

A Base-Ball Sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Woolsack, popularly known as "The Deacon," in his sermon up the creek last Sunday, as reported by the Oil City *Derrick*, made a few remarks pertinent to base-ball. Pointing out of the window at a game in progress on the adjoining Wilson flats, he said: "See that looter with the bird-cage on his head standing like a straddle-bug behind the bat. He is not desecrating the Sabbath day by playing ball, because he isn't playing ball. He can't play. He imagines he can, of course, and goes through all the painful contortions of a real ball-player, but in the Devil's score-book he is charged ten times over for every error he makes, and a nice record he will have when the season is over and the time for his eternal rest should be at hand. It will be a sorry rest for him."

Just then some one made a long hit and a shout went up from the crowd.

"Yes, hoopla!" yelled the deacon, raising his voice above the din, "hoopla till the cows come home, but unless you raise your voices in hosannas to the Lord you will never reach the shining home-plate of everlasting life. That was a long hit to center, and I give his nubs there credit for taking it in, but the Devil will take him in just as slick on the last inning of all. You may send in your curved balls, and smash the leather in the nose to the right or to the left field; you may steal from bag to bag and slide in home on your pantaloons, but finally you will get a goose egg in the kingdom to come. Aye, pound on the pearly gates with your base-ball bat, but if there is a shadow of a Sunday game on it down to the eternal roost you go. Saint Peter careth not whether you belong to the Snapdragons or Whangdoodles; if you swing your festive willow and pound the bags Sunday salt-peter will not save you. There goes another long hit to left, and another how goes up from the assembled multitude of dudes and loafers. Chase the ball; aye, leg it until your ungodly heels beat a tattoo on your coattails, but my word for it the Devil will never get away fr my elbow. Old Clootie is a base-runner and a ball-chaser himself, and he will stay with you until his own dominions freeze over and have to be abandoned for an ice pond."

The deacon made a few more remarks, exhorting his hearers to shun the seductive ball-field and the trout pond Sunday, and announced services next Sabbath morning and evening at the red school-house in Sugarcreek.

They Meant Business.

Girl's brother (while girl is dressing to receive company)—What is a snide, Mr. Jones?

Girl's beau (who has just called)—A snide? Well, my boy, I can hardly tell you.

Girl's brother—Well, I guess I can.

Girl's beau—Well, what is a snide?

Girl's brother—Well, a snide is a feller that comes up to the house every night and burns coal oil and coal in the stove and never says to Mamie when shall you name the day, that's what Mamie says a snide is.

Girl's beau—And does Mamie say that?

Girl's brother—She does, and she told pap last night to give you a booting if you don't propose to her.

Girl's beau—She did?

Girl's brother—She did, and you should see her eyes flash when she said so.

Girl's beau—Good heavens! Well, I must be going.

Girl's brother—I wouldn't advise you to go. The bull dog's unt'd and pap's in the yard with a shot-gun.

Girl's beau—What must I do?

Girl's brother—Propose to Mamie.

Girl's beau—And if I don't your father is to boot me, the dog is to be set on me, and I am to run the risk of being shot besides?

Girl's brother—Yes. You have been teaching Mamie the various definitions of kissing for a long time. Pap says that there is only one definition of marriage and that definition is splice. If you don't splice to Mamie father says he will break your back.

Girl's beau—Let us have peace. Let darling Mamie come in and we will have the ceremony performed at once.

—*Boston Courier*.

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SAID a young lady to a young man: "How far is it around the world?" to which he replied, "About one arm's length, I should judge—you are all the world to me." —*Ere tri Light*.

MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT has a great antipathy for cats.

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In the thirteenth century Pope Honorius III., in order to conceal a disfigured lip, allowed his beard to grow, and inaugurated anew the fashion in the age of Francis I. The right of the clergy to wear their beards was then again disputed. In 1561 the College of Sorbonne decided that a beard was contrary to sacerdotal modesty.

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