

THE SATURDAY GAZETTE, ST. JOHN, N. B., JULY 9, 1887.

**ENGAGED COUPLES.**  
**How They Should Behave—Some Interesting Experiences and Suggestions by Southern Ladies.**

[Atlantic Constitution.]  
A pretty girl, who has had and still has scores of admirers, was the first to take the witness stand. Her testimony was given with charming grace and carried conviction. It is this:

"I have been engaged twice." A surprised murmur rose from the party. "And the truth of the saying that there is no accounting for woman's taste was fully verified in my case, for the two gentlemen could not have been more unlike. The first proposal came from one some years my senior. He told his tale with difficulty, and the hesitation with which he talked imparted to me something akin to it, for I did not accept him as quickly as I intended. However, we became engaged, and remained so for four months. And do you know that during the whole time he never as much as touched my hand."

"Never kissed you?" asked a petite brunette, in a tone of wondering indignation.

"Never."  
"The other man was an ardent wooer, and was a great stickler for what he called his 'rights.' Having been educated, so to speak, in the puritanical system characteristic of my first engagement, I was disposed to resent the seeming liberties he took; but I was told that an engaged couple were expected to be more demonstrative to each other than ordinary acquaintances."

"How do you mean?"  
"Well, there is certainly no harm in a woman permitting a man to whom she has pledged her troth occasionally kissing her. It is very frequently done, I know, and when no such understanding exists an exception to the rule is found."

"I don't know about that," was the dreamy observation of a young fellow who was said to be engaged. "I am disposed to think the puritanical system is yet very extensively practiced."

"What is the conduct toward each other of engaged couples?" asked one of the party.

"In honest, serious entanglements," queried a lady.

"Yes."

"When a woman is truly and honestly in love with a man she is very careful, indeed, more so than she ordinarily is, in her conduct toward him. She is afraid of doing something that will injure her in his estimation. The more ardently she loves him the more reserved, frequently, is she with her caresses and endearments. I speak of the engaged period, of course; after marriage it is different. He perhaps kisses her a few times before they are married. I am told up North, and even in parts of the South, it is different. An engagement becomes a public affair, is announced, and the behavior of the couple is expected to be that of an engaged couple. Here with us it has not yet reached that point. It will some day, I am confident, and I do not know that it is not the best plan by far. It is certainly far more attractive to the parties themselves, and it is a serious drawback to flirting and coquetry, which too often characterize young girls. With us, a girl likes to be with her fiancé, but the moment the public becomes aware of the fact that he is her intended husband she rather avoids public appearance in his company. Just why it is I do not know, but it is frequently the case. I know a lady, now a staid matron who was engaged a year before marriage, who requested her fiancé six months before the time to refrain from visiting her. And for six months previous to the wedding she did not see him, though they lived within 12 miles of each other."

**Base Ball Notes.**

Umpire Doescher has been asked to take the management of the Indianapolis Club.

Dunlap has been made captain of the Detroit Club in place of Hanlon. The move is a very bad one.

Pete Browning has made his one hundredth base hit. He is the first player this season in either the Association or League to cross the century line.

The trouble of the umpire still continues. The American Association managers smiled when Valentine gave the New Yorks so bad a deal the other day.

The intercollegiate championship resulted as follows: Dartmouth, 10 won, 2 lost; Williams, 8 won, 4 lost; Amherst, 6 won, 6 lost; Brown, 0 won, 12 lost.

The \$10,000 beauty seems to have lost his grip. Boston has made money out of him, and would no doubt now sell him at the same figure that they paid for the great player. However, they can keep him yet a while as an advertisement.

During his brief, but well-advertised period of suspension Tony Mullane, among numerous other offers, received one from a country club of rather a unique character. It was \$300 a month and half the gate receipts. For originality, not to say liberality, the proposition stands alone.

Flynn of the Chicago Club is said to be for sale. Toronto and Cincinnati have been asking about him. President Spalding has given him a leave of absence to see if his arm will come into shape. He says he will give him his release to some other club, if he wants it, but Flynn says he prefers to remain with Chicago.

When the omnibus containing Doescher and the Boston players left the grounds after Monday's game the vehicle was stoned by a mob. Horning made an effort to reach a man who hurled a brick at Doescher, but was held in check by Morrill. Doescher was so badly scared that he did not dare to go into the club-house after his clothes, but returned to town and ate breakfast in his uniform.—[Chicago Herald.]

There are indications of serious internal dissensions in the Detroit Club and Manager Watkins is the cause of it. He is charged with having a spite against Getzein, the best pitcher the club has, and will permit him to play only when compelled to by the popular clamor, and that he is determined on putting in that back-number pitcher, Weldman, and the inexperienced Twitchell. There is also trouble over the appointment of Dunlap as Captain in place of Hanlon.

The Cleveland Board of Common Council has passed by a vote of 23 to 18, an ordinance permitting base ball to be played within the municipal limits on Sunday. There is no doubt but that the Board of Aldermen will endorse the ordinance and the Mayor approve it. All Association games scheduled for Monday in Cleveland will hereafter be played on Sunday, an Association resolution passed in the spring permitting the change. The first game under the new order of things will be played here on Sunday, Aug. 21, between the Cleveland and Metropolitan Clubs. The Cleveland Club will not allow the sale of beer at its Sunday games.

Brady tells this one. "Orator Shaffer who was a very poor hitter, was very solicitous about his batting average. In 1882 he and Brady were in the Cleve-lands. The club was making the trip from Boston to Providence by steamer. A dense fog arose and there was danger of the boat being run down and sank. Shaffer and others of the club became apprehensive. Finally the boat just grazed another vessel. A number of the boys, including Shaffer, went to their staterooms to prepare themselves for the worst. As the orator reached the door of his room he paused and feelingly remarked: 'Thank heaven, if I go down there's my batting average right on my door.' The number of his room was 179."—[Indianapolis Sentinel.]

The Chicago Herald says: "Kelly's is the old story of the pitcher that went to the well. He's broken at last—all broken up. When one Spalding parted with him in cold blood for hard cash, there was a great outcry from the myriads of Chicago enthusiasts who know a ball player's points better than a jockey knows a famous horse's. As the season opened with victory perching everywhere but on the pennant of the champions, Spalding was pelted from all parts of the field. But that same Spalding, who himself was a whole battery once upon a time, is gifted with a long head and an eager pocket. His motto is that of the sagacious Senegambian who laid for the oon a comin' or a gwine. Kelly departing was worth \$10,000. Kelly revisiting the glimpses of the old ball field worth as much as an advertisement, and after a season of Bostonian diet, a well-known regimen already sufficiently detailed in this connection, would be so obviously inefficient as to make the sagacity of Spalding in disposing of him a matter of congratulation. If a charger come back again it is not unpleasant to reflect that somebody else owns him. Held or sold, the utmost has been realized on Kelly by a wild Westerner, who makes grist out of aestheticism and is in the ball field for glory and for gain. When Kelly was with the Chicagoans he was an eminently practical ball player, and won. With the Bostonians he is, fittingly, a profoundly theoretical player, and loses. Chicago art arrayed against Boston science is a dead sure winner in every other than the John L. Sullivan direction. Mr. Sullivan is a happy combination of both science and art."

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