

it is too likely to be called the "cross." This is a matter of small moment, perhaps, but it is always well to keep up the proper derivation of words. To call a wooden hook a "cross" (as we already pronounce it) is absurd; to drop one *s*, and call it a "crose" would be far better, as suggesting the original meaning at once. The reform may be carried out some day, but at present we shall keep to the established spelling. (The French use the verb *crosser*, as "to bat, to strike aside with a bat," probably in the same way as we might speak of hindering or "crossing" a thing, or crossing its path with a bat.)

As to the nationality of our new game, even British conceit may be satisfied. Surely we can condescend to learn athletics from the North American Indians, the countrymen of "Deerfoot," who may well teach us "a thing or two in running."