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## Summer Baseball.

For several weeks the question of summer baseball has been presented in these columns, and several open letters have been printed expressing the views of the writers who apparently took up the question from different points of view. The real solution of the problem rests, it is believed, on whether athletics are to be encouraged for the physical welfare of everyone in the college or for the purpose of developing skilled teams which shall be composed of the best players obtainable in the school, athletic skill previous to entrance not being considered detrimental to the college welfare. As this question is very broad and is, at present, being discussed seriously in very few places, it seems best to look at the problem from the point of view of the generally conceded fact that our college teams should be composed of the best athletes in the college, every legitimate effort being made also to persuade good athletes to enter.

Assuming this point of view we briefly summarize the recommendations of the committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association referred to in the preceding numbers. This committee, after discussing at length the various matters relating to all sides of the summer baseball problem, says that the present amateur rule is being grossly violated. This violation puts both the college and the baseball players in an unenviable position. It means that the players either actually tell or act out a falsehood, and the college acquiesces in it, either because it is ignorant of the true condition of affairs or because public sentiment

and the practices of other colleges compel it to remain silent.

Some people argue that many baseball players must make their way through college. It is urged against this that there is absolutely no objection to college men's playing on summer teams. They have a right to all the money benefit they can get through their skill in the game, but when they exercise this right have they also the right to play on the college team? This larger right is questionable and depends, as we have said before, upon the purpose of athletics in a college.

Since very few colleges are self-supporting, and are thus compelled to rely on some prestige other than strictly collegiate interests for placing their name prominently before the public, it seems necessary to develop duties of the housewife are entirely too diversified and that in the onward stride of the world's progress these burdening pursuits of hers will be done away. Instead of a kitchen as a part of every household, he ventures to say that one special scientific kitchen will be established to supply an entire neighborhood. It is quite a farce, according to Dr. Thompson's statement, to see a woman going about her room with an instrument called a feather duster, shaking the dust in the air only to have it settle back in place again. In the home of the future, suction tubes will be in every room which will carry the dirt to the outskirts of the city, where it will be taken by the farmers, no doubt, as the best kind of soil. Instead of stairs every home will have elevators.

In conclusion the speaker stated as the work of the housewife is lessened she will become more essentially a homemaker.

## The Nittany Lions.

The famous Nittany Lions have organized their baseball team for the coming season, Danny Dougherty being elected captain and Sharkey Morgan manager of the doughty warriors. With this organization these individuals feel capable of producing the goods on any of the numerous baseball teams of the College.

After due and careful consideration it was decided to allow the Varsity the use of Beaver field from four to six o'clock on five days of each week and also Saturday afternoons. The Varsity needs the practice more than the Lions.

The team wishes to announce that any aggregation of baseball players possessing a reputable reputation and the idea that they can play ball should confer with Manager Morgan with regard to a game.

## Interclass Debating.

The freshman trials for the team to meet the sophomores on the question, "Resolved, that immigration into the United States should be further restricted by an educational test," were held several weeks ago. The judges, Profs. F. L. Pattee, J. H. Frizzell, and Mr. G. K. Pattee decided on the following team: A. Wasser, F. Kershaw, W. R. Rhoads, and W. D. Meikle, alternate. The freshmen have the negative of the question.

Out of a large number of candidates the following team was chosen to represent the sophomores: S. R. McNary, W. R. Lams, I. M. Fisher, and S. L. Faust, alternate.

It has been practically decided that the debate be held during the week after Easter.