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## A MAN OF NOTE

**Is John J. McGrath, a New York Semi-Professional Manager, Who Has Launched Many Good Players.**

We give herewith a picture of Mr. John J. McGrath, a New York semi-professional player-manager of wide experience and consummate ability as a judge of players in his particular field. Mr. McGrath began his base ball career as an infielder with semi-professional teams in and around New York. He was playing-manager of the Savannah team in 1907 and resigned owing to a severe attack of rheumatism, but he took some good players with him to Savannah. He has acted with much success as scout for several Southern League clubs. He is now manager of the All-National team in New York. He lives at 235 West 120th Street, New York City, and is very popular among the thousands of base ball players in Greater New York.



John J. McGrath

### "DOPING" PITCHERS.

**A Singular Story Sprung By a Cincinnati Ball Player.**

Ed Drury, a Cincinnati base ball pitcher, recently related a yarn to the effect that managers of independent teams in West Virginia have the habit of doping the twirlers in a way similar to the methods sometimes employed by horse trainers on the race tracks. Drury recently pitched for an independent team down in West Virginia. On the first day he performed he did splendid work against a rival team, and when the contest was over he was informed that there was another game on for the next day, and that he could earn a few more dollars if he would work.

"I'm not a machine," responded Drury. "I must have two or three days' rest before I can go in there again for another hard battle."

"We'll fix that all right," said one of the gentlemen connected with the team. "Just before the game to-morrow we'll inject a little cocaine or morphine, whichever you choose, into your arm, and for two or three hours it will work even better than it did to-day."

"Not for mine," said Drury. "I'll wait until nature tells me to repeat before I go into the box again, if I never make another cent out of the sport." And he held to his word.

Another Cincinnati twister, who had also pitched for this team, was not as particular as Drury, and fell for the "doping" stunt. It worked for a short time, and then the player's arm became so weary that it had to be "doped" again in two places in order that he might finish the game.

ing on a state of "dementia pennantana." "Fads" can see nothing but the pennant for the Naps and are already counting Detroit out of the running, but the road to the finish is still some distance away.

### A NO-HIT GAME.

Joss, Rhoades, Liebhardt and Berger were the winning pitchers in Chicago, Berger losing the one game there, 1 to 0. Joss started with a 1 to 0 victory over Cy Young, the Naps winning out in the ninth inning. Rhoades followed this victory up with a 2 to 1 affair, Dusty holding the Red Sox hitless, the visitors scoring their run on a gift, sacrifice, error and wild pitch. It was Rhoades' first no-hit game and the first no-hit game for a Cleveland pitcher since September 18, 1897, when Cy Young, then a Cleveland Spider, held Cincinnati hitless and runless. (Strangely enough it was 11 years to the day of Cy's feat that Rhoades turned the trick, and again strange to say it was against Old Cy's team. On Saturday Glen Liebhardt pitched the Naps to victory. It was Lieby's first victory over the Red Sox, the Iron Man having lost all three games he pitched against Lake's team prior to Saturday.

### MC GUIRE A NAP.

The Cleveland club owners signed Jim McGuire, veteran catcher and former manager of the Boston Red Sox to a Nap contract Friday. Nig Clarke is out of the game with a broken finger and Harry Bemis is working day after day behind the bat. Should Bemis become incapacitated McGuire will be pressed into service. Jim was not signed to be a regular catcher. He will be of value to Manager Lajoie in coaching the young pitchers and also on the lines. Jim's knowledge of the players and game in general should stand the Naps in good stead.

### CANTILLON'S WAIL.

Joe Cantillon, manager of the Washington Nationals, broke into print in Chicago to the effect that if Jim Delehanty was not permitted to play in the Cleveland series he would refuse to permit any of his players to engage in the contests with the Naps and forfeit all three games. When President Johnson heard of Cantillon's threat he smiled and stated emphatically that the Nationals would play the three games in Cleveland and Delehanty could not even view the games as a spectator in the Cleveland park, to say nothing of playing. Cantillon then announced that he would not play Delehanty in any of the games against either Chicago, Detroit or St. Louis and Friday suited the action to the word by keeping Del on the bench. It's a question whether it was a

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that prompted Cantillon to take this action. He owes it to the people of Washington to play his strongest team every day it is possible. Washington is not so far down in the race that it is impossible for them to finish in fifth position and Cantillon is unjust to his home patrons in keeping Delehanty on the bench, thereby weakening his team. Just because Josh Clarke was suspended and not allowed to play in the De-

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