

A Victory for the House of Smith.

AND it came to pass, in the eighteenth year of the reign of King Smith the First, that certain men of the Tribe of Junkerman did rise up and proclaim themselves champions of the base ball world.

And their prophets did prophesy saying, None shall conquer us; no, not one. Now these vain boasts and vaunts did spread abroad throughout all that land, and into the regions thereabout, even beyond the Ohio.

And when King Smith heard of these sayings, he was provoked to wrath and did straightway send for Eddie, whose surname is Dreih's and who was a captain in the House of Smith. Now the King and Dreih's did counsel together, whereupon Dreih's was given full power to act. And when the morning was come, he called his men together, for they also had heard of these boastings.

And when they were come together, Dreih's did speak unto them, saying, Behold, thou hast heard of these boasts of the Tribe of Junkerman; how shall we answer them?

And they spoke of one accord, saying, Challenge them, for their boastings are vain and their prophets false. And straightway the challenge was sent, and it was accepted, and great excitement prevailed throughout all the land. Selah.

Now it came to pass, when the time of meeting was come, which was in the fourth month and the tenth day of the month, that great multitudes gathered together to behold the mighty struggle. And they were arrayed as if in lines of battle, from first base around the diamond unto third base and beyond.

And when all was in readiness, the umpire spake unto them after this manner, saying, Play ball. Selah. Now it was a great game, and the score was exceeding close, even unto the end of the sixth inning thereof. For Lush, with the aid of his strong right arm, had allowed the Tribe of Junkerman but two small runs. And the "ringer" of the Tribe of Junkerman whom the Scribes called Jones, and who dwelt in a distant land, was likewise in great form

