

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 19th July 1890

AN UNFORTUNATE ATHLETE

About two months since Mr. **W. H. THIRKELL**, when going through some gymnastic exercises, was so unfortunate as to injure himself severely by a fall, which laid him aside for several days. We are sorry to say this unlucky athlete was playing in the cricket field on Saturday, when the ball struck him such a severe blow that he fainted. There were several in the field who, having taken lessons in ambulance work, were anxious to display their proficiency. They extemporised a stretcher, and conveyed him to the Infirmary, and thence after treatment to his home. Mr. THIRKELL, though about again, is likely to feel the effects of the blow for some time. We have not heard whether the ball Mr. THIRKELL so unsatisfactorily tested was stuffed with steel filings or not.

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