

those who led the six hundred over Russian guns at Balaclava, had learnt the trick from five-barred gates at home. We even think that square leg to a hard hitter is in no bad training for coolness at the "cannon's mouth." But while many bold spirits will always love the rough games for their roughness, many will welcome a safe game, second to none in excitement, as a boon of no small value. Plenty of men—especially under certain conditions of shins and knee caps—curse the "Rugby rules" they are obliged to play.

La Crosse, besides being safe, and yet exciting to the players, is beautiful and interesting to lookers-on, as we think all will admit who saw it played by the Indians at the Crystal Palace. This alone is high recommendation; but its chief merit lies not so much in the quantity as