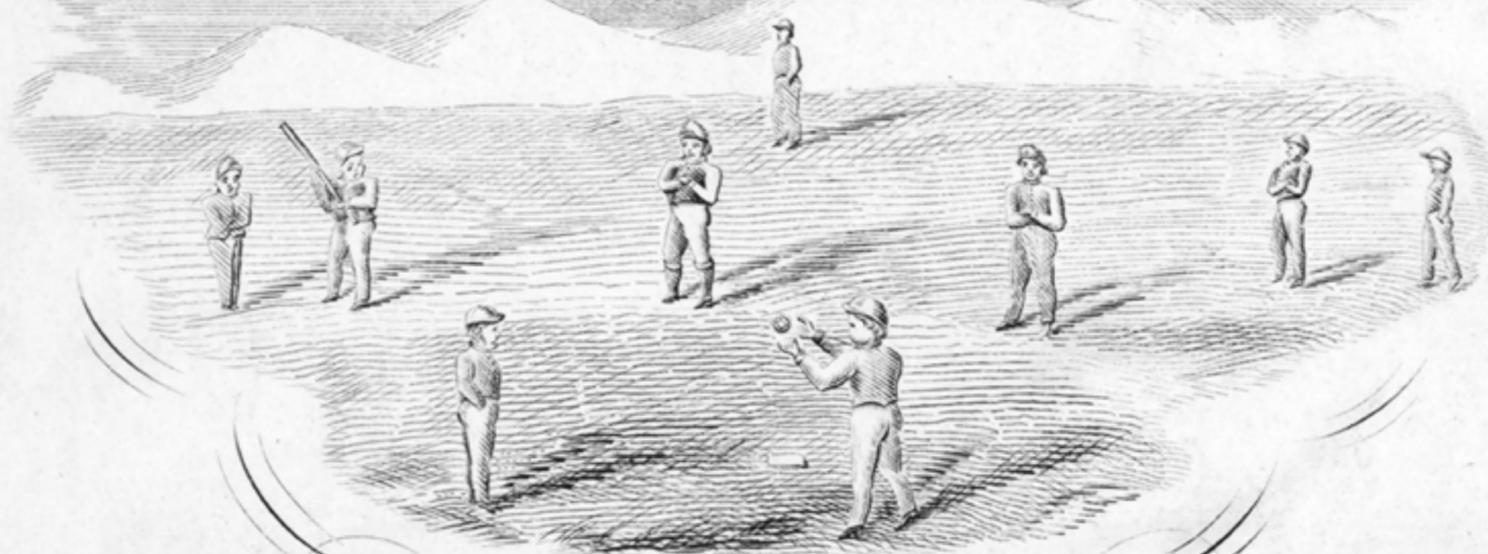


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VOICE.

PIANO.

1 Come jol-ly comrade, here's the game That's play'd in open air, Where  
2 It takes nine men to make a side, Who play up - on the square, The  
3 The Pitcher sends the ball to bat While standing in the square, The

clerks and all the in-door men Can prof-it by a share; 'Twill make the weak man strong again, 'Twill  
Um-pire set-tles all dis-putes, And oc-cu-pies the chair; The Scor-er keeps the "tall-y" list, And,  
Catch-er just be-hind "Home Base" Must catch it foul or fair; The Fielders Centre, Right, and Left, Are

brighten ev-'ry eye, And all who need such ex-er-cise Should catch it on the "Fly".  
with a watch-ful eye The Cap-tains send the men a-round To catch it on the "Fly".  
gaz-ing at the sky, All watching for the ball to come, To catch it on the "Fly".

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Then when a challenge game is played,—  
All dressed in bright array,  
They march to meet a brother club,  
And have a gala day;  
'Tis then the neighbors gather 'round,  
Excitement runs up high,  
For both are bound to beat and win  
In catching on the "Fly".

Throughout the East, throughout the West,  
The game is all the rage,  
And many a game is often played  
Before the wise and sage;  
It puts the vim right into a man—  
'Twill raise his spirits high,  
And make him live to good old age  
To catch it on the "Fly".

CHORUS

rapidly

Tenor

Alto  
1st Tenor  
or  
Soprano

Air

Bass

PIANO

Play away, play away, Catch it on the "Fly," When you go to bat, boys, Send it thro' the sky, For

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old "Reg-u-la-tion" Where-ever you may go, Brightens up the countenance, And makes a healthy show.

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Interlude

very lively