

pitcher landed the ball against the abdomen of one man with a heavy, dull thud, whacked the elbow of another, then came the result of smiles as they work before marriage. The married men were overtaken and passed, and the score at the end of the contest stood 16 to 10 in favor of the single men, and, if the umpire had not evened up a few rotten decisions, it would have been even worse than that.

The editor was the umpire, and he knew very well that if the married men won the game all the single men would have a chance to look up new company for the future and the town would never build up more than an occasional family moving in—and he wants the town to grow with all possible speed.

There is very apt to be another game in the near future, and if there is there may be a different tale to tell—and the boys will all find the doors locked when they call to talk over the prospects of the future when they will be counted among the married and recognized as ball players. If the foxy lads hadn't cut third base and interfered with the short stop when he was fielding a ball, the score would not have been so in their favor, but, since the umpire said nothing about it at the time and there must be something said, it must be said here. "It's base-ball, you know."

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Andrew H. Overby met with a very painful accident, last Friday afternoon, which caused him the loss of half of his left hand. He and his son were grinding feed, Mr. Overby attending to the mill while his son was running the engine. Seeing a stick working its way into the mill, Mr. Overby passed his hand in over one of the rollers to remove the stick, fearing it would injure the mill, and it appears that the suction caused by the rapid motion of the inner rollers drew his hand in, and he was unable to withdraw it in time to save it. Immediately upon finding that his hand was caught, he called to his son to stop the engine, but the real situation was not learn-

ed in time and before the engine could be stopped the hand was wedged tight between the rollers, stopping them and causing the belt to slip around the pulley. So firmly was the hand held by the machinery that it was necessary to reverse the engine in order to free the hand from the rollers, and this being done and the hand released it was found that the fingers were all crushed and mangled in a horrible manner. The unfortunate man was taken to town and Dr. Truscott decided that amputation of the fingers would be necessary to save the arm. Dr. Briml, of Cooperstown was summoned to assist in the operation, and, upon his arrival, and with the assistance of Druggist Lockett who administered the anæsthetic, the operation took place and the fingers were amputated at the third joint nothing but the thumb being spared. The hand was then dressed and after Mr. Overby had regained consciousness he was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Gunderson, where he still remains while friends and relatives are administering to him the care necessary for his comfort. Everyone sympathizes with Mr. Overby in the loss of his fingers, but there is some consolation in the fact that, since it must happen, it was his left hand instead of his right. At the present writing he is resting easily and is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances, while his numerous friends wish for him a speedy recovery from the sickness caused by the accident and hope that nothing of a more serious nature will ensue.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The next regular state teachers' examination will be held at the courthouse in Cooperstown, May 26 and 27, 1905.

Applicants should provide themselves with pens and ink. Paper will be furnished. Examinations will begin promptly at nine o'clock each morning. Those having to take only partial examination must be present at the time set for them as no deviation is allowed from the program furnished by the state.