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# **OUR BASEBALL COLUMN**

### A PITCHER'S VIEWPOINT

BY GEORGE WILTSE, Pitcher, New York Nationals

"Pitchers are in a class by themselves. They are not ball players, was the rather start ing statement get on the bases they never know this epigram, so startling at first the general rule. of a slip or miss in the work of answer the requirements. his opponents. He is one who can To be sure I do not say that absolutely essential qualities of the to be successful. ordinary ball player. There are a

exceptional cases only that we find time, day in and day out. Pitchers, free. a pitcher who is at all able to hit like poets, are born to their calling. Detroit American League Cham- have been made to develop into a it' with the best of them, and be- innate ability for it, and invariab'y cause he is a a hitter he is held up has failure been the result. as a marvel by all the critics of

the country. Take the list of "averages" of any big team and you will always find that the last half dozen or so in the batting column are twirlers.

Then consider base running Where is the pitcher who is a good base runner? Some of them may in the ordinary sense of the word," be fast on their feet, but once they of a prominent newspaper writer, what to do with themselves. They a short time since. To be sure never take the chances or pull off this radical assertion created a lot the startling steals that are the of hubbub. But when you get usual performances of your good down to points, there's a whole ball player. And in the fielding lot of truth in it. Just take a line the twirlers are once more a look at the different pitchers in rather negligible quantity. Rethe leagues, and watch them, and member I always make allowances you'll be surprised to find that for the few who are exceptions to

sight, has more t an a little And if I wished, I could go truth in it. A ball player in the down the whole list of the neces-best meaning of the vord, is a man sary qualifications for the ball endowed with woncerful physical player, and in every case show and mental faculties, one who is that the pitcher is the only one of always ready to the advantage the good ball team who cannot

figure what will appen, when the pitchers have not brains, for there are a thou and and one even the kid who is just beginning things that are I ely to occur, to know what baseball is will tell He must have at physical you that "it's the pitcher's nut strength, and ye be quick and that gets him by." But the pitcher's graceful in his wements. He brains must be different from those must be able to figure in the flash of the other player. The headof a second, while he is perhaps works of the box artist are. I RESTIGOUCHE CONSERVA-running at full speed after a ball, think, constructed along the same to which one of nine or ten lines as those of the stage magipossible points he will throw it cian. The latter is before the when he gets it. He must sub-public to fool them. They know serve his individual hopes and he is trying to blutt, and they are aspirations to the good of his team, ever on the watch to detect him at select candidates to contest this ters, and and he must be ready to obey orders though he knows that by disobeying them he could bring great glory to himself, and do his team no harm. He must be able to get up at the bat and hit the him and trying to get up at the bat and hit the lim and trying to set up at the bat and the bat and the bat and the bat and the b to get up at the bat and hit the him, and trying to outguess him. ball though there are nine sets of Yet the good pitcher keeps right brains working against his one. on and year after year, shows the These are only a few of the same line of goods, yet continues

ordinary ball player. There are a thousand other things, just as difficult as these, that are matters of every day performance with him.

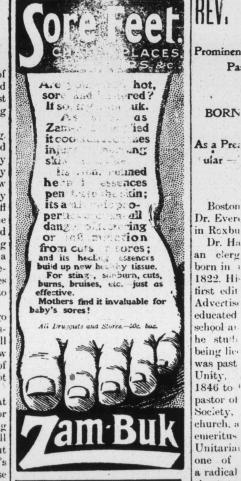
Yet how many pitchers can fill even a small number of the qualifications specified above? In the matter of batting alone, ninety out of a hundred of them drop out of the class who have the right to be into matter of batting alone, ninety out of the class who have the right to be into my mind pitching is a fine art. It differs from the other fine arts principally in that the artist has to be endowed with a good physique and plenty of strength. Then, too, the artist, in this case has to be born with an everlasting capacity for hard work. There is matter of batting alone, ninety out of a hundred of them drop out of the class who have the right to be pulled on the final game. It's a the class who have the right to be To my mind pitching is a fine called real ball players. It is in case of work, work, work, all the ball. Such a man is Mullin of Many and many the attempts that pions. This chap is able to "sting twirler a fellow who showed no

> How should a pitcher live! In the first place it is necessary that he keep good hours. His nerves are at all times under a great strain, and it is absolutely requisite that he keep them in the best possible condition. When you are deaconry of Chatham, which in the famous stanza:once you are off the field, you can held in St. Mary's church Chatham, forget baseball. You have to be from June 28 to July 1. Bishop a ball tosser every minute of every Richardson will preside at a numday from April up to October, and ber of meetings and the speakers even during the winter months one has to be in preparation for what is to be in preparation for W. B. Sisam, rector of

what is to come. A pitcher must be wary of any food or drink that is at all stimulative, his nerves, again, to be considered. The man who can let intoxicating liquors, and even tea or meeting will be held on the evenpitcher, and any nerve stimulation, however slight, is more than likely o get him going. And once a pitcher gets going, he might as well make up his mind to quit the game. For the fact that he is not as he should be will wear on him, and he will find his work falling off, and soon will be handed his

discharge. However, I am not a pessimist. I think that baseball is a great game, and a splendid profession, and the young man who has the ability, would go farther and fare less well, in the search of a life

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denominational and other religious and social enterprises, and up to his death continued to preach and lecture at frequent intervals His 80th birthday was celebrated by a gathering in Symphony Hall, Boster., composed of representative persons from all denominations in his native city, as well as civic and state officials, assembling to testify to the regard in which he was held, irrespective of creed or race. Dr. Hale was a proline writer, the list of his published works being a long one, compris-

ing about seventy volumes. It was Hale who, twenty years before its consummation, predicted a world-wide peace tribunal; it was Dr. Hale who upheld Garrison and Phillips in their antislavery work; it was Dr. Hale whose benevolent counsel brought comfort to the sick and wounded soldiers of the battlefields of the civil war, as a member of the sanitary commission, and it was Dr. Hale who gave to the world

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