

further need to devise new and extraordinary measures or to tinker with the bill."

### TACT.

"Hail graceful tact that to no fool denies  
A charm to tame the wild and cheat the wise,  
And without lying reaps the gain of lies.  
That courteous ever kills without a blow,  
And with a Yes contrives to act a No,  
And can compress a volume into Oh!  
That wins by losing and by serving reigns,  
By silence argues and by giving gains,  
That throws its stones yet saves its window panes."

## Athletics.

It has been candidly admitted that the playgrounds of the American continent are subjected to pernicious influences and that there is much to learn from Great Britain in the status and management of playgrounds in the development of character. In Scribner's magazine for March, there appears a remarkable article on England and the English in sport from an American point of view. That the article is contributed by an American gives added weight to the facts and deductions contained in it. The civil service in Ottawa, 3,000 to 4,000 strong, is sure to have an athletic organization of more and more powerful interests and influences. Outside of Ottawa athletics should be practis-

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