

**BASE BALL.**—The first match of the season of this game, was played on Beacon Hill on Saturday last, chiefly by Canadians. It is essentially an American game, but was introduced into Canada, and has been practised there in various parts of the country for many years. It is somewhat allied in its nature to Cricket, with the exception that there are no wickets used, and instead of the ball being thrown on the ground, it is directed towards the batter, who strikes it in the air. The runs are made by the person striking the ball and running round a circle, there being several stopping places, each of which counts. If the batter strikes at the ball and misses it, he is "out," but he may let the ball pass him as often as he pleases without striking at it. Among those practising on Saturday, there were very few adepts, and consequently not so much interest excited among spectators as would otherwise have been the case. To those engaged in the game there is always sufficient interest kept up to keep them vigilant to get an opponent out. No doubt there will be many trials at this new sport here on future occasions.