THE BASE-BALL OF 1887.

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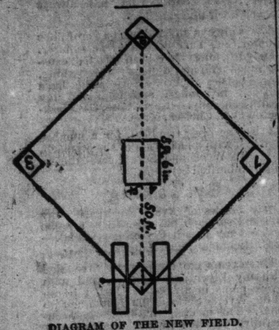

DIAGRAM OF THE NEW FIELD.

The thing about the game that is of most interest is the reform of the pitching laws undertaken by the last convention. One of the most widely-known base-ball writers and scorers in the country is Henry Chadwick of Brooklyn, an old-timer and official scorer for the Brooklyn club. He was evidently built for a player, but has never devoted him-

THE NEW STYLE.

self to the game professionally other than as a writer about it. When the new rules were announced he interviewed several members of the Committee of Conference to obtain trustworthy interpretations of the changes.

"The base-ball fraternity," says Mr. Chadwick, "in 1887 will for the first time in the history of professional ball, play under one official code of rules—viz.: that authorized by the conference committee of the National League and the American Association at the meeting held in Chicago, which code was afterwards indorsed at the annual conventions of both organizations. On this exceptional legislative occasion not only were the members of the joint committee of each organization the ablest men that could have been selected for the purpose, but they were assisted in their important work of revising the playing rules by a special advisory committee of leading club captains of the two associations, who were invited to aid the committee by such practical suggestions as the experience of the last season pointed out as necessary. Prior to the meeting the work of amending the rules each season has been done by the delegates to the annual meetings of each organization, and the result was that not only two different codes of rules, but crude and unsatisfactory amendments, which frequently had to be changed before the close of the ensuing season. Under the new order of things, however, the promise is that the work of the conference committee will be found sufficiently practical as to render changes unnecessary until the next annual meeting. A primary object the committee had in view in framing a new code of playing rules was to introduce such amendments as would lessen the individual responsibility of the umpire in his rendering of decisions in disputed points and transfer it to the code itself, thereby reducing the chances of disputing decisions.

POSITION FOR PITCHING.

"The first thing the pitcher will have to attend to in studying up the new rules is the method of taking his stand in the 'box,' preparatory to delivering the ball to the bat. Formerly he could hide the ball behind his back—which he is now prohibited from doing—and could stand within the lines of his position in such a way as to admit of his taking one or two steps in delivery, as his position was then a space of 7 feet by 4 in extent, besides which he had the privilege of lifting his feet. All this is now prohibited under the new code. As the rule now is he must take his stand, when about to deliver the ball, within the lines of a space of ground only five feet six inches by four feet. It will be seen at a glance that the position is very different from that in vogue last season. In the first place the pitcher is

THE LIMITS OF A FAIR BALL.

now required to keep his right foot—his left, if a left-handed pitcher—standing on the rear line of his position, and he is not allowed to lift his feet until the ball leaves his hand. In reality he cannot pitch or throw the ball unless this foot is on the ground that he derives the power to give the last impetus to the ball in delivering it. He is also required to hold the ball so that it can be seen in his hand by the umpire."

"In such a narrow box will not the pitcher find it impossible to take the short run that has characterized the work of some of them in the past?"

"Exactly. Besides keeping his right foot—or left foot, as the case may be—on the line, he is now prohibited from taking more than one step in the delivery; and when taking this one step his forward foot must touch the ground to the left of the centre line of his position."

"Will these rules make any material difference in the effect of the pitcher's delivery?"

"Decidedly yes. The changes are very important, the main effect of them being to force the pitcher to learn to obtain a better command of the ball in delivery; and they also have the effect of reducing his power to send in very swift balls. The double code, while it enabled him to attain greater speed in delivery, necessarily obliged him to sacrifice accuracy of aim and tear of catchers, besides placing the batsman in the position of being obliged to devote nearly all his attention to avoid being severely hurt by being hit by the pitched ball."

"The other important changes in the pitching rules introduce more costly penalties for unfair and wild pitching. In the first place, the pitcher is now allowed to send in but five unfair balls before he becomes liable to the penalty of giving the batsman his base off balls, and this penalty is increased by adding the charge of a base hit against the pitcher every time a base is given on balls.

POSITION FOR THROWING.

Then, too, every time the pitcher hits the batsman with a pitched ball a base is given the batsman as a penalty for the error. The same penalty, too, is incurred every time the pitcher commits a balk, and the liability to balk in delivery is greatly increased under the new rules. It will be seen, therefore, that the pitcher has now to guard against three costly errors in his method of delivery—viz.: those of sending the batsman to his base on balls, for hitting him with a pitched ball, and for making a balk. This largely-increased responsibility attached to the position, however, is offset by an important advantage which the new code grants to the pitcher, and that advantage lies in the throwing out of the code the clause in the pitching rules which required the pitcher to send in balls 'high' or 'low,' as the batsman chose to call for. A fair ball is designated, under the new code, as 'a ball delivered by the pitcher while standing wholly within the lines and facing the batsman, and as defined in Sec. 2 of Rule 5; the ball, so delivered, to pass over the home-base, and not lower than the knee of the batsman nor higher than his shoulder.' The designated class of 'high' and 'low' balls thrown out under the new code were not only a detriment

ONE OF THE OLD STYLES.

to the pitcher in his effort to employ strategic skill in his method of delivery, but they were the most difficult class of balls for the umpire to judge correctly; and his errors of judgment in this respect were a fruitless cause of wrangling and 'kicking' by pitchers and batsmen. Under the new code, therefore, a greater latitude is given the pitcher in this respect, as he is now only called upon to send in balls 'not higher than the batsman's shoulder, nor lower than his knee,' and every such ball is now a fair ball, provided, of course, that it at the same passes over the home plate. This is one of the most important and radical changes made in the rules for some years past, and though it may bother a few batsmen at first it will ultimately be of advantage to them. One benefit it yields is that of relieving the umpire of a very difficult part of his duties, while at the same time it affords the pitcher greater facility for strategic skill in his position.

"The only amendment introduced in the American rules by the new code is the clause, 'and any motion calculated to deceive a base-runner.' It will be readily seen that stealing bases under this rule will not be as difficult as it was under the absurd ruling in vogue the latter part of last season."

Sound Thought.

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1873	$ 1,798,439	$ 115,798
1876	4,004,669	288,202
1879	6,032,766	560,767
1880	6,924,274	676,560
1881	8,159,654	877,460
1882	9,909,246	996,838
1883	11,264,534	1,152,728
1884	12,370,185	1,415,944
1885	13,009,715	1,676,324

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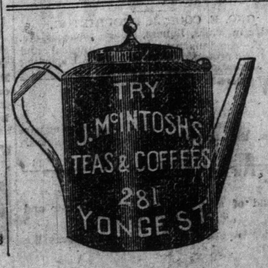

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