GLOUCESTER A V. CARDIFF SCOTTISH.

FALSE ECONOMY.

By "TEEK."

The Cardiff Scots arrived at Kingsholm with only ten men — behind which circumstance lies a tale of misplaced and unprofitable thrift.

The full team set out for Gloucester early in the morning, but on reaching over their maccaptain had an idea of saving 33 1/3 of the wear and tear to his team. So he hid five of them under the arch of Over Bridge and went on to Kingsholm with the remaining ten.

He found, however, that with only thirteen men he had to leave two Gloucester lads unmarked — which resulted in Gloucester getting 6 pts. up in a very short while.

This forced him to send a speedy messenger out to Over — to call on some of his reserves.

Who came up at the Scots man's double (which, as you know, is four times the ordinary quantity).

On reaching Kingsholm MacPlaster seized the ball with that iron grip which Scots use on the necks of bottles, gave his clan's battle-cry and immediately scored a magnificent try which his fellow clansman, MacHumbug, converted.

But it was too late. In the day for MacPlaster to try again and the whistle went with the thrifty Cymro-Caledionians the losers by 6 pts. 5. Though, of course, they were still three unused men to the good.