

# Albert Carpenter

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Amateur Games.  
TAUNTON, MASS.

The Taunton Club disbanded on the 17th for want of funds, to the surprise of nearly everybody, the club having commenced the season on as strong a basis as any semi-professional club in Massachusetts. Bad management and lack of discipline in the players did the business. The management would lose 20 cents to save 10, and the majority of the players thought more of base hits and errors than they did of winning the game. Some of the players, also, were not always reliable, some games being lost by their not being in condition to go on the field. Some of the finest games of the season were played by the Tauntons, more than half their games being marked by a score of less than 5 to the winning side, the most notable game in all baseball history being their famous 17 inning game with the Rhode Islands which was won by the R. Pa. by a score of 4 to 2. Nearly all the players have been engaged, and have left town for their new clubs. Al. Carpenter, pitcher, goes to Ithaca, N. Y. He is a good general player and good base-runner. "Chub" Sullivan, first base, goes to the same place. He is the best first-baseman in Massachusetts, without doubt, and is a good batter. Myers, second base, goes to Ilion, N. Y. Dixon, third base, goes to the same place. He is the best third-baseman in Massachusetts, and is also a fine base-runner. Bates, short-stop, goes to Ilion also. He plays a splendid game in the field, but is weak at the bat and in base running. "Ham" Allen, left field and change catcher, goes to the Stars, of Syracuse, N. Y. He is a fine player everywhere, is the best batter in the Taunton Club, and is a splendid base-stealer. He is a gentleman also. Waterman, pitcher and centre field, goes to Honsdale, Pa. He is a very effective pitcher, is the best fielder in the pitcher's position in Massachusetts, is a very good batter, and is a good man for any club to have. Fitz, right field, goes home to Bristol, R. I. Householder, catcher, is not yet engaged. He is a splendid catcher, the best the Tauntons ever had; is a good batter and base runner, and plays for his side every time. Any club wanting a good, honest, hard-working player had better take him. J. B.

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TOTAL	45	11	11	27	14	15			
ITHACAS.									
	T.	R.	1st b.	P.O.	A.	E.			
McCaffrey, I. f.	5	2	3	2	1	1			
Richmond, c.	5	1	1	3	1	5			
W. Carpenter, 2d b.	6	1	1	5	4	0			
Piggott, 3d b.	5	1	2	1	2	1			
A. L. Carpenter, p.	5	3	1	2	2	4			
Sullivan, 1st b.	5	1	2	10	0	0			
Spencer, c. f.	5	1	0	1	0	2			
Alcott, r. f.	5	0	0	1	0	2			
Burns, s. s.	4	1	1	2	4	0			
Total	45	11	11	27	14	15			
SYNOPSIS.									
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rochesters	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	0-8
Ithacas	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	2-11

Al L. Carpenter – with Tauntons and Ithaca in 1876, Lynn and Fall Rivers in 1877

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NEW COURT ROOM IN BOSTON'S CLOSE.

It is rumored that Carpenters of last year's Tauntons, and this years Live Oaks, has been engaged by the Fall Rivers for the rest of the season.

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fine command of ball certainly. Wilson has not recovered from his injury in the Rhode Island game yet. Carpenter, lately of the Live Oaks, played center; he took a fine fly and showed some splendid running. Again, another fly was "let go by default" in

ing the best team in the city.

### EARLY CURVE PITCHER DEAD.

**Taunton Man Claimed to Be One of the Pioneers.**

Albert L. Carpenter, deputy collector of internal revenue of that district for more than 10 years, died Saturday morning at his home on Madison street, Taunton, after an illness of one day. He was a member of the old Taunton baseball club in the early '70s and afterward played professionally with other clubs in this state and New York before professional baseball became so highly developed. As a pitcher he was one of the first to pitch a curve, then a novelty in the game, and claimed that he used it in Lynn before Arthur Cummings, its reputed discoverer, had used it.

### CARPENTER ORIGINATOR OF PITCHING CURVE BALL

Albert L. Carpenter, deputy collector of internal revenue for Taunton, a past commander and prominent figure in Grand Army circles, and one of the founders of the Taunton fire department, died Saturday at his home in Taunton.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by a widow and one daughter. He was a member and past commander of William H. Bartlett, Post 3, G. A. R., a member of Ionic lodge, F. and A. M., of the Taunton Veteran Firemen and of the Taunton Firemen's relief association. He was one of the best known residents of the city, and was highly esteemed.

Mr. Carpenter was prominent in athletic circles, and was claimed to have been the first pitcher in American baseball to have discovered the curve which he was using successfully, as attested by men who played with him, on semi-professional teams, a year or more before it was used by Matthewson or Chadwick, or the other professionals who have contended that they invented the puzzling delivery of the sphere to opposing batsmen. Mr. Carpenter was a member of the old Taunton Metacomet baseball team and later in semi-professional nines in New York, and it was during his semi-professional experience that he discovered the curve, which revolutionized the serving department of the sport.

## Albert L. Carpenter

<b>BIRTH</b>	8 Dec 1848 Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	17 Jan 1914 (aged 65) Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Mayflower Hill Cemetery</a> Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, USA <a href="#">Add to Map</a>
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	103744828 <a href="#">View Source</a>