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There are several reasons why baseball should form the subject of a lengthy discussion in this week's review. One chief reason is the fact that the annual meeting of the "Players' League" will be held in this city Tuesday next. Consideration of that event will lead to a discussion of the various leading players and one or two capitalists are trying in every way possible to prevent any settlement of the trouble that has brought the national game into disrepute and to a great extent disgrace. For the life of me I cannot see why any man or body of men interested in baseball should try and prevent the settlement of a trouble that has cost many thousands of dollars. Of course, I am aware that no man will admit that he is preventing or trying to prevent a settlement, but we each have a right to form our own opinion as to what are the intentions of our people who are evidently doing their best to keep rival patrons apart and sustain the warfare. Depend upon it that those who are so acting are no friends of the national game nor of those who remain in it. I don't hesitate to say that one of the most foolish things that magnates of the P. L. ever did, and like the N. L. great people they have done many very stupid things, was to hold a meeting in Philadelphia Thursday. The most important feature—I may say fact—of that meeting was to prove that the P. L. is really better than the wisest member of the P. L. were not at the meeting at all. I suppose we will not be wide of the mark if we say that those who met at Philadelphia Thursday are the "right-to-finish" faction; in other words, the brave and valiant contingent which were to produce the money. I am not exaggerating anything, because we all know that the money producers of the P. L. were these very gentlemen who were to produce the money. They have been censured by those who have used their money. But really, there is something very amusing about those people who met at Philadelphia Thursday. In the first place they were a party of men who had failed to arrive at any available settlement of the baseball trouble in their respective cities. But these gentlemen who were not at the meeting had settled their differences like good common sense business men they soon devised a plan of settlement and agreed to adopt it. Well, but the fighting contingent who had been all over the country collecting money for something they call stock, cannot come to terms, at least they don't come to terms, and they actually need the audience to prevent the good work of other people. This certainly is exceedingly rich and rare.

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