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FEW IRON MEN IN BASEBALL

PITCHERS POSSESSING ARMS OF
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Joe McGinnity Famed as One of the Pioneers of Much Brawn, and He Still Takes a Turn in the Box.

Elongated Southpaw Pitcher For the Giants Was Joke of National League For Two Seasons—Heinie Zimmerman of the Cubs Another.

Once a lemon does not necessarily mean a player never may become a representative of the nectarine class. Early conditions may be outgrown. That this is the truth has been demonstrated in the National league, where a powerful team could be picked from players who were labeled lemons at the start of their careers.

For mound duty Marquard of the Giants, Cheney and Lavender of the



Photo by American Press Association.

LAVENDER DELIVERING BALL. Cubs and Suggs of the Reds might be chosen. Marquard was the prize item on the lot when he joined the Giants and for two years following. No use telling what he was last season of this. But he was scarcely a lemon.

Larry Cheney was let go by two or three clubs before he finally became Chance's most valuable hurler. As for Lavender, Chance would have turned him back had the national commission allowed him. Suggs was an American league discards before he became Cincinnati's most dependable pitcher.

Meyers Was Joke Catcher. Chief Meyers, now the leading receiver of the National league and one of its best batters, was a joke catcher during his first season as a Giant. He could not throw and was a scream on high fives. All he could do was bat, but finally he developed into a star behind the bat and so held his job.

For first base there is Merkle, batting .333, and considered a brilliant fielding first sacker. Few persons thought he would be kept by McGraw after his famous "didn't touch second" incident in 1908. But McGraw did keep him, and he has never been sorry.

Larry Doyle, field captain of the Giants, now batting .373, was a clumsy second sacker when he joined the club a few years ago. McGraw, however, had faith in him, and Doyle finally rounded into the star player he is today. At the start his strong point was the manufacture of errors. He called it an off day when he did not fizzle two or three chances.

Heinie Zimmerman Another. On third base could be placed Helax Zimmerman, the batting king of the National league, with an average of .365. Not until this year was he considered good enough to be a regular.

At short field Sweeney of Boston, with a batting mark of .360, would fit in. He did not look good to two or three clubs which tried him out, but he is a veritable whirlwind at the bat for the Braves.

Outfielder Wilson of the Pirates was in the joke class when he broke in, but a man who can hit .317 is no joke. At least two big league clubs tagged Northern, but he is making good with Brooklyn and has a batting average of .300 to prove it.

Yes; it surely pays to hang on to a player now and then. John McGraw got together a championship club by being patient with Doyle, Marquard, Meyers, Snodgrass, Merkle and Fletcher. And Connie Mack would never have won pennants in 1910 and 1911 had he discarded Collins, Barry, Strunk and McInnis on the strength of their first showing.

A DAY WITH HANS WAGNER AND HIS WONDERFUL PLAYING.

Will Hans Wagner ever slow up? Although the burly shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates has been playing a brilliant game for fourteen years, the 1912 season shows him performing in greater style than ever. In a double header in Pittsburgh Aug. 23 Wagner's playing was nothing short of marvelous. It stood out far more prominently than the work of any of the mound artists who figured in the double bill. His achievements that afternoon will compare favorably with those of any one day during his long and notable career on the diamond. The big Teuton started at the bat and in the field. In the opening engagement in four times up he touched up the New York pitchers for a double and two singles, scoring two of Pittsburgh's three runs. In the second encounter he completely distanced this performance with a single, a double, a triple and a home run. This quartet of hits figured in every Pittsburgh run, three being scored by the Teuton and the other three chased home by his timely smashes. In his nine trips to the plate he reached the Giants' two leading boxmen for seven hits, which totaled fourteen bases and scored five of Pittsburgh's nine runs. On the paths he showed that Father Time is still a stranger by stealing two bases, and in the field he galloped nimbly on all sides of his position, accepting fourteen chances out of a possible fifteen. Without Wagner the Pirates would have been defeated in the first game and would never have been in the chase during the second.

WITH THE NEWER CROP OF BASEBALL PLAYERS.

Goodly Proportion of Recent Recruits Holding Their Own in Fast Company.

The new crop of ball players in the major leagues, including those who broke in this year or the latter part of last year, have made a pretty respectable showing in fast company, and there is a goodly crop of those who are likely to be fixtures if not already that. Scouts and managers deplore the great lack of timber in the bushes, and with some of these newcomers it may be a case of taking them or nothing. Yet the proportion of those who are sticking and making their presence felt is fairly large.

Among this number a prominent one is Dubuc, the Detroit pitcher, although he had been in the big league before and is no tender bud in baseball society. Another comeback who drifted to the minors between sojourns in fast company is George McConnell; likewise Hess. Among the newer crop of pitchers, dug up this year or late last year, are Baskette, Steen, Benz, Hamilton, Allison, two or three Browns, O'Brien, Bedient, Houck, Peters and Baumgartner, in the American league, and Lavender, Tesreau, Cheney, Rixey, Seaton, Benton, Allen, Robinson, Willis and Yingling, in the National.

Leading finds in other positions are Foster and Gandil of the Washingtons, both of whom were in big league company once before and returned to that company greatly improved. Other recent additions to the big league family are Cady of the Red Sox, Maggett of the Athletics, Zinn of the Highlanders, Sterrett of the Highlanders, Shanks of Washington, Peekinpaugh of Cleveland, Weaver of the White Sox, Rath of the White Sox, Kuhn of the White Sox, Egan of the Athletics, Mensor of the Pirates, Groh of the Giants, Cutshaw of the Brooklyn, Smith of the Brooklyn, Phelan of the Reds, Northern of the Brooklyn, Moran of the Brooklyn and Magee of the Cardinals. Most of them have made good.

JOHNSON HAS MOST SPEED.

You Can't See Ball When Washington Pitcher Is Right, Says Cobb.

Hal Chase and Ty Cobb have settled the talk about who has the most speed between Joe Wood of Boston and Walter Johnson of Washington. Cobb says there is no comparison.

"When Johnson is right you can't see them," says Ty. "And when you fall to see them, why, you can't hit them. That is all there is to it." Chase shook his head and said the same thing.

Ball players in the American league are of the opinion that the Washington pitcher has more speed than any other pitcher in either league.

Career of Scuffling Champion Dibble.

Bob Dibble of the Don Rowing club of Toronto is the present amateur single sculling champion of Canada. Dibble is twenty years old and began his rowing career a year ago. He won the junior, intermediate and senior scull events at St. Catharines in the annual regatta of the Canadian association, beating Everett B. Butler, the Argonaut R. C. star of Toronto in the senior sculls event. The following week Butler won the American title at Peoria. Dibble did not row in the latter championship.

"LEMONS" NOW BRIGHT STARS

PLAYERS WHO FAILED AT FIRST ARE NOW STARS

Rube Marquard Is Shining Example of Those Who Fell Down at Outset and Remained to Become Famous.

Veteran Has Frequently Twirled Double Headers—Ed Walsh of White Sox Has Stood Wear and Tear of Years—Coombs Another.

That peculiar niche in baseball affairs which is filled by what are known as iron men is one that has had few occupants. The iron men of note, real iron men, have been few and far between. The term is applied only to pitchers and means those pitchers whose constitutions are sufficiently strong to permit them to do more work in the box than most twirlers could stand. Unusual capacity for work and exceptional pitching ability are attributes of the iron men of the mound.

The first pitcher to whom the term was applied was Joe McGinnity, and he came into it not so much because of the frequency with which he pitched as his capacity for double headers. To this day he goes into the box often, and few pitchers have worn so well.

There are two other leading exponents of the iron men business. One is Ed Walsh of the Chicago White Sox, the most noted of the three, and the other is Jack Coombs of the Philadelphia Americans.



Photo by American Press Association.

JACK COOMBS OF PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS.

Coombs isn't pitching as frequently as he did last year, but his capacity for work, coupled with his skill as a boxman, tided Connie Mack and the Athletics over many a rough spot and pulled out many a game in which some other pitcher had wobbled.

Coombs, like Walsh, could stand being buried into the breach many a time beyond the ordinary, and then his expertness on the peak did the rest. Walsh has probably pitched in more games a year for the length of time he has been in the game than any other pitcher baseball has known. It was predicted half a dozen years ago that the inordinate wear and tear would get him, but he is still at it and as effective, if not as strong, as ever. He is a spitball pitcher, too, another thing supposed to be very trying, but he contends that with him that form of delivery is no more exacting on the arm than any other way of pitching. In his line there is and has been only one Walsh.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

New York-Havana Matches Will Begin In Gotham Nov. 30.

Play in the New York-Havana international chess championship tourney will begin in New York Nov. 30. Invitations have been sent to seventeen of the world's masters to take part.

The matches will be played four days each week, and after every contestant has encountered each of the others once an adjournment will be taken until Saturday, Jan. 4, when the second half will open in Havana.

UMPIRE HILDEBRAND HAS NEW WAY TO DUCK BLEACHER FANS.

A new scheme for dodging the wrath of the bleachers has been put into effect by Umpire George Hildebrand of the Coast league. All the uniform that he now wears is a cap. Exchanging the cap for a hat, he appears as a civilian. "It's this way," said Hildebrand. "If trouble should start all I would need to do would be to grab some one's hat, make a quick change and then join the crowd in yelling 'Kill the umpire!'"

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