CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

National Association

OF

BASE BALL PLAYERS

WITH THE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

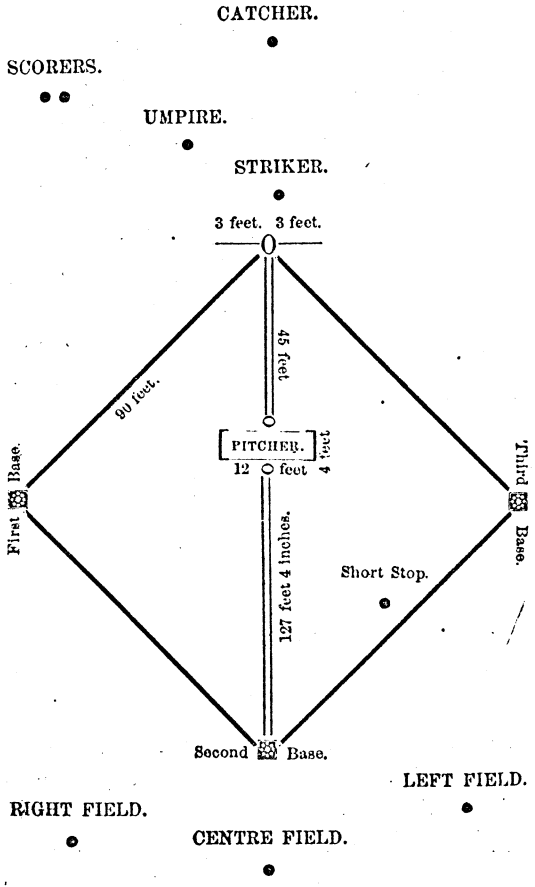
OF THE

GAME OF BASE BALL.

As adopted at the Annual Convention, Dec. 13th, 1865, for the use of Base Ball Clubs, for the year 1866.

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Diagram of a Base Ball Field; Positions of Players and the Measurements for Laying a Field Out.



GAME OF BASE BALL.

THE GAME OF BASE BALL has long been a favorite and popular recreation in this country, but it is only within the last fifteen years that any attempt has been made to systemize and regulate the game, and to form Clubs with the purpose of playing under written rules, at stated periods, during the season for out-door sports.

THE KNICKERBOCKER CLUB, organized in 1845, was the pioneer organization, and for several years the only one in the field. Its first competitor was the WASHINGTON CLUB, which, however, only existed for a short period, many of its members taking part in the formation of THE GOTHAM CLUB, in 1852. The EAGLE CLUB and EMPIRE CLUB were organized in 1854, but for several seasons, the four Clubs above mentioned were the only ones playing in the vicinity of New York. They adopted a series of rules and regulations to govern the game, and these rules were adopted by all the Clubs organized prior to 1857. In 1856, THE PUTNAM CLUB was established and was followed by THE BALTIC, and a large number of other Clubs, some of which have since broken up, although their places have been occupied by other

Clubs still in existence. During the seasons of 1855 and 1856, many Clubs were organized, a large number of matches played, and a great degree of interest manifested among ball players; and in course of the latter season, there was general movement in favor of calling a Convention of Delegates from the several Clubs, for the purpose of revising the rules already in existence, and establishing a new code of regulations to govern all matches between the several Clubs. Accordingly a call, signed by the officers of the KNICKERBOCKER CLUB, (as the senior organization of the kind,) was published several weeks, pursuant to which a Convention was held in the city of New York, in May, 1857, at which the following Clubs were represented by three delegates each, viz.: Knickerbocker, Gotham, Eagle, Empire, Putnam, Baltic, Excelsior, Atlantic, Harmony, Harlem, Eckford, Bedford, Nassau, Continental, Union, Olympic.

A series of rules and regulations for match games were proposed and adopted by the Convention, and all matches during the season of 1857 were governed thereby.

A second Convention was held on the 10th day of March, 1858, pursuant to a call signed by the Presidents of the Knickerbocker, Gotham, Eagle, and Empire Clubs, in which the following Clubs were represented by two delegates each, viz.: Knickerbocker, Gotham, Eagle, Empire, Putnam, Baltic, Excelsior, Atlantic, Harlem, Eckford, Continental, Union, Metropolitan, Columbian, Osceola, Oriental, Stuyvesant, Hamilton, Pastime, Liberty, (of New

Brunswick,) Monument, Amity, St. Nicholas, Nassau, and Mutual.

A resolution was adopted declaring the Convention a permanent organization, and appointing a Committee of Three to prepare and submit a Constitution and By-Laws for its government. The Committee reported and the Convention adopted the Constitution and By-Laws published herewith, and the "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASE BALL PLAYERS" was duly organized thereunder.

The rules and regulations of the game that were adopted by the Association, and published by their order, remained in force from the 10th of March, 1858, to the 9th of March, 1859, inclusive.

The first annual meeting of the Association was held at the Cooper Institute, on the 9th of March, 1859. The officers of 1858 were re-elected; the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the game revised and amended, and ordered to be published herewith.

The following was also passed by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the entire abolition of the custom of furnishing refreshments on the occasion of matches.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

From 1859 to 1865.

The following officers were elected in 1858, and re-elected in 1859:

W. H. VAN COTT, President.
J. B. JONES, First Vice-President.
THOMAS S. DAKIN, Second Vice-President.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, Recording Secretary.
THEO. F. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary.
E. H. BROWN, Treasurer.

The Second Annual Meeting of the "National Association of Base Ball Players," was held at the "Cooper Institute," in the city of New York, on the evening of March 14th, 1860.

The following officers for 1860 were elected:

Dr. J. B. JONES, President.
THOMAS S. DAKIN, First Vice-President.
HERVY SHRIVER, Second Vice-President.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, Recording Secretary.
THEO. F. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary.
E. H. BROWN, Treasurer.

The Third Annual Meeting of the "National Association of Base Ball Players," was held at "Clinton Hall," in the city of New York, Wednesday evening, December 12th, 1860.

The following officers were elected for the year 1861:

D. MILLIKEN, President.
DEWITT C. MOORE, First Vice-President.
BURR PORTER, Second Vice-President.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, Recording Secretary.
THEO. F. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary.
E. H. BROWN, Treasurer.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the "National Association of Base Ball Players," was held in the "Mercantile Library Building," in the city of New York, on Wednesday, the 11th of December, 1861.

The following officers were then elected for the year 1862:

D. MILLIKEN, of Union Club, President.
WM. H. HEGEMAN, of Victory Club, Troy, 1st Vice-Pres.
JOS. B. LEGGETT, of Excelsior Club, B'klyn, 2d Vice-Pres.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, of Jefferson Club, N. Y., Rec'g Sec'y.
Z. VOORHIES, of Brooklyn Club, Corresponding Sec'y.
E. H. BROWN, of Metropolitan Club, Treasurer.

The following officers were elected for 1863:

THOMAS FITZGERALD, of Athletic Club, President.
I. W. DAWSON, of Eureka Club, First Vice-President.
F. K. BOUGHTON, of Atlantic Club, 2d Vice-President.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, of Jefferson Club, Recording Sec'y.
J. W. MOTT, of Eagle Club, Corresponding Secretary.
E. H. BROWN, of Metropolitan Club, Treasurer.

The following officers were elected for 1864:

I. W. DAWSON, Eureka Club, President.
FRANCIS PIDGEON, Eckford Club, First Vice-President.

A. J. DUPIGNAC, Gotham Club, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.
J. ROSS POSTLEY, Jefferson Club, RECORDING SECRETARY.
J. SEAVER PAGE, Active Club, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
P. J. COZANS, Eagle Club, TREASURER.

The Eighth Annual Convention of Base Ball Players, was held at "Clinton Hall," New York city, on Wednesday, December 14th, 1864. Mr. DAWSON presiding.

The following officers were elected for 1865:

THOMAS G. VOORHIS, Empire, PRESIDENT.
D. A. SCOTT. Hudson River, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.
M. J. THOMPSON, Utica, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.
J. SEAVER PAGE, Active, RECORDING SECRETARY.
A. H. ROGERS, Resolute, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
P. J. COZANS, Eagle, TREASURER.

The Ninth Annual Convention of Base Ball Players, was held at the "Cooper Institute," New York city, on Wednesday, December 13th, 1865. Mr. VOORHIS presiding.

The following officers were elected for 1866:

JOHN WILDEY, Mutual, PRESIDENT.
MORTIMER ROGERS, Lowell, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.
M. C. SEXTON, Empire, St. Louis, SECOND VICE-PEESIDENT.
J. SEAVER PAGE, Active, RECORDING SECRETARY.
A. H. ROGERS, Resolute, CORRRSPONDING SECRETARY.
P. J. COZANS, Eagle, TREASURER.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called "**The National Association of Base Ball Players.**"

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be to improve, foster, and perpetuate the American Game of Base Ball, and to promote the cultivation of kindly feelings among the different members of Base Ball Clubs.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be composed of two delegates from each of the Base Ball Clubs which have been duly admitted to a representation in the Convention forming this Constitution, and from each of the Clubs which may be admitted to a representation in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Any Base Ball Club desiring to be represented in this Association, shall present to the Recording Secretary, at least thirty days previous to the Annual Meeting of this Association, a written application, signed by its President and Secretary, setting forth the name of the Club, date of its organization, days and places of playing, names of its

officers and delegates, and the number of members composing it, which shall be immediately submitted to the Committee on Nominations; but no such application shall be received by said Secretary unless presented thirty days previous to the Annual Meeting. Said Committee shall thereupon ascertain the condition, character, and standing of such Club, and report the same to the Annual Meeting, with the said application and their opinion thereon; and a ballot shall thereupon be had at such meeting upon the admission of such Club, when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor thereof, such Club shall be declared duly entitled to representation in this Association. Any informality or irregularity in the form or substance of the application may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

SEC. 3. No Club shall be represented in this Association unless composed of at least eighteen active members, or by any delegate under twenty-one years of age; nor shall any Club be so represented until its delegates have signed the Constitution, and paid the fee hereinafter designated.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The first election of officers shall be held immediately upon the adoption of this Constitution,

and the officers then elected shall respectively hold office until the next Annual Meeting, or until their successors are respectively elected; and thereafter all officers shall be elected by ballot on the second Wednesday of December annually.

SEC. 3. Each officer shall hold his office, or appointment, for one year, or until another is elected to succeed him.

SEC. 4. Any vacancy in either of the offices may be filled at any meeting of the Association regularly organized.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings; to preserve order, and see that the laws are carried into effect; to call extra meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary. He shall have no vote, except in the election of officers and new members, and except in equal divisions, when he shall have the casting vote. He shall call special meetings whenever requested to do so (in writing) by five Clubs; and shall also appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence; and in case of the absence of both the afore-mentioned officers, the Second Vice-President shall discharge all the duties appertaining to the President.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Association in a book; to notify, by cer-

tificate, Clubs of their election, to issue all notices of meetings, and publish the decisions of the Judiciary Committee, once in two leading Sunday journals, on the next Sunday after rendition of the decisions. He shall immediately deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, or other property of the Association in his possession.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to take charge of all communications, and reply thereto in accordance with such instructions as he may receive from the Association, and keep and record in a book a copy thereof, and shall immediately deliver to his successor in office all books or other property belonging to the Association.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all the funds of the Association, and disburse the same as he may be authorized to do by a majority vote of the Association, or by order of the President and Secretary. He shall keep a correct account of all monies received and disbursed by him, in a book to be provided for that purpose, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of any of the officers of the Association, or of any Committee duly authorized therefor by the Association; and he shall report at the Annual Meeting, or whenever required by a vote of the Association, and he shall immediately deliver to his successor in office, after his accounts have been audited by a Committee appointed for that purpose by the Chair, all the books, papers, or other property of the Association in his possession.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Wednesday in December, each year, at such place in the city of New York as may be designated by the officers of the Association, at least one month previous thereto.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President, at the written request of five Clubs, provided that at least one week's notice of such meeting shall be given by publication in at least two newspapers in the city of New York, and by depositing written or printed notices thereof, in the Post-Office in said city, directed to each of the delegates at their respective places of business or residence.

SEC. 3. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time by a majority vote.

SEC. 4. Twenty-one delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number present, at any adjourned or regularly called meeting, may adjourn to any specified day.

ARTICLE VII.

No delegate shall be admitted into the Association unless he shall have filed with the Recording Secretary a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Club he may represent.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. Each Club represented in this Association shall, at or before the Annual Meeting in each year, pay to the Treasurer the sum of Two Dollars as

annual dues; and each Club hereafter admitted shall pay the sum of Five Dollars in addition, as an entrance fee.

SEC. 2. The Association at any meeting may levy an assessment upon each of the Clubs belonging to this Association, of such sums as may be deemed requisite to pay deficiencies or anticipated expenses.

SEC. 3. A vote by proxy shall not be allowed. No delegate shall be entitled to a vote, at any meeting, if the Club which he represents shall be in arrears for fees, dues, or assessments; and if such Club shall be in arrears one year, it shall cease to belong to the Association.

SEC. 4. No Club, now a member of this Association, which shall admit or retain a person, as a member thereof, who has been guilty of the reprehensible conduct of conspiring with any person or persons to cause, or who shall, by any connivance, bargain, or overt act, cause the loss of a match game of ball in which he is or may be one of the contestants—either previous to or during the progress of such game of ball—for money, place, position, emolument, or any consideration of any nature whatever, shall be entitled to continue a member of this Association or admitted to membership thereof; and no new Club shall be admitted to membership therein which has among its members any one who has been convicted of any such action, and no match game of ball shall be played by any Club belonging to this Association with any Club which has or may have at any time any such person or persons among its members, under

penalty of forfeiture of membership to the National Association of Base Ball Players.

ARTICLE IX.

The Rules and Regulations hereunto annexed shall govern all match games of Base Ball played between Clubs belonging to this Association.

ARTICLE X.

Immediately after the election of officers at the Annual Meeting, the President elect shall appoint a Committee of nine delegates, who shall constitute a Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations, a Committee of three delegates who shall constitute a Committee on Nominations, and a Judiciary Committee of five members; all of which Committees shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE XI.

All proposed alterations, additions or amendments to the Constitution, or By-Laws, or Rules and Regulations, shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on Rules, at least one month before the Annual Meeting, and shall be by said Committee reported at said Annual Meeting, with their opinion thereon; and no such alteration, addition, or amendment shall be adopted, unless it shall have been so proposed and reported; nor unless two-thirds of all the members present, at a meeting regularly organized, shall vote in favor of such alteration, addition, or amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, and a majority in favor of alterations or amendments to the Rules and Regulations.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. The order of business, at all meetings, shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Propositions and ballotings for new members.
5. Dues and fees collected.
6. Reports of Committees, in order of their appointment.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Election of officers.
9. New business.

SEC. 2. No member shall be allowed to discuss any question under debate, without arising and addressing the Chair.

SEC. 3. No member shall speak more than twice on any one question, nor more than five minutes at any time, unless by unanimous consent.

SEC. 4. Every member present shall be required to vote on all questions, unless he is directly or personally interested, or excused by a vote of a majority of the members present.

SEC. 5. Any member may, at any time, call for the reading of any article of the Constitution, or By-Laws, or Minutes of any meeting, or any other paper relating to the question then under consideration.

SEC. 6. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, at the request of five members.

SEC 7. Any member belonging to this Association behaving in an ungentlemanly manner, or rendering himself obnoxious to the Association, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, be expelled.

SEC. 8. All charges against any member, or Club, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of this Association, within ten days from the occurrence of causes, upon which they may be predicated; and the Club or person against whom said charges are made, shall be furnished with a copy thereof, at the same time, by those belonging to this Association making them. The Secretary shall record the same, and forthwith submit the original charge to the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee shall investigate all complaints or charges thus submitted to them, and render judgment thereon within fifteen days from date of said charges, which decision shall be binding and final upon the parties concerned, until and unless reversed, upon appeal, by this Association, at the next ensuing Annual Meeting; a vote of two-thirds of the members present at said meeting shall be necessary to reverse the decision of said Committee.

The following gentlemen were selected for the Standing Committees for 1866:

Committee on Rules and Regulations.

J. B. JONES, Excelsior Club.
P. O'BRIEN, Atlantic Club.
H. CHADWICK, Star Club.
D. W. C. MOORE, Athletic Club.
T. G. VORHEES, Empire Club.
WM. H. BELL, Eclectic Club.
A. P. GORMAN, National, Washington.
C. E. THOMAS, Eureka, Newark.
M. ROGERS, Lowell, Boston.

Committee on Nominations.

R. R. MILLIKEN, Union Club, Morrisania.
D. F. SCOTT, Hudson River Club.
J. P. MINGAY, Gotham Club.

Printing Committee.

P. J. COZANS, Eagle Club.
H. A. ROGERS, Active Club.
C. C. COMERFORD, Waterbury, Ct.

Judiciary Committee.

F. PIDGEON, Eckford Club.
W. CAMPBELL, Fulton Market Club.
H. MOFFAT, Burlington Club, N. J.
W. SPRINGSTEEN, Jefferson, N. Y.
C. H. THORNE, Newark Club.

The following are the names of the Clubs now belonging to the National Association, and the names of the Delegates therefrom at the Convention of 1865:

Active of New York .....J. S. Page, H. A. Rogers.
Alert of Cumberland, Md.....No delegates.
Alert of Philadelphia, Pa.....J. R. Peterson, G. Rowland.
Alert of Danville, Pa.....S. Earf.
Alleghany of Alleghany, Pa..No delegates.
Americus of Newark, N. J....F.H.Pilch, D.W.C. Jerolemon.
Athletic of Philadelphia, Pa. .Col. Moore, E. H. Hayhurst.
Atlantic of Jamaica, L. I.....A. Hagner, T. J. Cogswell.
Atlantic of Brooklyn, L. I....P. O'Brien, F. R. Boughton.
Burlington of Burlington,N.J.C.H.Schermerhorn, H. Moffet.
Contest of Brooklyn, N.Y....M. Gibson, M. James.
Clinton of Brooklyn, N.Y.....D. O. Reilly, J. Curran.
Camden of Camden, N.J.....A. J. Lambertson,W.D.Fisher.
Chester of Norwich, Conn....G. T. Backus, C. L. Ramson.
Columbia of Bordentown, N.J.A. Waterman, L. T. Kinch.
Cedar Grove of Fishkill, N.Y.J. Place, T. Scofield.
Central Club of Syracuse.....No delegates.
Charter Oak of Hartford, Ct. G. B. Hubbell, W. H. Hills.
Constellation of Brooklyn....J. L. Smith, A. A. Doughty.
Eagle of New York.... .....P. J. Cozans, S. Yates.
Eclectric of New York.....Dr. Bell, M. T. Humphreys.
Empire of New York.....T. G. Voorhis, P. V. Broach.
Empire of St. Louis, Mo.....H. C. Sexton.
Eckford of Brooklyn, N.Y....F. Pigeon, R. W. Kenyon.
Eckford of Albany, N.Y.....G. P. Whitney, E. Crawford.
Enterprise of Brooklyn, N.Y.W. H. Murtha, F. P. Albert.
Enterprise of Clifton,S.I.,N.Y.J. R. Hitchcock, R. S. Church.
Equity of Philadelphia, Pa...Messrs. Foster and Pool.
Eon of Portland, Me.....H.W.Armstrong, S.P.Hengels.
Eureka of Newark, N.J.....C.E.Thomas, Theo. Bomeisler.
Excelsior of Brooklyn, N.Y..Dr. Jones, J. B. Leggett.

Frontier of F.Leavenw'h,Kan.No delegates.
Fallkill of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.E. B. Osborne, H. S. Parker.
Fulton Market of New York..W. Campbell.
Gotham of New York.....T. H. Van Cott, J. B. Mingay.
Greenwood of Brooklyn, N.Y.Messrs. Buckley and Keeler.
Hudson River of Newb'g,N.Y.D. A. Scott, Mr. Adams.
Harvard of Cambridge, Mass.G. A. Hagg, F. Wright.
Independent of Brooklyn,N.Y.H. Beadle, J. T. Pearson.
Irvington of Irvington, N. J..J. M. C. Eaton.
Jefferson of New York.....L.Springsteen,W.M.Richard'n.
Jefferson of Washington.....J. Browning.
Kearney of Rahway, N.J.....R. R. Hanna, G. A. Hoffman.
Keystone of Philadelphia, Pa.J. H. Lynch, W. Meeser.
Knickerbocker of New York.J. W. Davis, W. H. Tucker.
Knickerbocker of Albany,NY.G. H. Turner, J. McMicken.
Louisville of Louisville, Ky...A. G. Booth, A. M. Quarrier.
Lowell of Boston, Mass.....M. Rogers, J. A. Lowell.
Liberty of New Brunswick,N.J.A. Cortelyou, J. Wanzier.
Lookout of Chattanooga,Tenn.No delegates.
Lorrillard of Rhinebeck, N.Y.Col.L.Fitzgerald, G.Lorrillard.
Mountain of Altoona, Pa.....B. F. Rose.
Mutual of New York..... ...J. Wildey, W. C. Gover.
Mount Airy of Philadelphia,Pa.J. R. Livesey.
Minerva of Philadelphia, Pa..E Paul, W. Weedensham.
Monitor of Go hen, N.Y.....H. Newkirk, E. Dikeman.
Mystic of New York.....C. S. Glover, J. Blackman.
M. M. Van Dyke of New York.W. S. Bates, J. Grady.
Mohawk of Brooklyn, N.Y...G. P. Malleson, W. C. Hudson.
National of Washington, D.C.A. P. Gorman, Col. Jones.
National of Albany, N.Y.....B. W. Johnson, E. A. Server.
National of Jersey City, N.J..J. W. Edwards, G. Warren.
Newark of Newark, N.J.....C. H. Thorne, R. Heinich, jr.
New York of New York.....W. Brower, H. C. Litchfield.
New Jersey of Burlington,N.J.A. M. Kinsey, A. B. Goodrich.
Olympic of Philadelphia, Pa..F.D.B.Richards,W.E.Whitman
Olympic of Paterson, N.J....J. P. Tael, S. J. Cawall.

Oriental of Brooklyn, N.Y...J.Vandenhoef, J. A. Gardinier.
Pioneer of Newark, N. J.....J. D. Dunlap, W. F. Ford.
Potomac of Washington, D.C.G. D. C. Hibbs.
Philadelphia of Philadelphia..J. J. Keyes, H. A. Pauli.
Pacific of New Utrecht, N.J..M. Ran, W. A. Brown.
Powhattan of Brooklyn, N.Y.C. J. Berger, W. Williamson.
Peconic of Brooklyn, N.Y....C. Davis, R. F. Coddington.
Resolute of Brooklyn, N.Y...A. H. Rogers, J. T. Dunn.
Star of Brooklyn, N.Y.... ..H. Chadwick, A. Hammett.
Star of New Brunswick, N.J..H. Wiley, J. T. Bonney.
Social of New York.....C. W. Travers, W. H. Everiss.
Surprise of West Farms, N.Y.J. Bolton, J. W. Graff.
Swiftfoot of Philadelphia, Pa.G. S. Hensel, R. E. Lester.
Susquehan'h of Wilkesb're,Pa.A. M. Bailey.
Union of Morrisiania, N.Y....D. Milliken, W. Herring.
Una of Mount Vernon.....H. Elyea.
Union of Washington, D.C....M. C. Urell, H. C. Harmon.
Unionville of Long Island.....Messrs. Remsen & Morris.
Undercliffe of Cold Spring....J. Delany, W. K. Lawson.
Uncas of Norwich, Conn.,....Col.J.E.Walsh, H. P. Goddard.
Utica of Utica, N.Y.....M. P. Callender, E. E. Millard.
Victory of Troy, N.Y.....No delegates.
Waterbury of Waterb'ry,Conn.C. C. Commerford, S. M. Cate.
Wayne of Brooklyn, N.Y.....M. Engle, C. Morgan.
Williamsburgh of Brooklyn...D. Waring, S. Galbraith.
Yale of New Haven.....No delegates.

No Baltimore clubs sent delegates.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

GAME OF BASE BALL,

FOR 1866,

AS AMENDED BY THE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF

BASE BALL PLAYERS.

SEC. 1. The ball must weigh not less than five and one-half, nor more than five and three-fourth ounces, avoirdupois. It must measure not less than nine and one-half, nor more than nine and three-fourth inches in circumference. It must be composed of India rubber and yarn, and covered with leather, and in all match games shall be furnished by the challenging Club, and become the property of the winning Club, as a trophy of victory. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 2. The bat must be round, and must not exceed two and a half inches in diameter in the thickest part. It must be made of wood, and may be of any length to suit the striker.

SEC. 3. The bases must be four in number, placed

at equal distances from each other, and securely fastened upon each corner of a square, whose sides are respectively thirty yards. They must be so constructed as to be distinctly seen by the umpire, and must cover a space equal to one square foot of surface. The first, second and third bases shall be canvas bags, painted white, and filled with some soft material; the home base and pitcher's points to be each marked by a flat, circular iron plate, painted or enamelled white.

SEC. 4. The base from which the ball is struck, shall be designated the home base, and must be directly opposite the second base; the first base must always be that upon the right hand, and the third base that upon the left hand side of the striker, when occupying his position at the home base. And in all match games, a line connecting the home and the first base, and the home and third base, shall be marked by the use of chalk, or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the umpire.

SEC. 5. The pitcher's position shall be designated by two lines, four yards in length, drawn at right angles to a line from home to second base, having their centres upon that line at two fixed iron plates, placed at points fifteen and sixteen and one-third yards distant from the home base. The pitcher must stand within the lines, and must deliver the ball as near as possible over the centre of the home base, and for the striker. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 6. Should a pitcher repeatedly fail to deliver to the striker fair balls, for the apparent purpose of

delaying the game, or for any cause, the umpire, after warning him, shall call one ball, and if the pitcher persists in such actions, two and three balls; when three balls have been called, the striker shall take the first base, and should any base be occupied at that time, each player occupying it or them shall take one base without being put out. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 7. The ball must be pitched, not jerked nor thrown to the bat; and whenever the pitcher *moves* with the apparent purpose or pretension to deliver the ball, he shall so deliver it, and must have neither foot in advance of the front line, or off the ground, at the time of delivering the ball; and if he fails in either of these particulars, then it shall be declared a baulk. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 8. When a baulk is made by the pitcher, every player running the bases shall take one base, without being put out. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 9. If a ball, from the stroke of the bat, first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object behind the range of home and the first base, or home and the third base, it shall be termed foul, and must be so declared by the umpire, unasked. If the ball first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, either upon or in front of the range of those bases, it shall be considered fair. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 10. A player making the home base, shall be entitled to score one run.

SEC. 11. If three balls are struck at and missed, and the last one is not caught, either flying or upon the first bound, it shall be considered fair, and the striker must attempt to make his run.

SEC. 12. The striker is out if a foul ball is caught, either before touching the ground or upon the first bound.

SEC. 13. Or, if three balls are struck at and missed, and the last is caught, either before touching the ground or upon the first bound. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 14. Or, if a fair ball is struck, and the ball is caught without having touched the ground.

SEC. 15. Or, if a fair ball is struck, and the ball is held by an adversary on the first base, before the striker touches that base. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 16. Any player running the bases is out, if at any time he is touched by the ball while in play, in the hands of an adversary, without some part of his person being on a base. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 17. No ace nor base can be made upon a foul ball; such a ball shall be considered dead, and not in play, until it shall first have been settled in the hands of the pitcher; in such cases, players running bases shall return to them, and may be put out in so returning in the same manner as the striker when running to the first base.

SEC. 18. No ace nor base can be made when a fair ball has been caught without having touched the ground; such a ball shall be considered alive, and in play. In such case, players running bases shall return to them, and may be put out in so returning in the same manner as the striker when running to the first base; but players, when balls are so caught

may run their bases immediately after the ball has been settled in the hands of the player catching it. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 19. The striker must stand on a line drawn through the centre of the home base, not exceeding in length three feet from either side thereof, and parallel with the line occupied by the pitcher. He shall be considered the striker until he has made the first base. Players must strike in regular rotation, and after the first inning is played, the turn commences with the player who stands on the list next to the one who lost the third hand. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 20. Players must make their bases in the order of striking; and when a fair ball is struck, and not caught flying, the first base must be vacated, as also the second and third bases, if they are occupied at the same time. Players may be put out upon any base, under these circumstances, in the same manner as the striker when running to the first base.

SEC. 21. Players running the bases must touch them, and, as far as possible, keep upon the direct line between them, and must touch them in the following order, viz., first, second, third, home; and if returning, must reverse this order. And should any player run three feet out of this line, for the purpose of avoiding the ball in the hands of an adversary, he shall be declared out. (*See Appendix.*)

SEC. 22. Any player who shall intentionally prevent an adversary from catching or fielding the ball, shall be declared out.

SEC. 23. If a player is prevented from making a base by the intentional obstruction of an adversary, he shall be entitled to that base and not be put out.

SEC. 24. If an adversary stops the ball with his hat or cap, or if a ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, or if he takes it from the hands of any one not engaged in the game, no player can be put out unless the ball shall first have been settled in the hands of the pitcher.

SEC. 25. If a fair ball, from the stroke of the bat, is held under any other circumstances than as enumerated in Sec. 24, and without having touched the ground, the striker is out.

SEC. 26. If two hands are already out, no player running home at the time the ball is struck, can make a run to count in the score of the game if the striker is put out.

SEC. 27. An innings must be concluded at the time the third hand is put out.

SEC. 28. The game shall consist of nine innings to each side, when, should the number of runs be equal, the play shall be continued until a majority of runs, upon an equal number of innings, shall be declared, which shall conclude the game.

SEC. 29. In playing all matches, nine players from each Club shall constitute a full field, and they must have been regular members of the Club which they represent, and of no other Club, either in or out of the National Association, for thirty days prior to the match. No change or substitution shall be made after the game has been commenced, unless for reason of illness or injury. Position of players and choice

of innings shall be determined by captains, previously appointed for that purpose by the respective Clubs.

SEC. 30. The umpire shall take care that the regulations respecting the ball, bats, bases, and the pitcher's and striker's position are strictly observed. He shall be the judge of fair and unfair play, and shall determine all disputes and differences which may occur during the game; he shall take special care to declare all foul balls and baulks immediately upon their occurrence, unasked, and in a distinct and audible manner. He shall, in every instance, before leaving the ground, declare the winning Club, and shall record his decision in the books of the scorers.

SEC. 31. In all matches, the umpire shall be selected by the captains of the respective sides, and shall perform all the duties enumerated in Sec. 30. The recording the game shall be done by two scorers, one of whom shall be appointed by each of the contending Clubs.

SEC. 32. No person engaged in a match, either as umpire, scorer, or player, shall be either directly or indirectly interested in any bet upon the game. Neither umpire, scorer, nor player shall be changed during a match, unless with the consent of both parties, except for a violation of this law, and except as provided in Sec. 29, and then the umpire may dismiss any transgressor.

SEC. 33. The umpire, in any match, shall determine when play shall be suspended; and if the game cannot be concluded, it shall be decided by the last even innings provided five innings have been played, and

the party having the greatest number of runs shall be declared the winner.

SEC. 34. Clubs may adopt such rules respecting balls knocked beyond or outside of the bounds of the field, as the circumstances of the ground may demand, and these rules shall govern all matches played upon the ground, provided that they are distinctly made known to every player and umpire previous to the commencement of the game.

SEC. 35. No person shall be permitted to approach or to speak with the umpire, scorers, or players, or in any manner to interrupt or interfere during the progress of the game, unless by the special request of the umpire.

SEC. 36. No person shall be permitted to act as umpire or scorer in any match, unless he shall be a member of a Base Ball Club, governed by these rules.

SEC. 37. Whenever a match shall have been determined upon between two Clubs, play shall be called at the exact hour appointed; and should either party fail to produce their players within fifteen minutes thereafter, the party so failing shall admit a defeat.

SEC. 38. Any match game played by any Club in contravention to the rules adopted by this Association, shall be considered as null and void, and shall not be counted in the list of match games won or lost, except a game be delayed by rain beyond the time appointed to commence the same. Any match game can be put off by mutual consent of the parties

about engaging in the same. No match game shall be commenced in the rain.

Sec. 39. No person who shall be in arrears to any other Club, or who shall at any time receive compensation for his services as a player, shall be competent to play in any match.

Sec. 40. Should a striker stand at the bat, without striking at good balls repeatedly pitched to him, for the apparent purpose of delaying the game, or of giving advantage to a player, the umpire, after warning him, shall call one strike, and if he persists in such action, two and three strikes; when three strikes are called, he shall be subject to the same rules as if he had struck at three fair balls.

Sec. 41. Every match hereafter made shall be decided by the best two games out of three, unless a single game shall be mutually agreed upon by the contesting Clubs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE BOUND GAME,

WHEN PLAYED UNDER THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That privilege be given to Clubs to play the Bound Game in matches, by mutual consent. The Rules are unaltered, except as follows:

Sec. 14. Or, if a fair ball is struck, and the ball is caught without having touched the ground more than once.

Sec. 20. Players must make their bases in the order of striking; and when a fair ball is struck, and not caught flying, nor on the first bound, the first base must be vacated, as also the second and third bases, if they are occupied at the same time. Players may be put out upon any base, under these circumstances, in the same manner as the striker when running to the first base.

Sec. 25. If a ball, from the stroke of the bat, is held under any other circumstances than as enumerated in Section 24, and without having touched the ground more than once, if fair, nor more than once if foul, the striker is out.

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SEC. 5. The pitcher's position shall be designated by two lines, four yards in length, drawn at right angles to a line from home to the second base, having their centres upon that line at two fixed iron plates, placed at points fifteen and sixteen yards distant from the home base. The pitcher must stand within the lines, and must deliver the ball as near as possible over the centre of the home base, and for the striker.

(The sentence "pitched for the striker" is a term rather too indefinite for the wording of a rule, as it may be interpreted either to suit the pitcher or the batsman. As defined by the last Committee on Rules, it refers to the delivery of such balls as are pitched within the *legitimate reach of the batsman*—and not such balls as the whim or fancy of the batsman calls for—when he is standing on the line of his position, as required by Rule 19 of the game. When the batsman does not stand with one foot on the line referred to, then the umpire has no right to call balls on the pitcher, for the striker is not in a position to demand a fair delivery.)

SEC. 6. Should a pitcher repeatedly fail to deliver to the striker fair balls for the apparent purpose of delaying the game, or for any cause, the umpire, after warning him, shall call one ball, and if the pitcher persists in such actions, two and three balls.

(A pitcher "repeatedly" fails if he fails twice in succession; and he "persists" in his unfair delivery if he pitch one ball after the first penalty has been imposed.

We give below the definition of such balls as are undoubtedly unfair and illegitimate balls, and such as

the umpire would be justified in calling balls whenever delivered:

First. A ball which strikes the ground in front of the home base is certainly not a fair ball, as, for one thing, by striking the ground before reaching the batsman it becomes a "*bowled*" ball, not a "pitched" ball; and it is not a fair ball because it is not pitched "for the striker" or "over the home base," as required by the rules—the words "pitched over the home base" meaning that the ball must not touch the ground before it passes over the base.

Second. A ball which is pitched so as to hit the batsman while he is standing on the line of his position, is decidedly not a fair ball, because not pitched "for the striker."

Third. A ball which is pitched on the side opposite to that the batsman is in the habit of striking from, is not a fair ball for the same reason.

Fourth. A ball which is pitched beyond the legitimate reach of the batsman—namely, the length of his bat distant from the striker—either in front of him or over his head, is clearly an unfair ball, simply because not pitched "for the striker."

Certainly all of the above balls are clearly unfair balls, and the umpire should not hesitate to call them, after due warning has been given, whenever they are delivered.

In calling balls, the umpire must disregard the fact that the unfair delivery was not intentional. The rule expressly says if for "*any cause*," consequently if a pitcher is not able to pitch accurately enough to send in fair balls, the umpire should promptly inflict the penalty.)

SEC. 7. The ball must be pitched, not jerked or thrown at the bat; and whenever the pitcher moves with the apparent purpose or pretension to deliver the ball, he shall so deliver it, and must have neither foot in advance of the front line or off the ground at the time of delivering the ball; and if he

fails in either of these particulars, then it shall be declared a baulk.

(The pitcher makes a baulk when he either jerks a ball to the bat, has either foot in advance of the line of his position, or off the ground at the time of delivering the ball, or moves with the apparent purpose of pitching, without delivering the ball. The sentence, "time of delivering the ball," has been interpreted by the Committee on Rules and Regulations of the National Association, to mean the period when the last movement of the arm is made in delivering the ball; and, consequently, if either foot of the pitcher be off the ground when this movement is made—it being nearly simultaneous with the ball's leaving the hand of the pitcher—umpires must declare a baulk without being appealed to.)

SEC. 8. When a baulk is made by the pitcher, every player running the bases shall *take* one base without being put out.

(The striker cannot take a base, on a baulk, as he is not considered a "player running the bases" until he has struck a fair ball.)

SEC. 9. If a ball from the stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object behind the range of home and the first base, or home and the third base, it shall be termed foul, and must be so declared by the umpire, unasked. If the ball first touches the ground, either upon or in front of the range of those bases, it shall be considered fair.

(Nothing is mentioned in Section 9 in reference to any ball that is caught on the fly after touching the side of the building, a fence or tree. In such case the making of a rule is requisite before beginning a match.)

SEC. 13. Or, if three balls are struck at and missed, and the last is caught, either before touching the ground, or upon the first bound.

(The bound-catch, in this instance—the ball striking the ground back of the home-base—is considered in the light of a foul ball, as far as the fly-game is concerned, and consequently when the ball is caught on the bound, on the third strike, the player must be given out, the same as he was last year under the bound rule.)

SEC. 14. Or, if a ball is struck, and the ball is caught without having touched the ground.

SEC. 15. Or, if a fair ball is struck, and the ball is held by an adversary on first base, before the striker touches that base.

(The above rule expressly requires that the ball be held on the base "*before*" the striker reaches it, or he is not out.)

SEC. 16. Any player running the bases is out if at any time he is touched by the ball while in play, in the hands of an adversary, without some part of his person being on the base.

(All that is requisite for a player to "hold his base," according to the meaning of the rule, is, for him to touch the base bag, no matter whether the bag is in its position or not.)

SEC. 17. No ace or base can be made upon a foul ball; such a ball shall be considered dead, and not in play until it shall first have been settled in the hands of the pitcher. In such cases, players running bases shall return to them, and may be put out in so returning, in the same manner as the striker when running to the first base.

SEC. 18. No ace or base can be made when a fair ball is caught without having touched the ground; such a ball shall be considered alive and in play. In such cases, players running bases shall return to them, and may be put out in so returning, in the same manner as the striker when running to first base; but players, when balls are so caught, may run their bases immediately after the ball has been settled in the hands of the player catching it.

(It will be seen by the above two Sections that a player running a base on a foul ball must return to the base he has left and remain on it until the ball has been fairly settled in the hands of the pitcher. But in case of fly-catches a player running a base is only required to return and touch the base, after which he can leave it at once and try and make the

next base. He must, however, touch the base after the ball has been caught.)

SEC. 19. The striker must stand on a line drawn through the centre of the home base, not exceeding in length three feet from either side thereof, and parallel with the line of the position occupied by the pitcher. He shall be considered the striker until he has made the first base. Players must strike in regular rotation, and, after the first innings is played, the turn commences with the player who stands on the list next to the one who lost the third hand.

(This rule should be strictly enforced by the umpire. A striker has no right to avail himself of the advantage derived from standing back of the line of his position, thereby increasing the distance between himself and the pitcher, and obtaining a better opportunity of judging the ball. Besides which, a poorly hit ball which would strike the ground in front of the home base—if the batsman stood on the line of his base—and lead to his being put out, is changed to a foul ball by his standing back of his base, and he thereby escapes the penalty of his poor batting.)

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(A player failing to touch his base must be declared out—after an appeal—unless he can return to the base before he is touched.)

Special Duties of Umpires.

(*Resolved*, That the Printing Committee be directed to collate the duties of Umpires, and have the same printed in the appendix to our annual publication.)

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Averages of the Season.

"They also recommend that measures be adopted to obtain such information as will enable this Association to establish an official score of averages to be published annually, with our rules, &c."—*Report of Committee on Rules.*

As interesting matter, in the way of the averages of the season, preliminary to the publication of the regular averages each year in the book of the Association, the Printing Committee give below the names of players making the three best averages in clubs belonging to the National Association during 1865. The data from which these averages were made up, was not as full as it would have been, had each club furnished full scores to the papers. The Printing Committee request that the scorer of every Association club send to the Chairman thereof (P. J. Cozans, 122 Nassau-street) a copy of a correct batting and fielding score of every first nine match played with Association clubs during 1865, with a view of having the same published in the Association book for 1867. The Committee are indebted to Mr. Chadwick, of the Committee of Rules, for the following averages:

BEST AVERAGES OF EACH CLUB FOR 1865.

Active.

Players.	*Matches.*	*Outs.*	*Average.*	*Runs.*	*Averages*	*Clear Scores.*	*Blank Scores.*
Page	15	36	2—6	58	3-13	0	0
Rooney	16	41	2—9	46	2-14	0	2
Kelley	16	42	1-10	44	2-12	1	1

Athletic.

McBride	15	31	2—1	60	4—0	1	2
Berkenstock	15	38	2—8	59	3-14	0	1
Reach	15	44	2-14	57	3-12	0	1

Players.	*Matches.*	*Outs.*	*Average.*	*Runs.*	*Averages.*	*Clear Scores.*	*Blank Scores.*
Atlantic.							
Start	18	39	2—3	82	4-10	0	0
C. Smith	15	38	2—8	65	4—5	0	0
Crane	18	42	2—6	71	3-17	1	0
Eagle.							
Collins	8	16	2—0	19	2—3	1	2
Stote	8	18	2—2	19	2—3	0	1
Doremus	6	16	2—4	14	2—2	0	0
Eckford.							
Farrall	7	16	2—2	24	3—3	1	1
A. Mills	11	23	2—1	35	3—2	0	0
Grum	9	24	2—6	28	3—1	0	0
Eclectic.							
Dr. Bell	5	8	1—3	25	5—0	1	0
Clarke	5	9	1—4	23	4—3	0	0
M. Humphrey	5	13	2—3	17	3—2	0	0
Empire.							
Waterman	13	26	2—0	43	3—4	1	0
Russell	5	13	2—3	18	3—3	0	0
Kelley	14	35	2—7	45	3—3	0	1
Enterprise.							
E. Smith	11	23	2—1	45	4—1	2	0
Jewell	8	20	2—4	31	2—7	1	0
R. Cornwell	7	21	3—0	25	3—4	0	0
Eureka.							
Fryatt	5	15	3—0	21	4—6	0	1
Callaway	14	42	3—0	52	3-10	0	2
Brientnall	13	35	2—9	43	3—4	0	2
Excelsior.							
Flanly	6	14	2—2	25	4—1	0	0
Clyne	7	22	3—1	26	3—5	0	0
Brainard	7	20	2—6	30	3—4	1	0
Gotham.							
H. Wright	7	16	2—2	22	3—1	0	0
Dockney	9	25	2—7	26	2—8	1	2
Hatfield	7	20	2—5	16	2—2	0	1
Hudson River.							
Adams	11	25	2—3	45	4—1	0	1
Mapes	12	32	2—8	43	3—7	0	2
Milspaugh	8	22	2—6	30	3—6	0	0
Knickerbocker of New York.							
Hinsdale	5	8	1—3	19	3—4	1	0
Kissam	5	9	1—4	16	3—1	0	0
Taylor	5	15	3—0	16	3—1	0	0

Players.	*Matches.*	*Outs.*	*Average.*	*Runs.*	*Averages*	*Clear Scores.*	*Blank Scores.*
Knickerbocker of Albany.							
Lamoure	5	12	2—2	16	3—1	0	0
Bliss	6	18	3—3	19	3—1	0	1
Corey	6	17	2—5	17	2—5	0	0
Keystone.							
Cope	11	23	2—1	34	3—1	1	1
Frazier	7	17	2—3	22	3—1	0	0
Cuthbert	12	23	1-11	33	2—9	1	1
Mutual.							
Brown	11	29	2—7	34	3—1	1	0
McMahon	15	36	2—6	43	2-13	0	0
Goldie	13	34	2—8	38	2-12	0	1
Mystic.							
Reynolds	8	18	2—2	23	2—7	0	1
C. Glover	8	22	2—6	20	2—4	0	1
Manson	8	26	3—2	17	2—1	0	1
National.							
Prouty	5	12	2—2	18	3—3	1	0
Parker	5	13	2—3	16	3—1	0	0
Berthrong	5	12	2—2	13	2—3	0	0
Newark.							
Terrell	5	11	2—1	12	2—2	0	1
Thorne	5	16	3—1	12	2—2	0	1
Bailey	5	16	3—1	8	1—3	0	0
Pioneer.							
Dunlap	5	13	2—3	16	3—1	1	1
Walters	6	17	2—5	18	3—0	0	0
Hoagland	5	14	2—4	13	2—3	0	2
Resolute.							
M. Rogers	5	13	2—3	18	3—3	0	0
Lockwood	7	19	2—5	16	2—2	0	0
J. Wilson	5	16	3—1	12	2—3	0	0
Star.							
Mitchell	5	8	1—3	26	5—1	2	0
McDiarmed	5	12	2—2	21	4—1	0	0
Thomson	6	15	2—3	23	3—5	0	0
Union.							
Hudson	19	46	2—8	63	3—6	1	2
Smith	21	53	2-11	65	3—2	2	3
Hannegan	21	55	2-13	64	3—1	3	2

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Dec. 13th, 1865.

The Ninth Annual Convention of Base Ball Players was held at Cooper Institute, New York City, on Monday, December 13th, 1865—Mr. T. G. Voorhis presiding.

At the Roll-call, the following Clubs responded: Active, Americus, Athletic, Atlantic, Eagle, Eclectic, Eckford of Brooklyn; Eckford of Albany; Empire, Eureka, Excelsior, Enterprise, Gotham, Hudson River, Keystone, Knickerbocker of New York; Knickerbocker of Albany; Monitor, Mountain, Mutual, Mystic, National, Newark, New York, Pioneer, Resolute, Star, Union, Utica.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer reported balance in Treasury, $89 46.

The Committee on Nominations reported favorably upon the applications of the following Clubs:

Fulton Market, Jefferson, M. M. Vandyke, and Social of New York; Clinton, Constellation, Contest, Greenwood, Independent, Mohawk, Peconic, Powhattan, and Williamsburgh of Brooklyn; Alert, Camden, Equity, Minerva, Mount Airy, Olympic, Philadelphia, and Swiftfoot of Philadelphia; Alert, of Danville, Pa.; Alert, of Cumberland, N. J.; Alleghany, of Alleghany; Atlantic, of Jamaica, L. I.;

Burlington, and New Jersey, of Burlington, N. J.; Cedar Grove, Fishkill; Central City, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Charter Oak, of Hartford, Conn.; Chester, Unea, of Norwich, Conn.; Columbia, of Bordentown, N. J.; Empire, of St. Louis, Mo.; Enterprise, of Clifton, S.I.; Eon, Portland, Me.; Fallkill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Harvard, Cambridge, Conn.; Jefferson, Potomac, and Union, of Washington, D. C.; Kearney, of Rahway, N. J.; Liberty, and Star, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Lookout, of Chatanooga, Tenn.; Lorrillard, of Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Louisville, of Louisville, Ky.; Lowell, of Boston; National, of Jersey City; Olympic, of Paterson, N. J.; Oriental, and Wayne, of Greenpoint, L. I.; Pacific, of New Utrecht, L. I.; Pioneer, of Newark, N. J.; Susquehanna, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Surprise, of West Farms, N. Y.; Una, of Mount Vernon; Undercliffe, of Cold Springs, N. Y.; Unionville, of Unionville, L. I.; Victory, of Troy, N. Y.; Waterbury, of Waterbury, Conn.; Yale, of New Haven.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported as in "Sunday Mercury," 27th Dec., 1865.

Resolved, That an appropriation not to exceed $200 be made to procure a Certificate of Membership of the Association, to be presented to each Club belonging to the Association, and that the Officers constitute a Committee to procure the same.

Since the meeting, Mr. Page has resigned the position of Recording Secretary. A. H. Rogers, Cor. Secretary, will act in his place.

Address—P. O., Box 6718, New York.

Upon motion, the sum of $50 was appropriated to the Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to meet at 3 P.M. on the second Wednesday of December, 1866.

J. SEAVER PAGE,
Rec. Secretary.

P. S.—Owing to the impossibility of obtaining all the addresses of Secretaries of the different Clubs, the publication of the same is omitted.

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