

RECEIVER FOR THE REDS.



"Larry" McLean is the mainstay behind the bat for the Cincinnati Reds. He is considered one of the best catchers in the major leagues.

PLAYERS SHINE AS THROWERS

MAJORITY OF PRESENT DAY DIAMOND STARS SHOOT BALL WITH UNERRING AIM.

IS PUZZLING TO FOREIGNERS.

Instances Which Show What Some of the Big Leaguers Can Do in This Line—Remarkable Feat of Herman Long—Low Throws Faster Than High "Round House" Ones.

One thing about baseball that astounds foreigners more than anything else is the remarkable accuracy of the throwing. This is especially true of those who have played cricket. The batting and the catching and stopping of balls is not nearly so impressive to them as the way the players shoot the ball around the diamond with the unerring aim of a rifle shot. The reason for this is probably because the foreigners can not get the knack of throwing down as the Americans do. An incident at Philadelphia park a few years ago will illustrate what a baseball player can do in the throwing line.

One afternoon the Phillies were playing the Boston Team. "Billy" Hamilton was in center field for Boston and Herman Long was at shortstop. During the game there came a cry from Hamilton, who was seen excitedly pointing to an object which was dashing across the ground toward the flagpole in deep center field. The scooting object was a rat. Long was standing in his position at shortstop with the ball in his hand. Herman heard Hamilton's cry, wheeled around, took one glance at the rat running across the field, gauged the direction of its flight without the loss of a second and let the ball go. The ball hit the rat and there was one less rodent in the world.

Long's throw was fully 200 feet, but he hit the flying animal as if it was a stationary object. No sportsman ever made a prettier shot at a bird on the wing than Long did that afternoon. When it is considered that shortstops usually throw at a man standing on a base, Long's judgment in gauging just how far ahead of the animal he was to throw in order to make the "kill" was really wonderful.

Throwing at an object in the air is one of the hardest feats, for looking up at the sky when taking aim is much harder than when a player has the grandstand or the bleachers for a background. Last spring Jim Delahanty gave an exhibition of clever throwing at Columbia park, in Philadelphia.

A foul ball wedged into the screen on top of the grandstand over the visiting players' bench. Delahanty picked up an old ball and threw it against the screen, missing the object.

"GREATEST" BASEBALL CATCH

Bill Lange Made It While Playing with Chicago, and It Saved Him a Heavy Fine.

The greatest individual feat ever performed was one by which Bill Lange, now retired, saved a game for Chicago and \$200 for himself in Washington in 1895. There is an odd story connected with the play. Lange had missed a train in Boston two days before, failed to reach New York in time to play there, and Anson had fined him \$100. Thereupon he missed a train to Washington, and arrived on the grounds after the teams had practiced and just in time to play, and for that Anson fined him another \$100. The game that afternoon went 11 innings, Chicago scoring one run in the eleventh. There were two men out and a runner on the bases, when "Kip" Selbach, then one of the hardest batters, smote the ball a terrific blow and sent it flying over Lange's head toward the center field fence. The hit seemed a sure home run, but Lange, a man weighing 225 pounds,

turned, and, without looking, sprinted desperately straight out toward the fence, racing with the flying ball. At the last instant as the ball was going over his head, Lange leaped, stuck up both hands, turned a somersault, and crashed against the fence. The boards splintered, one entire panel crashed outward, and out of the wreckage crawled Lange, holding the ball in his hand, and the crowd went mad. Lange came limping in, with the crowd standing on seats and shouting, and said to Anson: "Fines go, Cap?" "Nope," said Anson, and the catch had saved the big fielder \$200.



Pitcher Karger of the Cincinnati team has been turned over to St. Paul.

George Decker, who once played with Capt. Anson's Colts, is dead on the Pacific coast. He succeeded Anson on first base.

Ragon of the Cubs has been released to Des Moines. The pitcher was obtained from Cincinnati a short time ago.

There are two John Everses in the great game. The lesser light is a catcher and has never cut much

HANDSOME SALARIES PAID TO STARS OF THE DIAMOND

Several Players Drawing Over \$5,000 a Season While Two Receive Twice This Sum.

The plutocrat ball team of the American league, it is declared by a magnate, would be about as follows: Pitcher, Donovan of Detroit, Joss of Cleveland, and Walsh of Chicago, each drawing around \$5,000. The catchers would be Sullivan of Chicago, and Criger of St. Louis, each pulling down about \$4,500. Charles Schmidt, the Detroit catcher, refused to sign this season at that figure. Hal Chase of the Highlanders leads the first basemen, with a pay envelope of \$4,500. Jajoie, of course, leads the second sackers, with his \$7,500. Bobby Wallace of the St. Louis Browns drew \$6,500 for three years during baseball wartimes, and gets close to that figure now. Bill Bradley, the Cleveland third sacker, leads the players of that position with a salary of between \$4,500 and \$5,000.

Cobb, of course, tops the outfielders, with his \$5,000 salary at the age of 22. Sam Crawford, the great slugging center fielder of the Tigers, is the best-paid player in that position this season, drawing close to \$5,000. Matty McIntyre of the Tigers and George Stone of the St. Louis Browns, vie with each other for the honor among the left fielders, each drawing about \$4,500.

In the National league both Manager Frank Chance of the Cubs and Manager John J. McGraw of the New York Giants are reputed to be drawing \$10,000 salaries this year. Chance drew \$7,500 last year. Five of the world's champion Cubs draw between \$4,500 and \$5,000, as follows: Kling, Tinker, Evers, Overall and Brown. Christy Mathewson, the star pitcher of the Giants, draws \$6,000, and Mike Donlin about \$4,500. Leach, third sacker of the Pittsburgh club, draws \$5,000. Lobert, the star third sacker of the Cincinnati Reds pulls down only \$4,000.

Pretty fair salaries, business men will doubtless remark, that these stars of the national game are paid. But what of it? But for the stars the game would be dull and the managers would fail to get the money.

CANNIBALS AWAIT ROOSEVELT.

A French Hunter of Renown Warns the President to Be Careful.

New York.—Henri Gaillard, an official of the French government, has written to Secretary Loeb offering his services to President Roosevelt as guide on the hunting trip the latter has planned in Africa after his retirement from the White House. Mr. Gaillard, during his stay in the French colonies, was himself something of a Nimrod. He shot seven elephants and many hippotami, although he modestly disclaims any great prowess, and speaks gently of hungry cannibals who prefer white men to feast on.

After leaving the French government service he traveled around the world in the search of health, and is now in the employ of the Chateau Des Beaux Arts at Huntington, L. I. Altogether in Mr. Gaillard's experience the most dangerous animal in his part of Africa is the buffalo. But if there is not much risk from the animals, there is some from the natives. In his district they were all cannibals. "They eat human flesh every day," he said. "They keep slaves and eat them when they are ready. Have I seen them? Only once. It is difficult, very difficult to assist at their fetes. But I know that many white men have been eaten. They prefer a white man when they can get him. If I had not had many soldiers with me they would have eaten me."



Young Herzog is one of the players picked up from the minor leagues by McGraw last season. His work in both the in and outfield is of a high order, but his weakness with the bat is all that prevents him from occupying a regular berth.

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