

WAGNER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN BASEBALL



BEST PLAYER GAME HAS EVER KNOWN.

A few years ago it was thought wonderful when Cy Young started on his twenty-fourth year in baseball, but old Cy didn't finish. It also was thought Matty was going to last forever, but his pitching years were limited to 16. Now Honus Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates steps out on completion of 25 years in the game.

To repeat Wagner's record would be like calling attention to the fact that Christmas comes on December 25. Everybody knows it. Instead of trying to fix these figures in your head, just remember that he is the best hitter and the best infielder that the game has ever known and that will be sufficient. He led the league in hitting so often that it became a habit.

DEFINITION OF "GINK"

Hub Perdue of Gallatin, Ky., a veteran of the majors, now pitching with the Louisville club of the American association, believes he has the regular definition of a "gink." "A gink," Hub said, in his Southern drawl, "is a fellow with mud on his boots the year 'round who lives so fah back in the woods that the owls sleep with his chickens, and he uses a 'possum for a watchdog."

BASEBALL NOTES

Joe Tinker is now a regular citizen of Columbus.

Bagby has cultivated a "fadeway" ball with which he does excellent execution.

Little Oscar Dugey may make Philly fans forget that Bert Niehoff was a hold-out.

Joe Jenkins is going right along about winning himself a place with the White Sox.

Yerkes seems to be always in front of the ball regardless of which side of him it is hit.

Fleider Jones is negotiating with the veteran George Davis to aid in coaching the Browns.

The Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds are being picked for dark horses in their league.

Frank Chance has a good infield in spite of the fact that Harry Wolter was grabbed by the Cubs.

Promise that the Reds will soon be playing in midseason form doesn't cheer the Cincinnati fans any.

Cuban Cueto used to be an infielder with the St. Louis Feds. As an infielder he is a fine outfielder.

Sam Rice, the young outfielder Griffith has put in the regular team, is starting off like a real veteran.

Frank Gilhooley is fulfilling the promise he gave last year of developing into a really great outfielder.

A baseball magnate doesn't understand why he should number his players. They'll be around on pay day.

Outfielder Neale of the Reds has picked up a slippery nickname. He is known to his clubmates as "Greasy."

Hoblitzell and Larry Gardner have both got their batting eye. The rest of the Red Sox haven't been so lucky.

Those Teuton airplanes that are going to blow eastern cities won't hurt the Mackmen. They'll be in the cellar.

Understand now what Jawn McGraw meant when he talked of retiring. He's just going to re-tire his flock of limonstines.

"Brooklyn Club May Suffer a \$250 Fine," says a headline. "Suffer" is too mild a word to describe the agony of Colonel Ebbets if he has to separate himself from that much coin.

YANKEES HAVE STRONG TEAM

Ray Schalk, Crack Backstop of White Sox, is Doing Most of Worrying Over Donovanites.

Ray Schalk, crack backstop of the White Sox and premier catcher of the American league, believes the Yankees are going to be the team that will have to be beaten for the rag in Mr. B. John-



Ray Schalk.

son's circuit. Ray admits Boston is a tough proposition, but he is willing to do most of his worrying over Donovan's dynamiters.

"But," said the White Sox star, "it's a long way to October tonight and you can't ever tell what will happen."

Naturally, Schalk figures the Sox are the real class of the league. He believes the team, through its good conditioning work this spring, is fit for a good start.

Sherrod Smith Doing Nicely. The excellent twirling of Pitcher Sherrod Smith is one of the bright spots in the Dodgers' outfit.

Purdue Patriots  
Two hundred and fifty men have signed up at the University of Purdue for the officers' training camp. Almost all of the athletes at the university are going, and the present evidences are that non will be left.—Ex.

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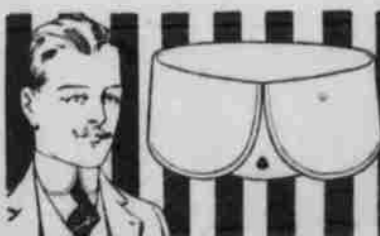
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