

THE CRICKETER

"I'LL PUT A GIRDLE ROUND THE EARTH IN FORTY MINUTES."

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Thanks for the sympathies that ye have shown,
Thanks for each kindly word, each silent token.

Continued Success.

Notwithstanding most unfavorable weather the Exhibition of Nations has attracted hundreds of visitors and everything within, at least, has combined to make it an unparalleled success, and in order to fully see the details of management inside the different booths one must visit it again and again, for at every turn some new beauty reveals itself that had escaped the eye before.

To those who have been present during the process of creation of this miniature world, the result has been beyond expectation, then what must it be to visitors upon whom the full glory has burst at once. There is such endless variety withal in costume and decoration. Standing in front of France one is almost convinced that it is a real Paris Salon that opens up before one, with its appropriate coloring and appointments as well as its unmistakable French costumes. A pleasing contrast is offered in Spain which presents an out-door scene with quiet still colors, relieved by the brilliant costumes and bright faces of the Spanish Ladies and Gentlemen who leisurely dispense the fruits of their nation. Then in the United States all is activity and characteristic of that thriving nation. The Printing Press is at work and all are busy dispensing the National Wares to eager purchasers.

The luxuriant Turks are taking it easy in their elegant abode, while the busy merchants are eagerly persuading their customers to purchase at their Bazaar.

Then in Switzerland the weary traveller gratefully seeks repose as he enters the peasant-chalet, and finds refreshments and kindly welcome in the humble Swiss abode.

Scotland, too, has many relics, here are cakes and brose, and "meet welcome" for every guest.

We next visit British North America where Mme. Champlain presides over a reserve of Native Indians most savage and real.

In Japan they cannot be more Japanese

than in the Tea House, which stands at the upper end of the room

In Italy all is characteristic whether in gorgeous Italian Ladies, or simple peasants, coloring, arrangement, costume, everything bespeaks the Italian. While in England and India the coloring and grouping together with the choice arrangement of the numerous real Indian wares and fabrics, with portraits and mottos interspersed, most fittingly represent the Nation "on whose empire the sun never sets," and India "the brightest jewel in England's Crown," which mottos are beautifully set in the arches above the booth.

The arrangement of coloring in Ireland is most brilliant and attracts the eye from all parts of the building, with its massive gold harps on either side and the beautiful green and white draperies over head. The Emerald Isle is at once suggested to the spectator who enters to kiss the Blarney Stone of which there is a real piece within.

The German Candies offer a cool retreat to many a weary traveller who finds in its rural surroundings a pleasing contrast to the magnificent coloring of the other nations.

In the Tea Room all Nations have enjoyed the most friendly intercourse and now that the time of parting draws near there is a feeling of regret in all hearts.

The Dolls Department has furnished enjoyment to young and old alike, the surprise being that such precision of detail is apparent everywhere. Of course the

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will come to-morrow night, when the ball-room will be the scene of unusual brilliancy and beauty. The national costumes will present an array of color and brightness rarely seen in combination, and these together with the booths on either side, will combine to make the scene one of unusual attractions.

It is, of course, too early to pronounce upon the financial results of the exhibition, but we earnestly hope that the expenses will be such as to leave the Club a sufficient sum to meet all the indebtedness incurred in laying out the new grounds, and establish cricket as a permanent game in our city—which is the aim of the Club.

"To advantage will, no doubt, be appar-

ent to all of having a play-ground for our young men and boys, and once it is paid for it will, of course, be accessible on lower terms to all.

TO CRICKETERS.

Word comes from Demerara that a band of fifteen or sixteen cricketers resident in the British colonies and the West Indies, are to gird up their loins this summer and make a cricketing trip through the United States and Canada.

The team, as stated, will be composed of sixteen members, including umpire and scorer, both cricketers. The estimated cost of the trip is as follows:—Passage to Jamaica and back, \$82.08; passage from Jamaica to New York and back, \$70; thirty days' hotel and travelling expenses in Canada and the United States, \$150; contingencies, say \$47 92. Total cost per man, \$350.

They will pay their own expenses, and in no event accept gate money, as the trip is entirely for pleasure.

The following is the official schedule of matches submitted by Mr. Dean and approved of by the West Indian managers:—

August 16 and 17, vs. Montreal club, at Montreal.

August 18 and 19, vs. Eastern Association of Canada, at Montreal.

August 20 and 21, vs. Ottawa club, at Ottawa.

August 23 and 24, vs. Toronto Club, at Toronto.

August 25 and 26, vs. Ontario Cricketers' Association, at Toronto.

August 27 and 28, vs. Hamilton club at Hamilton.

August 31 and September 1, vs. Merion club, at Ardmore, Pa.

September 2 and 3, vs. Belmont Club, at West Philadelphia.

September 4 and 5, vs. Germantown club, at Nicetown, Pa.

September 7 and 8, vs. Young America club at Stenton, Pa.

September 10 and 11, vs. Longwood club, at Boston.

September 13 and 14, vs. Staten Island club, at New Brighton, S. I.

Australia has selected the following cricket team to visit England and America this season:—T. W. Garret, P. Marr, W. Trumble, G. Giffin, A. H. Jarvis, J. McIlurath, J. Walters, W. Bruce, G. J. Bonner, P. S. McDonell, E. R. Spafforth, G. E. Palmer, and J. McBlackhan.