

WHO'S WHO IN BASEBALL

BEMIS, HARRY.—This catcher of the Cleveland club was a cast-off of Frank Selee at the same time that Selee also allowed Bransfield, now first baseman of the Philadelphia National League team, to slip through his fingers. Bemis is a product of New Hampshire, but he received his early baseball education in Marlboro, Mass., a city made famous by the genial Charley Farrell, who was dubbed "The Duke of Marlboro." Selee allowed Bemis to go more because he did not have a chance to make use of him than for any lack of respect for the ability of the young man. It was simply a case of a young player undeveloped. So Bemis went to Paterson in '98, Toronto in '99 and Cleveland secured him in 1902, where he has ever since performed faithfully and conscientiously and played splendid ball, showing up well with the bat as well as behind it.

BERGER, "HEINE."—Cleveland had to pay a high price to secure Pitcher "Heine" Berger from the Columbus club, for he was one of the stars of the American Association. He is twenty-four years of age. He first played in Greenfield, Indiana, afterwards with Muncie and Piqua, and then went to Columbus and was secured by Cleveland in 1906. His work was remarkably fine at the close of the season. He pitched in an eleven inning game against Owen of the Chicago club, the score being 1 to 1, each side making five hits. He next pitched against St. Louis with Powell in the box against him, and struck out nine of his opponents, landing his game 5 to 2. Then he lost a 1 to 0 game to Chicago in the latter city, 1 to 0 Walsh being in the box against him, five hits being made by each team. He had his revenge shortly afterward, winning from Chicago 7 to 1, Heine being the opposing pitcher. But three hits were made off Berger. He followed this up with a victory over New York, 5 to 3, the vanquished making all of their runs in one innings.

BRESNAHAN, ROGER.—He is the dependence of the New York National League club behind the bat this season, is a native of Ireland, and is now in his twenty-ninth year. He played in '97 with Washington, was with Minneapolis in '99, and in 1900 with the Chicago club. McGraw selected him as a member of the Baltimore American League club in 1901 expecting to use him in the box. He proved to be one of the best young utility players in the country. In an emergency, McGraw tried him behind the bat, and the young player showed to such advantage in that position that it has been his home position ever since, although he has been often used in the outfield on account of his superiority as a batsman. When McGraw left Baltimore to go to New York in

1902, he took Bresnahan with him, and the two have been together in New York ever since. Bresnahan has virtually done all of the catching for the New York club this season. Bresnahan was the first catcher in the country to adopt for regular use the shin guards as a protection for his legs from the sharp foul tips and he is outspoken in their favor.

BRIDWELL, ALBERT.—He went to New York this spring as a part of the trade that landed Fred Tenney in the same club, and there were not a few who ventured the prediction that he would not be fast enough with the bat. It was generally conceded that he was one of the best men in the country at short field. "Brid" surprised everyone, however, by the slashing way he batted, and there is no doubt at all that while he fielded in a way that was not excelled by the best shortstops in the country, it was his splendid hitting that helped New York to keep in the front as much as that of any of the sluggers of the club, and for a long time he kept his batting percentage beyond the 300 mark. Bridwell was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, twenty-seven years ago, and still makes his home there. He played with the Columbus club in 1903, and the next year played in Atlanta, Ga. Cincinnati drafted him in 1905, and Boston secured him in 1906 in trade for "Jim" Delahanty, who is now with the Washington club.

BROWN, MORDECAI.—This man with the biblical first name is an Indianan, and is of Welsh and English descent. He was born at Nyesville, Indiana, in October, 1876. He is five feet, ten and one-half inches tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He was a miner in the coal fields of his native state when he got to playing such good baseball that he attracted attention at Coxville in 1898 as a third baseman. He became an out-and-out professional in 1901 at Terre Haute as a pitcher. His present home is in Rosedale, his native state, where he is married. His march of triumph was: Terre Haute, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago.

CHANCE, FRANK L.—Chance of Chicago is a Californian. He was born in Fresno, that state, September 19, 1877. He now owns a residence in Chicago. He began playing first base in 1903, and no better man has yet come along. He was married seven years ago. He is six feet tall and weighs nearly two hundred pounds.

COBB, TYRUS.—"Ty" Cobb is only twenty-two years old, and has a remarkable record for so young a player. He began professional ball in 1904 with the Augusta club of the South Atlantic League. He was snapped up by Detroit in 1906. He throws

right-handed, but bats left-handed. He is the star batter of them all. He was married during the summer of 1908.

COUGHLIN, WILLIAM.—His name is pronounced as if spelled Cofflin. He was born thirty-one years ago in Scranton, Pa., and has been drawing money for playing baseball for thirteen years. He is captain of the Tigers. From 1899 to 1901 he was with Kansas City of the Western League. He then went to Washington and remained until the close of 1903, when he took a liking to Detroit. He is a right-hander all around.

DONLIN, MICHAEL.—"Mike," who rejoined the New York National League Club this season and contributed so much to its success, was born thirty years ago at Erie, Pa. He played with the Santa Cruz, California, club in 1899 and was secured by the St. Louis club as a pitcher, but he had not developed sufficiently in that department to make him valuable, but was a fair outfielder and a good batsman. Like many another player who started as a pitcher, he became a fine outfielder and one of the best batsmen in the country. He jumped to the Baltimore club when that city was represented in the expanded American League in 1901. From Baltimore he went to Cincinnati and remained there until July, 1904. On account of a bad leg he did not play with New York last season, but he played in some games with Jimmy Callahan's independent club in Chicago. This season he was seen again in the ranks of the New York Giants, and showed no loss of his splendid abilities as a batsman, running the well-known slugger "Honus" Wagner very close at times, while his fielding has been of the most brilliant description.

DONOVAN, WILLIAM E.—Donovan is familiarly called "Wild Bill" by thousands of fans. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., in 1876, but grew up in Philadelphia. His first professional engagement was with Sunbury, Pa., in 1895, where he remained for two years. In 1897 he was with Pawtucket and Waterbury of the New England League. He was with Brooklyn four years under Ned Hanlon. He joined the Tigers in 1902.

EVERS, JOHN J.—Troy, New York, points that old finger of pride at Johnnie Evers, the great second baseman of the Chicago Cubs. He was born there July 21, 1883. He joined the Chicago Nationals since September, 1902, going there directly from Troy. He used to play outfield and shortstop, and then he graduated to second, where he is a permanent star. In the winter he supervises his shoe store in Troy.

HOFMAN, ARTHUR T.—He was born in St. Louis, October 29, 1882, of German parentage. He played with Smith Academy team of that city, and also with the Bank of Commerce. He joined the Cubs in 1904, coming there from Des Moines. He lives in St. Louis. He is six feet in height and weighs 150 pounds.

JENNINGS, HUGH A.—The manager of the Detroit Tigers was born in Avoca, Pa., in 1871. His first professional game was played with Lehigh, Pa., in 1890, as catcher. From 1903 to 1906 he managed the Baltimore team of the Eastern League. While he was serving in this capacity, he took a degree at Cornell University in law. He is a widower and has one child, a daughter. When a boy Jennings had to work in a coal mine near Moosic, Pa., but during the time he attended a night school in Scranton. He now lives in Scranton, where he practices law during the winter with his brother, W. A. Jennings.

KLING, JOHN.—The star catcher of the Cubs is a Missourian, and was born in Kansas City, November 13, 1875. He still calls that city his home. In 1896, in Rockford, Illinois, he branched out into professional ball, but then as an outfielder. He next bobbed up in Houston, Texas, and then moved to St. Joseph, his home state. In 1900 he joined Chicago. He was married in October, 1903.

LEIFIELD, ALBERT P.—"Lefty" is young in years for a dependable pitcher, being but twenty-four years of age. He is a native of St. Louis, played in Joplin in 1902, in Alton, Ill., in 1903, and then went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he did such fine work as to secure widespread attention. He played with Des Moines in 1904 and 1905 and then went to Pittsburg, where he has just completed his third season. His work on the last Eastern trip of the Pittsburg club was little short of remarkable, for he started by shutting out the Philadelphia club 2 to 0, then landed his game from New York 6 to 2, defeated Brooklyn 2 to 1 and landing a victory in Boston 6 to 1.

MATHEWSON, CHRISTOPHER.—He is a native of Factoryville, Pa. He first attracted attention by his work for the Keystone Academy team at Factoryville. In 1897 he pitched for the Y.M.C.A. team in Scranton. The next year he pitched for the Bushnell College team and he went through the season without suffering a single defeat. After the college season was over he joined the Honesdale, Pa., club, and was with that club and with the Taunton club of the New England League the following year. It was not until he became a member of the Norfolk, Va., club of the Virginia League that his playing attracted the attention of the top notchers. He landed twenty-one out of twenty-three games while with the Norfolk club, and in July of that season joined the New York club, with which he has been ever since. During his first connection with New York he landed eighteen victories, lost two games and played in two tie games. It was largely his superb work that enabled New York to defeat the Athletics of Philadelphia in the games for the world's championship in 1904.

MERKLE, FREDERICK.—The New York Nationals secured a very promising young player in Frederick Merkle, the utility bats-

man of the team and substitute first baseman. This young man has often made good when sent to bat for one of the regular players, and undoubtedly has a splendid future before him in baseball. He is a native of Toledo—the same city that Bresnahan makes his home, and he stands six feet in his stockings and weighs 190 pounds. He was purchased from the Tecumseh club of South Michigan League, where he did some very fine playing. Merkle was secured before Fred Tenney was added to the forces of the New York club, and had Tenney not been annexed there is little doubt that Merkle would have been given a position to fill the bill regularly. New York was very fortunate to have on hand so good a substitute for Tenney as this clever youngster, who will doubtless some day be on the list of the regulars of the team.

OVERALL, ORVAL.—Is another man from California who likes Chicago air. He was born in Visalia, California, February 2, 1881, where he still lives during the winter when off duty. He is of Scotch descent, and is six feet and two inches tall, and weighs a few pounds over two hundred. He is a graduate of the University of California. He made his first professional bow with the Tacoma team of the Pacific Coast League.

SCHAEFER, HERMAN.—He is the comedian of the diamond. He was born in Chicago twenty-eight years ago. It was away out in South Dakota, at Sioux Falls, in 1898, that he began playing ball in earnest. He went to Kansas City, and then to St. Paul, and then to Chicago Nationals. In 1903 he returned to St. Paul, then joined Milwaukee, and then headed toward Detroit. He is said to be an expert on colored neckwear and variegated hosiery.

STEINFELDT, HARRY.—This third baseman has been with the Chicago Cubs for three seasons. He began in the Texas League in 1896, as a second baseman, playing with Fort Worth and Galveston. Then he went to Detroit, and from there to Cincinnati. He was married to a Kentucky girl in October, 1904. He was born in St. Louis, September 29, 1876.

WAGNER, JOHN HENRY.—This shortstop of the Pittsburg team has more affectionate nicknames than any other man in baseball. They range from "Honus," "Hans," "Johnnie," to "Dutch." His first professional tryout was with the Steubenville, Ohio, team, where he was put in as pitcher. From there he went to Paterson, thence to Louisville, and finally to Pittsburg. He joined Louisville in 1897, where he stayed three years. His first batting average was .344. In major league company his first batting per cent. was .380 in 1900. He lives on Railroad Avenue, Carnegie, Pa.

WILLIS, VICTOR.—"Vic" is the tall pitcher of the Pittsburgs who has done splendid work for that club this season. He came to Pittsburg in 1905, being traded to Boston for Brain, Howard and Lindaman, and of this trio

Lindaman is the only one who is with the Boston club. Willis was born in Wilmington, Del., and is thirty-three years old. He played in Harrisburg and Lynchburg before joining the Syracuse club in 1896. Boston then secured him and he played with the Boston club eight seasons. A strenuous effort was made to secure him for the Athletics of the American League in 1901, and Willis agreed to go to that body, but Director Billings of the Boston triumvirate lost no time in taking the train for Wilmington and secured an interview with Willis by the terms of which he agreed to come back to Boston. Afterwards there was talk of another shift on the part of Willis, this time to the outlaw Tri State League, but this was also bridged over. Willis' work this season has been as good as ever in his career and ranks with the best in the National League. On his last trip east he held Philadelphia down to one run, won his game in New York from Mathewson 2 to 1, but two hits being made off him while three were made off the opposing pitcher, held Brooklyn down to one run and four hits, and shut out Boston 5 to 0, only six hits being made off him. Previous to the Eastern trip, he was unlucky enough to lose to Cincinnati 3 to 2, owing to poor backing, but four hits being made off him while Pittsburg made five off Rowan.

WILTSE, GEORGE.—He is one of the pitching corps of the New York club and comes from a family of left-handed pitchers. He was born in Hamilton, N. Y., and is twenty-eight years of age. He first came into prominence in Albany in 1890. In 1892 he played with Scranton and Troy, and was drafted by New York in the fall of 1903, so that this is his fifth season with the New York club. He has done some very fine work in the box this season, and is one of the few left-handed pitchers who has a no run no hit game to his credit. He accomplished this in New York on the morning of the Fourth of July against such a hard hitting team as the Phillies. Wiltse pitched in one of the games in the famous series in Pittsburg this season when the New Yorks took every one of the four games played. He is one of the best fielding pitchers in baseball and covers a great deal of ground and never misses a chance to cover first base in time of need. Wiltse is also one of the best batting pitchers in the game.

YOUNG, DENTON T.—Yes, this is "Cy," the great twirler for the Boston Americans. He was born near Gilmore, Ohio, in 1866. His present home is in Peoli, Ohio, where he is married and lives during the winter. He has a big farm and spends much of his time hunting. When he was eighteen years old his father moved to Red Cloud, Nebraska, but soon returned to Ohio, where they still live. He signed for his first professional ball at Canton, Ohio. In 1891 he joined Cleveland, and from there he went to St. Louis, and finally landed in Boston. He is the oldest of four children. He is well fixed financially.