

# Editorial



# Comment

By Jacob C. Morse

Adrian Joss, the crack pitcher of the Cleveland club, certainly did himself proud in equalling the record of "Cy" Young in not allowing an opposing club first base in a championship game, accomplishing this rare feat against the Chicago American League team in Cleveland, Friday, October 2. Cleveland scored the only run of the game in the third inning on errors. But four balls were caught in the outfield of Joss, but he received some phenomenal support, especially on the part of Manager Lajoie, who had ten chances, eight of them assists. The kind of a game that Walsh of the Chicago team pitched is well shown in the fact that he disposed of fifteen men on strikes in eight innings. But four hits were made off Walsh, and but one fly ball was caught in the outfield behind him. Chicago has found Joss a very hard nut to crack. In the game of Labor Day, at Cleveland, he shut out that club and allowed but two hits, and in this game Walsh worked against him, but was hit for a three-bagger with the bases filled. Birmingham of the Cleve-lands went to the bat four times in this game and made four hits, one being a home run. The game of October 2 was the first in his experience that Joss succeeded in retiring a club without a run or hit.

The editor of THE BASEBALL MAGAZINE has received much favorable comment on the stand he has taken urging that legislation be adopted by the rules committees of the major leagues in the direction of regulating the size of the gloves and mitts worn by the players. If those who desire that something in this direction be done, they could further the cause by sending their protests to either President Pulliam of the Na-

tional League or Ban Johnson of the American League, and proper notice will be taken thereof and the matter laid before the proper parties. The address of Mr. Pulliam is St. James Building, Broadway, New York, and that of Mr. Johnson, the Fisher Building, Chicago.

We are to have the double umpire system next season, and for that we are duly thankful. A minority of umpires and of managers do not fancy the idea of the adoption of this system, but really there is no reason why two umpires should be used in some of the games and not in all. In both championship struggles this year the double umpire system was needed sorely, yet in some games in which contenders for the pennant were struggling but one umpire was used.

In the New England League two former National League stars are playing in Tom Corcoran, for so many seasons the crack shortstop of Brooklyn and Cincinnati, and Mal Eason who pitched very successfully for the Boston and Brooklyn clubs. Eason has shown that his good right arm has not lost its cunning, while Corcoran is putting up the same steady reliable game that was characteristic of him in the big league.

This is the way a writer puts it about McCarthy, the young pitcher who made such a hit with the Boston Nationals: "Nursed for six weeks with a lame wing by Cincinnati, kidnapped by Pittsburg, traded to Boston and developed into one of the winners of the season." Pittsburg failed to profit by the kidnapping, and it is doubtful if Cincinnati would have found the worth of the player had he remained with the club.