have to be fitted with the latest improvements in telephoto lenses; in the absence of this friendly help, for the purpose of this article, we collated one month's (August) cricket reports in an absolutely unbiased contemporary, with the result (keeping in mind the fact that a good proportion of the chances given, even when observed from the Press-box, are not alluded to in print) that we were anything but reassured as to the fielding displayed by our best elevens. In the following table we show how the 166 catches missed in August, which we succeeded in tracing, were distributed among the fifteen first-class counties; we also give the number of wickets taken by each team during that month, whilst in the third column, in order to reduce all the teams to the same common denominator, we append the percentages of chances missed to wickets captured:

County.	Chances Missed.	Wickets Captured.	Percentage of Chances Missed to Wickets Captured.
1. Warwick . .	11 ...	45 ...	24
2. Derby . . .	11 ...	61 ...	18
3. Gloucester . .	23 ...	140 ...	16·4
4. Sussex . . .	19 ...	126 ...	15
5. Notts . . .	10 ...	68 ...	14·7
6. Somerset . .	11 ...	86 ...	12·8
7. Worcester . .	14 ...	117 ...	12
8. Middlesex . .	19 ...	163 ...	11·6
9 Essex . . .	9 ...	88 ...	10·2
10. Hants . . .	9 ...	90 ...	10
11. Kent . . .	11 ...	138 ...	7·9
12. Surrey . . .	7 ...	140 ...	5
13. Lancashire . .	5 ...	119 ...	4·2
14. Leicestershire .	4 ...	96 ...	4·1
15. Yorkshire . .	3 ...	127 ...	2·3

Warwick owes her position at the head of the list to an epidemic that, as Tom Emmett would say, was "certainly not 'catching.'" It broke out with exceeding virulence in the match against Worcester, when not only was Bowley missed in the slips, but Arnold, who was thrice missed at the same