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THE WINTER LEAGUE WONDER.

THOUGH I've never won a pennant in the race that starts each spring,

- And the finish every autumn finds me muchly to the "punk;"
- Though through June, July, and August you can hear the anvils ring

As the critics in a body dub my team a bunch of "junk," You have got to hand it to me on a silver platter when

- The summer scramble's over. Though some other mogul wins,
- I'm the one and only wonder of the "coming season" then,
 - When the last *real* game is over and the winter league begins.

Though each October finds me under every rival's heel,

Twenty games behind the others, do I stop and shed a tear?

Not upon your uncle's portrait. I begin right off the reel

Lining up my winter legions for a "sure first next year."

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