

BIG \$700,000 PLANT

Seats to Be Provided for at Least 60,000 Baseball Fans.

Chicago National League Club to Erect Concrete Stands Extending Over Vacant Lot on Polk Street Side of Grounds.

Chicago's cubs will start the season of 1913 in a brand new park surrounded by \$700,000 worth of steel, concrete, brick and terra cotta.

For several months Murphy has been working on his plans with the view of giving the West Side fans a palace similar to those in vogue at Comisky park, at Forbes field, Pittsburgh or the Polo grounds in New York.

The plant will be located on the present grounds of the club it being Murphy's idea to utilize the vacant space between the fence and Polk street, extending from Lincoln to Taylor street.

Forty-eight thousand fans will be assured of seats when this massive plant is thrown open, and there will be standing room for 12,000 more, according to Murphy.

To provide standing space for the 12,000 unable to secure seats the builders of this plant have conceived the idea of digging a sort of subway around the field, excavating to a depth of 18 inches directly in front of the bleachers and stands.

Several new features will be incorporated in the grounds, says Mr. Murphy. For instance, there will be a complete megaphone system such as Mr. Ebbets is installing in the new Brooklyn grounds.

Two decks will be provided in the stand, while the "dugout" arranged for the standing gentry will answer the purpose of a third deck.

LEFT HANDERS ARE DYING OUT

Arthur Irwin, Veteran Scout of New York Americans, Reports Scarcity of Southpaws.

After several weeks spent in observing the work of young players in the minor leagues throughout the country, Arthur Irwin, the veteran scout of the New York Americans, has come to the conclusion that the left-handed pitcher is dying out.

"I've combed the bushes this year as never before," said Irwin on his recent return to New York, "and never did I see such a scarcity of southpaws. They are not to be had."

"My experience is the same as the experience of other scouts with whom I have talked. I cannot account for it, except on the theory that left-handed persons are getting rare in all walks of life."

"In my travels this season I saw very few left-handed pitchers, fewer than I ever saw in all my years in baseball. I'll venture the prediction that next season there will be fewer new southpaws in the big leagues than in any season in twenty-five years."

Faith Shown in Birmingham.

That President Somers intends to retain Joe Birmingham as manager of the Cleveland Naps next year was indicated by the fact that the owner has asked him to pick out the training camp for 1913. Joe is inclined to select Pensacola, where the Naps' second squad worked out last spring when he acted as assistant to Harry Davis, resigned leader of the club.

How Cuba Honors Its Heroes.

The Havana (Cuba) city council has voted Armando Marsans, who has made good in the Cincinnati National League baseball nine, a \$200 gold medal in recognition of his ability in playing the national sport of the United States. It will be presented to Marsans upon his return to Cuba.

New Job for Mike Kelly.

Mike Kelly, manager of the St. Paul team in the American association, has decided to accept the offer of the management of the Indianapolis team, which is accompanied by an opportunity to buy a large block of stock in the Hoosier club. Kelly will take charge at once.

To Trade Gibson.

It has been stated that George Gibson, the Pirates' veteran catcher and a hero of the world's series of 1909, is to be traded. The tale says he will go to the St. Paul American association team in part payment for some of the players Barney Dreyfus has secured from there the last two years.

Murphy Imitates Dreyfus.

President Murphy has copied Barney Dreyfus' system of discipline and declares he will have a pennant winner next year under these conditions. He insists upon early rising and reasonable hour to turn in at night when on the road and when at home.

Baseball Nine of Brothers.

Madison Mills, Va., boasts a baseball team made up of nine brothers, their names being Willie, Oscar, Harry, Roy, James, Leonard, Carroll, Vikes and Hugh Gilliam.

PASSING OF "MINER" BROWN

Chicago Cubs Ask for Waivers on Services of Veteran "Three-Fingered" Twirling Star.

Mordecai Brown, curving wizard, is soon to pass along, leaving behind him a record of wonderful deeds in the national game. Waivers have been asked on the three-fingered star who has done so much toward bringing pennants and world's championships to Chicago, and his departure from the West side, slated for the near future, is due to the fact that he injured his right knee while engaged in winning a ten-inning ball game last July.

News of the action taken by the Cub management leaked out in the east and was confirmed by Manager Chance upon his return to Chicago. He stated he had learned this news from another player while sojourning in the



Mordecai Brown.

east. Although the waivers have been sought it doesn't necessarily follow that Brown will be lost to the National league, for the veteran is regarded by every manager and magnate in the country as a star and valuable man in more departments than pitching.

It was while Brownie was with Omaha that Chance was first attracted by his pitching. He advised Frank Selee to land the three-fingered twirler, but the deal never was completed until 1905, when the Cub manager shofed through a trade whereby Brown came to the West side along with Catcher O'Neill for the veteran Jack Taylor.

From the season 1905 to the present time Brownie has been rated one of the greatest twirlers the game ever has known.

Four world's championships have been featured by the presence of the Hoosier phenom, and in two of these he played a prominent part in helping the Cubs capture the highest honor in organized baseball. For three years he was unbeatable in games between Chicago and Pittsburgh, while the New York Giants seldom were able to solve his delivery. Perhaps his greatest feat was staged in Chicago's final triumph over the Giants for the National league flag in 1908, when, after Pflaster had been driven from the slab Mordecai went in and from the third to the ninth silenced the enemy without allowing another tally.

AROUND THE BASES

Tresreau leads the New York pitchers in shut-out games.

There will be a baseball league in Newfoundland next season.

Red Dooin seems to be able to break anything but his streak of bad luck.

The New York club still hopes to secure Shortstop Ole Olson from Cleveland.

It is now practically certain that the new Ebbets field won't be dedicated until next spring.

Marsans, the Cuban, is the find of the Cincy team this season. His hitting is wonderfully good.

Eddie Collins thinks Stahl has one of the greatest pitching staffs ever assembled on one big league club.

Harry Tuthill, the trainer of the Detroit Tigers, is back at his old job training the West Point football team.

It is said that Joe Wood, the star pitcher of the American league, butted into baseball just to keep from starving.

McGraynor, the Reds' recruit pitcher from the Ohio State league, had a try-out with the Yankees two years ago.

The Cincinnati Reds signed up an amateur twirler of their own town. The chap is "Chick" Smith, a southpaw.

Veach, the recruit outfielders of the Detroit Tigers, is the first big leaguer of that name since the days of the famous Peck-a-bo.

No truth in the report that the Pittsburgh club is going to change Hans Freddy Clarke will keep him at the shortstop meadow.

Connie Mack still believes that Harry Davis will make a corking big league manager. Says Harry wasn't given half a show in Cleveland.

It has been rumored that Bill Donovan, ex-Tiger, now managing the Providence International league club, will manage the Brooklyn next season.

This is Hugh Bedient's second time with the Red Sox. He was drafted by Boston two years ago and later was sent to the International league for a little seasoning.

There are a lot of teams in the National whose players express the hope that Eppa Rixley's "paw" will keep him out of baseball next season. He's likely to get pesky then.

Frank Chance is quoted as saying that he believes Mathewson is still one of the greatest pitchers in the game. That is a compliment that means much coming from the Cub leader.

ODD WINTER COAT



A civet fur coat brought into use by the continued high price of fur and skins, and will continue to be popular wear this winter. It is trimmed with a fox collar and cuffs and is of a brown shade. A brown soft velour hat, a La Cavalier, will complete the costume.

FAD FOR MASCOT JEWELRY

One of the Prettiest Novelties That Has Been Put Forward for Many Seasons.

She who has money to afford novelties should go in for mascot jewelry. Never has it been more fascinating. Even if you are not superstitious, you are not above a luck charm of some sort.

A safety pin brooch, with a stone in the center, has attached to it by a thin short chain, a lucky tortoise in gold or enamel. The mascot can be further enhanced by using one's birth stone.

A motor bracelet of gold or silver wire can have attached to it various lucky charms, as the lucky finger in ivory, a lucky penny, a tiny rabbit's foot, and horseshoe, as well as a blue bird for happiness as well as safety. Sometimes these lucky pieces are worn around the neck on a fine fold chain, or they form an interesting pendant for the watch fob.

Great favorites are the lucky pig and lucky bear charm, while a novelty for the cat lover is a small bowl of gold chain, or they form an interesting fish in it and a watchful cat at one side.

A fascinating love charm which comes in circular or heart-shape has on it a plus and minus sign with Aujourd'hui above the former and Qu Hier beneath it, while beneath the minus sign is Que Demain, which translated means that the donor's love shall daily be "more than yesterday and less than tomorrow."

The fond father now presents mother with a ring containing the birth stone of each child.

SMART DRESS



This very graceful dress is in pale gray satin. The skirt is plain and has a short tunic of ninon finished with a narrow silk trimming. The bodice, of satin, is cut Magyar, with short sleeves, the long sleeves being joined on with wrapped seams; the low round yoke is of lace. The fichu is of alion edged with fringe, it has long ends falling over front of skirt; these are also finished with fringe. Hat of dark gray, Tagel, swathed

SUGARED.



Kitty (blushing)—I am angry with Horace, and I only gave you that kiss through revenge. Harry (laughing)—It reminded me of revenge. Kitty—in what way? Harry—Well, you know, "revenge is sweet."

Call to Arms. "Bang!" went the rifles at the maneuvers. "Oo-oo," screamed the pretty girl—a nice, decorous, surprised little scream. She stepped backward into the surprised arms of a young man. "Oh," said she, blushing, "I was frightened by the rifles. I beg your pardon."

Palliating News. "Oh, dear, officer, was my poor husband shot when you got him to the station?" "No, madam; only half shot."

Most of our comforts grow up between our crosses.—Young.

Mother Goose in Poultry Trade. "It is reported that the following occurred in a small poultry store kept by the widow of the deceased merchant. "I should like to see a nice fat goose," said a customer, entering the shop. "Yes, sir," replied the boy. "Mother will be down directly."—Woman's Home Companion. Accounted For. "The piece was very raw." "Then it deserved a roasting." CURES BURNS AND CUTS. Cole's Carbolic stops the pain instantly. Cures Cuts, Nostril, Allergists, 5 and 5c. Adv. All the world's a stage, but it lacks an asbestos drop curtain.

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