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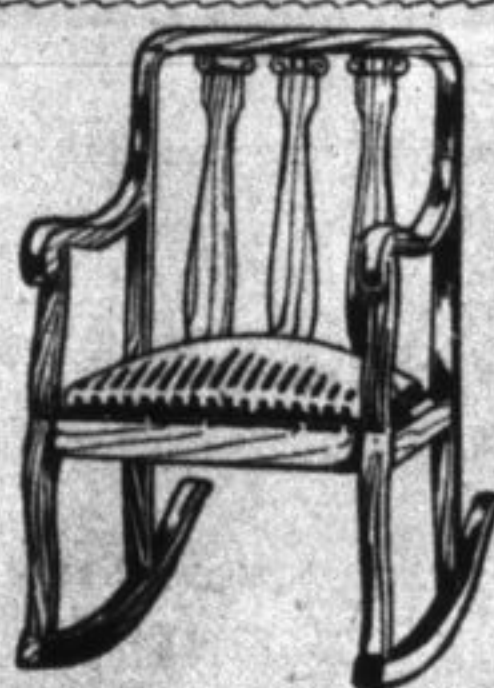
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Honus Wagner is unique in baseball in several ways besides being the only man who ever batted for 340 in seventeen successive years, and never being a holdout, he has worked for only one man in his twenty seasons in major league baseball. He went to work for Barney

Dreyfuss in Louisville in 1897, and he is still drawing his pay from the same man in Pittsburgh in 1916. No other active player has worked for one man anywhere near the same number of years.

Terry Turner went to Cleveland in 1904 and has been steady on that job, and Lajoie was with Charley Somers in Cleveland from 1902 to 1915.

In the World of Sport

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

The Chinese baseball team, which has closed its tour of the United States, made a great record. They are credited with winning 37 out of 59 games with college nines, and 61 victories in 119 battles with leading independent teams.

Tris Speaker's last hit of the season was a two-bagger in the ninth inning of the final game, and it boosted his batting average to .390. The unofficial records show Speaker went to bat 544 times and cracked out 212 hits.

"Billy" Sullivan, for many years star backstop of the Chicago White Sox, and now a coach for the Detroit Tigers, is mentioned as the next manager of the Salt Lake City team of the Pacific Coast League.

Jumping from a Class C League to the majors and hitting about the 250 mark all season, most of the time around .275, is quite an achievement for any young ball player. Al Walters, of the New York Yankees, can claim this distinction. Not alone has he hit often, but he has hit hard as well. He made ten doubles and three triples, and he took part in about sixty games.

The failure of the St. Louis Browns to finish in the first division of the American League cost the fans of the Mound a great deal of money. It had been wagered that the Browns would be in the first four at the end of the season. They were fifth, only a few points behind New York, who by their ability to take the last game of the season, entered the charmed circle and shoved the Browns down.

SHOCKER EXPECTED

To Be a Steady Winner With the Yankees Next Season.

William F. Donovan, the Moses who led the Yankees out of the wilderness of the second division last season, will again lead the Ruppert and Huston entry into the American League campaign of 1917. Captain T. L. Huston, half owner of the club, announced last night that Col. Ruppert and he have re-engaged Smiling Bill to run the club for his third season.

Most baseball experts are convinced that Donovan will have his big chance in 1917. The team has a set of young pitchers who seem capable of big things. Culllop and Moeridge, both of whom sustained injuries last season, are left-handers who should rank with the best. Alexander and Johnston were the only pitchers who excelled. Bob Shawkey last season, while Donovan has a pair of kid spitballers who, with last year's experience, should be steady winners. They are Allen Russell and Urban Shocker.

RECONSIDERS DECISION.

"Money" Gibson Decides Not to Retire From Baseball.

Catcher George Gibson, former Pirate star, has evidently reconsidered his determination to quit baseball. He was in Pittsburgh last week on business and to friends he said he would be back in the game next season. He is now the property of the New York Club, and if he plays will have to arrange with that organization.

Following his refusal to abide by the terms of his release to the Giants last September, Gibby vowed that he was through with the pastime and would never appear again. Later he was placed on the Giants' ineligible list. However, if he wants to come back the New York officials can easily arrange to have him reinstated.

It wasn't expected that the big catcher would call on President Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh Club; nor did he. Mr. Dreyfuss said he knew nothing of his former star's visit here.

Tommy Burns in Portland.

Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion of the world, has decided to settle down for a while and has picked Portland as his stopping place, where he has organized a body known as the Broadway Boxing Club. Tommy is president and intends to referee the main bout in each of the two smokers which he expects to put on each month.

GIANTS' LONG TOUR.

Something New in Spring Exhibition Trips.

Something new in exhibition tours was announced by the management of the New York National League Baseball Club. After the close of their spring training season in the south the New York and Detroit Clubs will travel through several southern cities for a week or more playing a game each day. The tour will start at Dallas, Texas, about April 1, and end at Kansas City. The two teams will travel in a special train. Manager McGraw of New York said that he regarded such a tour as better practice for both clubs than playing minor league teams in the south.

Kolehmainen is Through.

Hannes Kolehmainen, who was the hero of the last Olympic games in Sweden, is said to be all through as a champion in the American long-distance runnings. The Flying Finn was only a shell of his former self in the national five-mile event this year.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The Smith's Falls Hockey Club has organized and written asking for admission to join the O.H.A. The secretary of the Smith's Falls club has written to Carleton Place, Merrickville, Perth, Brockville and Kemptville in an effort to form a group in that section of the province.

There will be no senior hockey in Alberta this winter, as decided last November. They will also be obliged to do away with the intermediate series, due to loss of players through enlistment. The junior division will be run, however, and an effort made to induce the younger fellows to take up the game.

Claude Wilson will be given a chance to earn the position of regular goaler on the Toronto N.H.A. team this winter. This fellow has been spare man for two years, and has never really been given a chance. It

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According to Raoul Dumouchel, chairman of the Lacrosse Committee, the association had a very prosperous

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