

**BASEBALL IN CUBA.**

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Legalized gambling in the republic of Cuba has been the undoing of the colored ball players in that country. Only a few years back, the colored ball players, of big calibre, were wont to go to the States during the off-season in this country and earn anywhere from one hundred to four hundred dollars per



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But gambling not by the ball  
but by the natives of that  
was their (the ball players')  
The same conditions would  
this country with the nation-  
of gambling were tolerated  
in the island republic. It  
out in this way: Legalized  
made it possible for large  
money to be wagered on the  
every game, and it is an  
in the city of Havana and  
the republic that these heavy  
began negotiating, ("doing  
the Cubans put it), with the  
ball players from the States  
the games. And I must  
dear readers, that you can  
of the fingers of one hand the  
clean colored baseball players who  
to Cuba prior to October, 1915,  
it is not charged by the people  
that country that they would not  
a game for from five dollars  
I can see many of the best colored  
of America of whom men  
in Cuba will make  
that they not only sold the  
that they even double-  
gamblers—sold the games  
can be no doubt about  
of these terrible  
many of these ball play-  
ought hed-handed by the  
of the little republic who  
every means at their com-  
down these evils and  
the national sport on the  
level as it is in the States.  
As a result of this "doing business,"  
games, the baseball mag-  
decided last summer that  
colored ball players nor col-

...ered ball players nor col-  
... from the States would be  
... to play exhibition games in  
... in the Cuban League. It  
... commentary that several of  
... all players in the race would  
... allowed to sit as a spectator  
... park in Havana. Some of

them were driven from the island and it would be dangerous for them to return.

The ban had been put on the American colored ball players, notwithstanding, many of America's best colored ball players had never been to the island—they all haven't been there yet—but the conduct of a large percent of those who have been there has been of such that those who have not been to the island came near being denied the privilege of ever going.

Information got to the writer that the curtain had been rung down and the bar had been raised against the colored ball players in his most lucrative field—for in Cuba organized baseball threw wide its doors to colored ball players. We set in motion every legitimate process of reasoning to prevent the ratification of an edict so detrimental to the colored ball players whose field of endeavor is already so prescribed in our country. Our efforts were crowned with success and the American colored ball player will again wield the willow and toss the "pill" on Cuban soil.

Lastly, permit me to add, that if baseball is to be perpetuated among our people; if young colored men are to continue to draw salaries higher than those paid the average college professor in our great schools, they themselves must live cleaner lives, deport themselves as gentlemen on the ball field and elsewhere; baseball must be run on a clean basis, and the managers and promoters of the national sport must hoist the flag of truce, cease hostilities, let the dove of peace flap its wings over the camp of a get-together movement for the purpose of interesting capital and organizing a colored baseball league.

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