

### THE SECOND CLASS BAT.

It may be that the good second-class batsman plays more or less regularly on account of chance (says "Country Life.") If that is so, his chance has a real title to be described as bliss. At least is unconcerned on account of the reputation of the bowler, for one club cricketer has proverbially a moderate opinion of another club cricketer's reputation. He generally ascribes it to local enthusiasm and local prejudice. He is possibly, in spirit of emulation, a little eager to destroy that reputation, and if he is influenced at all by what he has heard or read, he is more inclined to try to hit the bowler out of the ground in his first or second innings than he is to flatter him by hanging out signals of distress.

### THE GREENHOUSE IN SUMMER.

Many of the plants that have kept the greenhouse during the spring months have now passed the flowering stage, and from this time onward one must depend upon what are usually regarded as the winter occupants of that structure for its embellishment (says "The Garden.") All the forced shrubs, such as Heaths, greenhouse Rhododendrons and other things, may be stood out of doors through the summer. This will give additional space in the greenhouse, which is a great help just now, as such things as Fuchsias, Pelargoniums, Begonias, Tropaeas, Lantanas, Schizanthus and in fact nearly everything are growing, and consequently require room.

### WHENCE CAME "HIP, HIP HURRAH"?

A very satisfactory reply seems to have been forthcoming to Prince Fushimi's enquiry as to the derivation of our 'Hip, hip, hurrah.' There are many explanations as to its origin, but none is very convincing, and there are strong grounds for the suspicion that our distinctive British cheer was derived from Germany. There seems little doubt that 'huzzah,' or 'huzzab,' was originally the huntsman's

## THE DERBY WINNER

### Owners Connection with Limerick.

Mr. Croker, whose horse Orby, won the Derby this year, is of course well-known as a former "Boss" of Tammany Hall. It is not, however, generally known that Mr. Croker belongs to an ancient Devonshire family which migrated to Ireland in Cromwell's service, and subsequently settled in Limerick where the head of the family still resides. "Boss" Croker is the great-grandson of John Croker, of Ballinagarde, who died in 1804, and the documents establishing his legitimate connection with the Limerick Crokers are lodged in the Ulster King at Arms Office.

Croker of Ballinagarde is a branch of Croker of Lineham, Devon—a family so old in the land that it has its record in the old distich:

Croke, Crewys and Copplestone,  
When the Conqueror came, were at home.

John Croker of Ballinagarde, High Sheriff of Limerick in 1745, had five sons, of whom the fourth was Richard. The man who belongs to Orby is John Croker's grandson.

## MR. O'SHEA'S FUNERAL

It should have been mentioned that Alderman McNeice attended the funeral of the late Mr. Henry O'Shea, as representing the Mayor of the city (whose locum tenens he is at present). Mr. P. Collins, T.C., and Mr. Leahy (evicted tenant) were also present.

## SUMMER ASSIZES, 1907.

### Munster Circuit.

Co. Clare—At Ennis, Thursday July 2nd, at 11 o'clock.

Co. Limerick—At Limerick, Friday, July 5th, at 11 o'clock.

Co. of City of Limerick—At Limerick, same day and hour.

Judges—Right Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson and Right Hon. Mr. Justice Gibson.

collapse, and to hold out those who are in a worse had been widowed and orphaned. Those who did not know I would ask to consider the of us prosper without served well without pr was a man of the most strict teetotaler, of the highest and of a most loveable disposition. a disgrace to his many old tances if such a man's wife in want.

I will gladly receive a deserving object, and duly the columns of the "Irish

## PREMIER SA

### "Wait and

Speaking at Plymouth Minister, referring to Ireland, ask me how the policy of affected, and what they a Ireland in the near future, you must wait and see. silence and reflection are and I am not sure that this We must give the people of England time to in all its bearings, without out passion. But after endure these two disappoint reason to be dissatisfied w have made.

## IN PARLIAM

### Deceased Wife's

In the House of Commons motion that the Marriage of Sister Bill as amended in considered, Viscount Helm Bill be re-committed to The debate was adjourned, at 5.15.

A Stockholm telegram Scania (Princess Margaret birth to a son at Drott twenty minutes past four Her Royal Highness and t well.