

“BERG”

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THOMAS BERGER was the Foster-child of Leonard Wheat, the Miller, of Birmingham.

He was an all-around athlete, and a Ball player of some repute.

He was called “Berg” by his teammates on the Maranville, and was the most popular player in the Bush league.

Although Berg was of a quiet disposition, still, he Wood never Dodge or pass a Chance to argue with the umpire whenever he saw fit.

He was a Speaker of some renown, and no umpire was ever known to best him in an argument and Chase him from the field.

Berg was a great batter, and, as well, could Seymour inside plays than any Mann on the team.

He held a record of having Shotten home runs Overall the fences around the home grounds, and could always be depended upon to “Chasion” with a hit when his team would Needham the most.

With three men on base and two out, great Scott! how the boys would Hooper up as Berg came up to bat.

Tightly gripping his bat he would wait for a ball waist High; and at the same time breathe a prayer, which his old Graney taught him, that if the Goode Lord Willet him he would Russell the leaves on the old Oakes down by the Lake, Orr Pierce a Plank in the center-field fence.

Berg feared no pitcher in the league and could hit Mosely any Bender that came near the plate.

It was a Haley treat to see Berghammer put a hit, and then, like the Wingo down to first as if Benton a home run.

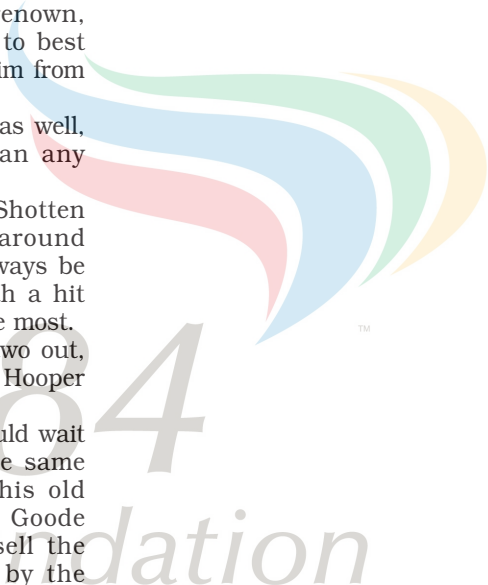
He would Steele second and third base, and then, like a House afire, go home Boheling over the catcher as he slid across the plate.

You may take it “Fromme” that when Berg was at bat he was never known to “Stahl” and there was always something “Dooin.”

Berg was a keen Whitted fellow and a great favorite with the girls.

Imlay Burk, one of Berg’s admirers,

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said: "I like to see Berg in a squeeze play as I never object to Huggins."

She was, however, always careful to never "spring" this Sallee within hearing of the boys as they would surely Geyer if not Killifer it.

Agnes Lavin would Marshall all the girls together and cheer for Berg from their Seaton the bleachers.

Agnew a good play when she saw one, and would do much Whaling and become Hess-terical if Berg failed to make it.

"Tillie" Shafer sent him many perfumed notes, and once presented him with a Lavender Cravath; but this, however, was "Tillie's" only Phelon.

Despite all these tokens of admiration from the girls, Berg cared only for their friendship, as he was in Love with Maggie Sweeney.

She was the only daughter of the Gardner for the village Coleman, and the best Cook in town.

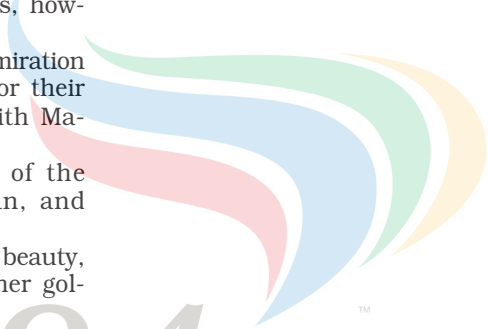
She was of the Gibson type of beauty, and Berg loved every Strand of her golden Brown hair.

Well, to be Brief, Berg decided that he could a Ford to marry and become a Groom if he could only Gainer love.

Knowing that "faint heart never won fair lady," Berg decided, one Mundy Knight, to hitch the old Cobb and the bay Mayer to the Hanson and drive to her home and declare his love.

He was accepted on condition that he would buy her a Packard car.

Berg promised to Grant her wish, and soon the Oldring of the church Bell will be heard announcing that they have signed a contract to Kling together for life.



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