

PART 3 - BASE BALL: A WOMAN'S VIEW

While the men so enthusiastically gained proficiency in the sport, one woman offered the other side of the base ball issue. "...All one hears while the men folks are about is 'How well this one plays or how poorly that one.' We would like to know what benefit has been derived from base ball so far.

When the balls are being made, you have to produce all the old socks for ravelings, but old socks won't ravel, so you have to forward better ones. The good socks are unraveled for the balls and the poor are worn in tight boots, when at any other time a darned sock was out of the question. After the ball is made of the best material, the chances are of its being soon on the other side. Then you see old boot tops all over the room, if they don't happen to have poor ones, a better pair will of course make a better ball. [*This must refer to the leather cover.*]

All these things are too extravagant for these times. One man of our acquaintance has been limping around with a sprained ankle for 10 days or more, but is still infatuated with base ball as much as ever. Another got his hand or wrist hurt and is therefore laid up. Of course he would not like to call in the doctor and meet a heavy bill. On calling on a friend the other day, she said she had to build fires that morning because her husband had got hurt in some way while playing base ball. In the same round of calls another said she had to go without buckwheat cakes because her husband had forgotten the flour. In passing another house, we heard a lady calling after someone, 'Be sure and bring that paper of pins this time.' I believe they have not arrived yet. I suppose she had given up all hopes of getting them and had concluded to say nothing more about it.

Some of you base ballers may not sympathize with us a great deal, but we know that a certain young deacon's wife would, especially if she had to go without provisions much longer, which she had sent for a week or more ago. They cannot think of such trifling affairs. Their Innings and Outings, white-washing and fouling is enough for them. In speaking of fouls and white-washing, the other day a lady, she innocently asked if they were going to white-wash the chicken coop, and such a look of pity as rested on his face for the poor ignorant thing!!

The men folks have just returned, better times coming. They say that the firm of A. S. Kelley & Co. have sent for a number of casks of Arnica!"

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