

# THE PASSING OF CY YOUNG

## Most Wonderful Pitcher of All Time Quits Game.

### PERFORMED GREAT FEATS.

Won Over 500 Games and Participated in About 1,000—Lame Arm Affected Veteran's Usefulness After Years of Constant Service.

Denton Tecumseh Young has passed from baseball's activities.

The grand old man of the game after twenty-three years in harness has decided to capitulate to the inevitable. The grip of time has manacled an arm of iron that for almost a quarter of a century proved the greatest stumbling block ever thrown into the middle of a diamond.

Cy Young passes out of the national pastime, but his name will live as long as the great summer sport flourishes.

This honored veteran, who has passed the forty-eighth milestone of life's journey, decided a few weeks ago that he had outlived his days of major league usefulness. He then notified the Boston Nationals that it was impossible for him to round into winning form. A sore arm, which afflicted him this spring for the first time in his brilliant career, failed to respond.

Rather than beset the most wonderful pitching record of all history Cy Young decided to retire to his Ohio farm to spend the rest of his days tilling the soil. No minor league ball could satisfy a spirit that had triumphed for almost twenty-three years in the fastest company.

There is nothing tragic in the passing of Cy. He lived, both on and off the field, a life of which the best might be proud. One of the most unassuming characters that ever graced the diamond, he always set a perfect example to both team mates and associates. As a veteran he was always free with good advice to the youngsters, and many a star pitcher of recent years owes much of his success to the wisdom of the retired star.

In point of effectiveness and term of usefulness it is doubtful if Young's remarkable record will ever be approached. In the twenty-two seasons of his experience—he did not appear in the box this year for the Hub team—Cy Young undoubtedly worked in more than 1,000 games. He is officially credited with 822, of which he won 509 and lost 313. Two hundred games is a very conservative effort for those pastimes in which he heaped, without being credited either with victory or defeat, in the twenty-two years of his activities.

Last June Young made his 1911 debut at Washington and clinched his five hundredth victory. He was a member of the Cleveland club at the time, but later in the year was unconditionally released. Boston picked him up, and he celebrated his re-entry into the National league, after an absence of ten years, by blanking the hard hitting Pirates. The night that Young won his five hundredth victory a year ago Christy Mathewson exclaimed in admiration:

"Young is the greatest pitcher that ever lived. If only I can ever last to win 500 games I'll be willing to lie right down after the battle and die happy."

George Moreland, then manager of Canton in the O. and P. league, discovered Cy in 1890. Young pitched against his club and showed a lot of class.

"That boy of yours should be playing ball," said George to the elder Young after the game. "He ought to be getting \$30 a month." This information almost knocked the old man dead. "Will you give him that?" he finally managed to ask. Denton T. was engaged on the spot. That day marked the end of the rail splitting career of the Tuscarawas county youth.

When Young was uniformed he presented a grotesque appearance. His shirt was much too small for his barrel-like chest, and his collar wouldn't button by an inch and a half. The White Stockings, led by Captain Anson, were Cleveland's guests, and the laugh that greeted Denton T. that day was loud and derisive. But when Young breezed home on the chin strap an easy victory there were 10,000 cheers for every previous jeer. He held the hard hitting Sox to widely scattered hits; had fanned three of their best batters in a row, including the redoubtable Anson. That game made Cy Young. He prizes it today far beyond any other performance of his life.

Cy Young can afford to take his ease. He is well provided with worldly goods. He owns a 320 acre farm at Paoli, O., where he has always lived during the off season. He is the pride of his county and community. They say in Paoli that he is the best farmer in Ohio. So no one need worry about his future.

Young is a living monument of the benefit of a clean life combined with physical development. He was always a hard worker on his farm and on the diamond. Early in life he cut out beer and liquor drinking. He never smoked. The last several years, when his great arm began to wane, he occasionally used brandy as a stimulant toward the end of hard fought contests. Also in the past ten years he chewed tobacco moderately. That habit he passed up two years ago.

## It's War to the Death on the Fly.



—Gray in Atlanta Constitution.

### GETTING RID OF THE HOUSE FLY.

Some Specific Directions for Fighting the Pest in the Country.

Ours is a country home, but we have very few flies. Our method is based upon the principle of "barring and starving." In other words, we keep them out and give them nothing to eat.

Fighting the fly in the country is exceedingly difficult, because of the wide range and the numerous places where the insect can breed. On the farm the most common of these places are the barns and manure-piles, pigsties, chicken-houses, and toilets. We began by making the barn scrupulously clean. This was not a difficult task, and no more than should be done on every country place. The "fly part" of the barn is the stables. Using plank floors, cleaning the stalls both morning and evening, and sprinkling a little powdered lime about, gave the flies no chance. The manure was thrown into a box outside, and this box is on a sled, ready to be hauled away at once and thrown on the garden or fallow land. Powdered lime sprinkled in the box, when empty, keeps this fly-proof.

Then came the "barring and starving" process for the house. Both for convenience and comfort we installed a complete plumbing system, with hot and cold water, in the house. In this day of gasoline engines, hydraulic rams, and other simple as well as economical methods of installing water systems, every farm home should have a plant of this sort. This required a sewer system, but the one drain and line of waste pipe also sufficed for the kitchen sink and stationary

wash-tub. The sewer pipe, which was four-inch close-joint tile, was run down the hill from the house into a drain. No cesspool or tank was used, but the outlet was converted into a veritable flower garden. The only flies that congregate about this spot are butterflies. To assist in absorbing all waste, the outlet is changed from time to time, and the former spot covered with earth.

One thing is very essential, however, for a sewerage system of this sort; that is, a large vent pipe—not less than two inches—for the toilet and sinks. We have such a pipe, or pipes, connecting them to a final line and butting this into the brick flue of the kitchen. This creates an upward draft, which sucks out and keeps the sewer line and drain clean of all odor and poisonous gases. By sprinkling chloride of lime in and close round the drain now and then, we are given no trouble with this part of the system, and it remains continually fly-proof.

As a matter of course, we have screens at the doors and windows. The back porch, next to the kitchen, which is usually a harbor for flies, we completely screened in. Thus the kitchen door can be opened when the room is hot and filled with the smell of cooking, with no fear of the flies swarming in. Here, too, we placed the stationary wash-tub.

Finally, let it be added, that even with all these precautions we are visited by flies; they always come when such things as cabbage, fish and meats are cooked, but most of them get no closer than the screens. A wire-screen fly-killer is kept handy for the few that chance to get in.—Dennis H. Stovall, in Woman's Home Companion, April, 1912.

### KEELER TELLS OF UNIQUE BET WITH BEAUMONT.

Willie Keeler, exponent of the timely art of "bitting where they ain't," told one on Clarence Beaumont, the old Pittsburgh-Chicago player.

"It happened in the morning game of July 4, 1908, while the Allegheny river was jumping around the twenty foot stage," said Keeler. "The high stage sent the river close to second base, but we were almost knee deep in water out in the outfields. We were in muddy water all the time, so to speak, and our accommodations were better for water polo than baseball. Beau and I kidded each other every time we changed positions during the innings, and finally I made a dare with Beau that the one of us who made the last catch of the game should dive into the muddy water. It was a funny bargain to make, and toward the end of the game I hoped that Wagner and the other long hitters would hit to some other field than mine. Poor Beaumont finally had to make a catch toward the close of the game. But Beau was game. He kept his bargain by diving into the muddy water and bringing up a handful of mud."

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### PHILLIES KEEP AMATEUR STAR

Manager Doolin Particularly Sweet on Young Steinbrenner.

Eugene Steinbrenner is to stay with the Phillies throughout the season. President Horace Fogel believes he has picked a coming star in the Pittsburgh youth. "Steiny," as he is now familiarly called, was recommended to the Philadelphia club last season, and Fogel immediately got his John Hancock to a contract. This contract called for delivery in 1913.

Fogel had no intention of calling the young man before then, but the recent injuries, coming so thick and fast, compelled the club to hustle around for talent. Steinbrenner's father wished his son to continue his scholastic work, but after talking matters over with the Phillie's president, very generously decided to let his son join the team.

Eugene packed his woolen socks and red tie in his telescope and started for Philadelphia, where, upon arrival, he presented himself at the office of the club with the announcement, "I'm the new second sacker of the Phillies."

Steiny was signed, and without any spring training he jumped into the game the day Knabe was out and covered second like a major. Out of seven chances he emerged without an error and also hit the great Mathewson for an average of .500.

Charlie Doolin is sweet on this youngster, for he shows qualities that promise well.

### TELLS OF FREAK PLAY.

Detroit Catcher Scored Home Run on Strike Out.

Jack Onslow, one of the Detroit recruit catchers, is the hero of one of the most peculiar plays ever recorded in baseball annals, making a complete circuit of the bases on a strikeout without the aid of an error by the opposing club. Onslow was playing with Dallas when he earned this unique distinction.

In the game at Fort Worth one day in 1909 the pitcher had him three and two in a close game. The deciding pitch was a curve ball, at which Jack swung wildly and missed. So sharply did the ball break that it struck one of the edges of the home plate and bounded into the grand stand, and according to the rules then in force the batsman was entitled to trot around the circuit unmolested. The freak play was a lucky one for Dallas, as Onslow's run won the game for that club, 3 to 2. Jack, therefore, had the honor of scoring the deciding tally after being recorded as struck out while the pitcher received credit for fanning him and was charged with a wild pitch at the same time.

The Life of Luxury. Feller in an easy chair Lets the hours go by; Looks across the bill o' fare An' heaves a weary sigh. Pictures hangin' on the wall, Hugs upon the floor. Has the best an' with it all Says that life's a bore.

Feller standin' in a brook, Wet clear to the skin, Workin' hard with line an' hook— Never sees a fin; Tumbles from the mossy rock That he tries to climb; Trudges home at six o'clock— Had a bully time. —Washington Star.

## SOME SPICY SPORT CHATS.

### M'Innis of Athletics Is Most Valuable First Sacker.

### HOW HE PAIRS WITH CHASE.

New York Crack Pulls Off More Sensational Stunts Than the Philadelphia Star, but, on the Whole, the Latter Outclasses Him.

By TOMMY CLARK.

Philadelphia baseball experts say "Stuff" McInnis of the Athletics is the most valuable first baseman in the game today. He is a far more valuable player than Hal Chase and has the box scores to prove it. For one thing, McInnis is a harder hitter than the Highlander star. There is not much difference in the fielding. Chase perhaps will make more brilliant plays in a season than his younger rival, but for steady, sure and conscientious work.



Photo by American Press Association.

### "STUFF" M'INNIS.

game in and game out, there is nobody who has anything on the New England boy.

"Stuff" has the advantage over Chase in that he is more adaptive to team play and club discipline and fights to the last. McInnis impresses a spectator as playing more for the love of the game than the fortnightly check. Chase, brilliant as he is, sometimes is mullish. When the Highlanders are winning he looks like the best player in the country, but as soon as they slump Chase becomes morose, and his game suffers. He is not a leader, but essentially a follower.

Here is a lesson for the fans who try to make money betting on ball games.

Hughy Jennings has never bet a nickel on a ball game. "Baseball is too uncertain for me to risk my money on it," said Hughy. "After a month or two of the season are gone I believe I have a good line on the ability of the different teams, but ball teams miss running true to form as often as they hit it. Candidly, I think a man is a fool to bet on baseball."

Detroit could have used Clarence Mitchell had it retained him instead of farming him to Providence.

Veteran players pointed out last summer that Mitchell was not getting enough work. They declared that he had as much stuff as any left hander in the league, but that all he needed was work. He didn't get it, and during the winter President Navin sent him to the International league city to aid the Clams in their fight for a pennant.

Since being with Providence Mitchell has pitched great ball. He has not been hit with any degree of strength, and in less than two weeks he pitched a one hit game, a five hit game and a four hit game.

The latter was against Rochester, the 1911 pennant winner, and the failure of the Clams to properly support him cost Mitchell the game.

Who started off that story of the youthfulness of Buck O'Brien, the Boston American pitcher who twirled so wonderfully for Denver last season? O'Brien is thirty years old if he is a day, and perhaps thirty-two years would not cover the distance the twirler has journeyed on life's bright pathway.

But there's no denying that O'Brien is a great pitcher, but then that youngster stuff was getting rather monotonous to the eye and ear.

Delahanty a Philosopher. The philosophy of Jim Delahanty has it that "errors are the staff of life of baseball. They are to the national game what good food is to the human stomach." But Del might have added if not properly assimilated they are likely to create gastritis of the percentage.

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Here are some of the fines the wife declares were imposed on her:

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"For being impertinent, \$2."

"Before allowed to read her mother's letter, \$5."

"For talking to the hired man, \$5. (Had only 75 cents this time.)"

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Other entries in the diary are:

"Out of money for article written in magazine, was told to buy butter and cheese."

"Mrs. B. draws on money to buy baby carriage and baby clothes."

"Two maids dismissed. Mrs. B. from now on did own housework, washing, etc."

"Received fur set from parents. 'Take all you can get,' says the doctor."

"Dr. B. in financial straits. Comes to wife and says, 'Now I have raised all the money I can. How much can you raise? We must have some money. It's up to you.'"

"Got loan of \$1,500 from father."

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