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CRICKET-PLAYING ON WOODHOUSE MOOR.

It has been previously explained in this journal that the Corporation intend to level the lower part of Woodhouse Moor, on the north side, for the use of the cricketers. The plan for this improvement has been prepared, and will shortly be submitted to the Town Council for approval. In the meantime some little inconvenience will be felt. A "Moor Laker" writes to a contemporary:— "Now that the concrete paths and plantations are taking up so much room which used to be within the 'Cricket Boundaries,' I hope the Corporation will allow wickets to be pitched in other places on the moor. The low part of the moor between the fountain and the wall of the Horticultural Gardens is very rarely used for promenading, and would serve well for the purpose of cricket and football. I started playing there on Saturday, and was ordered off by a policeman, who had no occasion to swear." — If "Moor Laker" had written to the chief constable respecting this "bobby," instead of to a newspaper, it might have been better. The comfort and convenience of the cricketers are being carefully studied, so that the new ground may meet all their requirements, and the moor be available for the recreation of all grades of the people of Leeds. — Following the above letter comes one from "A Moor Wanderer," who, we think, is too hard on the cricketers. He writes:— "Instead of allowing other parts of the moor to be used for cricketing, as a 'Moor Laker' suggests, I trust the Corporation will in the end disallow the game altogether on the moor, as they have done with knur and spell. It was after an official of the Bankruptcy Court had been nearly killed or blinded that the latter game was prohibited. I think there must have been more people hit by the larger balls than ever were hit by the small ones, though, perhaps, not so well able to make their grievance felt. It is impossible to walk with comfort or safety on any of the paths bounding the cricket reserves, or on the promenade formed on the reservoir bank. If the game were allowed, as suggested, on the low part of the moor, Hyde Park Road would become a place of danger. The condition of the moor as a place of recreation has been greatly altered by the recent improvements, and the numbers frequenting it for health or relaxation, including children and their attendants, are as ten to one compared with the lads and youths who make use of it for this game. I submit that the majority who do not annoy their neighbours should be considered rather than the minority who do. If one of the unoffending majority gets hit and remonstrates, he will probably find, as some have already done, that the offender of the minority, like the policeman complained of, will 'swear.'