

very well be practised in private gardens, before venturing out to exhibit in public.

In its first season (1867-68) La Crosse was played much less frequently than ought to have been the case, owing apparently to peculiar spite on the part of the weather. Judging by past experience, if the farmers want rain in the summer, they need only arrange a La Crosse match to have their wish fulfilled. Nevertheless those matches which were played between the different metropolitan clubs—such as the Civil Service, Richmond, and two clubs at Blackheath—gave great satisfaction. Towards the end of the season the Association rules here given were followed, and found to be just the thing required to make the game perfect. We are not aware of a single flaw having been detected in them, nor has any improvement been suggested.