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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In July 1867, the Oregon City Enterprise reported a peculiar observation from a Portland, Oregon, correspondent. On several occasions, of moonlit nights, they related, the police have caught parties engaged in practice on the flat roofs of some of the brick buildings. The same activity provoked protest from at least one Portlander. In the name of humanity, he wrote to the Portland Morning Oregonian in August, how long are we to be afflicted with this nonsense? Annoyed and dumbfounded by the activity, he openly wondered of what possible interest can it be to the mass of readers? Comparing it to marbles, blind man s bluff, hide and seek, old sister Phoebe, he asked but who, in the name of reason, would expect to see elaborate weekly reports in the papers? Come now, he chided, take a second thought and show a little mercy on a NERVOUS MAN. In response, the Morning Oregonian offered little to calm his nerves. All we know, they opined, is that the end is not yet; that the National Game is decidedly on the fly , and we cannot, considering all the signs of the times, predict for a short stop . What was this activity practiced so widely it even utilized rooftops and evenings as a setting? What activity saturated Portland- area newspapers in the eyes of at least one citizen? What was this growing National Game described by the Morning Oregonian? It was baseball; or rather base ball. In the year 1867, Portland, Oregon, and nearby Vancouver, Washington Territory, along with neighboring communities including Oregon City, Oregon, saw an explosion in the popularity of what had, ten years before, been dubbed America s national past time...

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