

ORANGES AND HEART THROBS.

Twenty-Five Boxes of Them on Way East, and Red Sox Are Hoping Car Gets Lost.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 24—Twenty-five miniature boxes of oranges are speeding eastward and 25 Red Sox baseball players are preparing 25 alibis that can be recited offhand on demand, sound and convincing enough to assuage the wrath of 25 wives and sweethearts.

For be it known that Patsy Donovan's representatives are "in bad," very bad, or at least will be when the 25 boxes of oranges arrive at their destinations. That group of Boston Red Sox who glory in the title of Regulars recently played at Pomona, and Pomona was glad to welcome the big leaguers.

One of the big orange shippers decided to pay a neat little compliment to the ball players, and he had 25

special boxes prepared and packed with the choicest fruit. The girls in the packing house learned of the plan and each fair maiden decided that it was a chance to give the little god of romance an opportunity. Consequently each and every box of oranges, in addition to the specified number of the golden spheres, contained a note in which there were heart throbs.

But what do you suppose those Red Sox did? Instead of each opening his particular box and devouring the fruit—and incidentally the note—all marched to the express office and sent the oranges to wives and sweethearts in the east.

Later the story of the notes leaked out and now there are 25 wearers of carmine hosiery who are hoping that something will happen to a particular express car between Pomona and the east.