

Cricket. Much sympathy is felt for the Grace family over the unfortunate affair.

On Hendon Lake, the long talked of match between James Finney and W. Beckwith, for a stake of £200, distance 500 yds., was decided, Finney winning by half a dozen yards. Both are men who talk very loudly, and if anything the Thames man—Beckwith—has the advantage in brag. The race was, however, well contested. The pair were level for the first hundred yards. Then Finney led by a couple of yards. Beckwith spurred at the end and reduced the gap, but Finney came away and won in the very good time of 8 mins. 5½ secs. The betting was slightly in favour of Finney.

A sort of impromptu match was got up between Neil Matterson, of Sydney, N. S. W., and Dave Godwin, of Battersea, for £200. After Matterson's defeat the other day by our champion, the match was got on to measure his powers against a minor light of the sculling world. The race was rowed over the Thames championship course. The Australian proved the better man, winning in 23 mins. 19 sec. Godwin who rowed gamely being 5 secs. behind.

A favourite summer amusement with certain hard road-riding cyclists is to scorch from Land's End, the extreme southern point of Great Britain to John O'Groats, the most northern point. This distance is something like 850 miles. The great desire is to do the distance under six days. This has, however, not yet been accomplished. The roads are certainly very trying, especially the portion of them lying in the Land of the Mountain and flood. Mr. James Lennox, of Dumfries, who holds the bicycle record for this great feat, started last Monday to have another shy at the six days. Level headed riders murmur *cui bono*? It demonstrates nothing but that human endurance is great in certain strongly constituted individuals, and that machines are better now a days than a dozen years ago. The multitude of cyclists ride leisurely along and enjoy themselves. Scorching is not enjoyment, it is below.

The many friends of the Queens Park Football Club in Canada, will be glad to hear that it is in a prosperous position. Its annual general meeting was held last week. Its receipts amounted to £2,777, of which over £1,200 has been spent on the new ground and track. They

owe the bank, however, £350, which will it is expected be cleared off ere six months. All the old office bearers have been re-elected. The most notable change is that Mr. Charles Campbell has been put out of the match committee. He is however on the general committee.

LATER ITEMS.

In the beginning of the week we had some grand cricket weather. The result is that there is some tall scoring to record. The Australians whose batting is showing a decided improvement in playing Derbyshire, managed to beat them by six wickets. The scores being Derbyshire, 95 and 144; Australians, 191 and 49 for 4 wickets. They are now playing Cambridge University, and the match to all appearance is likely to end a draw. The Australians having 222 runs in their first innings, and scoring 51 in their second without the loss of a wicket. Cambridge, who at one time had 7 wickets down for 48, ultimately managed to save the "follow on" by a single run, this was principally due to Messrs. Rock and Marchant, who going in 8th and 9th, scored 38 and 51 respectively.

Surrey has scored two more wins this week, in beating Lancashire by 9 wickets, and Essex by an innings and 24 runs. Lohmann, is still showing grand form with the ball for Surrey, and is sure of a place in the players team against the Gentlemen. The match between Yorkshire and Middlesex, which was played at Lords ended in a draw. The scores being very heavy, Yorkshire having 237 and 409, Middlesex had 192 in their first innings and realised 255 in their second for the loss of four wickets. There was not a single century in the above scores, which showed the equal nature of the batting. Sussex beat Gloucestershire by 10 wickets.

At the Civil Service Sports, which were held last Saturday, at Stamford Bridge grounds, Chelsea, W. Lyle Smith beat the record in the 250 yards race, doing the distance in 26½ secs., which is one second better than the record, viz. That of R. W. Vidal's, which was established at Oxford, in Dec., 1867, and has consequently stood for 21 years. Myers in America is credited with 26 secs.

J. M. Cowie, the amateur champion sprinter got beat last Saturday at Widnes, in the 100 yards by A. Wharton, of Darlington, who is comparatively

unknown, Wharton also ran a good second in the quarter, and it is thought that if he had got a clear course, he would have beat Cowie at the distance also. In the 120 yards race, J. Kerr who was entered as of Manchester, won the final in 11½ secs., Wharton who was second immediately protested against Kerr as a professional. The numbers were not hoisted, and the prize was withheld in the meantime. Kerr is a Scotchman, belonging to Ayrshire, and it is very questionable if it can be shown that he is a professional, but it is likely he will be disqualified for roping in several races he has run in the North of England.

The second part of the professional golf match between Willie Campbell and Jamie Morris for £25, was played this week on St. Andrew's links. When they came to the last hole, they were all even and one to play. Both men were on the green in three. Morris' fourth stopped on the edge of the hole, lying a "dead stimy" to Campbell, who tried to screw round the side, but only succeeded in laying the balls cheek-by-jowl, and thus lost a very exciting and close match by one hole.

I take the following extract from *Truth*. A new star has arisen in the firmament of ladies lawn tennis, in the person of a Miss Dod, of Rockferry. On Friday last, this young lady, who is only 15 years old, carried off the West of England championship for ladies, beating Miss Watson, who is the champion of all England in the final tie, by 7 to 5 and 6 to 4, without giving her a chance. If she goes on like this by the time she is 20, Miss Dod ought to be able to beat all the men out of the field.

I notice in *Figaro* that a Mrs. Theobald played in a first-class cricket match last week in Essex, and made 44 runs in her second innings; It adds that she looked extremely graceful in a costume designed expressly for her; that she bowls well and makes an excellent captain, who insists on being obeyed.

I believe that Mr. John Jameson's "Irex," is to meet Sir Richard Sutton's "Genesta" this season, for the Cape May and Brenton Reef Cups, which the latter vessel won last year in America and which are deposited with the Royal Yacht Squadron.

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