

# NO BAN ON ATHLETICS, IS DICTUM ON HEALTH

Get Out in the Open and Play  
Baseball, Is Hassler's  
Advice.

**T**HE Board of Health has placed its official sanction on outdoor sports, and baseball in particular.

Dr. William C. Hassler, City Health Officer, said yesterday:

"One of the best preventives for the Spanish influenza is plenty of fresh air and sunshine. Get out in the open and play baseball."

Baseball players were wondering if the national pastime was to be put under the ban as a result of the health board order prohibiting public assemblages.

When queried yesterday by the officials of the Shipbuilders' Baseball League, Dr. Hassler said that the kibosh had not been placed on ball crowds or other gatherings where the events were held in the open air.

This is good news to ardent baseball fans, football followers, swimmers, soccerites, golfers and others who find their amusement in the great outdoors.

Having been assured that they were "within the law" the San Francisco Union Iron Works ball club will take on the Alameda Shipyard players to-morrow afternoon at Recreation Park.

This promises to be a real ball game. While the line-up of the Alameda team reads like a page out of a score book of the major leagues, the San Francisco team will not be trailing in the dust if Spider Baum can help it. The Spider is going to pitch. He feels that the cunning of former years, when he stood Coast League batters on their heads, will not desert him. Opposing him in the box will be Nat Davenport of the St. Louis Nationals.

Al Walters, New York American catcher, will receive Davenport's slants. Swede Risberg will cavort around short for Alameda and will have as teammates such redoubtable stars as Ducky Jones, who will play third, Hack Miller of Boston, Ernie Johnson of St. Louis, and Joe Gedeon.