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CIGARETTE BASEBALL CARDS
PART ONE

BASEBALL SERIES, WHITE BORDERS



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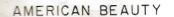
Baseball cards first appeared as inserts in packages of cigarettes towards the close of the 19th century. The popularity of the sport and an open competitive market made such baseball issues a must. Mergers of the competing brands brought an end to these issues before the turn of the century. Shortly after baseball expanded to the two league system, the brands of that era again issued sets of baseball cards. The cards of this period, 1906-1915, remain as popular today as when first issued. This was the time of great prosperity and the golden age of baseball. The great names of that period, Tinker, Evers, Chance, McGraw, Wee Willie Keeler, Rube Marquard, Chief Bender, Big Ed Walsh and many more are remembered by youngsters and fans today. More than a dozen distinctive sets were issued with cigarettes, and because of the large numbers involved many of these cards remain relatively plentiful today.

The most popular of these sets is the "White Border Cigarette Card Set", T-206, issued during 1909 and 1910. A total of 16 different brands issued 523 different cards. The cards are in full color, the quality of which is a distinctive feature of the set, and are printed on light weight but durable cardboard. They all measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ X $2\frac{1}{2}$ " as did most sets issued during this period.

The cards were issued in three major series. The series to which the card belongs is noted on the reverse. Walter E. Corson, using the cards showing players with two different teams, has determined the approximate issue dates of the series. The first series, containing 150 different players, was issued between February and May 1909. The next series, increased to 350 cards, was issued immediately after the first. This continued until the early months of 1910 when the third and final series, marked 350-460 players, was issued. The final series was continued until April 1910. Some packages, containing these cards, did remain on sale through 1911. Some brands rather than differentiate between series simply issued an assorted series. In the checklist that follows a code is used to indicate the series to which the card belongs.

Series of 150 Players is noted as "a"
Series of 350 Players is noted as "b"
Series of 350-460 Players or 460 Players is noted as "c"
Assorted Subjects or Large Assortment Series is noted as "x"

The most plentiful brands are Piedmont and Sweet Caporal, undoubtably the big sellers of that time, who issued all three series. Other brands, Uzit and Ty Cobb, are extremely rare and issued only the assorted series. Following is an illustrated listing of all the various brands and the series they issued. Below each illustration is the code denoting the series and the factory number found on the cards. The color used on the reverse is also shown.





BROAD LEAF



CAROLINA BRIGHTS



#25 BLACK

OLD MILL



* #25

Riedmont The CIGARETTE QUALITY

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#25

Riedmont Redmont The CIGARETTE QUALITY

#25

BLUE

PIFDMONT

QUALITY #25

CIGARETTE

NEW 3

POLAR BEAR

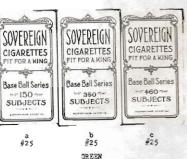
BLACK

x #25



BLUE

SOVERIGN



CYCLE



DRUM



#25 PUR PLS

CAPORAL SWEET



EL PRINCIPE DE GALES



RED

HINDU



BROWN

RED

LENNOX



#30

BLACK

TOLSTO



#30 BLACK TY COBB



#33 CREEN



#30 BLUE When a listing of brands was first undertaken, Hustler Cigarettes were included. At this time, there has been no verification of this listing. They also listed a Factory #42 for Piedmont series c which has not been verified.

In the checklist that follows, a code has been devised to indicate the appearance of the picture on the card. This was necessitated by the existence of several cards for the same player. The code used is:

P - pitching pose used only for pitchers

F - fielding pose

- catching pose used only for catchers

B - batting poseT - throwing pose

C

Po - portrait of head and sholders

Po-s - portrait in sweater

Small case letters are used to indicate the portion of the player that is visible:

w - view to the waist
h - view to the hips

k - view to the knees
f - view to the feet

Other descriptive codes are used when necessary for clarity:

hk - hands on knees

hb - fielding a high ball lb - fielding a low ball hor - horizontal design

sd - side view ft - front view

Whenever required further clarification is given to help differentiate between similar cards. When possible an illustration of one of the two or more similar cards is given.

The checklist is arranged by league. Each league is subdivided by teams. The players of each team are listed in alphabetical order. Following the player's name, which is given as printed on the card, is the code denoting the appearance of the picture. Then the code indicating in which series the card is foundis given. Each card is assigned a number even though the cards bear no such information. The numbers used are those assigned in previous checklists and are for the collector's convenience.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON AMERICAN

man	Arellanes	P(k)	b, x	7 Speaker	B(h)	b, x
	Carrigan	T(k)	b, x	8 Spencer	T(k)	a,b, x
	Cibotte	P(k)	a,b, x	9 Stahl	Po(w)	a,b
	Kleinow	C(w)	b,c,x	10 Stahl	F(w)	b,c,x
	Lord	B(h)	b, x	11 Wagner	B(w)	b,c,x
	Niles	Po(k)	a,b, x	12 Wagner	B(h)	a,b, x
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CHICAGO AMERICAN

13 Atm Po b, x 27	Owen T(w) a,b, x
14 Burns P(h) b, x 28	Parent Po a,b
70	Purtell F(1b) b, x
17 Dougherty Po a,b; x 31	Scott P(h) b, x
72	
19 Duffy B(k) c,x 33	Smith Po(w) b. x
	Smith* Po(w) b,c,x
	Sullivan Po a.o. x
22 Gandil B(k) c,x 36	L. Tannehill F(h) a,b, x
	m - 1.133 m/s)
24 Isbell P(h) a,b, x 38	Walsh Po a.b. x
	White Po a,b, x

^{*} team denoted as Chi. & Bost.

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CLEVELAND AMERICAN

42 43 44 45 46 49 50 51 52	Ball Berger Birmingham Bradley d. J. Clarke Easterly Flick Goode Hinchman Joss Joss Lajoie	Po(h) P(w) P(hor) Po B(w) F(lb) Po B(h) B(w) Po F(h) Po F(h) Po	c,x b,c,x a,b, x b,c,x a,b, x	54 Lajoie 55 Lajoie 56 Liebheart 57 Perring 58 Rhoades 59 Rhoades 60 Stovall 61 Stovall 62 Turner 63 Young 64 Young 65 Young	B(w) T(k) B(o) P(w) Po(h) Po(h) Po B(h) Po P-ft	b,c,x a,b, x b, x b, x b, x a,b c,x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x b,c,x
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DETROIT AMERICAN

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		DANGER DEL	Nana Print		
66 Bush 67 Cobb 68 Cobb 69 Cobb 70 Cobb 71 Crawford 72 Grawford 73 Bonovan 74 Bonovan 75 Jennings 76 Jennings 77 Jennings 78 Jones 79 Killian 80 Killian	Po(h) Po-red* Po-grow B(w) B(h)** B(h)** Po(k) Po Po(w) Po(h) Po Po(k)	be x b,c,x a,b, x b,c,x a,b, x b,c,x a,b, x b,c,x a,b,c x a,b,c x	81 McIntyre 82 Moriarity 83 Mullin 84 Mullin 85 Mullin 86 O'Leary 87 O'Leary 88 Rossman 89 Schaefer 90 Schmidt 91 Schmidt 92 Stanage 93 Summers 94 Willette	Fo F(1b) Fo B(h) F(hor) Po (hk) Po T(w) C(k) F(w) B(w) P(h)	*

^{*} refers to background color ** subject wearing grey cap

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NEW YORK AMERICAN

90	Ball	rothki	a,b	110 Hemphill	F(hb)	3.b. Y
9	Chase	Po(cup)	C,X	111 Keeler	Po	a,b, x
98	Chase	Po-pnk*	a,b, x	112 Keeler	B(h)	
99		Po-blu*	h - "	TITY WEGIEL		a,0, x
		1 C=OTG.	b,c,x	113 Kleinow	C(w)	D, X
	Chase	T-blk**	b,e,x	114 Kleinow	B(h)	a.b
101	Chase	T-wht**	a,b, x	115 Knight	Po	b. v
102	Chesbro	Po	a,b, x	116 Knight	B(w)	b, X
10		T(h)	b, x	117 Lake	P(w)	
102	Demmitt	Po(h)	200			n,b, x
			0, x	118 LaPorte	F(h)	D, X
10		P(w) ***	b, x	119 Manning	B(w)	a.b. x
100		Po	a,b, x	120 Manning	P(w)	b,c,x
107	Engle	B(w)	b, x	121 Quinn	P(k)	b, x
105		P(k)	c,x	122 Sweeney	F(w)	b
109		F(h)		122 Dweeney		Dicin
100	* * * * * * *	* 511/	c,x	123 Warhop	B(h)	D. X

* refers to background color

*** refers to color of cap

*** team denoted as N.Y., no lesgue shown



PHILADELPHIA AMERICAN

125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133	Baker Barry Bender Bender Bender Collins Davis H. Davis Dygert Hartsell	F(w) Po Po P(h) ** Po F(w) F(w) Po Po(h)	b,c,x b,c,x b,c,x b,c,x b,c,x a,b	135 Mrause 136 Livingstone 137 Murphy 138 Murphy 139 Michols 140 Michols 140 Michols 141 Oldering 142 Oldering 142 Plank 144 Powers 145 Thomas	P(h) F(h) B(w) T(hor) Po(hk) B(w) B(h) F(h) Power C(w) P(h)	b, x b, c,x a,b, x a,b, x b, x a, c,x a,b, x b, x b, x b, x
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* trees seen in background ** no trees are seen *** Sweet Caporal only



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131 139 ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

146 Creiger 147 Criss 148 Demmitt 149 Dinaen. 150 Ferris 151 Graham 152 Hoffman 153 Howell 154 Howell 155 Jones 156 Late	Po P(h)* Po(h)* P(h) P(k) T(h) Ps Po(h) T(h) Ps	a,b, x b, x a,b, x b, x b, x c,x a,b, x b, x	157 Lake 158 McAleese 159 Pelty 161 Powell 162 Stephens 163 Stone 164 Waddell 165 Waddell 166 Wallsce 167 Williams	P(w) P(k) P(h) V(how) P(hor) C(h) Po Po P(k) Po Po(h)	0,X b, x b,c,x b,c,x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x
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* Polar Bear only



168 G. Brown	B(h)	K	178 Johnson	P(w)	h a **
	B(w)				b,c,x
169 Conroy		b, c, x	179 McBride	B(h)	b, x
170 Conroy	F(1b)	a,b	180 Milan	B(w)	O, X
171 Delehanty	T(h)	a,b, x	151 Schaefer	P(h)	b, c, x
172 Elberfeld	Po	b, x	182 Shipke	F(h)	a,b, x
173 Elberfeld	F(1b)	b,c,x	183 Street	Po	ъ
174 Ganley	F(w)	a,b, x	184 Street	C(h)	b,c,x
175 Gray	P(h)	b, x	185 Tannehill	P(w)	b, x
176 Groom	P(h)	b, x	186 Unglaub	Po	b, x



NATIONAL LEAGUE

BOSTON NATIONAL

187 Bates 188 Beaumont 189 Beck 190 Becker 191 Bowerman 192 Dahlen 193 Fergusou	B(w) Po F(lb) F(hb) Po Po P(h)	a,b, b, b a,b,	197 x 198 x 199	Lindaman	F(f) Po-s P(w) Po B(k) F(w) B(h)	b, a,b, a,b, b,	x x x
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190	191	195	197		199
	B	ROOKLYN NATI	ONAL		
201 Alperman 202 Bell 203 Bell 204 Rengen 205 Bergen 206 Burch 207 Burch 208 Dahlen 209 Dunn 210 Hummel 211 Hunter 212 Jordan 213 Jordan 214 Lennox	B(h) P(h) P(w) C(h) C(h) F(h) P(o) B(h) P(o) B(h) P(o) B(w) F(w)	c, X a, b, X a, b, x c, X b, c, X b, c, X b, x c, X	215 Lumley 216 Marshall 217 McElveen 218 McIntyre 219 AcIntyre 220 Pastorium 221 Pattee 222 Rucker 223 Rucker 224 Happy Smith 225 Wheat 226 Wilhelm 227 Wilhelm	Po T(h) P(h) P(h) P(w) B(w) P(w) P(w) P(w) P(w) P(h) B(w) P(h)	1,0, X 0,0, X 0,0, X 0,0, X 1,0, X 0,0, X 0,1, X

* team denoted as Brkn. & Chicago Watl.



	G	HICAGO NA	TIONAL		
228 G. Brown 229 M. Brown 230 M. Brown 231 M. Brown 231 M. Brown 232 Chance 233 Chance 234 Chance 235 Evers 236 Evers 237 Evers 238 Homman 249 Howard 240 Kling 241 Krohgen 241 Knogren 243 Moran 244 Needham 245 Overall	B(h) Po P(w) * P(h) ** P(h) ** P(h) ** Po-red* Po-ye!** Po B(h) blu= B(h) blw B(w) Po P(k) Po C(k) Po	a,b, x	246 Overall 247 Overall 248 Pfeffer 249 Pfeister 250 Pfeister 251 Reulbach 252 Reulbach 253 Schulte 254 Schulte 255 Sheckard 256 Sheckard 256 Steinfeldt 256 Steinfeldt 256 Tinker 260 Tinker 261 Tinker 262 Tinker	P(k)" P(k)" P(h)" P(h) P(h) P(h) P(h) B(w)" T(h) P(w) P(h) P(w) B(w) B(w) B(h) B(h) B(h)	b,c,3 b,c,3 b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3 a,b,c,3

- ** subject wearing black collar
 *** subject wearing blue collar
 * red background
 ** yellow background
 = refers to color of sky- blue or yellow
 to distinguish cards see illustrations





CINCINNATI MATIONAL

26 26 26 26 26 27 27	4 Griffith	Po F(w) P(h) B(h) F(w) P(k) Po P(k) P(w) P(w) P(w) P(w)	b, x b, c, x b, c, x b, x b, x a,b, x b, x a,b, x b, x	276 Hoblitzell 277 Huggins 278 Huggins 279 Karger 281 Lobert 281 McLean 282 Mitchell 283 Mowrey 284 Oakes 285 Paskert 286 Spade	F(w) Po Po(h) B(h) Pd G(h) F(w) Po(h) Po(h) Po(h) Po	b, b, a,b a,b, b, b, b,	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *









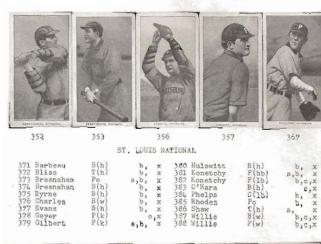


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NEW YORK NATIONAL 287 Ames 288 Ames 289 Ames 290 Bridwell 291 Bridwell 292 Crandall 293 Crandall 294 Devlin 295 Devore 296 Donlin 297 Donlin 298 Donlin 298 Donlin 298 Dollin 298 Doyle 300 Doyle 301 Doyle 302 Durham 303 Fletcher 304 Herzog 305 Latham 306 Marquard 313 McGraw 314 McGraw 315 McGraw 315 McGraw 316 McGraw 316 McGraw 317 Merkle 318 Merkle 319 Meyers 320 Murray 321 Murray 322 Myers 324 O'Hara 326 Schlei 327 Schlei 328 Schlei 329 Seymore 331 Seymore 331 Seymore 332 Snodgrass 333 Snodgrass 334 Tenney 335 Wiltse 337 Wiltse 337 Wiltse black Po P(w) P(h) 313 McGraw a,b, x c,x a,b, x a,b, x b,c,x b,c,x b, x b, x b, x c,x a,b, x Po-s Po(k) Po(k) Po(h) Po-s B(k) B(k) Po-s Po-s a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x Po B(h) Po(k) Po(hk) B(w) a, x b,c,x c,x b,c,x BPPBCPC(kh) Po-s B(h) T(k) a,b, x b, x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x b,c,x b, x b,c,x b, x b,c,x Marquard Marquard Marquard Mathewson 307 Marquard 308 Marquard 308 Marquard 309 Mathewson 310 Mathewson 311 Mathewson 312 McCormick a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x Po-s P(h) b,c,x * refers to cap color- white or black 289 294 296 303 310 311 315 316 PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL b, x a,b, x 346 Knabe 347 Magee a Magie 348 Magee 349 McQuillan 350 McQuillan 351 Titus 339 Bransfield 340 Covaleski 341 Dooin 342 Doolan 343 Doolan 344 Doolin 345 Jacklitsch a,b, x a,b, x b,c,x b a,b, x F(hb) Po Po B(w) B(w) P(k) Po(w) Po B(h) F(1b) Po F(hb) b,c,x b,c,x a,b, x b, x p 341 345 347 349 PITTSBURG NATIONAL 362 Leach 363 Liefield 364 Liefield 365 Maddox 366 Miller 367 Phillippe 368 Wagner* 369 Willis 370 Wilson F(hk) P(k) B(h) P(h) P(h) Po Po B(w) b, e,x B(h) B(k) Po(w) P(w)ft P(w)sd Po B(h) Po(w) 352 Abbaticonio 353 Abbaticohio 354 Abstein 355 Cammits 356 Cammits 357 Cammits a,b, x b, x a,b 6, b, c, x b, c, x b, x b, x a,b c,x a,b, x a,b, x a,b, x

* Sweet Caporal only





	AME	ERICAN		ΔS	SO	CIATI	ON		
COLUMBUS						7776			
389 Clark 390 Clyme 391 Cong	er	T(w) Po(w) Po	b.	X X		Krugar Schreck	Po Po		x x
INDIANAPO	OLIS								
394 Burk 395 Carr 396 Cros		Po Po F(w)	b, b,	x		Davidson Hayden	Po Po	b,	x
KANSAS C	CITY					1.0			
399 Beck 400 Bras 401 Doir 402 Hall	shear	Po Po Po	0,000	X	404	Lundgren Ritter Shannon	Po(h) C(k) F(w)1b	b, b, b,	x x
LOUISVII	LLE								
406 Dele		Po P(1b)	b,	K	408	Thielman	Po	b,	x
MILWAUKE	EE								nance:
409 Barr 410 McGa		Po Po	b,	×		McGlynn Randall	Pp Pp	b,	x
MINNEAPO	LIS								
413 Coli 414 Crav 415 Down 416 Ober	rath 15	Po B(h) Po Po(h)	b, b,	X	418	O'Neil Pickering Quillen Young	Po Po Po(w)	b, b, b,	xxx
ST. PAUL	. 1944								
421 Armi	uster	Pa	b,	x	422	O'Brien	Po(h)	b,	x
POLEDO									
423 Abbo 424 Free 425 Hino	eman	Po B(w) Po	b, b,			Lattimore Wright	P(k) Po	b, b,	x



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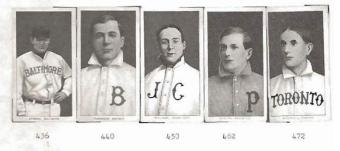
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EASTERN LEAGUE

			- 1714	LLHOOL			
D.	BALTIMORE						
	428 Adkins 429 Cassidy 430 Dessau 431 Dunn 432 Hall	Po Po F(hb) Po	b, x b, x b, x b, x	433 Jackson 434 Poland 435 Slagle 436 Strang	Po Po F(lb) Po(h)	b, b, b,	x x
	BUFFALO						
	437 Brain 438 Burchell 439 Clancy 440 Flanagan 441 Kisinger 442 Malarkey	Po P(h) F(lb) Po P(k)	b, x b, x b, x b, x	444 Schrim 445 Smith 446 Taylor 447 White	Po B(h) T(h) P(w) T(h)	b, b, b,	x x x
	JERSEY CITY						
	448 Hannifan 449 Merritt	B(w) Po	ъ, х ъ, х	450 Mulligan 451 Moeller	Po Po	b,	×
	MONTREAL						
	452 Casey	Po	b, x				
	NEWARK						
	453 McGinnity 454 Schafly	P(h) 'Po	b, x	455 Sharpe	Po	b,	x
	PROVIDENCE						
	456 Anderson 457 Arndt 458 Blackburne 459 Hoffman	F(1b) Po F(k) Po	b, x b, x b, x	460 Lavender 461 Moran 462 Phelan 463 Shaw	P(w) Po Po Po	b, b,	x
	ROCHESTER						
	464 Barger 465 Batch 466 Butler	Po Po Po	b, x b, x	467 Chappelle 468 Ganzel 469 Maloney	P(h) F(lb) T(h)	b, b,	X X
	TORONTO						
	470 Grimshaw 471 Kelley 472 McGinley	Po B(h) Po	b, x b, x	473 Mitchell 474 Rudolph	Po Po	b,	x



SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

AUGUSTA				JACKSONVILLE			
475 Coles CHARLESTON	Po	b,	x	481 Mullaney 482 Violat	F(f) T(k)	b,	x
476 Foster 477 Paige	Po Po	b, b,	x	MACON 483 LaFitte	T(h)	b,	x
COLUMBIA				SAVANNAH			
478 Kieman 479 Manion	Po Po		x	464 Howard	Po(h)	b,	x
COLUMBUS							

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

ATLANTA				MON'	rgowery			
485 A. U. Jordan 486 Sid Smith BIRMINGHAM	B(h) C(k)	ъ,	x	495	Greminger Hart Persons Rockenfeld	Po C(w) T(h) B(h)	b, b, b,	x x x
487 Molesworth	Po(h)	ь,	x	MASI	WILLE			
LITTLE ROCK 488 Hart 489 Lents	Po Po	b,	x	499	Bay Bernhard Ellam Perdue	F(hb) P(h) B(w) P(h)	b, b,	x x x
MEMPHIS				NEW	ORLEANS			
190 Carey 191 Cranston MCBILE	F(hb) T(h)	b,	×	503	Breitenstein Fritz Regan	P(k) P(h) T(k)	ъ, ъ,	x x
192 Hickman	Po	ъ,	x					



477	479	485	494		504	
	TEX	άAS	LEAGUE			
DALLAS			SHREVEPORT			
505 Miller HOUSTON	C(19)	ъ, х	509 Smith WACO	Po	b, x	
506 White SAN ANTIONIO	C(h)	р, х	510 Thebo	F(h)	b, x	
507 Bastion 508 Stark	Po B(h)	b, x				
	VIRO	SINIA	LEAGUE			
DANVILLE			PORTSMOUTH			
511 King 512 Westlake	Po Po	b, x	517 Guiheen 518 McCauley	Po Po	b, x b, x	
LYNCHBERG			RICHMOND			
513 Hooker 514 Orth	Po P(k)	b, x	519 Lipe 520 Revelle	Po Po	b, x	
NORFOLK			ROANOKE			
515 Otey 516 Seitz	Po Po	b, x	521 Ryan 522 Shaughnessy	Po Po	b, x	



After examining the make-up of this set, the popular players and winning teams of that era are easily picked out. Hal Chase, John McGraw, Ty Cobb and Joe Tinker lead in the popularity poll. The large number of cards issued for the New York and Chicago teams reflect not only the league standings but also the large metropolitan market the cigarette manufacturers wished to please.

There are actually only 514 different designs used in this set. Several cards use the same picture and differ only in the team listing, and they are: 4-113, 33-34, 104-148, 106-172, 168-228, 192-208, 242-403, 324-383. The error card of Magie, 347a, differs only in the spelling of the name.

There are a number of other errors in this set involving the spelling of the player's name. Harry McIntire of Brooklyn is shown as McIntyre on cards 218 and 219. Card 95 gives the name Willetts when the name is Willett as shown on card 94. The Philadelphia Nationals gave the printers nightmares as the roster lists Dooin, Doolan and Doolin. The latter is an error and should be Doolan. Similar errors occured in the minor league teams, Violat for Viola, and Lentz for Sentz. Except for these understandable errors the set is remarkably free from any major errors.

There are a number of color varieties also known. When an alphabetical checklist was published reciently, a variety of Sweeney, 200, was listed where the red color printing was omitted. Similar varieties are known for McElveen, Clark and Clymer.

Most of the 523 cards in this set are still common today. Several cards are, however, extremely rare and are perhaps the rarest and most sought after baseball card ever printed. One card, Honus Wagner, 368, valued at \$50.00 in the catalog and five times that by most collectors, has been the topic of many articles. Most collectors seem to agree that the card owes its scarcity to the great shortstop's objection to the use of his name in connection with cigarettes. Although a devotee of the chewing tobacco wad, he felt this use of his name and picture might harm his public image. He must have mellowed in later life as a cigar bore his name and a bubble gum card, issued in 1948, showed him "loading up." Whatever the reason, this card ranks as every collectors dream find. Only a scant half dozen of these cards are known and one is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York city.

The reason for the scarcity of the Plank card, 143, is not known definately. Some think a spoiled printing plate reduced the number issued, others feel he also objected to being placed in a cigarette set. The other two scarce cards, Demmitt of New York and St. Louis and O'Hara of St. Louis, can be explained by the fact that each changed teams while the cards were being issued. Cards which are identical except they show the teams traded from are relatively common. This is true for the other somewhat scarce cards. All the cards of the South Atlantic, Southern, Texas and Virginia Leagues are scarce since they were distributed only in the smaller cities

in these localities rather than the larger northern major league cities.

Although no one has ever attempted a listing of all the cards issued by each brand, it seems that no single cigarette issued all 523 cards. Several, Plank and Wagner, are available only on Sweet Caporal cards. After examining a number of cards, the following generalities can be made. All the various brands issued cards of the American and National League players. The only card known with a Ty Cobb back is a card of Ty Cobb and this may very well be the only card available. The American Association and Eastern League were issued by all except Drums, Hindu and Lennox. The four southern Class C leagues were issued by Hindu (except the Texas League), Old Mill and Piedmont. Nothing definate can be said about Uzit Cigarette cards as they are quite rare and seldom seen. It seems that Hindu issued the a series and minor league players as an assorted series. It would seem that Old Mill and Piedmont came closest to issuing the entire set.

Many collectors pass up the minor league players and concentrate only on the big leaguers. This is unfortunate as many old time major leaguers and big leaguers of the future are pictured here. Consider "Iron Man" McGinnity of Giant fame shown in later years with Newark.

In closing, it has been suggested that the set may not be complete at 523. There are a number of discrepancies that seem to indicate such a possibility. The first series is noted as a series of 150 players, nevertheless, 154 Piedmont cards are known in this series. This is not in itself uncommon, in fact a set issued with caramels during the same period claims 100 to the set, but today 117 are known and a few more are found periodically. Several of the brands are quite rare and only a handful are known leaving the possibility of unknown cards reasonable. The distribution in the minor leagues is quite strange (only one Montreal player is known, but 5 Toronto ball players are common). Several well known players as Jack Coombs are mysteriously absent. This is all just speculation, but there may be an overlooked card waiting to be found somewhere. As each year passes the possibility becomes more remote, and since the checklist was first printed in 1938 there have been no major additions.

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