

bat with three hits each. Ryan also snagged six flies in the field.

The Athletics look less and less every day like the machine that overhauled the Tigers last year after the latter had secured an overwhelming lead in the early stages of the pennant race. At present the Macks are in third place, 128 points behind Boston and 47 behind Washington.

If the world's champions were playing the same brand of ball this season that carried them to the top of the heap last year this lead would not cause their sup-

porters much anxiety. But they appear to have gone back. There is not the same fight and dash to their game as characterized their spurt last year.

The pitching has not been the best, and without it the whole team has slumped. Individually, Baker, Collins, McInness, Lord, Oldring and some of the others are batting strongly, but as a machine they are a woeful failure. It would not be surprising if both Washington and the Sox finished ahead of them, with Boston carrying off first place.

### THE PRIVILEGE OF AGE.



The Old 'Un.—Yessir, when I was a boy, I caught many a fine mess of fish in this here pond.

The Yonug 'Un.—Yessir, an' when I get old I'll say I did, too.