

LA CROSSE.

CHAPTER I.

Introduction.

It seems strange that England should sit at the feet of the foreigner for instruction in manly sports. The ancient home of cricket, football, and a host of minor games—the natural abode of all sport—she is accustomed to teach rather than to learn. Has not *le sport* become a French phrase, in the utter absence of a native word for such a purely English notion? And can any good thing come out of foreign parts? In matters of sport is not the world divided into two parties?—the one