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RECRUITING THE BALL TEAMS

How Big League Clubs Have Been Put Together.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SCOUT

Cases Where Success in Making Deals Has Been Largely Responsible for a Winning Combination.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Some base ball clubs go along for years trying all sorts of ways to get hold of the right material to make a winning team and fail; some, on the other hand, are either lucky or judicious in getting hold of the right material and soon strike a winning combination.

Big league players are had by purchase or draft from the minor leagues, deals with other big league clubs, by taking a man after some other team has cast him off and, once in a great while, by picking him up from the vacant lots.

The policy of two clubs, the New York and Boston Americans, this season, has been notably one of reconstruction, with what success the future must tell, but in their case a necessary policy. Every club always is looking to strengthen; none can afford to stand still in that regard.

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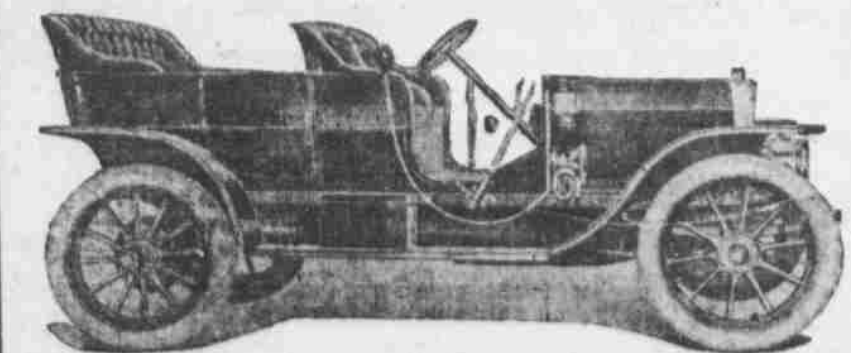
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Present component parts to create a strong whole. The present New York National league club has been put together by a combination of cleverly engineered deals and securing of young players from the minor leagues.

The deal element has not cut much figure in the building up of the New York American league team. Keeler and Chesbro, for instance, are original members of the team. They came here in 1903 when the local American league team was launched.

Across the bridge in Brooklyn the policy of recent years has been to seek new timber chiefly in the minor leagues. So far it has been a very successful fruit.

Connie Mack of the Athletics builds and rebuilds largely with young players of his own scouting efforts. Else he takes more seasoned players and makes them better. Hartzel, Murphy and Davis, for instance, who all had been in the big leagues before taking up with Connie.

The Philadelphia Nationals have depended little on former big league players. Branchfield came from Pittsburg, while Moore was once with Cleveland. Billy Murray took him, however, after he had gone back to a minor league. Knabe, Doolan, Doolan, Magee, Titus, Osborn, Moran, McQuillen, Covaleskie, Richie and Sheen have all been developed by the Philadelphia club.

Bill Donovan, Davy Jones, Moriarty, Crawford and McIntyre were major league players of varying lengths of time before they went to Detroit. The only Cobb was that team's own development and Dutch Schaefer virtually son. Bush was had by purchase from Indianapolis. Mullin, who leads the American league pitchers, has risen to fame under the Detroit banner, and the club has brought into the minor league ranks Killian, Summers, Willet, Stange, Beckendorf, O'Leary, Suggs and Works.

Comiskey has done a good deal of swapping and buying to get together his team. He got Burns and Altizer that way, also Parent, Dougherty and Hahn and White. Labell and Sullivan have been with him almost from the first, and Davis was landed in the war round up. Purcell is a youngster from the Southern league and under him Walsh, Smith, Scott, Owens, Sutor, Weiday and Piense have come to the front.

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Veterans and youngsters make up the wobbly Boston National league aggregation. Ritchey, Bowerman, Dahlen, Beaumont and Harry Smith, had by deals and trades, are old-timers in the service, while Starr and Ferguson, comparative youngsters, were with other big league teams before going to the Doves.

The strong Pittsburg team secured one of its mainstays in the box, Victor Willis, in a deal with Boston, but has obtained a great deal of its strength by looking else where than to big league associates. Barne, Dreyfuss is a fine judge of a young player; himself and has an able lieutenant in Fred Clarke. Clarke, through all his long big league career, has been steadily with Dreyfuss, first in Louisville, then in Pittsburg.

Canillon of the Washingtons is a great hand for trades, for getting hold of men from other major league clubs. He bought Conroy from the New Yorks and got George Browne, Hughes, Donohue, Unglaub, Delehanty, McBride and Clymer from other big league organizations.

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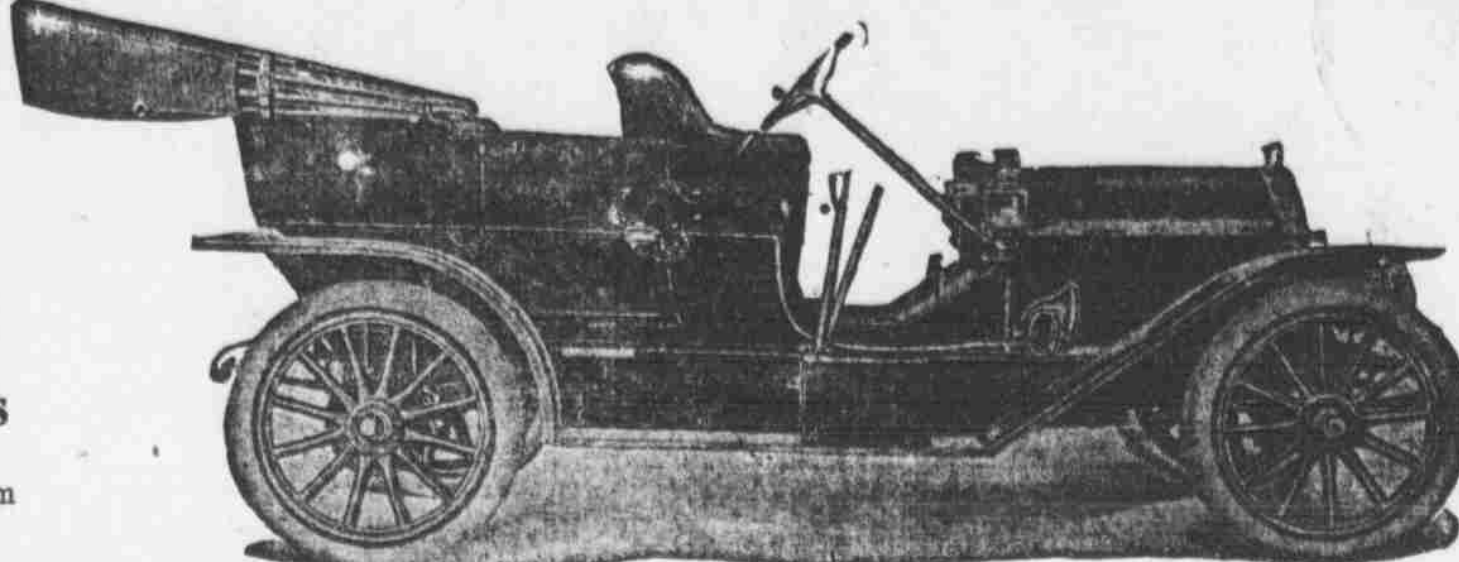
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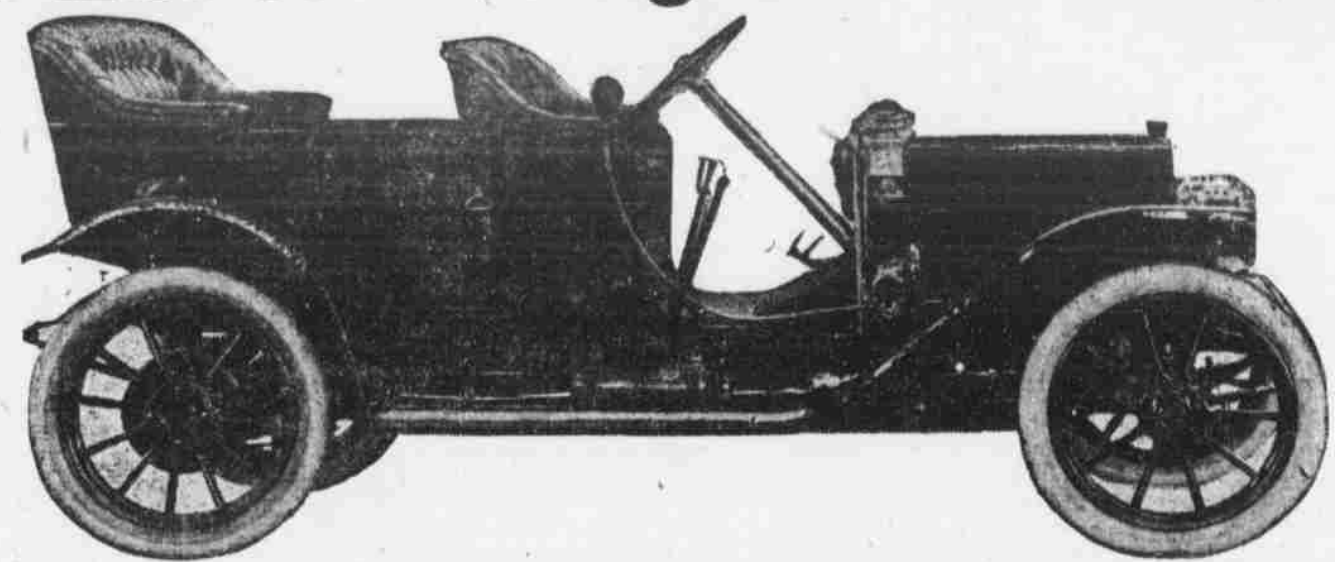
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