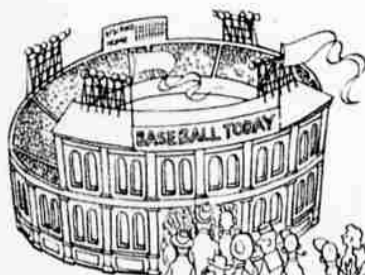


Diamond Chatter



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"Wives and baseball go together like palm trees and icebergs."—Lucille Britt.

"Baseball has the great advantage over cricket of being sooner ended."—G. B. Shaw.

"The ballpark is a wonderful place to get warm beer and cold peanuts."—Groucho Marx.

"A city-owned baseball team is a great idea. After a bad season you not only fire the manager, but you could run the mayor out of office."

—Jack Wasserman in *Vancouver Sun*.

"Millions of words will be sent out about the World Series by hundreds of sports writers—some of it in English."

—Baseball Writers Assn. official.

"Baseball fans who want to see a perfectly executed squeeze play should watch a scalper in operation"—*Wall Street Journal*.

"A baseball fan is a spectator sitting 400 feet from the plate who can see better than an umpire standing five feet away."

—Walter Slezak.

"A first-base coach is an old ball player who helps a pitcher on with his jacket when he makes first base."—Jimmy Cannon.

"It used to be that when a ball club was falling off at the gate it got some new players. Now it gets a new city."—*Wall Street Journal*.

"The fans pay the freight and it's their privilege to jeer. So long as they come out let them boo if it makes them feel better."—Jackie Robinson

"Baseball players lead exemplary family lives, but they must seem rather strange at that. Can you imagine Mom telling the kids, 'We're celebrating tonight; somebody just bought Daddy?'"—Senator Soaper

"Women would make good umpires. A woman never thinks a man is safe when he's out."—Fred Allen

"Americans spend more money on classical music than on baseball. Still, you never hear two men on the bus arguing about whether the local philharmonic orchestra pulled a boner in trading an oboe player for a kettle drummer and two utility woodwind men."—Bill Vaughan

"Anyone who's worked with baseball all year doesn't mind when the season is over; he's had enough."—Red Barber

"How do you expect a batter to think and hit at the same time?"—Yogi Berra



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