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Should Andover Have a Town Baseball Team?

Last week we criticized the present system of baseball activity in Andover. We pointed out that it was unfair to the town's many baseball fans because there was no pep in the games and because the same teams performing night after night and week after week produced a state of monotony.

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brand of baseball must be displayed. The players must know inside baseball and be able to pull off a squeeze play or a hit-and-run play when necessary.

The suggestion by many of attaining this exalted state is to have a league and this again is not so simple as it seems. The teams usually suggested are Andover, North Andover, and three or four teams from Lawrence. But this is the same set-up as the old City League, never too successful in the old days and a failure the past year.

Other Teams at Present In forming this league, Andover would have to take the initiative. It is we who wish to straighten out our baseball situation, and we must start the ball rolling.

Let us say that the town team plays twice a week in Andover, Tuesday and Sunday, for example. Four nights at the Playstead remain in which five games must be played, if the two other leagues continue as they have this year.

We have spoken of the failings of the "present system" constantly, but we have been missing the term for there is no system in Andover's baseball at the present time.

Minor League Plan Above all else we have the town team. Next comes the Town League, which could be used as a sort of minor league for the town team.

league, and when a good player was developed, he could be picked up by the town team. This would be advantageous, in that it would make the town team players realize that they had to work to retain their positions and the players in the town league would have something to work for—they would have a chance for advancement.

This is merely a suggestion. We feel it would put Andover baseball on a stronger basis and would make for more co-operation between the different leagues and teams. The entire system could be governed by a single board, which would not necessarily contain only those connected with the teams.

The success of such a team involves a few "ifs." It will require cooperation on the part of the players, the two leagues, and the fans. For the two leagues it may mean a little sacrifice, but unless they are no longer interested in the game, they should not interfere.

Answers to Criticisms In writing these articles we have tried to be fair. It is not true that our sole purpose was to criticize the town league.

Wishes By LEETE STONE © by McClure Newspaper Syndicate, WNT Service

ONE early March morning a window near the top of the tall Wabash building was pushed open and a very tired face gazed out. The day was one of those forerunners of true springtime that insinuate into offices and winter-weary nerves and blood.

A Change Necessary Perhaps some of our suggestions have sounded too fantastic and too utopian. All of them would not have to be followed to produce a more interesting baseball season next year.

Playstead Changes There are certain changes which should be made at the Playstead—changes which the teams organized together would probably be able to have effected.

Managing a Town Team Finally, let us turn back once more to our town team and consider how it should be conducted. One thing that is absolutely necessary is that it should be managed by a man who knows baseball.

knows the rules thoroughly. He must also be a man whom the players will respect and obey. Andover has such men.

What Andover needs, if it is genuinely interested in having a really good baseball team, is another bunch of baseball-crazy players. Here is one scheme which may seem fantastic but which would produce results.

There are other ways of teaching the boys baseball, so that the season would be definitely beneficial. During the summer, Saturdays is a dull day, and games are never played on that day.

Presidential Shrines New Hampshire, the Granite state, is the twelfth state to hold a Presidential shrine.

Recruiting Missions Soon after the United States entered the World War, headquarters for British and Canadian recruiting missions were established at New York.

Where would it all end? In a balance at the bank, perhaps, that would save her, some day, from an Old Ladies' home where the inmates knitted and crocheted and ate three times a day.

True, there was the handsome, rugged young office manager, Sidney Jevons, courteous to all the girls, and so it sometimes seemed to Alice, especially considerate of her; but, then, he wasn't looking for a hard-working office girl.

No, men today did not wish women to love them, mused Alice, eyeing a fleet of wheeling pigeons, animated specks against the sky; they wanted women of independent affluence and position whose social and financial prestige would aid their business climb.

Sighing, Alice raised a slim hand to close the window and saw Tommy on the red-tiled roof below. Tommy was in distress. Tommy was howling. Tommy was a real baby.

A girl of ten or so was hanging clothes on a line stretched from chimney to chimney on the roof, and five youngsters of assorted sizes and sexes were being admonished severely by ten-year-old Little Mother not to go near the wet sheets and dirty them.

Alice wanted to sit right down with Tommy next her heart and cry with him. "Anyway," Alice whispered, shutting the window. "I'll make that baby forget that slap—somehow!"

"No, Tommy, they ain't no such thing as fairies. You're silly! Come on, let's play! Shut your eyes and make three wishes. I got something in my hand behind my back. Listen, now! Don't go wishin' for no dollies."

The psychological moment had arrived for Alice. Leaning far out of her window she took fair aim. Plop, fell something square on Tommy's fat legs. And plop! Another thing fell right in Little Mother's lap.

Little Mother jumped up and searched the heavens high above and all sides with wide, ecstatic eyes. No sign of fairy, magic carpet, witch or goblin. But in her scrawny little arms a beautiful doll. And in Tommy's arms, short, pudgy and wonderstruck, a "squeezy" doll.

Neither of the children could be told that these were painted toys from the shelves of a shop. No, indeed! These were real dollies to be loved, caressed and talked to, put to bed and taken up, kissed, scolded and adored.

"The two happiest children in New York," Alice quietly replied. "They believe in fairies—good fairies. You see . . ."

"Yes," broke in Sidney Jevons, looking gently, steadily, and worlds deep in Alice's lovely coal-black eyes, "I saw! I saw many things. And I believe in 'em."

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jevons named their first baby Tommy, instead of following the time-honored Jevons custom of calling the first son after the first son. They fostered his early faith in fairies and encouraged him to howl.

Academy Student Hurt in Bavaria

A Phillips academy student, Alvan Henry, 22, was injured near Weilheim, Upper Bavaria, on Monday when the machine in which he was riding turned over.

Plans for the 62nd annual ball to be held Thanksgiving eve by the local firemen were made Wednesday evening. The committee will consist of Ralph Baker, Alex MacKenzie, Edward Buchan, William Collins and Herbert Brown.

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