

The ladies of Halifax have shown extraordinary activity this year in the matter of sports, and so far all their efforts have been completely successful. Now that the Crown County and Rowing clubs are an accomplished fact, we hear rumors of a Ladies Rifle Club, which intends to have its first meeting very shortly. The ground is in the vicinity of Mr. Francklyn's house, and gives room for short ranges from 50 to 100 yards. What weapon that is to be used we have not yet heard, but shall be able to give fuller details later on.

A fortnight ago we said a few words about the Peerless Steam Cooker, which has been recently introduced into Halifax. Since then we have had ample opportunities for testing its capabilities, and have no hesitation in pronouncing it a complete success. For three days we were without a stove, and used the Cooker on a three-wick oil stove. On one occasion the Cooker contained leg of mutton, potatoes, spanish onions, and jam pudding; and—to our surprise, we must confess—everything turned out perfectly done, and the flavor of onions strictly confined to the onions themselves. For cooking any large joint, like a ham, the machine is just perfect; and when the inside shelves are taken out, there is room for a larger joint than any ordinary pan will hold.

Besides all this, the Cooker is very clean, and does not want any watching, as the steam whistle gives a quarter of an hour's notice before the water supply is run out.

We went altogether off the track last week in the matter of Mr. John Doull's "at Home," and a notice in one of the daily papers, meant to set matters right, didn't do much to improve things. However, all's well that ends well, and we can congratulate Mr. John Doull (*not* junior) on the success of last Tuesday's entertainment.

It is some small consolation that we were not the only ones that muddled up the accounts of this same "At Home;" a contemporary eclipsed us altogether by describing the whole business several days before it came off.

Mrs. W. M. Doull is giving a dance at Westenswald next Tuesday, (the 21st)

La grippe epidemic is having terrible results on the Labrador coast. At River Pontecoste, point Aux Esquimaux, Plaster Cove and Mingan, dozens of people have died, dozens are dying and many have gone insane, and to make matters worse provisions have run short. Bishop Bosse is down with the disease, his prelate is dying and a number of nuns are among the dead. Bishop Bosse's medicine chest has run out. It was the only one on the coast. The Bishop telegraphed the Quebec government to send immediate help. Doctor Fiset, ex-M. P. for Rimouski, has left with medicine and provisions. The result of his mission is anxiously awaited.

We have heard many well-authenticated accounts of large flights of grass-hoppers and locusts, but the following, from *The Register* (Berwick, N. S.) took us a little by surprise;—

"Grasshoppers, in a column about five miles wide, recently appeared in such quantities in Colorado, fifty miles west line of Kansas, so as to stop the Rock Island train. They covered the rails to a depth of two inches, and the driving-wheels of the engine revolved and ground through them unable to move the train. Another engine was secured to push, and then it took two hours to cross the five-mile column. The grasshoppers are young, having been hatched within the last two weeks. Fears are entertained that their wings will develop enough for them to fly and devastate the corn fields of Kansas."

This may be true, and then again it may not. We record it because it is an extraordinary addition to the annals of Natural History; and we hope in time to be able to look back through the files of OUR SOCIETY and make a collection of clippings that will form a fair treatise on Natural History, as she is wrote.

The beauty of these items lies in the fact that if they are difficult to believe they are more difficult to verify and most difficult to disprove.

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE, -PAST AND PRESENT.

WINDSOR COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, -PAST AND PRESENT.

By the kind courtesy of the committee of the Wanderers this match took place on the Club grounds on Monday, it having been postponed from Thursday on account of the weather. Mr. Irons the custodian of the ground had provided a really good wicket, which notwithstanding adverse criticism as regards the look of the ground, he has done each match played this year. As far as the cricket goes, we cannot say much for either side, both being pretty poor, the match eventually ended in a draw, the Windsorians leading on the first innings. We might suggest to the Windsor team that it is usual when playing in a neutral ground, to abide by the rules of that ground, and not bring their own rules, with their cricket paraphernalia. This refers to drawing of stumps which, on the Wanderers' ground is fixed for half-past six. To say the least the Windsor team owe an apology to the Wanderers' for having broken one of the club rules. The following is the score:—

COLLEGE SCHOOL XI.

<i>First innings.</i>	<i>Second innings.</i>
Holmes, ct. Stewart, b. Leigh 0	b. Cahalane 6
J. Mackintosh, b. Leigh 8	b. Leigh 3
J. Overy, ct. & b. Leigh 2	b. Cahalane 0
Masters, b. Leigh 1	b. " 0
N. Pickering, ct. Ryan, b. Leigh 0	ct. Courtney, b. Leigh . . . 15
F. Payzant, b. Cahalane 0	ct. Leigh, b. Cahalane 0
G. Worsley, run out 9	ct. " b. " 7
R. Bauld, ct. Ryan, b. Cahalane 1	ct. Courtney, b. Leigh 4
A. Reynolds, b. Leigh 2	not out 0
Jones, not out 9	b. Leigh 0
S. Mitchell, std. b. Cahalane 5	b. Cahalane 0
Extras 18	Extras 8
Total 52	Total 43

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE.

First innings.

R. MacIreith, b. Masters 0
C. Stewart, ct. Overy, b. Worsley 0
R. Moren, b. Worsley 0
W. Courtney, b. Masters 9
T. Cahalane, b. Masters 16
W. Leigh, b. Worsley 2
T. Ryan, b. Masters 1
J. Roue, b. Worsley 0
L. Kenny, ct. Overy, b. Worsley 0
D. C. Bradford, not out 2
F. Parsons, did not bat 0
Extras 16
Total 37

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd, 1891.

GRAND GALA DAY! "HILLSIDE," NORTH-WEST ARM.

"KERMESSE,"

Strawberry Festival, Water Concert, Fireworks and Illuminations, Bands of Music and innumerable smaller attractions. The Committee having the affair in hand will do their best to make it a success in every particular. Ample means of communication with the City while the entertainment is in progress will be provided by means of Busses and Steam Tugs, which will give patrons a choice of routes to and from the grounds, and will afford them a chance of enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Arm during the afternoon and by moonlight.