### UPS AND DOWNS OF BATSMEN

How Big League Hitters Advanced or He was 151 points better off this year than Fell Back.

Players Improved, While in the National a Majority Did the Reverse.

Comparison of the official batting averages of the American league of this year with those of the year previous shows that of 102 players whose names are found in both sets the averages of fifty-four increased over 1996 and forty-eight decreased. The official averages of the National league for the two seasons reveal that forty players had a better average for 1906 than for the year previous and that fifty-nine fell off in their stick work. A majority of the American league batters did better in 1906 than in 1906, while a majority of National league batters slumped more or less. In short, the American league stickers made more improvement than their National

league brethren. There is no need for any erudite explanation of the existing condition. It might be argued that the National league pitching was better this year; on the other hand it might be argued just as reasonably that the American league batting was better. One can suit himself as to which explanation be Probably the best explanation is that it just happened so. Ups and downs in hitting are hard things to account for. Stovall The reverse of this year's happenings might Anderson I. Cross come to pass next year.

Individually there were many notable rogression. There was a general improvement among the best litters of the Amerionn league. The first eleven men, men who played enough games both years to have their averages officially recorded, all show an increase over their 1905 figures, Three of these men, Lajoie, Flick and Keeler, are not as high in the batting order Keeler, are not as high in the batting order Kitson this year as last, yet improved in points.

Lejole, next to the two leaders this year. Rockenfield ...... was first last year, but is twenty-six points Parent ahead of his 1905 percentage. Flick, sixth this year and fourth last year, improved five points; and Keeler, fifth last year and ninth this year, bettered his batting figures by two points. These things, in connection with the fact that more batters im- Dougherty proved than fell off, show that the American league as a whole batted better this Lindsu year than last.

George Stone, the American league leader, advanced from eighth to first place and advanced sixty-two points. Catcher Clarke, Sullivan who is tied with Stone, jumped from sixtyfourth to first place and advanced 150 points. Hai Chase of New Yorks advanced from thirty-sixth place, and improved his percentage by seventy-four points. Jim Mc-Guire went from fifty-seventh to eleventh place at a bound and jumped eighty points. One player, Jack Anderson, has the same average for 1906 as for 1905, yet ranked twenty-seventh this year and thirt-enth last year-further proof of the general improvement of the 1906 batting. Al Orth of the New Yorks made a big increase.

Pitcher Bernhard of the Clevelands fattened his batting average to the extent of 125 points, while among the pitchers retrograde movements, equally extensive, are to be found. Griffith fell off 103 points and Patterson 146. Eddle Hahn, the outfielder whom Griffith released to Chleago, hit the toboggan for ninety-eight points in his Owen batting and slid down from second to fiftyeighth place.

Hans Wagner, the National league bat- : Ho ting leader for 1906, improved his standing by one position, ranking second in 1905, yet fell off thirty-eight points. Evidently, then, the National league batting championship was not as hard to earn this year as last. Si Seymour, who stood first last year, dropped less this year than last, Mike Donlin also lost points, but it is fair to assume might have done better had he played the season out. Harry Stelrfeldt made a big increase both in standing and in number of points, and marked advance was made by Johnny Kling, who rushed from sixtieth place to eighth and swelled his percentage by ninety-four points, Frank Chance, sixth last year, was sixth again this year, and improved his average by three points. A big stride forward was made by Sammy Strang, who from the lowly niche of thirty-third in 1905 rose to sixth

A majority of the better hitters of the National league improved in their stick work, even if a majority of the whole relapsed. As to the size of the leading average, however, the standard was not as high as in 1966. Three National league players, Ewing, McGinnity and Siegle, each lost over a hundred points this year. As in the American league, one batter tied his average of the year before. Gibson was the man. Wiltse of the New Yorks, one of the best hitting pitchers in 1966, fell off eighty-

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seven points, and tumbled from twentyfirst to sixty-sixth place. Luther Taylor
Improved his average considerably, while
Deacon Phillippe made great progress.
He was 161 points better off this year than
last.

In the appended tables, where two or
more men share a position, the next man
to contend the same as 16 there was no the seven points, and tumbled from twentyfirst to sixty-sixth place. Luther Taylor

COMPARISON OF RECORDS INTERESTING is ranked the same as if there was no tib NEW COLLEGE ATHLETIC UNION shead of him. Lajoie, for instance, is ranked second, when in reality there are In the American a Majority of the two men ahead of him. But for the sake of convenience ties are considered as if one man were in the position, the relative standing of the batters not being affected this arrangement. The following tables show the butting rank this year and

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Advisability of National Association Discussed at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The advisability forming a national athletic organization last, and the increase or decrease in points from 1905 to 1906:

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The advisability of forming a national athletic organization of the colleges and universities was discussed at the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic association of the United States which began here today. Another important proposition is that the foot ball rules committee elected for 1997 be amalgamated with the representatives of Yale, Princeton, Harvard. Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis and Chicago universities during 1997. In case the proposed fusion falls the foot ball rules committee in the Intercollegiate Athletic association will formulate rules from which foot ball shall be played. Dr. Williams, chairman of the foot ball rules committee, submitted a report which said the representatives of Yale, Harvard and other large institutions hesitated from taking part in the amalgamation, because by doing so would become simply unitrand would have no standing on the foot ball rules committee. To meet this objection he suggested changing the bylaws and constitution a year hence so as to allow the foot ball rules committee to be made up of the members of the old rules committee, Dr. McCormick of the University of -Batting-Inc. Dec.

committee.

Dr. McCormick of the University of Pennsylvania said he hoped the convention will suspend or alter the rules so that the suggestion as to the amalgamation can be carried out and a permanent foot ball rules committee established.

Prof. Dudley hoped all the southern colleges would join in making the intercollegiate Athletic association national and representative.

legiate Athletic association national and representative.

The condition of college athletics in Colobrado, Ohio, Texas and other parts of the country was explained by delegates. They all the association work is raising the standard of amateur sports and that a great advancement in that line was accomplished in the last year.

The convention put itself on record as favoring the amalgamation of the present foot ball committees, but in case that cannot be accomplished, the seven members of the foot ball committee of the inter-collegiate Athletic Association of the United States appointed for the coming year were

collegiate Athletic Association of the United States appointed for the coming year were directed to formulate rules under which foot ball shall be played by the institutions joining the association. With a view to extending the membership it was decided to amend the bylaws so that a conference of several colleges may be presented in the Intercollegiate Athletic association by a single delegate. Captain Pierce was authorized to appoint a committee of three to endeavor to bring about amalgamation.

There was but a single change suggested to endeavor to bring about amalgamation. There was but a single change suggested by the executive committee in the personnel of the foot ball rules committee, and that was that Mr. Curtiss be replaced by Prof. W. L. Dudley of Vanderbilt, who will represent all the southern colleges. This was approved by the convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Captain Palmer F. Pierce, West Point: vice president, Harry L. Williams, Minnesota; secretary-treasurer, Prof. Louis Bevier, jr., Rutgers.

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on the executive committee the western states will be represented by Dr. C. W. Hetherington, University of Missouri, No selection was made for the Pacific coast district, there being no members from those states. The convention adjourned

STAHL UTTERS A GOLDEN TRUTH

Jake Says Poor Conching Loses as Often as Poor Pitching.

Jake Stahl said recently that poor coaching loses almost as many games of ball as poor pitching, and if ever a man spoke the truth it was the same Jake on that occasion. Omaha fans can testify to this. Time and time again last season proof of this statement was witnessed at Vinton street park. It became proverbial before the end of the season—this stupid base running and miserably poor coaching. If there is one thing to be hoped for in Omaha for next season it is that careful attention will be given to this great department of the game. Nothing is quite as disheartening to fans and players as to see a run thrown away simply because some doe-head base runner or coacher goes to sleep. Often as Poor Pitching.

ing to fans and players as to see a run throw away simply because some does head base runner or coacher goes to sleep.

Says Joe Tinker, the same being worth your while to read: "A few seasons ago some clothing firm of Chicago offered a suit of clothes to the player on our team som. We were playing the last series in some made the most home runs in the seasons ago some. We were playing the last series in long and the most home runs in the seasons. We were playing the last series in long of the country of the last series to the King for the outling has a game, which Mathewson was pitching. In a game, which Mathewson was pitching in a game, which Mathewson was pitching to the fears of some of its readers. But where is that war with Germany now? Even the lot of the country of th +Batting-

The next event in order in the meeting in New York City will be the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues, embracing all the minor leagues. This will be held on the second Tuesday in January. The scope of this organization may be seen from the

Fred Clarke will manage the Pittsburg lub from the bench this season, claiming hat a bench manager has an advantage of one playing on the team.

McAleer has secured Jim Delehanty from Cincinnati, and the chances are he will turn out to be a swell third baseman for Mac, just as Stone turned out a fine bate-

WITH THE BOWLERS.

Last night at the association alleys the Storz Blue Ribbons rolled another 5,000 series, taking three games from the Onieries, taking three games was raised when nods. One league mark was raised when Cochran finished with 687. He also had the best single game of the evening with 263. Anderson, C. J. Francisco and Harper also passed the 600 mark in totals. The score: ONIMODS.

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Additional on Himself.

TONOPAK, Nev. Dec. 29.—Barring a five-mile early merning sprint over the country roads, through snow and siush, Gans and Hermann did little in the way of exercising today.

"I am ready to go into the ring at a moment's notice," said Hermann, after returning from his jaunt.

Betting was practically nil today in the local pool rooms. Hermann's manager has received a telegram from Harry Worden of Chicago stating he had \$10,000 to wager on will be given each day, A special wire will be shown at the Bijou all this week, beginning this revening, and after today two exhibitions are called the additional to Tonopal to have recognized it a danger to their patrons and have guard adapter to Tex Reckard, the Goldfield, September 2. Mr. Dodge would not rent the building until it was shown the pictures were the original, so the agents of Reckard took the films to the Jewel theater to Tex Reckard to Tex Reckard, the Goldfield fight a danger to their patrons and have guard against it was a question of fact for the films to the Jewel theater to Tex Reckard, the Goldfield, September 2. Mr. Dodge would not rent the building until it was shown the pictures were the original, so the agents of Reckard took the films to the Jewel theater to Tex Reckard, the Goldfield, September 2. Mr. Dodge would not rent the building until it was shown the pictures were the original, so the agents of Reckard took the films to the Jewel theater Pature against it was a question of fact for the danger to their patrons and have guard against it was a question of fact for the Goldfield, September 2. Mr. Dodge would not rent the building until it was shown the pictures were the original, so the agents of Reckard took the films to the Jewel heater patrons and have guard against it was a question of fact for the pictures were the original, so the great patrons and have guard against it was a question of fact for the pictures will be adapted to their patrons and the pictures of the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield, September 2. Mr. Dodg

be put in for New Year's day, when the Gans-Hermann fight will be received by rounds.

PLAN FOR FISTIC CARNIVAL Tonopah Sports Will Offer \$100,000 for

Meeting of Pugilistic Stars. TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 29.—Interest in the coming battle between Gans and Rid Hermann has been subordinated for the time-being by a statement issued to the press y Manager Riley of the Casino Athletic dub, in which he states his intention to

by Manager Riley of the Casino Athletic club, in which he states his intention to hold a great puglistic tournament early in the spring with James J. Jeffries as the stellar attraction. The sum of \$160,000 will be devoted toward bringing together that cream of the fighting talent of the world. Riley said:

"I will offer Jeffries a purse of \$50,000 to meet five men, namely, Squires, Burns, O'Brien, Schreck and Kauffman, on five succeeding days, the champion to receive \$10,000 for each appearance.

"In addition to the above events I propose to have as attractions a contest between Jimmy Britt and the winner of the Qans-Hermann battle, a match between Abe Attell and Jimmy Bowker and a battle between Joe Thomas and some other well known welterweight. In all I shall offer \$100,000 to bring about the proposed matches."

Omnha Y. M. C. A. Wins. YORK, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.) The Omaha Young Men's Christian associa-tion junior basket ball team tonight de-feated the York team by a score of 36

Yale Wins Basket Ball, KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—In the basket ball game between Yale and the Kansas City Athletic club Yale won, 31 to 22.

HOT AIR WARRIORS ACTIVE

Again They Are Planning, for Exercise, One of Those Wars that Never Happen.

They are at it again. Those profoundly wise experts who have the war map of the future plotted out in their imaginations conclude that nothing can save the United States from war with Japan-some say within twenty-five years and others within five years. Among European military men, it is said, this war is being freely discussed. They foresee even the course of the strug-Japan would at once occupy the Philippines, and thus compet the United States to conduct campaigns across the wide ocean under immense disadvantages. The sorry plight of America may be already a source of enjoyment in European capitals.

The experts who predict future wars, however, are old acquaintances. Their military records as forecasters throw all the village weather prophets into the deep, deep shade. It is true that they predicted every war that ever happened. But imagine, if you can, the number of wars they predicted that never did happen. The year does not pass in which they do not have some nation preparing to let loose the war dogs. No little unpleasantness can arise anywhere under the blue skies that they do not immediately set the drums to beating. Did you hear the bugle sound? Well, a Russian was seen sketching south of Khyber pass, another German family has landed in Brazil, a Frenchman was seen in Alsace to make faces at a picture of the kaiser, an Italian subject was lynched in Louisiana, a German trader sold the first brass earrings to the sultan of Timbuctoo. A great international crisis lurks in each of those putative incidents, each so menacing to the peace of the world. The war forecasters are kept very

busy. They have been hot on our trail for a number of years, and, since we began to build a navy second to one or none, we cannot much complain. Not long ago, our war with Germany was apparently to break out

the horizon, consequently, has the possi- further. tion's mental outfit as the sleepless and insatiate forecasters of war,

The war with Japan will join the last before that, the war with Italy before that, string of wars, stretching back a century, that never occurred. Here's a toast to the wars that never took place! Every one Hugh Jennings wants players who will hustle and obey orders. So do all the managers, only some don't seem to have the ability to make the men obey. When the same ability to make the men obey. lighted. They represent a forgotten national achievement, an achievement that will grow into ever widening amplitudes of solid splendor as the future wars that will never occur are added unto them .-Springfield Republican.

A Tall Fish Story.

A remarkable case has just come to light at the headwaters of Gander creek, re- guilty of contempt of court. ports a Kentucky paper. Ten years ago Columbus Alisop went to that point to fish and cut a willow pole and set his tion had been filed and he had in no manhook and line, sticking the pole in the ner been notified of any contempt probank. He then got engaged in something else and forgot his fishing pole. After had not been guilty or chargeable with a lapse of ten years he thought of it a contempt, but, on the contrary, during the few days ago and went to the scene at trial of Mr. Howell had endeavored to once, and there he found that his pole maintain the respect due to courts of jushad grown to be a willow tree three feet | tice. in diameter. The line was its usual size raised a school of fine ones each season. all in his wagon and drove home, wondering at the strange occurrence.

Pays for Hole in Carpet. the decision of the trial court in awarding for a writ. City theater carpet. The decision says: question of whether it was in this instance extended references to numerous de

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Judge Sutton States Formal Order Barring Attorney from Case Has Not Been Made, but Would Be at Early Date.

Another chapter of the coal cases was reeled off Saturday afternoon in Judge Sutfrom the grim catastrophe of surrender to ton's court when Mr. Connell asked th court if he had made an order of the statement he had made that Mr. Connell prophets will always be with them, both was not to be permitted to appear further abroad and at home. A fight, a scrap, a in the defense of the men who stand ac collision in which someone gets hurt, must cused of combining in restraint of trade necessarily be a show in which the melo- Mr. Connell said he had been advised as dramatic tasts of mankind finds a certain order had been made December 18 to the creepy satisfaction. Every little spark on effect he would not be permitted to appear

In response to the statement Judge Sut ton said he had made such an order. Mr men whose business it is to study war as a Connell then made a formal demand that fine art. According to the logic of their he be permitted to appear in the case calling, a mere school controversy, or a against Mr. Sunderland, set for trial Janudisplay of race antagonism in the corner ary 7. Judge Sutton refused to comply of a country, signifies that eventually two but said the order had not yet been engreat nations must resort to the explosive tered in the record, but would be put in argument of shrapnel. There is no class of as soon as he had examined the testimon people who count common sense and self- which was then being written up by the official stenographer.

Mr. Connell stated it was necessary that hts demands should be complied with o refused to enable him to protect his right war with Germany, the war with England and the rights of his clients. He stated he contemplated commencing proceedings the war with Chile before that, and a long in the supreme court to obtain a writ of mandamus to require the judge to let him appear in the defense of the coal dealers in future trials. In view of the fact that the supreme court would not meet after next week until January 15 and the case of Mr. Sunderland was set for trial January Mr. Connell said he was compelled to take the necessary action without delay,

Action Held to Be Contempt. Judge Sutton reviewed the course of the trial of S. E. Howell, referring to same as a vaudeville performance and asserted Mr. Connell was chiefly responsible, and that it was his opinion Mr. Connell was

Mr. Connell stated he had not been charged with contempt, that no informaceedings and in that connection stated he

No final action was taken by Judge Sutand when he raised the hook he found ton, but he adjourned court until Monday several generations of fish on it, the one and left the bench. When Mr. Connell that was originally caught on it having did not secure a compliance with his demand he returned to his office and com-When Columbus drew up the old fish all pleted a petition for a peremptory wri the others followed and he loaded them of mandamus, which had been partially prepared. A copy of the petition wa served upon Judge Sutten about 7 o'clock last evening and at the same time a n tice stating Mr. Sunderland and Mr. Con-The supreme court of Missouri affirmed nell as relators would make application

Mrs. Sallie Nephler of Kansas City \$5,000 Mr. Connell has had complete extracts for injuries received in a fall caused by made by the official reporter of all porcatching her foot in a hole in a Kansas tions in the nature of a controversy between Judge Sutton and himself. The rec-"This is a somewhat unusual case. A ord, when printed, will cover sixty pages hole in a carpet is not ordinarily such a and the typesetting has already been done menace to either life or limb as would and ready for the printer's hands Monday justify the court in assuming it to be dan- | Mr. Connell also has in the printer's hands gerous to persons passing over it. The a brief of the legal points involved, with of such character that the proprietors of of the courts to the effect that an attorne the theater ought to have recognized it as cannot be disbarred or prevented from praca danger to their patrons and have guarded ticing his profession prior to the filing of against it was a question of fact for the charges against him and until he has he notice of such charges and has had a hear-

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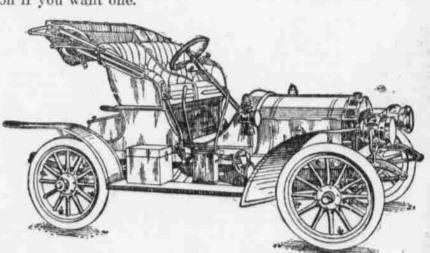
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