

COLOR LINE IN BASEBALL.

The color line, drawn so tightly around major league baseball, has barred from major leagues field one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever produced. He is John Donaldson, pitching semi-pro ball in Kansas City. He recently pitched 30 innings without allowing a hit or run—a record without a parallel. "If Donaldson were a white man, or if the unwritten law of baseball didn't bar negroes from the major leagues, I would give \$50,000 for him, and think I was getting a bargain," said John McGraw of the Giants, after seeing Donaldson pitch several games in Cuba. Donaldson, just before establishing his record of 30 innings without being hit, struck out 25 men in a 12-inning game—an average of better than two strikeouts per inning. Donaldson just now is twirling for the All-Nationals, a Kansas City team

composed of players of all nations
and an outfit that baseball sharps
claim is string enough to give any
major league club a nip-and-tuck
battle.

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