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DENTON (CY) YOUNG.

(The Grand Old Man of Balldom faces his twentieth season as a major league slabman with every indication that it will be among his best campaigns.)

FAME may be fleeting and glory may fade;

Life at its best is a breath on the gale.

One hero passes, another is made;

New stars arise as the old one sets pale.

So when a stalwart steps out from the throng,

On with the tribute, let garlands be flung.

Here's to the sturdy and here's to the strong;

Here's to the king of them all, Denton Young.

Anson has passed like a star in the night;

Richardson's name from the line-up is cast;

Rusie and Latham are out of the fight;

Mighty Buck Ewing is buried and passed;

Clarkson the wizard, and Kelly and Gore

Linger no more on the fan's fickle tongue.

Only one name flashes out as of yore—

There on the red line of battle is Young.

Tiernan and Tucker? We wait for reply.

Jack Ward and Pfeffer are out of the game;
No cheer arises when Brouthers steps by;

Even Van Haltren is only a name;
Meekin and Hoffer and "Kind Bid" McPhee—

Their day is over, their songs are all sung.
Lo! Like the roar of the storm-harried sea

Swells the wild chorus for Denton (Cy) Young.

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