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Manager Walker, of the Dallas team, is in search of new players. Walker is hopeful of having a winning team.

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The T. T.'s, old rivals of the A. B. C.'s, played Batesville a twenty-inning 1-to-1 game last week. The latter's pitcher struck out twenty men.

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The Paducah Nationals and the Nashville Union Giants divided honors in a double-header. The Nationals won the first by a score of 3 to 2 and lost the second, 4 to 0. They desire to hear from some good teams.

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Where figures deceive: In a certain game at the Northwestern Park it was noted that two players of one of the teams accepted five chances each. Their fielding averages were perfect as far as black and white goes. One of them happened to play an infield position and the other guarded the left garden. The infielder did not have to step three feet to accept any of his chances (which were perchance grounders) while the outer fielder had to "go get 'em." Here is luck and work, you might say, getting the same percentage.

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## BROWNS LOSE TO A. B. C.'S.

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Timely and Hard Pounding of Sphere Give "Ranites" Victory.

DANVILLE, Ill.—The Indianapolis A. B. C.'s defeated the Danville Browns at Wilson Park Friday afternoon by the score of 4 to 3. The features of the game were the heavy hitting of the A. B. C.'s and Ayers's pitching for the Browns. The same teams played at Northwestern Park, Indianapolis, Sunday. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
A. B. C.'s...	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—4	9	2
Browns .....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—3	6	4

Batteries—(A. B. C.'s) Tiller and Thompson; (Browns) Arnold, Ayers and Clark. Umpire—John Hume.

### SANFORD ATHLETICS' GAMES.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Athletics have played the following games:

Game of May 23:

											R.	H.	E.
S. A. ...	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	0—10	10	8	
Heystike.	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	1—11	9	10	

Batteries—Elster and Mabin; Parry and Jake.

Game of May 30:

											R.	H.	E.
S. A. ....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—3	4	3	
Revanna ..	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0—3	3	6	

Batteries—Elster and Mabin; Kugel and Kulms.

Game of May 31:

											R.	H.	E.
S. A. ....	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0—7	9	4	
Belmont ..	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0—3	4	5	

Batteries—Elster and Mabin; H. Vandan and N. N. Vandan.

Game of June 6 :

												R.	H.	E.	
S. A.	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	—	9	11	7
N. W.	0	0	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	—	8	7	9

Batteries—Elster and Mabin ; Glyon and Kreks.

Game of June 27 :

S. A.	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—	4	6	7
City Hall	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	3	5	8

Batteries—Elster and Mabin ; Krause, Shepart and Yeht.

## SPITBALL IS DYING.

The spitball will be a thing of the past in a very little while. The invention, variously known as the spitter, the damp sling, the vapor pellet, the aqueous shoot, the wet sponge, the spray bender and other euphonious names, is dying a natural death. It is on its last legs, and those people who have demanded legislation for its abolishment can rest easy.

No steps are needed to be taken to cut it out. The delivery that "Happy" Jack Chesbro made famous and the ball that made other pitchers jealous for a long time will be laid on the shelf as the natural outcome of a freak that by rights had no place in baseball.

It is a disgusting and unhealthful delivery, and, while it has proved more or less effective, it has been the means of

losing at least one championship, and that is still vividly remembered by New York fans who witnessed Chesbro's wild pitch over Kleinow's head and Williams's wild throw to the plate in the same game, that resulted in the Bostons winning the American League pennant by one game on the last day of the championship season.

Evidences of the early decay and final death of the freakish, disgusting delivery are seen every day. Even Chesbro, who was so successful with its use and who was the man who developed it to its highest degree of effectiveness, has cut it out.

Pitchers who have used it the longest find that their "salary wing" becomes sore and almost useless for any other delivery. Chesbro is an instance of this, although he refuses to acknowledge that the spitter was the cause of his arm going back on him. But it was, nevertheless.

There are only three natural spitball pitchers now doing business in the American League. They are Walsh, Lake and Dygert. This trio of twirlers do not use much else. There are other twirlers who occasionally dampen the ball, but they make mere bluffs mostly.

The following is a complete list of the pitchers in the American League who are known as spitball pitchers: Lake, Chesbro, Quinn, New York; Walsh, Smith, Chicago; Berger, Liebhardt, Cleveland; Schlitzer, Cicotte, Steele, Boston; Dygert, Morgan, Philadelphia, and Howell, St. Louis.

But Walsh, Lake and Dygert are gradually cutting the spitter out. Next year there will be many less. Mullin, of Detroit, does not use the spitter at all now, so that the Tigers and Washington have no damp-slinging artists. They are en-

titled to wear medals. It is much the better way for the delivery to die a natural death than to legislate it out of business. It would hardly be fair to clubs that rely largely on their spitball pitchers to have the delivery abolished suddenly.

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## THE PURCHASE OF PLAYERS.

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“Why don't they go and get a ball player or two?” is a sentence that falls from the lips of fans oftener, in a little losing streak of the club, than any other. Fans don't stop to think what it means to get a ball player who can deliver the goods, and it might help their consistency to point out a few things in connection with the purchase of high-grade ball players, such as they clamor for.

The American Association is a league which is but a shade slower than major company. Players to make good here must be of practically major caliber. It means that the seeking of high-class men in midsummer season must be done mostly in the two big circuits. If a man won't do on another minor league team he will hardly do for a rival club, especially when the surplus material is shaken out in mid-season. Then it means to go higher and try your hand. Money won't buy the good men there. Major league teams have never been so stingy of players as this year. In fact, there are several clubs in each league riding around the bottom who will grasp at most anything to get new faces on their team. Waivers asked for talent will usually find it held up. So there you are. Hunting for players in midseason is a pretty tough job.—Columbus Dispatch.

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