

Below is a parody on "Patience," written by H. E. H. for *Cricket* :

An M. C. C. young man,
A Varsity young man,
A scarlet and yallery,
Hit for the gallery,
Cut her for three young man !

An I Zingari young man,
Big bound'ry hit young man,
Black, scarlet, and goldery,
As gorg'ous as soldiery,
Upper Ten'ry young man !

A county crack young man,
A never slack young man,
A Lucasy, Studdery,
Gracery, Buddery,
Forward and back young man !

An Antipodes young man,
From over the seas young man,
First-rate all roundery,
Out of the groundery,
Hit her with ease young man !

Whether or not the sporting editor of the *Mail*, in his attempt to salve over his slur upon the Upper Canada College boys, took the only means at his command, we know not ; certain, however, it is that with information to the contrary in his possession, he attempted to throw the blame previously laid at the door of the College boys on our shoulders. This gentleman, communicating with the secretary of the Trinity School Club, learned from him before publishing the accusation in question that the score was posted on Sunday night on the train from the east, and in the face of this insinuates that this journal had a hand in the detention of the report, and further charges us with having tried this sort of thing before on more than one occasion. In common life, our confidence in a rule is in exact proportion to the absence of variation in the result of our experimental verifications. The only such verification of the sporting editor of the *Mail's* hypothesis proved to him very clearly that it was unsound, and we have taken the trouble to so far convince ourselves of this, that we say again that knowing the contrary, this gentleman more than hinted what he knew to be untrue, or if not leaves it to be inferred that the postal arrangements of the Dominion are capable of being tampered with. That we have endeavoured on other occasions to withhold reports is just as untrue, with one exception, and the circumstances surrounding this latter case are so exceptional as quite to warrant our procedure. One of the two gentlemen who originally conceived the idea of starting this sheet, and on whose representations the project was started, has since directly violated the principles suggested as reasons for beginning this publication : and it was in asking him to adhere to some part at least of his original agreement that we would have dissuaded him only from reporting the match between the University of Toronto and the Toronto Club for the *Mail*. It must be very patent to every one that it was impossible for us to intercept the report of the Port Hope match without the connivance of

the postal authorities ; and just as many will admit the justice of our claim upon the *Mail* reporter. We think then that we can so far justly assume our position to be fair, and our character as yet without blemish.

SHORT SLIPS.

The Parkdale club has two matches on for Dominion Day, with the Aurora Club and Sons of England.

The Onondaga Club, of Syracuse, are contemplating a trip to Canada. They will probably take in Cobourg, Port Hope, Whitby and Toronto.

The Onondaga Club, of Syracuse, played two matches against Oswego Falls, on the 20th and 23rd inst. In the first, the former won by one run in the first innings, but in their second contest were beaten in one innings.

A rather extraordinary match was played in Toronto on Saturday between the Northern and North-Western Railway and the Nelson Clubs. The railway men made in their first innings 21, while their opponents scored exactly 10 in each innings, the Northerners thus winning a remarkable match with a small score in one innings, with a run to spare.

The Winnipeg eleven will play the following matches during their eastern tour :

July—19th and 20th v. Chicago; 21st and 22nd v. Peninsular;
24th and 25th v. London ; 26th and 27th v. Hamilton ;
28th and 29th v. Toronto ; 31st and August 1st v. Port
Hope.
Aug.—2nd and 3rd v. Ottawa ; 4th and 5th v. Montreal.

CRICKET, AND HOW TO EXCEL IN IT.

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CHAPTER IV.—FIELD'ING.—Continued.

Cover-point is another important place, and not an easy one to fill well. He should be good at running and catching, and well acquainted with the many ways a ball can twist. He should have a long reach and a good aim.

Mid-off is one of the easiest places in the field, a ball hit to mid-wicket having so seldom any spin on it. However, he may have to stop some hard drives, and should be a fearless catch. He ought to back up well at the bowler's wicket.

Longfield-off, or long-off, requires a good thrower, a good catch, and, if possible, a man who has been there before. You very often see a man at long-field who has always up to then been placed near the wicket, and the experiment is seldom successful. A man may be ever so good close up, but he will not make long catches unless constantly practising.

Long-on requires the same qualifications.

Mid-on is generally an easy place to fill. Put your weak man here. Of course, this depends upon the batsman's play and the bowling, but the rule is good.

Short-leg, where the biggest duffer is generally put, is not such an easy place as it looks, and the duffer could be better disposed of elsewhere. Short-leg always has plenty to do, and should back up well at either wicket.

Long-leg. Never put a bad man at long-leg ; you must have a good fieldsman, a man who can run, and, above everything, throw well, swift, and straight. He should mind the twist, and never send in the ball with a rocket-like flight, which only checks its speed ; and assuredly he should never be under the painful necessity of winding himself up by whirling his arm round and round before he parts with the ball. He should pick it up and throw it