

The Baseball Bazoo

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* We hope our next number will be a strike

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Read our great feature in the next number of the "Baseball Bazoo"—"Who Will Not Win the Pennant," by Whew Bullerton. Mr. Bullerton is the best choice we could have made for the author of such an article. We have investigated his record carefully, and found that his selections invariably lose. You may be sure that the teams he picks in our next number will not win the pennant. They never do.

THE WORLD IN BASEBALL UPSIDE DOWN

| <i>American League.</i> | | | | <i>National League.</i> | | | |
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| | Lost | Won | P. C. | | Lost | Won | P. C. |
| *St. Louis | 58 | 22 | .275 | Boston | 58 | 20 | .256 |
| Washington | 55 | 27 | .329 | Brooklyn | 47 | 30 | .390 |
| Cleveland | 42 | 42 | .500 | Cincinnati | 45 | 32 | .416 |
| Boston | 40 | 42 | .512 | Pittsburg | 34 | 43 | .558 |
| New York | 39 | 41 | .513 | St. Louis | 34 | 44 | .564 |
| Chicago | 37 | 42 | .532 | New York | 31 | 45 | .592 |
| Philadelphia | 29 | 51 | .638 | Chicago | 31 | 48 | .608 |
| Detroit | 24 | 57 | .704 | Philadelphia | 31 | 49 | .613 |

These figures are corrected up to the time of going to press.

THE OUTLOOK IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

AT present Boston seems to have a clear field all to itself at the bottom of the ladder. Brooklyn was at one time a serious contender, but the class of ball the Heps are putting up now seems to give them first call to the honor position. The most unfortunate showing in the league has been the consistent failure of St. Louis to stay anywhere near the bottom. At the beginning of the year competent critics said

that this team would end at least second to Boston and might perhaps beat out the latter club for the cellar championship. They did not know the class of the Boston outfit and they miscalculated the staying powers of the St. Louis club. There are, however, hopeful signs from other quarters. One of the most pleasing of these has been the magnificent showing of the Cincinnati club. At the beginning of the year many thought this

club was hopelessly in the first division, perhaps near the top, but events have shown how false were these prophecies. Under the management of Griffith the club has decreased constantly, until it now occupies a position third in the league immediately behind Brooklyn. Pittsburg has also done better than many thought possible and has broken into the second division but with small chance of overtaking Cincinnati. As for Chicago and New York, nobody expected anything from them. They are both hopeless so far as tail-end possibilities are concerned. Philadelphia has proved a woeful disappointment and has alternated with these other two at the bottom of the losing column. Boston, as we have said, seems to have a clear call for the bottom pennant. True, the consistent work of the Beans was marred during the bout with Cincinnati by two victories over that club, and they even took a fall out of Chicago, but there is little doubt they will be able to return to their old time form and carry off the cellar championship with all sails flying.

OUTLOOK IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

THE American League presents a sad sight to the observer. At one end we have the brilliant showing of St. Louis and Washington at the other the woeful misfortunes of Detroit and Philadelphia. In our official capacity as editor of the "Baseball Bazoo" we have repeatedly warned President Johnson that Philadelphia could not hope to be in the tail-end division with such

a man as Connie Mack at the head of affairs. We do not wish to knock a manager for his misfortunes, but the consistent failure of Mack to produce anything like tail-end form in his club has been one of the glaring failures of the American League. As for Jennings, he also is largely to blame, though we are inclined to lay much of the blame on a private under his charge, to wit, Ty Cobb. We told this individual last year that any continuation of the work he showed last season would be pretty certain to sever his connection with the national game, and this, year, in spite of our warning, he is worse than ever. How can a team hope to lose consistently when one man makes ordinarily from one to three hits and steals a brace of bases? It is obviously absurd. And yet, the Detroit management goes on year after year in the same way, from bad to worse. The White Sox have put up a miserable showing also. This, some say is largely due to Ping Bodie and an old comeback, Callahan. That Callahan has not come back is shown by his batting average, .340 odd, and the fact that his team customarily wins instead of loses.

Little was expected of the New York team and the Red Sox. Cleveland has done better than was expected, but the crown goes as usual to Washington and St. Louis. There seems no doubt now that the battle for the cellar championship of the world will be fought out between Manager Tenney and Manager Wallace. We shall have a brilliant account of this contest in our world series number. Don't miss it.