

SUNDAY BALL PLAYING LEGAL IN NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 17.—Under a decision of Justices Collins and Herrmann of special sessions, playing Sunday baseball is legal in New York City unless admission is charged to the games. The decision was rendered in the cases of five men who were arrested in the course of a game between the Cuban Giants and the Royal Giants at Olympic Field on July 29. Patrolman Slattery testified that no admission was charged but that programs for which persons paid were displayed on a table. In discharging the men, Justice Collins said:

"If a strict literal interpretation of the statute was to be given, it would prevent any liberty loving citizen from indulging in any recreation on Sunday. It would prevent golfing, fishing and indulgence in athletics.

"If a boy were to play ball on the one day he has off this law would make him a criminal. We must give the legislature which enacted this law credit for having some common sense.

"I cannot conceive personally that there was a time in the history of the state of New York when those inclined to pass blue laws were so blue that they would deny all these pleasures which are themselves innocent and harmless."

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