

One big reason why there is so much organized gambling at the games is due to the way the seats are sold.

Years ago one could purchase a pretty good seat, a week before the game. Now the choice seats are sold in season subscriptions. Last year after season subscriptions were in, a second choice was allowed for part subscription. Well, a great many followers of the game can not afford to dig up from fifty to a hundred dollars in advance. So a new crowd has taken over at the Garden. They are ~~the~~ dress and hat manufacturers and so on. What is called in N.Y. the "cloak and suiters". This crowd is "gambling mad". In the summer it's the "tracks". In winter it's the basketball games. I eat my lunch every day in a man's cafe. One side of the restaurant is peopled by men who are makers of ladies' hand-bags. It turns your stomach sick to listen to them. All they talk of is points on this team or points on that team. The following day after a game to hear them excoriate some boy, for missing a foul shot and thereby causing them to lose a bet. No talk about the finer points of the game, or no pity for a youngster ^{who} that tightened up when the game was on his shoulders. They are a mean lot, money is their god and I predict they will eventually ~~run~~ ^{ruin} the game.