

DEDDINGTON

NOVEL CRICKET MATCH.—On Saturday those who had the good fortune to be present in the Castle grounds witnessed a cricket match, which has the merit of being both novel and charming, for one side consisted of graceful young ladies, under the captaincy of Miss Beatrice Cartwright, who tried conclusions with the "willow" against a team of gentlemen, under the leadership of the Rev. G. E. Willis. The ladies played the ordinary game with the regulation bat, but the gentlemen were handicapped by having to play with broomsticks, to bowl, bat, and catch with the left hand. The result of the contest was a glorious victory for the "charming fair," by fifteen runs. The play of the gentlemen was naturally full of amusing incidents, the "dextra manus" getting into play in spite of the fixed principal of the game—brike the "rules of the road."

The laws of this game were paradox quite,
He who caught with the "left" was sare it was "right";
But strangely to say as the game moved along,
He who played with the "right" always played with the "wrong."

The game was not one of mere pastime, for some excellent cricket was shewn by the ladies. The bowling of Miss Mabel Ramsay was most skilful, and took six wickets in the first and seven in the second innings. The play of Miss N. Stratton and Miss M. Willis showed that the game of cricket was one of which they had considerable knowledge and practice. The umpires were Admiral Bradshaw, C.B., and H. C. Risley, Esq. We are not able to give the full score, but the totals were—ladies, 1st innings, 27; second, 96; total, 123. Gentlemen, 1st innings, 63; 2nd, 45; total, 108. Had it been more generally known that Mr. Risley wished the gates to be thrown open to the public, there is no doubt the number of spectators would have been very large.