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*BASE-BALL BALLADS.*

For Kankakee wuz lookin' round for people that could play,  
And Pikeville wouldn't overlook this feller any day;  
And we give him quite a contract, tho' it made the others  
    swear,  
Sayin' we had done 'em dirty and it wuzn't on the square;  
But we laid back and cackled, for the pennant warn't no  
    dream  
With the man who'd played with Anson on the old Chicago  
    team.

It made our eyeballs nigh pop out and pop back in again  
To hear that Casey tellin' of old Anson and his men;  
Why home runs wuz so common that nobody waved a hat,  
With Williamson, King Kelly, or Fred Pfeffer at the bat;  
A man who didn't hit above .500 couldn't stick  
With that old bunch, for Anson would release him mighty  
    quick;  
They handled ground balls with their teeth and often shut  
    their eyes  
While in the act of pullin' down the longest, hardest flies;  
And after all the "fannin' bees" each night we used to dream  
Of the man who played with Anson on the old Chicago  
    team.



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