

SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Sports and Games

“... the *game* of
ball is *glorious*.”

–Walt Whitman (1819-1892), American poet

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Casey at the Bat

Ernest L. Thayer



The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville Nine that day; 1
The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play, 2
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same, 3
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game. 4

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest 5
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast; 6
They thought, if only Casey could get but a whack at that— 7
They'd put up even money, now, with Casey at the bat. 8

