

orable spot in her being, and her aspirations are high and commendable. Her constitution is, in some respects, not so robust as could be desired, nor is her matrimonial outlook so full of golden promise as her friends could wish. She will, in all probability, contract a splendid match, but—the horrible “but” steps in afterwards and wipes out the felicity in a very large measure, and brings coldness, disdain and discontent on both sides.

If the above is not suitable, she can write again, and I shall see what can be done for her. There is nothing impossible with THE HOME JOURNAL, and it would have gone into the fortune-telling business long ago had not ex-Mayor Beaven saddled astrologists with an unreasonable license fee.

“Succulent weeds” is the theme on which Mr. Kitchen descanted in the Provincial Legislature the other evening. He specially praised the dandelion and the lamb’s quarter, possibly because of the use of them made in the *cuisine*. He had a good word to say for the sowthistle and possibly he may explain the reason when he gets out his next cookery book; but why he should see nothing to condemn in the oxeye daisy, which in the East has ruined so many thousands of acres of pasture, I cannot imagine, unless the party which he and Mr. Brown lead have taken it as their emblem. The oxeye daisy may look pretty and harmless, but, like Mr. Kitchen’s party, its existence means destruction and ruin.

PERE GRINATOR.

SPORTING NOTES.

FOOTBALL.

THE game of Association football has grown in popularity with Victorians during this season, there being two excellent organizations in the city, in addition to the various college and school clubs; but there is a very apparent want of enthusiasm among the players, or there would be many more such games as was played last Saturday afternoon at Caledonia Park, between the Nanaimo Rangers and Victoria. The game between those teams a few weeks previous resulted in a draw being played at Nanaimo, and this game was expected to be a still greater test of their respective merits. The ball was kicked off at 3:15, and Victoria at once assumed the offensive, Wilson and Goward on the right giving the opposing backs considerable trouble, but Duffy relieved by a long kick. Riley and York, of the Nanaimo forwards, playing splendidly together, succeeded in passing the half-backs, only to see the ball sent spinning down the field by Cartwright. The backs of the Nanaimo team, during the first half of the game, played very good, frustrating every effort on the part of the Victorias. On the other hand, the forwards of the Victorias were exceedingly weak, especially in centre. Time and again, the ball was centred from right and left, but no one in centre to shoot for goal, and Wilson and McKinley for Nanaimo had practically free kicks. The game, during the first half, was not anything like a scientific display of association football—hard playing and individual playing—but little or

no combination. The half-backs of Victoria, with the exception of Blackburn, were a poor lot. Blackburn played a grand game throughout. The second half began by Nanaimo pressing, and came very near scoring at the start, but for a miss kick by the right wing forward, who, instead of putting it through the goal, sent it over the bar a la Rugby. The game now became very fast; something like attempts at taking goals were numerous—Peden and Begg on the left for Victoria being conspicuous by their unselfish passing and readiness to shoot at goal. Several narrow escapes from downfall fell to Nanaimo, but for the extraordinary efforts of Wilson and Duffy, goals must have been scored. After the second half had been under way about fifteen minutes, a run started by Goward and Wilson and as pretty a piece of passing by the five forwards as could be wished for, the ball was sent in by Goward only to be returned and again secured by Blackburn, who put in a regular cannon ball shot, which the goal keeper of Nanaimo stopped, but, in his endeavor to throw the ball out before being charged by the Victoria forwards, stepped through his own goal. An appeal by Nanaimo that he was not through when he threw the ball out was not allowed by the referee. From this to the end, the game was a fast and scientific exhibition of runs and counter runs, splendid tackling and passing. The Nanaimo men redoubled their efforts to equalize and avert defeat, as they had an unbroken record this season, but of no avail. Although hard lines were theirs on several occasions, the game ended in a win for Victoria by 1 goal to 0 for the miners. Blackburn, Glen, Peden, Begg, Goward and Wilson played a good game, Boyd, the goal keeper, only being called upon twice to stop shots, although that does not represent the actual opposition offered. For Nanaimo, Riley, York, McKinley, Wilson and Duffy were the mainstays of the team, their weakest point being in goal. The referee of the match was Mr. J. G. Brown, and general satisfaction was expressed by both teams at the universally fair decisions given by this gentleman. An unfortunate and regrettable incident of the match was the ungentlemanly and partisan spirit displayed during a portion of the game by the spectators, who howled like a lot of madmen at every exhibition of good play by Victoria and remained silent when anything worthy of applause was done by Nanaimo. It reached such a state that the referee’s whistle could not be heard by the players, and Mr. Brown had to stop the game and request the spectators to allow the spirit of British fair play to dominate them and stop such unseemly exhibitions, which was done during the remainder of the game. The teams afterwards dined together at the Victoria and spent a pleasant evening together. Next Saturday the 10th, the Rangers will play the Wellington team in the semi final of the Association challenge cup competition, the miners then having to play the Wanderers of this city. The game on Saturday will be a great struggle, and whoever wins will have no easy prey in the Wanderers. There is some talk in the city of having a team picked from among old players to play the team which defeated the Rangers. Among the names mentioned are Foulkes, Foster,

Brown, Niven, Gibson, Hook, Martin and Whyte.

This day week is the date fixed for the great international Rugby football match, Ireland vs England, Scotland and the Colonies combined, to be played on the Caledonian grounds. The game will undoubtedly be the most interesting ever witnessed in Victoria, as both teams are extra strong, several of the players being representatives of the British Columbia team who are to do battle against California and Oregon at the Midwinter Fair, on the 23rd inst., and who will be in this city on the 17th on their way south. As this will be the first “gate” match Rugby players have ever had in Victoria, it is to be hoped that the general public will turn out in thousands to witness the same, and thus give “Rugby” football the support that is due to it in all English colonies. The teams will be photographed before the match by Mr. F. M. Jones. The colors of the World’s team (bar Irishmen) will be white jersey with Union Jack on breast, those of the Irish team green jerseys with white shamrock on breast. The names of the players will appear in next issue.

Sporting matters have taken a spurt as it were. The fact that a football team from British Columbia will visit the Midwinter Fair and compete with the crack teams of Oregon and California speaks well for the future of the grand old game of Rugby. The British Columbia team will give a good account of themselves collectively and individually.

The Victorias (Rugby) will play the Somenos team this afternoon at Duncan. The local team is as follows: Pettigrew, back; E. Marshall, C. W. Ward, and A. Crease, three-quarter backs; F. Smith and R. J. Ackland, half backs; H. F. M. Jones (Captain), W. H. Langley, J. Fraser, L. Crease, P. Hibben, B. H. T. Drake, F. Wollaston, J. O’Reilly and G. L. Sidey, forwards.

LACROSSE.

The Provincial Lacrosse Association will meet at Westminster, April 14.

The lacrosse team, it is expected, will visit the Midwinter Fair. A definite conclusion has not yet been arrived at.

A lacrosse club was organized at Nanaimo last Thursday evening, and the following officers elected: Hon. President, W. K. Leighton; president, A. D. Williams; vice-presidents, W. Sloan, J. Graham and G. R. Raymond; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Norris; club captain, E. Ferneaux.

Victoria will be well supplied with lacrosse teams the coming season, no less than three junior teams are expected to take the field, viz: “Stars,” “James Bays” and “Centrale.” The latter will prove a strong competitors to the other two teams, who have hitherto had everything their own way. It is expected that a trophy will be offered by lacrosse enthusiasts to be competed for by the above clubs.

SPORTING TIPS.

The Victoria base ball club will meet to reorganize this afternoon.

The Vancouver Cricket Club will give a fancy dress ball at the Hotel Vancouver on Thursday of Easter week.