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Beals Becker, New York Nationals' Outfielder.

Beals Becker, who has long been a utility outfielder for the Giants, has been holding down a regular berth in the New York outfield for some time past. Beals is a timely batsman and it was his good stick work that led him to be played regularly by Manager McGraw. Becker was secured by New York from the Boston Nation-

als. He has been kept on the bench by McGraw for several seasons, being used by the leader of the Giants as an emergency batsman and outfielder. Several of the clubs were after Becker to play him regularly, but McGraw refused to part with him, paying him a good-sized salary just to keep him for emergency roles.

STAR CATCHER WITH YANKS

Ed Sweeney, Elongated Backstop, Stops Wide Ones That Would Get by Other Players.

Ed Sweeney, the Yanks' elongated catcher, can handle all kinds of pitching.

It is doubtful if there is another catcher in the league who could do much with McConnell, New York's "bean" pitcher. He is supposed to be one of the hardest pitchers in the majors to catch. Sweeney can get his glove behind wide ones that would get by the ordinary backstop. His great reach stands him in good



Ed Sweeney.

turn behind the bat. In a recent Sunday's game, for instance, he saved Russell Ford a wild heave with men on the bags, by going up in the air a good seven feet for a high one.

Moreover, Sweeney is a willing worker. He is always ready to kick on a close decision, but he never crabs after it is all over. He is always smiling during the game.

Cobb on Stage Again.

Ty Cobb, baseball player extraordinary and retired actor, may go upon the stage again this winter. He has received an offer to become interlocutor of George Evans' minstrels. Evans had Jim Corbett in this position two years and now hopes to land a diamond celebrity for the job. In addition, Evans is angling for the services of Red Doolin, Mike Donlin and Christy Mathewson, all of whom have appeared in vaudeville. Incidental to his show, Evans has a baseball team and he would back that team against all comers if he could get Cobb, Matty, Doolin and Donlin to join.

Sox Get Lange's Pal.

Miller, the young pitcher signed for the White Sox, is the former pal of Bill Lange on the Des Moines team. The two twirlers won a championship for the Iowa team the last time that city had the honor.

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND

It is said that the temperance clause in the contract of the Pirates is to be removed.

Wiltse and Meyers of the Giants are the best batting battery in the National league.

Joe Birmingham is willing to work 18 hours of each day to make good as manager of the Naps.

In the morning game of Labor day, Pitcher Hixon of Indianapolis allowed Columbus but one hit.

Jack Chesbro, pitching for North Adams at Pittsfield, Mass., recently, was knocked out of the box.

"A ball player is a fool to pay any attention to what is said to him on the diamond," says Bill Sweeney.

Frank Smith of Montreal held Rock ester to three hits on September 4. Two of them came in the ninth inning.

One thing the Giants have on the Red Sox is base-stealing ability. Still, that didn't get them much against the Athletics.

The White Sox, it is said, will train on the coast in 1913. A place—Paso Robles by name—is the spot named for the training.

Joe Wood has relied on speed, control and support for his recent victories. He doesn't use his curve unless he has to.

James Esmond, an infielder, was released by the Cincinnati National league club to the Montreal club of the International league.

Frank Bancroft will as usual take the Reds barnstorming this fall. The trip will include games in Southern Ohio and West Virginia.

Topsy Hartsell says he expects to remain at the head of the Toledo team next year and win a pennant, and has no desire to lead the Naps.

The Giants found the eastern team of the National league much easier to beat this season than they did the teams comprising the western end of the circuit.

As a rule, pitchers are jokes when it comes to hitting the ball, but "Bunnie" Hearn crossed the dope recently when he made three home runs in a nine-inning game.

McGraw Praises Cubs.

"Cut the Cubs open and you'd find them stuffed full of sand and ginger," says John McGraw, paying his compliments to the Cubs, and he adds further nice words as a tribute to the great race they have made. Did any Cub ever say anything nicer about the Giants?

Climate is Handicap.

Clark Griffith says he never believed it before, but he now knows that the Washington climate is a great handicap to the success of a ball team. It is the humidity, he says, that has the depressing effect.

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