



POTLACH, IDAHO, May 23, 1912.

GENTLEMEN :

Being a steady reader of your magazine, and noticing (in the last number) your request that your readers offer opinions as to who is the greatest pitcher in baseball to-day, I herewith submit my humble choice by naming Ed Walsh of the White Sox. I formerly considered Christy Mathewson as the greatest who ever performed on the slab, but at present I think Walsh has it on him; Matty is partially losing his grip, while Walsh seems to get better all the time. I doubt if there is a pitcher in the game who can put more speed on the ball, with the *possible* exception of Walter Johnson; nor, from the records, can I name one who is so effective against heavy hitters. Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, Lajoie, *all* the greatest batters of the American League, pronounce him just about the toughest proposition among all the modern hurlers; and those National League batters who have faced him are similarly minded. "Wildfire" Shulte, famous slugger of the Cubs, said of Walsh after the Cubs-White Sox series last fall: "I could always get a hit or two of Mathewson, but this fellow Walsh is a puzzle—he seems to put more on the ball every time he throws it." Johnson is the other logical contender for the title of "Greatest Pitcher in the game to-day," though Gregg, Rucker, Bender, Alexander and Marquard are all wonderful slab artists. I have often longed for just such an article as this one you are planning, and shall look forward to it with

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the greatest eagerness. Complimenting you on your great magazine, and hoping for more comparative articles dealing with various players, I remain very sincerely,

R. A. N., Potlatch, Idaho.

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GENTLEMEN :—

In selecting the greatest- pitcher in baseball to-day so many things enter into that division that the whole edition of your worthy magazine could be used up in its discussion. Figures also will never be able to fully compute the greatness of the slab artist. A pitcher with the St. Louis Browns or Boston Braves may pitch a greater game, do more consistent work than a pitcher with the Athletics or Cubs and yet be marked down a loser while his less crafty opponent with either of the other teams may be marked down in the winning column. Such a system as this is certainly very unjust and ought to be remedied.

Very truly,

J.C.

The Genuine Article

"I understand that Mr. Grabwell started in life by borrowing fifty dollars. You must admire a man with courage like that."

"No, I don't," replied Mr. Growcher. "The man I admire is the one who had the courage to lend him the fifty."—Washington Star.

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