

## TRADES AND SHIFTS

Quite a few shifts of noble athletes have been made in the two big leagues since the season opened, with the National League transacting the bulk of the business. Boston obtained Charlie McDonald, all-round utility man, and one of the best pinch hitters in the business, from the Reds as part of the consideration for John Kling. The Reds—who have been the chief traders, buyers, and sellers—handed Outfielder Becker to Philadelphia for Third Baseman Dodge; bought Red Nelson, pitcher, from the Quakers; bought Pitcher Powell and Infielder Berghammer from the Cubs; traded Pitcher Fromme to the Giants for three men—Pitcher Ames, Outfielder Devore, and Infielder Groh—and sold Third Baseman Grant to New York for cash. The Cubs sold Outfielder Sheckard to St. Louis and Catcher Heckinger to Brooklyn.

In the American League the big noise was the trade of Hal Chase to the White Sox for Borton and Zeider. Outfielder Lelivelt has been passed around by two or three clubs, the White Sox, I think, being the latest to claim him. Shortstop Peckinpugh was given to Chance for Infielder Stump. The veteran pitcher, Mullin, was sold to Washington.

They can talk all they wish about "the science of the game," and "the advancement of baseball," but baseball must have gone back a lot, if we are to accept the tenets of the older books as a criterion. Twenty years ago the sages preached that it was utter foolishness to try for strikeouts all the time, and that it was still foolisher, Katheryn, to try for home runs—the pitcher who relied on his support, and the batter who worked for short but timely singles were the real boys and the children who deserved well of father. But how do those ideas go now, since the lively ball came to dominate the scene? Up an alley with the old-time ideas and the beauties of "scientific ball!"

The Giants have purchased an outfielder named Piez. It would take Baker to make the real finished product out of such material as Piez, wouldn't it?