubber vs. Cresco Raincoats.

July 22—Hamilton Printers vs. Jeromesville; O. P. S. vs. Faultless Rubber.

July 23—Faultless Rubber vs. Donley's Elevator; Eagle Rubber vs. Cresco Raincoats.

July 29—O. P. S. vs. Post Office; Jeromesville vs. Hamilton Printers.

NEW ALBANY NOTES

The New Albany Central Horseshoe Club won its third straight match game Sunday afternoon, June 8th, by defeating the New Hope, Ky. team by the score of 14 to 2.

C. Widman, ex-champion of Floyd county, played best for the Hoosier outfit with a ringer percent of 43.5 per cent. Endris was next with 35.5 per cent.

Charlie Meisenholder, the 16-year-old member of the team, celebrated his first match game by winning all four of his games and pitching 32 per cent ringers. Charlie was put to the test in his last game against F. Hall, the New Hope king. With one pitch left and the score 27 to 25 in Hall's favor, the Kentuckian singled, then Charlie doubled on top of him to win by 28 to 27. They both averaged 45 per cent ringers in that game.

The individual score is as follows:

New Albany					
	W	L	P	R	DR
Widman	4	0	184	87	19
Endris	4	0	163	71	10
Meisenholder	4	0	135	64	6
Luke	1	1	51	33	3
Brady	1	1	64	28	4
	14	2	597		
New Hope					
	W	L	P	R	DR
Hall	1	3	107	73	10
Reed	1	3	130	60	8
Rhodes	0	4	88	60	10
Hicks	0	4	91	41	5
	2	14	296		

The Mutual Trust team of the New Albany (Ind.) Central Horseshoe Club visited the Bloomington club on June 15, noon, and defeated them by the decisive score of 13 to 3.

Charles Widman, ex-champ of Floyd County, Ind., led in all departments for the afternoon's play. He won all four of his games, threw 87 ringers, 16 doubles, 188 points, and had an average of 44.5 per cent.

Al Longest also won all his games and had a ringer average of 39.5 per cent.

The game was featured by close games, one requiring a pitch off.

The individual score follows:

New Albany Central Horseshoe Club					
Widman	4	0	188	89	16 44.5
Longest	4	0	174	78	15 39.0
Russell	3	1	152	71	13 37.5
Endris	2	2	113	60	8 30.0

Bloomington Club

Casner	1	3	125	64	6 32.0
Duncan	1	5	125	62	10 31.0
Williams	1	3	98	59	4 29.1
Sinclair	0	4	118	57	8 28.5

The Mutual Trust "Ramblers" of the New Albany, Ind., Central Horseshoe club, came from Columbus, Sunday, June 22nd, with its fifth straight victory tucked under its arm, defeating the club of that city by the decisive score of 11 to 5.

C. Widman, ex-champ of Floyd County, Ind., led the Mutual Trust team, by winning all his games and pitching 55.5 percent ringers. He led in points with 197, and in doubles with 28. His ringer mark set a new record for match game play in the Fall Cities.

Conrad played best for the Columbus outfit by winning 3 of his games and pitching 35.5 per cent ringers.

Following is the individual score

New Albany					
	W	L	P	R	DR Pct
Widman	4	0	197	111	28 55.5
Russell	3	1	164	77	16 38.5
Endris	3	1	130	70	11 35.0
LaDuke	1	3	113	56	5 28.0
	11	5	604	314	60 39.4
Columbus					
Conrad	3	1	140	71	15 35.5
Ryan	1	3	126	70	14 35.0
Morshall	1	3	117	59	8 29.5
Stevens	0	4	86	59	9 29.5
	5	11	469	259	46 32.2

SLAPS ON 87 RINGERS

Bert Duryee, who is now a member of the Gordon Park Horseshoe Club of Cleveland, O., pitched an exhibition at the Gordon courts June 24th, pitching 87 ringers out of 100 shoes.

TO INCLUDE HORSESHOES

Horseshoe pitching is to be used as the physical education exercises by French Independent Schools at Beaumont, Texas, next year.

NEWS, OFFICIAL REPORTS, ETC.

From the Secretary's Desk

W. J. Seas
Treas. and Acting Sec'y
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ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

I wonder how many of you folks who read this tuned in on that championship tournament in Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of Decoration Day when the congressmen and senators had their annual horseshoe pitching championship meet in the American League ball park. It came in good and clear down here in Florida. The announcer was on the job alright, telling his audience who the notables were as they filed into the stands, what the women wore, what form the pitchers displayed, how the ringers slid on and everything. After Fred G. Johnson (Republican) Nebraska, had won the championship from Albert H. Vestal (Republican) Indiana, by one point, they both told the radio audience how it happened; then the Navy Yard Band, which they had on hand, played another selection. Yes sir, the horseshoe game is traveling some. It has come all the way from the barnyard into the best society in a few years. The tournament was sanctioned by the National Association. So far no commission has been appointed to investigate the tournament or the National Association. I wish they would. They would not have anything on us and it would help to advertise the game. If you have any influence with your senator or representative in congress, see if you can not get him to start an investigation. I am willing to defend the association and guarantee results. I know how those investigations help. We had one of them down here last year. They investigated the fellows who were trying to catch the Mediterranean fly. That thing was the greatest advertisement for our oranges and grape fruit we ever had. It brought us more money, for 16,000,000 boxes than we have been accustomed to get for 25,000,000 boxes.

I should liked to have been on hand to see the tournament myself to enable me to pick flaws and get an investigation under way, but I was informed just in time that walking was miserable north of Jacksonville.

Talking about the game traveling reminds me of the letters I have been getting all summer from South America. If you ever get to Buenos Aires, listen for the click of ringers.

The game is catching on down there, and rapidly at that. I have a New York draft before me now again for more booklets on how to play the game. Central America is also talking about it in Spanish. At least that is what one American down there tells me. He interprets Cottrell's book for the natives and they must be having some hot times with it in Honduras the way he tells me. And do you know the Indians on our own reservations are taking to it? They are. It is away ahead of the tomahawk game for fun. If you have never seen real fun at a horseshoe match, stroll past a colored Sunday school picnic sometime in the rural sections of the South. You will hear enough in passing the horseshoe contingent of the picnic to laugh for a week. It takes that race to inject the humor in any game. I would also like to see what the Italian and Chinaman I know of are going to do with the shoes they are taking along to the countries of their birth this summer.

Things may look different from your angle, but the way things are revolving around your acting secretary, it looks to me as if our game will go far towards making many nations feel they have something in common. International sports have done more, I believe, in bringing about a better understanding between the rank and file of the various countries than any other one thing. Look how golf, tennis, baseball and even football have helped to bring folks together on a common ground.

And I am here to tell you that horse shoe pitching will do more to promote that spirit than all the other games put together. This is due to the fact that anybody can play it, whereas the other games are too strenuous for the majority. The great appeal of our game lies in its simplicity and adaptability.

I am hearing from Mr. Cottrell right along. He is enjoying himself in the foreign countries. I will let him tell you all about it when he returns. As near as I can figure it out he will be back around the first of August.

Quite a number of inquiries have come along asking where the summer

national tournament would be held. Several cities have been asking what the expense of staging it would be and Ft. Wayne, Ind., still seemed very much interested when I heard from that place last a few days ago. It takes real dollars to stage a tournament but with the following the game has in many of the Middle West cities I can not believe that it would not be made a financial success. So many who would be interested in seeing one of the big tournaments in their home city do not seem to realize that the good pitchers have to travel a long distance sometimes and pay their own expense to get there, enter the tournament and pay their expenses while attending. Even with all this staring them in the face, most of them are willing to take a chance on landing far enough up in the prize column to make it worth while for them to lay out their own cash to take part from the time they leave their own front porch. Having this in mind it is not at all surprising for the pitchers to recall that tournament some summers ago when they congregated, pitched a week and were then told their prize money would be forwarded to them. Because this money has never been paid the matter is usually discussed when the old timers meet at a national tournament even now. It also brings letters asking in what manner the prize money is guaranteed as soon as a tournament is announced. This is what makes the present national association officers cautious when it comes to awarding the big tournaments.

VICTOR IN TOURNEY

Edward Gerner, 121 S. Transit St., Lockport, N. Y., was the victor in a horseshoe tournament held at the annual picnic of the Farm and Home Bureaus at Olcott. The match was held to establish an entry for the state tournament this fall.

SPONSOR TOURNEY

The Daily Cardinal, official newspaper of the University of Wisconsin, recently sponsored a horseshoe tournament on the campus.

J. E. Larsen, 66 Allen St., Randolph, Mass., is a shoe tosser.

Detroit Is Host To Ft. Wayne Team

The Northwestern Club of Detroit was host to a 10-man team from the Fort Wayne, Indiana, club, including the famous Jimmy Risk, Sunday, May 4th in the first of a home and home series. Detroit nosed out the Hoosiers 46 games to 41 games.

Jimmy Risk and Binkley starred for Fort Wayne, winning all their games. For Northwestern the best were Ed Walls, Michigan State Champion 1927-28, and runner-up last year, and Lee Rose, Detroit City Champion, assisted by Dale Huntington, Redford champion, and Jim Burt, who beat out Jimmy Risk for high game with 69.3 per cent. As was to be expected, Jimmy Risk had the high average 61.2 per

cent and it wasn't so very good for Jimmy, but he wasn't extended.

Best individual game was between Lee Rose and Binkley.

	P.	R.	D.R.	S.P.	Pct.
Binkley	50	48	14	74	64.8
Rose	37	44	14	74	59.4

Team averages were:

Northwestern, 36.6 per cent and Fort Wayne 35.1 per cent.

One of the big disappointments was the slump of Ed Walls, who changed to a new make of shoe this year, and hasn't yet been up to form. He averaged 48 per cent, he never was under 60 before. The men on both teams were way below their usual form, however, Northwestern because it was the first game of the season, and Fort Wayne Pitchers were used to standing on wood. The match was conduct-

ed by R. Harley Rizer and Emery Becker, the grand old man of horse shoes in Detroit.

The Fort Wayne team arrived about 9 a. m., but owing to two members being late the play wasn't started till noon. After four rounds had been played the match was adjourned and the visitors were the guests of the club at dinner. Play was resumed at about 3 p. m.

Owing to the inability of some of the Hoosier team to remain very late, the last few games were voided, 99 of the 100 games being played.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE—We print all letters sent to us for publication. We do not always agree with the writers, but believe our readers have a right to their opinions. Unsigned letters are ignored.)

Erie, Pa., May 20, 1930
The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my renewal to the Horseshoe World magazine, and send me 200 sheets and 100 envelopes with name and address.

I want to say at this time all lovers of the game should boost this little magazine, the Horseshoe World, and watch it grow, and also the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association by becoming a member. I have been a member for the past three years and expect to be the rest of my life.

Just a word more for our little magazine. I certainly would be lost without it. I watch for its arrival regularly every month. I only wish it came every day, and that it had 50 pages instead of ten.

We have a nice league here again this season, which I worked hard to organize for the past four years. We have twelve nice regulation courts of clay.

Thursday, May 22, is opening night for our league, starting at 7 p. m. The league is divided into two classes, A and B; ten in Class A and 12 in Class B. Each player pitches four 50-point games on every Thursday night of each week until the season ends on Sept. 18. Samuel A. White, 1929 and present city champion, is manager. The following are the names of the players who will take part.

A. League—Samuel A. White, Clarence M. White, James C. White, John Leonardi, Clayton Cook, John Stang, Frank Coolbaugh, Eugene Kelley, Donald Kreider, Richard Jobs.

B. League—Kenneth Shaffer, Sherman Jobs, Wm. Davis, Carl A. Keim, John Barth, James L. Robinson, John W. Spencer, Mike A. Sellinger, Earl W. Baldwin, Leonard Holtz, Archie Baldwin, Ralph Schell.

The winner of these two leagues will play for the city title; four

prizes will be given, including a silver loving cup to the city champion.

Let's go, boys, and boost America's most wonderful game.

Yours for the sport,
Samuel A. White, Mgr.
Erie Horseshoe Pitchers League.

Mr. R. B. Howard, The Horseshoe World, London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I enclose my check for \$1.00 to renew my subscription to The Horseshoe World for another year.

I always find the Horseshoe World very interesting, and would feel lost without it.

Here is my latest revised suggestion for scoring: Ringers only to count one point each; games among the experts to be for 40 points, among medium-class players 20 points, and among the less expert 10 points, (or perhaps the points should be 60, 30 and 15, or 60, 40 and 20). Players should alternate in pitching first, so as to give them an even break.

Scoring for nearest shoe, not a ringer, comes from the days when ringers were more or less accidents. Now, in these days of the open shoe, ringers are definitely tried for, being the main objective, and a player who could lay every shoe against the stake without its being a ringer, would not have a ghost of a show against even the average player. If a player fails of his objective, fails to make a ringer, why should he receive a point for such failure? It is not earned, he did not try for it, and should not be rewarded for such a miss. Them's my sentiments, and I am but a dub player myself.

Sincerely yours,
W. D. Witt.

Walter Kane, president of the Dominion Horseshoe Pitchers Association the Canadian association, has just made a tour of several Canadian cities spreading the gospel of the good old game.

Mid-West Tilt

Putt Mossman and R. P. (Kelly) Spencer put on a horseshoe exhibition at Spencer's home city of Picher, Okla. May 13, for the championship of Mid-West United States.

The scores of the games are as follows (number of shoes pitched not kept):

	P	R	DR
Mossman	25	10	5
Spencer	1	1	0

Mossman	21	23	7
Spencer	25	25	6

Mossman	25	20	6
Spencer	24	15	4

Mossman	25	12	4
Spencer	24	11	3

Mossman	24	19	5
Spencer	25	19	5

Mossman	17	19	6
Spencer	25	22	3

Mossman	25	10	4
Spencer	4	5	1

Totals

Mossman	162	113	37
Spencer	128	98	27

Mossman won 4; Spencer won 3.

Scores of Miss Dessie Mossman and Mr. A. D. Post games:

	P	R	DR
Miss Dessie	25	10	3
Mr. Post	5	4	1

Miss Dessie	25	13	4
Mr. Post	8	10	2

Miss Dessie is the sixteen year old sister of "Putt" and Mr. Post is the city champion pitcher of Picher, Okla., at present.

FORM LEAGUE

The Amputations Association of the Great War, Winnipeg, Canada, have formed a horseshoe league. A. Ingram, representing the sports committee, has had some correspondence with the Horseshoe World regarding the game.

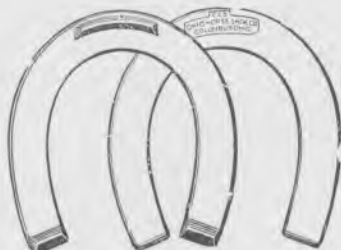
These World War veterans have as their slogan, "Frangments from France."

ADD SHOE LANES

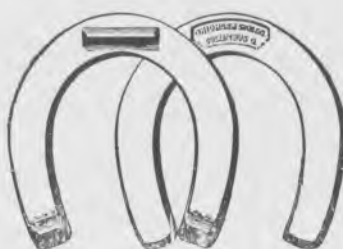
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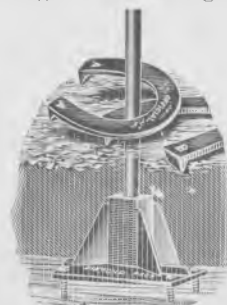
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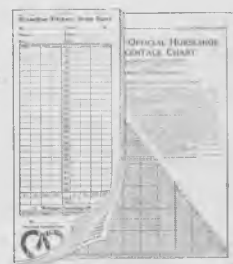
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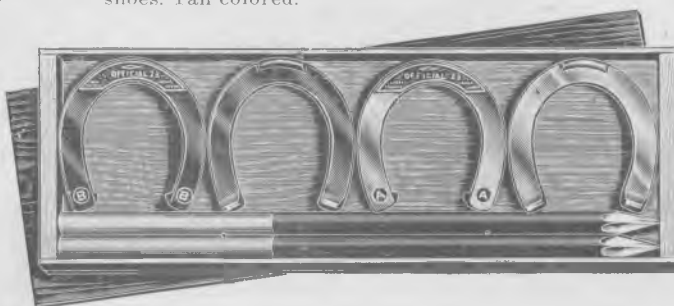


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