

# Baseball Books

## *Recent Additions to the Literature of the National Game*

### THE JINX.

#### A Volume of Short Stories.

Mr. Allen Sangree, the well-known sporting writer, has made a most valuable addition to baseball literature by his recent volume of tales from the diamond. This attractive little book published by the G. W. Dillingham Co., contains seven thrilling stories which embody in full measure, all the fire and dash and enthusiasm of the great game they typify.

The wonderful progress of baseball in its steady march towards its goal of a great international world game, has been marked in recent years with the appearance of good, live fiction. The distinctive atmosphere of the grand stand and bleachers, with their cosmopolitan crowds, and the stirring life of the typical big league player, furnishes a theme of inexhaustible resources to the story writer. It is most fitting that baseball should have a literature all its own, and no inconsiderable step in the attainment of this literature is represented in this bright, clever and interesting volume from the pen of Mr. Sangree.

### RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

#### A Little Book of Baseball Ballads.

The ballad always goes hand in hand with the adventure story. Both are merely methods of expressing the same interest and enthusiasm, so it is a real pleasure for us to announce to our readers the recent appearance of a little volume of exceptionally clever baseball verses by William Kirk.

The millions of baseball fans who have been entertained from time to time by Mr. Kirk's poetic contribu-

tions to the daily press, will be delighted to hear of this most recent addition to the literature of the game.

"Right Off the Bat" is the title of the little book, and it is typical of the character of the verses. Some are humorous, some touching, some instructive, but all are interesting.

### AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME.

#### A Standard Work in the History of Baseball.

"America's National Game" is the newest literary venture of the A. G. Spalding Company. This book, substantially bound in cloth with a wealth of striking illustrations, and carefully compiled statistics, is probably the most valuable work ever written on baseball.

The volume comprises in a pleasing narrative form the history of our national pastime from the days of its early obscurity down to its present world-wide popularity. Thirty-seven complete chapters are covered in this narrative, which goes back into the remote history of the game, furnishing many details that have never before been printed. The growth and development of baseball are traced through years of struggle and contest, while the final conclusion presents a clear and comprehensive view of the great international game, as it exists today.

To lovers of baseball, whose name is Legion, and whose number increases yearly, this book comprises in itself a whole library of useful information.

Mr. Spalding, who has long exerted a masterful influence in its councils, deserves the greatest credit for his latest and most valuable contribution to the National Game.