THE NEW GAME.

BACKSLIDING CONTEST ON THE KINGSHOLM RINK.

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Yes, the new game was a decided success. I refer, of course, to the backsliding contest on the Kingsholm Rink last Saturday. This game, which has been introduced into the West during the last month or so, is played on a rink surfaced with a mixture of tallow and cod-liver oil, with a top-dressing of chopped grass. It is carried on as follows:

Somebody lies on his back in the mixture. A well-greased leather ball is given him to hold. When they release him, he travels as far as he can by himself. If it turns out that he has acquired sufficient momentum to slide across a certain line on the rink, the adjudicator awards him three points. But on no account whatever may any backslider stand on his feet while in possession of the ball. Instant dismissal from the field is the penalty.

There is, however, one fly in the ointment, one drawback to the game. That is—"the railway people. I believe they refuse to supply any other vehicles than cattle-trucks to take the visiting teams back to their homes."