

## THE "NATIONAL" GAME.

Those of our citizens who take an interest in base ball playing have been kept in a state of excitement nearly all the week, which gradually dwindled down to a feeling of disgust towards the close. In addition to the other amusements of the week, we had a base ball tournament, in which our crack club got sadly worsted. The subscriber does not take much stock in this game, but as it is the business of a correspondent to speak of those things which most do agitate the community in which he resides, he feels it his duty to explain how it came to pass that the glory of our "Excelsiors" has departed. To begin at the beginning. The club with the above high-sounding title, had always been remarkably fortunate—never having been beaten from the time of its organization until the "Nationals" of Washington came up last summer and "whitewashed" them so unmercifully. This was bad enough, but worse was in store for them. They commenced this season's campaign by going out to the pretty little town of Rockford, in this State, where they allowed themselves to be again beaten by the "Forest City" club. The "Excelsiors" of the metropolis of the great northwest beaten by a lot of countrymen! But worse yet; a Philadelphia club, the "Athletics," came along, played our club with the big name on Friday last, "whitewashed" them three times and beat them by a score of 33 to 13. The end is not yet. Brooklyn, N. Y., must needs send their "Atlantics" up this way to spy out the land, and have a tilt with the unfortunate "Excelsiors." The game was played on Saturday, and added another, to the list of disasters, the Brooklyn club beating them by a score of 49 to 17. It is about time, taking all things into account, that this club should take a more modest name, or perhaps their present one signifies that they excel in getting beaten.