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SPORTING GOSSIP

Upward of 17 years as a pitcher in major leagues is the marvelous record of "Old Cy" Young of the Boston Americans. This stamps the elderly youth as one of the most remarkable athletes in history. He is over 40 years of age, yet is regarded as one of the best pitchers in the country today, none barred. His feat recently in pitching a no-hit-no-run game, allowing only one man to reach first, shows what the old boy still has in him. The Red Sox may go along losing, but whenever "Old Cy's" turn comes to fling it generally means a victory for him. He is more feared than any pitcher in the American league with the exception, possibly, of Ed Walsh of the White Sox. And the strangest thing about it all is that Young uses few curves. He has lots of speed, but relies principally on his wonderful control. Every batter in the American league, with such exceptions as the youngsters whom he has never pitched against, has been sized up by "Old Cy" and he knows just what they don't like. Then he goes ahead and feeds this kind of balls to them. He has little preliminary motion before delivering the ball, thus conserving his strength. It is probably due to the



"Cy" Young.

few curves that he employs that he has been able to stick to the game as long as he has. Three no-hit-no-run games have been pitched by "Old Cy" since he has been in the big leagues. In addition to his recent feat he twirled one for the old Clevelanders and one against Philadelphia on May 5, 1904, while twirling for Boston. In this game he did not allow a batter to reach first base. It is impossible to say how many more years "Old Cy" will stick to baseball. He is apparently as valuable, or more so, than ever and shows no signs of letting up. No team in major league circles would pass by an opportunity of securing him from Boston if able, but John I. Taylor, owner of the Red Sox, would not let the veteran go for anything reasonable. The Boston fans idolize him and he likes the Hub city. It is not at all impossible that he will pass several more useful years in baseball circles.

To the uninitiated the notices that have been published from time to time concerning phenomenal figures paid for baseball players have created the impression that baseball managers must be on the verge of insanity. The innocent reader who sees that \$11,000 has been paid for a player who has never been in fast company but a part of a season, wonders how it is that managers will take the chances of buying an untried player for such a large amount of money. They probably do not know that there is a good sized string attached to the deal. Managers demand for these high-priced men that they shall deliver the goods, and unless they can do so, they do not purchase. In other words baseball players are bought and paid for on the installment plan. In the case of a pitcher, for instance, if he wins a certain number of games a certain percentage of the purchase price is handed over, and in the case of an in or outfielder a part of his purchase price is paid after he has shown that he is not a four-flusher. The enormous amounts paid for baseball players largely belong to the same class of enormous amounts paid to actors and actresses.

Hans Wagner is out with a big boost for George Wiltse, who kept the heavy Dutchman from making a hit in seven trials at the New York Polo grounds recently. Wagner says that McGraw's slim port-sider is the best fielding pitcher in the country and seems to have more on his delivery than any twirler who works from the off side. What makes Wagner's testimonial of more value is that the Dutchman delivered himself of his praise before Wiltse batted him and lopped many points off the Carnegie clouter's batting average.

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Home-Made Chair Bottoms.

Take strong, heavy wrapping paper, cut out just the form you desire, and with a firm paste stick six thicknesses of the paper together, making a thick pasteboard. Trim the edges smooth like the pattern you cut, and with round-headed tacks nail it to the frame. After it is well dried varnish and you have a neat, strong seat to the chair, with little or no expense.

A Sweeping Hint.

On sweeping days I have found it an excellent plan when dusting to first remove the greater part with a dry dust cloth, then to go over the furniture a second time with a cloth which has been moistened with a little crude oil. The oil not only spares the throat and lungs of the housewife, but also gives a fine polish to the furniture.—Harper's Bazar.

Tomato Sauce.

The following is a good recipe and one that has been well tried by a hotel chef. It is tomato sauce and can be served with many kinds of meat:

Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan and cook in it half an onion cut fine. When the onion is yellow add two tablespoonfuls of flour and cook until it is slightly browned.

Then turn in two cupfuls of tomatoes, a small glass of wine, a bit of bay leaf, two or three cloves, a bit of a garlic clove and salt and paprika.

Cook ten minutes, strain and keep for serving.

Florida Loaf.

For six persons: Get one and one half pounds of good round-steak, one-half pound of salt pork, and one-quarter pound smoked ham, have same ground all together at the butcher's; then add two eggs, two medium sized onions, one cup breadcrumbs; mix all these ingredients together, roll in buttered tissue paper, and bake one hour, after same has been seasoned to taste.

Put Potato on Curtain Rods.

In putting freshly laundered curtains on rods try sticking a piece of raw potato over the end of the rod. The slight moisture dampens the curtain sufficiently and covers the sharp edge of the end and also the moisture being starchy restores the crispness when again dry.

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