

thinning ranks are unfailingly filled by the men coming up from the schools, and these university matches have come to be looked upon as the most important of the season. Public interest in these games has come to be so intense that the advantages of season tickets to the grounds have to be modified on the occasion.

The time will always develop its men whether there be public schools or not, but how much better do they stand to be if they are early taught to discriminate between the right way and the wrong way of learning to play, and of being constantly forced to be at it for want of other amusement during play-time. And again, there is more fight and pluck in an average eleven of boys than in a hundred fossils whose fighting days are over, and competition tells strongly in the young. Enthusiasm and energy tame down with approaching manhood, but they stamp it with strong lines of their previous existence, and what we have learned thoroughly when we are young we forget only when we die.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The acquaintance of the sporting editor of the *Globe* with the customs of society is evidently no greater than his knowledge of cricket. We were amused a few days ago by reading a paragraph in his choice column referring to an individual styling himself "Harris." He evidently mistook the signature of one of the best known cricketers in England for some *nom de plume*.

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In a cricket match at Newmarket, on Monday, the following singular incident occurred: One of the Newmarket batsmen in playing down a high ball dropped it to the top of his pad (his knee being bent so as to make the top of the pad project), and the wicket-keeper running round picked out the ball, catching the player out, an unusual occurrence, but not without precedent.

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We are tired of introducing the scores of matches played in Toronto with the everlasting announcement that play was not begun at the appointed hour for the usual reason. It would seem that years hence, as the carpenter in "Peter Simple" would say, we will be still writing that introduction provided our stumps are still standing. It is a lasting disgrace to the Toronto Cricket Club that its men do not turn up in time. When more than one comes late the blame is shifted from the shoulders of him to those of the other till no one minds it. This drifting away from punctuality has been a process of time, and since it has gone on unchecked, it is now fair to assume that if you turn up an hour late you will meet half the team jogging in the same direction as yourself. Fill up the places of absentees at the appointed hour, and they will learn to come earlier; or if you have no substitutes, play without them, and if you are beaten throw the discredit of the defeat at the doors of those who came late, and shame them into punctuality. The cement that holds the Toronto club together will stand little watering, while the slipshod way in which it is allowed to work out its own beautiful course may be the cause of its stumbling and breaking its neck.

James Lillywhite writes to *Cricket* denying, on behalf of Shaw's team, the charges made against two of its members. In the same issue Mr. W. R. Wake writes from Sheffield, asking the members of the team to deny the following questions, the answers to which have yet to come:

1. Was there not a fight between Selby and Scotton at Cootamundra (or elsewhere), and were not the stakes £3 a-side?
2. What was the cause of the fight?
3. Did not Scotton write home to his father at Nottingham giving particulars of the fight, and also mentioning "bribery?"
4. Has not Shaw admitted since his arrival in England, that "something unpleasant" did take place, and have not other members of the team stated that there was more "carrying on" (I use their own expression) in Shaw's team than any one not present would believe?
5. Was not the "scandal" one of the principal themes of conversation among the passengers on board the *Assam*?
6. Is it not a fact that (contrary to the statement made in the local papers) Ulyett and Selby were aware of the rumour before reaching their respective homes, and was not the subject mentioned to them in the *Criterion* by a gentleman connected with the *Sportsman* and by another hailing from this district?

TWO AGAINST ELEVEN.

(This is taken from a MS. account of the match in the possession of Mr. E. Winse, of 49 Lime Street, who saw it played. Both Mills and Wenman are still alive.)

On Thursday and Friday, September 4th and 5th, 1834, an extremely interesting match was played at Wittersham, in the Isle of Oxney. Mr. E. G. Wenman and Mr. R. Mills, of Benenden, played against eleven chosen players of the Isle of Oxney at double wicket for £20. So great was the interest existing, that though the scene of action was in a very marshy and thinly populated district, upwards of four thousand spectators were assembled to witness this singular contest, which has no parallel in the annals of cricket. Such was the confidence of many present, that the Benenden two players were backed to a considerable amount, and many heavy sums changed hands on the occasion. The chances against the two enterprising players were great, the match having been made as follows: the Two against the Eleven, in every point of the game, they having none to field, and their opponents being all in the field: and what was more particularly against them was, that when one was out both were. Thus, in reality, each had but one innings.

They commenced the game on Thursday, the 4th, by taking the bat, and by a brilliant display of fine hitting succeeded in scoring 150 before they parted. Knowing the value of their individual wickets, they no doubt guarded them with as scrupulous care as a sacred relic would have been by the monks of old. The score of their opponents in both innings amounted to 132, out of which they numbered 48 byes, leaving them only 84 from hits. Taking into consideration the great disadvantages under which they entered the field, we must say these two scientific players have achieved a triumph that will never be forgotten by those who beheld it, and secured to them an honour that will not be easily surpassed in this manly exercise.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. G. Wenman, b D. Nere...	65	not out	16
R. Mills, not out	84	caught out	29
B.	1	B.	3
Total		Total	
150		48	

The Eleven made 55 and 77.