

THE BIRTH OF CRICKET.

Cricketers and Our Little Tip Cat Whiskers Are Really Brothers.

According to the best authorities, cricket is a combination of hockey, bat and ball, rounders and tip cat. Mr. Ballard's theory, however, is that tip cat was played 200 years ago it was known as "cross wicket," and the players consisted of eleven a side, with a notcher or scorer, and that when the cat was hit away the strikers ran as now, the runs counting toward the game. Afterward a ball was substituted for the cat, and the name changed, or rather shortened from "cross wicket" to "cricket." In a picture of a match played in 1733 the game seems to have been in the transitional state, the popping hole, a substitute for the cat, and, in reality, the original of the popping craze. The wicket then was simply two upright sticks with another piece of wood, or ball, on top of them. In the picture the wicket keeper occupies the same place as he does now in a cricket match, and allowing for the then shorter stumps, stands in the same position of lively watchfulness. The batsman is handling a club bat, obviously a compromise between a hockey stick and a tip cat bat. The bowling appears to consist in throwing the ball along the ground, and from the wicket, and the manner in which the fielders stand, off hitting was unknown at that time. There is only one account existing of an eleven-sided match in that era, that of Kent vs. All England in 1736, which, however, goes to prove that in its chief details the game was contested under much the same conditions as at present. It is, however, an open question whether the county of Surrey, Sussex or Kent has the most right to be considered the nursery of the national game in England, though undoubtedly the Bat and Ball Inn, about two miles from Hambledon in Sussex, has most claim to the title of being the cradle of cricket. This old house stands on a level expanse of ground, where two cross roads meet, and outwardly—at least a few years back—resembled much the same appearance as it did 150 years ago. Between 1775 and 1780 a middle stump was introduced, when a newer style of playing the game came into vogue—that is to say, in addition to the third stump other changes were taking place, notably in the bats or mallets, which gradually became straighter and wider in shape. This continued until 1840, by which time the crickets bats altered in form to what they are at present. Nearly everything else, such as the bowling distance, placing of the fielders, appointment of umpires, etc., were gradually introduced as well, the only difference being in the costumes of the players. At the early part of the present century the cricketer's dress consisted of breeches, silk stockings, lace up iron tip shoes, fancy colored shirts and crickety caps—at least that was the uniform worn by the famous Hambledon club, which at first helped to spread such a luster over this deservedly popular pastime. It is now over a hundred years ago (1780) since the historical match was played between Hambledon and All England, in front of the Bat and Ball Inn we have already referred to, at which it has been alleged that the famous old player, Willie Baily, took part—though, according to the best authorities, he could not have been much more than 14 years old, but they began young in those days, for boys of 15 fought at Waterloo. Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.

A Letter from Gladstone. Augustus Soares, a Minneapolis boy, and a student in the State university, is the recipient of what are young American might justly regard a rare honor. In one of the oratorical contests at the university he delivered a thoughtful and well written oration on Gladstone. The oration was sent to a relative living in England, and he thought so well of it that he sent it to the great statesman. As the result of it he received the following letter from Mr. Gladstone himself, in his own handwriting.

DEAR SIR—I beg that you will receive my thanks and convey them to your nephew, whose paper has impressed upon me the belief that, rightly turning his abilities to account, he ought to make his mark in the world. His account of me is much too flattering. I am at the same time able to define the growth and nature of my change in opinion and action with great simplicity. I began life with a reverence for what was ancient and a blank disbelief in the value of liberty. As to the first I remain what I was. As to the second I have entirely changed. The phrase "unvarnized," which reference was made, had a truth very limited scope. The representatives of Oxford never addressed their constituents. I had been rejected and was seeking a seat in Lancashire. I remain, Sir, with renewed thanks, your faithful servant, W. E. GLADSTONE.

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