

PETTUS CAUGHT FOR "BABE" ADAMS

Albuquerque Man Handled Big
Mitt for Premier Pittsburg
Pitcher Before He Joined the
Ranks of the Celebrities.

"Babe" Adams, the young Pittsburg pitcher, who hung the Indian sign on the Detroit Tigers in the opening and closing games of the world's championship series, thinks that Bill Pettus, the Albuquerque colored lad, who played first base for the Albuquerque Grays during the fair tournament, is one of the best catchers in the baseball world.

Before he was picked up by the Denver Western league club Adams pitched for amateur teams in differ-

ent cities in Colorado and Pettus did the backstop stunt for him on several occasions.

The Cincinnati Post of a recent date has the following story regarding Adams and Pettus.

Adams was not always able to roam about the country in a private car with a bunch of team mates backing him regularly whenever he pitched.

There was a time when Adams was a free lance in the west and had a press agent scouring the country booking dates. Adams was living in Denver then and enjoyed the reputation of being a crack southpaw pitcher.

He's a right-hander now, having overcome his old style of delivery after a long period of hard work.

Adams' press agent nosed about until he learned that an important game was scheduled between a couple of independent teams. That was his cue and he sought out the manager of one of the clubs and made him a propo-

sition which was accepted. Adams was to pitch the game and if he won was to receive \$50 and expenses. If he lost he was to get only expense money. Adams generally won, and as he pitched two or three games a week did pretty well. He was soon plucked by the Denver club and won his first eighteen games the first season he pitched.

Adams had a catcher by the name of Pettus, a colored player, who was pronounced as good a man as Johnny Kling by so able a judge of ball players as Frank Selee. Adams was always sorry that Pettus was not able to show his ability in organized baseball. He is now a successful prize-fighter in the west.

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