



THE manager of the baseball team of 1904 made a very material advance toward pulling the team out of the ruts of previous years. Mr. Armstrong came to a very proper conclusion that the team of a school of Armour's standing should not confine their attention to teams of high schools and business houses, and accordingly arranged his schedule to include games with quite a few of the minor colleges in the neighborhood of the city, and attempted to schedule games with the members of the "Big Nine." Of these, he could only arrange to play Chicago and Illinois, but even this was a great advance over the schedule of the previous years. With such an advance in the quality of teams played, it could hardly be expected that the team could win as many games as it had the season before, but it was not only this change that caused the fellows to lose the first five games played. It was mainly because they did not get into the game and play the ball they were capable of playing. It is true that only four candidates of promise were left after the Dean's office had finished with the eligible list. It is true also, that this necessitated constant shifts of the players to new positions, breaking up the team work, and that the team had no coach