

fortunately lands on its edge in the mud. Both captains claimed the toss, but the umpire promptly decided in favor of the "Niggs." At this the captain of the "Howls" took offence, and of course abused him for not knowing better how to "humpire" (with the accent on the "pire.") He said he was being cheated, and was going to throw up the game; so Snowball in order to smooth matters over, gave the Howls "the first innings.

The placing of the "Niggs" wasted a lot of time. Barry being the most powerful of the players was unanimously chosen as pitcher. Freddie, of course, was "catcher." Beenie wanted to play "first base" on top of the sewer grate, but as there was danger of his falling into the sewer through the bars of the grate, he had to give way to Snowball. Harold went to "thecond baith" which was situated in a pool of water. Brunet took third. Beenie was made short stop, as he was the shortest of the crowd. Lucier took centre field, with Ernest Leveque to the right and Gregorio to the left.

The plate of last year could not be found, so Snowball procured a block of ice which served the purpose admirably. Donovan went to the bat first. Barry gave a short dry cough, looked dangerous, and then let fly the ball, which went ten feet wide of the mark. Nigger gave him a pointer on how he should pitch, and the next time the ball came almost over the plate. The umpire, however, decided "two balls." The third one was still better, and Donovan, thinking this was his chance, made a vicious swipe at it, but missed. Feeling somewhat cheap, he fastened his heels deeper in the mud, and when the next ball came, he sent it whizzing to left field, where it landed in the snow-fort. Gregorio ran to find it but got lost in the ruins. Lucier went to his rescue, but before he got out with Gregorio and the ball, Donovan had waded around to home base. Maloney went wild with excitement, while Barry hoarsely attacked Lucier for not throwing the ball to him sooner. Next came small Malo, who stuck out. "Oh you're a dandy" said "Catcher." Of course Arthur wanted to fight then with all of the "Niggs," who had to ask the umpire to save them "a Malo." Catelier next took hold of the bat, and managed to make a strike, but the ball got to first base before he

arrived there, and the umpire decided "out on first." Maloney got impatient and began to rail against Catelier, who explained the matter by saying "I did have time for go."—"Two out."

Glasmacher came to the plate smiling, and the first fair ball that Barry delivered, went spinning from the bat across 2nd base, and over Lucier's head. Before the "Niggs" pulled themselves together, Henry had arrived at second base. Then Captain Maloney took his stand, and waited for the pitcher who was looking vicious on account of Glasmacher's success. Barry shrugged his shoulders, and sent the ball directly over the plate. "One strike." "A—w say, that no strike. Can't you see? While Maloney was thus protesting against the umpire's decision Glasmacher managed to sneak a base, and got to third. The second ball seemed to come pretty straight, so the batter made a powerful drive at it, and missed. He evidently was rattled, but still he hoped to bring home his man from third, so he planted himself firmly, and waited for a fair ball. Barry began to realize his own abilities, and laughed with his eyes as he saw Maloney get excited. He jerked up his shoulders, and sent a hot in-curving ball right over the plate. Maloney was taken off his guard. He thought it was going to be just a "ball," and therefore made no attempt to strike. "Three strikes!" cried the umpire. Maloney objected and stuck to the bat till told by the umpire that he had struck out. Then he flung it on the ground, and his eyes grew to twice their natural size. "A—w, say you ought to go and learn a little base-ball before you try to humpire a game. You don't know what is a strike; you say 'strike' 'strike!' all the time." But all his talk was of no avail; the decision was "three out."

Barry came in smiling, and waited for his turn at the bat. Lamoureux took the stick first, and "fetched" the second ball thrown to him; but before he could make his run, it was thrown to Bessète, whose position was on top of the sewer grate, "or in other words" at first base. Snowball thought it was all up with him, and everyone expected to see him turn pale. But he didn't. Brunet came second, and having got his base on balls, sneaked round to third. Barry came next. There was a vicious glare in his eye,