

generally good for as many runs as a good hit. On the other hand, fast, straight bowling on a hard, difficult wicket, is more likely to be successful than slow bowling; but on a hard, good wicket, I should prefer a good slow bowler who uses his head to all the fast bowlers rolled into one. On a soft wicket, there can be no doubt as to the superiority of the slow bowling.

If one man cannot get a wicket, do not be afraid to take him off and put on another, who, though not nearly so good, may level the stumps, for there is nothing like an occasional change.

Under-hand, or lob bowling, is rather under-rated at present. You scarcely ever see a slow under-hand bowler given a fair trial; he is, as a rule, put on to bowl, when every one else has failed. Even then he very often gets a wicket or two—a conclusive proof that lob bowlers should be put on at the beginning of a match and not treated as forlorn hopes.

Avoid bowling too slow—a good batsman will easily get out to a slow ball, no matter how high the curve, and score off it, if it is not above a certain pace—and when bowling slow never bowl two balls alike. One ball should have a lot of twist, while the next may have no twist at all; a full pitch is good occasionally, and a straight long hop which keeps low may often take a wicket.

Never keep bowling away dead on, but try and find out the batsman's weak point. If he runs out of his ground and plays forward, pitch shorter and shorter with a higher curve until he makes a mistake and is either stumped, caught, or bowled. If he plays back, pitch closer and closer up, so as to bring him forward or drive him on to his wicket. In fact, try at him back and try at him forward until he gets in a fog and you have his wicket in his moment of indecision. Bowl for catches as well as for stumping; your object is to get the man out, and if you cannot do it in one way, do it in another. Find out his favourite stroke, see if he can hit best to the leg or to the off—few batsmen are good all round—and treat him accordingly. Never act independently of the field and try to win a match without their assistance—you will not do much single-handed; and, in conclusion, take especial care with the last ball of the over, as if nothing has been scored off the others, the batsman can very rarely resist the temptation of a risky attempt to spoil your maiden.

### STOLEN RUNS.

On Saturday the 20th ultimo, Mr. E. W. Lake, playing for the Incogniti against the School of Gunnery at Shoeburyness, sent a ball a distance of 93 feet behind the wicket.—*Cricketer*.

Since the very complimentary notice of Blackham's wicket-keeping appeared in *Lillywhite's Annual* for 1879, the Australians will never have it that anyone can approach him behind the stumps. An Australian newspaper, speaking of Pilling's performances with Shaw's team in the colony, remarks as follows: "In this department Pilling was at his best, and proved clearly that if second, he is a very good second to Blackham, the prince of wicket-keepers."—*American Cricketer*.

It is said that Midwinter tried very hard to get into the Australian team, but that public opinion was very much against him for deserting Gregory's team in 1878. He was finally shut out by Spofforth declaring that he would not be one of the team if Midwinter was included. Midwinter, it will be remembered, was one of the strongest bats in the first Australian team, but he only played for it in five out of their seventeen matches, and was accused of having deserted them when they played the county of Middlesex at Lord's. On the same days there was a match at the Oval between Surrey and Gloucestershire, about which there was much feeling; and it is recorded that "play was delayed a bit to allow Messrs. W. G. Grace and Bush to capture Midwinter when he was all ready to go in for the Australians v. Middlesex at Lord's." Midwinter has played for Gloucestershire ever since that time.

PERSONAL.—GEORGE LANE left England for America on 27th of May, on steamship *Gallia*. He is under engagement to the Staten Island Club.

### THE UMPIRE.

BOWLER.—Many cricketers besides yourself are ignorant of what a wide ball really is. The chalk mark you refer to has nothing to do with the decision. Rule XII. gives the answer: "If the bowler shall bowl the ball so wide that in the opinion of the umpire it shall not be fairly within the reach of the batsman, he shall adjudge one run to the party receiving the innings."

## COMMUNICATION.

### THE CHICAGO CLUB.

To the Editor of the Canadian Cricket Field.

DEAR SIR,—The good "cricket citizens," of the west welcome the advent of another paper devoted to the interests of the best of all games, cricket; and your correspondent (self-invited though he be) begs to express the hope that the pressure of matter may compel the editor to enlarge his paper fourfold ere the present season closes.

During the month of May and thus far in June, we scarcely have had a week of clear, warm weather—nothing but torrents of rain; the consequence is, that our Chicago Cricket Club is many weeks behind in its practice, and is not ready for the fray. However, with a few sunny days our team will soon fit themselves for work.

Our first eleven has been greatly strengthened by the addition of three or four gentlemen who have lately come among us, and who are players beyond a peradventure; it needed but one match to demonstrate their skill, and if the C. C. C. does not take a position near the head of the list this year, it will be their own fault.

Last week the home team easily defeated the Western Americans, of St. Louis, in the initial game of the year, and had not "Mr. J. Pluvius" been swishing his watering-can over the crease for a solid month, making run-getting almost an impossibility, we would have been able to record a handsome victory. As it is, we are content with a reasonable advantage; quite a number of the eleven failed to come off at the bat, but we look for them on the 12th June, when the Mound City Club, of St. Louis, probably the strongest team which the C. C. C. will meet this season, are coming up to try conclusions.

Matches are being arranged with Winnipeg, Le Mars, Iowa; Guelph, Ont.; Detroit, Mich., and some others. It is to be hoped that Toronto will arise, take into its first eleven some young blood, hunt up a brace of bowlers, who can send down an over or two in which a few "concentrated hummers" will appear, and then come out to Chicago to return the visit of last year and to bear back a victory.

On Guelph we count; why cannot Toronto come also, playing Detroit either coming or going?

Again wishing you every success in your new enterprise,

I am, very respectfully yours,

PALMER.

Chicago, Ill., June, 1882.

### SHORT SLIPS.

Guelph play Galt at Galt on the 16th, the Peninsular Club, of Detroit, in Guelph on July 1st, and the return match, against Galt, at Guelph on 14th July.

U. C. College play Trinity School at Port Hope on the 17th; the annual match between ex and present Day boys and Boarders is announced to take place on the 24th inst.

The Sons of England Club, of Toronto, has a membership of 40. The following are the officers: President, J. W. Carter; Vice-President, Mr. Jennings; Sec.-Treasurer, — White; Chaplain, W. Beasley. The managing committee consists of two members from each lodge.

### ENGLAND.

In a match between M. C. C. and Leicestershire, the former won in one innings. Score: M. C. C., 546, Leicesters, 152 and 164. Barnes made 266 with 3 chances, Midwinter 187 with one chance at 130.

Among the heavy eruption of large scores during the last few days, it is refreshing to think of some matches in which the bowlers have had a turn. On Saturday last an eleven of Hanworthy (Dorset) were got out by Constitution Hill on the latter's ground for one run in the second innings. Last week a team bearing the euphonious name of Osgathorpe were dismissed by one with the equally pleasant-sounding appellation of Coleorton for three.

### AUSTRALIANS v. LANCASHIRE.

This match was begun on the 1st inst. Bonnor and Blackham took the places of Giffen and Jones on the Australian side.