

# October 11, 1900

## Minor Musings

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Park Swartzel, a 19-game winner for the Kansas City Cowboys of the American Association in 1889, is charged with the embezzlement of \$7,500 from Hall's Department store in Cambridge City, Indiana, where he is the head clerk ... Swartzel flees the town when a warrant for his arrest is issued ... examination of Swartzel's bank account shows that his deposits "far exceed" his salary ... in a January 1940, obituary it is mentioned that Swartzel moved to Los Angeles in 1900 and became a "successful real estate operator."

Minor league pitcher Edward "Champ" Fertsch is shot in the left arm when a gun carried by friend James Malson discharges while hunting in a field near Reading, Pennsylvania ... at first, the wound is thought to be serious enough to force the amputation of Fertsch's arm and to bring an end to his baseball career ... however, Fertsch, a 14-game winner with Reading in 1899, returns in 1902 to win 17 games in the Eastern League playing for both Providence and Jersey City, and continues to pitch until 1909.

St. Louis Cardinals catcher Frederick "Fritz" William Alexander Buelow, suspended earlier for his "convivial habits," has been notified by team that he will be given another chance in 1901 ... however, the fun loving German-born Buelow, with a girl friend living in Detroit, jumps the Cardinals for the Tigers where he hits .225 with a pair of home runs and 29 RBIs.

