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Why I Went to Washington

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"I did not quit Cincinnati for any reason in the world excepting this: that I had a wonderful chance to improve my prospects and I have reached an age where I must look out for the future. Never have I worked for anyone like August Herrmann—best fellow in the world, and a magnate who gave me a free hand, unlimited backing, and the finest treatment. But here was the situation—I was offered a three-year contract at Washington, a chance to get a big block of stock—such a chunk that I will be the largest individual stockholder—and an assurance of big financial returns, year after year. The stock offer was wired me while the meeting of the Cincinnati directors was actually in progress, and was too strong a bid for me to refuse. I believe that I have built up a team which will, in 1912, vindicate my selections and my ideas of baseball, and will make good from the very start with any sort of favorable luck. I leave that team to the care of my successor, whoever he may be, and wish him, the club, and the folks of Cincinnati—the best people ever—unlimited good fortune."