

Of Orders and Freedoms

It is the law of the game which makes cricket. In playing it we freely give obedience to strict rules, and win our freedom and pleasure out of them. We enjoy the game because we know that, if we are bowling, the batsman will not be allowed to appear with a bat fourteen inches wide and to plant it in front of the stumps. Equally, if batting, we know that we shall be bowled at, and that the bowler will not be allowed, in the name of individual enterprise, to run half-way down the pitch and throw the ball at us. Not until the economic processes are governed by similar conceptions of rational organization will the game of life be thoroughly well worth while. A game without rules is not cricket and not worth playing.