GLOUCESTER V. NORTHAMPTON.

With a Note on Noses in Notches.

BY "TEEK."

The result of some games is indicated beforehand by omens. This one was.

On turning into Worcester Street, the first thing I saw was a runaway bullock, being well and truly chivvied by a number of Gloucester stalwarts.

When opposite Kingsholm, it came a very pretty cropper on the tram-rails.

During which Coley (as goalie) let a lot of shots through.

They either came a cropper at the critical moment.

With the result that Jack Stephens hands and feet—

And from the resulting penalty the visitors secured three points—just on time.

This practice is a highly dangerous one. If during a moment of excitement a spectator's feet should slip off the soap-box, down he would go on the outside of the fence—leaving his nose behind him to creep slug-like down the inside.

Although they played a dashing game—

Or they were well and truly chivvied about the ground—

The game would have ended 11-nil in Gloucesters' favour.

Only Mr. Southey apparently caught a cropper—laid behaving illegally.

I should like, if I may, to utter a word of well-meant and kindly warning to those free-lance spectators who hang their heads in the notches of the new galvanized fence.