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### SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By JACK KEENE

While the baseball world is bestowing praise once more on the masterful leadership of John McGraw in giving the New York fans their tenth pennant under his regime the name of Jim Mutrie must not be forgotten. Mutrie it was, and not McGraw, who gave the Big Town its first National League pennant. Mutrie led the old Giants to two flags in 1888 and 1889.

The Giants had been in the National League four years when Mutrie won the first pennant for them.

again next season. About recovered from the broken leg and other injuries he suffered in the spill which almost cost him his life some two months ago, he is already looking forward to next spring.

Sande's spirit is to be commended, but it still seems a vain hope to most of his friends. He found it barely possible to make weight before the accident. He must take life easy between now and next May if he wants to be in perfect health then. And the life of ease will give him more weight to shed.

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### BILLY WHISKERS

By FRANCES MONTGOMERY

We left Billy watching the men set up the canvas houses for the motion picture.

"Well, I'll be jiggered if that house doesn't look exactly as if it was built of bricks! Who would ever have thought that it was made of canvas and pasteboard? But what in the world does all this mean? Here comes Toodles and the baboon, bear, monkeys, dogs and cats all dressed up to represent firemen. And four little Shetland ponies drawing a fire wagon, and two more a hose cart! And, really, those animals do resemble men in their make-up, with their big firemen's helmets."

Billy's musings were here interrupted by Snub coming up behind him and calling out: "Here, you, Billy Whiskers, what are you doing in here? We have been hunting all over the place for you. Get along out of here as fast as you can or I will throw a brick at you."

Drops Brick

"Oh, you will, will you?" and Billy turned and made for Snub, who dropped his brick faster than he had picked it up and took to his heels following.

"I'll just give that man another butt," mused Billy to himself. "He seems to have forgotten the last one I gave him."

Snub was making for a wagon he saw standing near, but just before he reached it Billy overtook him and gave him a butt that sent him over the wagon, and he fell into a big tub of water that was to be used in the next performance.

Kersplash! went Snub into the tub. And a roar of laughter greeted his ears as his head came up out of the water.

"Say, Snub," called one of the workmen, "you better begin to treat that goat with respect and make friends with him or he will break your back one of these days or flatten that little nose of yours so it turns down instead of up."

"Here, Billy, is a nice, juicy carrot for you," said the director, coming up to Billy and holding out to him a big carrot. "I'll give you this and another besides if you will be a good goat and let us dress you up as a fireman. And all we will ask you to do is to drive the little ponies, hitched to the fire engine, up to the fire when we get it started. For we are going to burn down that corner house, and all your friends here, dressed as firemen, are going to run up ladders with buckets of water and try to save the rest of the houses on the street. What you have to do is easy. Just sit and drive, while they will have to walk on their hind legs and climb ladders with buckets of water held in their mouths or forepaws, to throw on the fire."

Mr. Dates was so kind and talked to Billy so nicely that Billy took a liking to him then and there, and made up his mind that he would try to do the very best he could, whatever the director might ask him to do for a moving picture.

Consequently in a jiffy they had Billy dressed in black trousers and red jacket, with a big black helmet on his head. Then he was to jump up on the front seat of the beautiful little brand new fire engine that was shining like gold. He was told to sit down and let his fore legs stick out like arms, and to them were fastened the reins. It looked as if Billy was guiding the ponies; in reality he was only holding the reins, for the ponies had been taught just what to do and where to go.

Ponies Wise

Right then a big bell rang madly somewhere in the yard, and the ponies started off of their own accord, great volumes of black and yellow smoke, followed by crimson flames, burst out of the door and through the windows of the house on the corner, and around it came a hook-and-ladder company, followed by the hose both of which stopped at a fire plug, and soon the firemen on the hosecart (who were baboons, monkeys and dogs) caught hold of the hose and dragged it to the plug. Then a baboon took one end of it, and, with the nozzle in his hands, climbed up a ladder the big bear had just pulled off the hook-and-ladder wagon and leaned against the house next the one Bernard Newfoundland and Great Dane dogs ran with pails in their

the newly-made street, with two dogs standing on the back step of the engine, just as firemen do. As the ponies were headed for the stable and passed the camera man and Mr. Dates, Billy heard this: "I'll tell you what, that will make a dandy movie picture. There wasn't a hitch in it," said the camera man.

"You are right. And that big white goat behaved splendidly and acted like an old hand at the business."

"Didn't Tootsie look cute walking round on her hind legs, carrying those pails of water for the baboon to use? But I thought I should die of laughter when Tootsie nearly lost his pants when climbing the ladder, and pulled them in place with his trunk."

"What is on for this afternoon?" "I think I will put a flat saddle on that new billy-goat and have Maggie, the middle-sized monkey, dance on it and jump through paper hoops as he trots around the ring."

"I don't know whether you will be able to make Maggie do it. She has been very cross and cranky for several days. And then, too, the goat may object to having a monkey ride on his back."

"Well, we'll see. I am now trying to think out one scene where I could have every animal we have in the troupe do something in the ring at one time. I can think up tricks for all but the cats and some of the little dogs. It would be all right if they didn't hate each other so. The cats bump up their backs and spit, while the dogs jump off their pedestals and chase the cats or bark at them."

"Heavens! What is all that commotion over in the animal house. We better go and see. The way the doors are banging and that parrot squawking there must be trouble of some kind," and both men started on a run for the other side of the yard, where the animal houses were.

On following the sound they came to a big, bare room where the animals could go in and lie down, walk around, or amuse themselves as they liked. And this is what they saw when they opened the door:

Watches Parrot

Billy was standing on his hind legs looking a big gilt cage suspended from the ceiling by a rope, in which was a huge green parrot, squawking her head off and calling Billy names. Running around Billy, barking and snapping at his heels, were two or three little dogs, while in the corner of the room lay the Great Dane dogs, looking on and enjoying the fun. But Toodles and the elephants looked worried.

It seems on seeing Billy enter the room and getting a strong whiff of goat, odor, the parrot called him a bad name, for she was not a very ladylike parrot.

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This, of course, made Billy furious, as he was most sensitive about the strong smell he had, just like all goats. So when this parrot called out the disgusting name, he called out just tough the bottom of the cage by standing on his hind legs and hooking it with his horns. He was hoping he could swing the cage so far that it would fall off the rope or turn upside down and spill Miss Polly out. This it probably would have done had not Mr. Dates and the camera man reached there when they did. [Next time Billy meets some more animals.]

### FOOLING THE STEED

A traveler in Ireland once hired a cab to take him into the country, and had not proceeded far when it pulled up at the foot of a steep hill. The driver appeared at the door.

"What are ye at, man?" said the traveler. "This isn't where I ordered you to stop."

"Whisht, yer honor, whisht!" ejaculated Paddy. "I'm only desavin' the beast. If I bang the door he'll think ye're out and'll cut up the hill like the devil."

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