

# ST. JIM'S SIDELIGHTS

*Specially contributed to the Holiday Annual by Tom Merry,  
the popular captain of the Shell Form at St. Jim's*

THE history of St. Jim's is like Skimpole's receding chin. It goes a long way back!

CERTAIN historians declare that in the dim and distant days of old, St. Jim's used to be a prison. Baggy Trimble, who has been placed on a bread-and-water diet for misbehaviour, declares that it is still a prison.

THE Headmaster of St. Jim's is Dr. Richard Holmes, M.A. He is a very decent sort, but he raises Cain when he raises the cane!

MR. HORACE RATCLIFF rules the New House with a rod of iron. It takes very little to make Ratty ratty; and this paragraph will make ratty Ratty rattier.

MR. VICTOR RAILTON, who holds sway in the School House, is a rattling good sort. He is also very anxious to encourage the sport of fishing, for he has been known to give a fellow the "rod," also a number of "lines."

HARRY MANNERS is the cleverest photographer at St. Jim's. Like Herries' bulldog, he is always "taking snaps."

ARTHUR AUGUSTUS D'ARCY is the best-dressed fellow in the school. His wardrobe is said to consist of a dozen lounge suits, three

dress suits, fancy waistcoats galore, collars and neckties by the gross, piles of purple socks; and a standing army of twenty "toppers."

WHY is Fatty Wynn, of tuckshop fame, the tidiest person at St. Jim's? Because he is always "putting things away"!

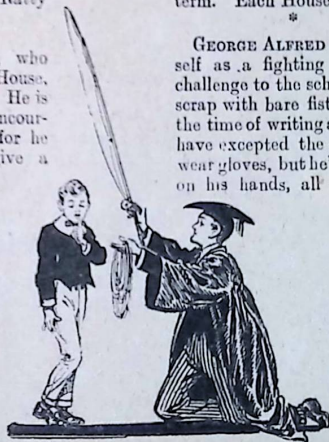
GREAT is the rivalry between School House and New House. The annual cricket and football matches are the tit-bits of the sporting year. The School House can claim the better record.

THE last annual snow-fight between the rival Houses was won by the School House; and there have been six pillow-fights this term. Each House has won three.

GEORGE ALFRED GRUNDY, who fancies himself as a fighting man, has thrown out a challenge to the school at large, to a stand-up scrap with bare fists, behind the chapel. At the time of writing a hundred and fifty fellows have accepted the challenge. Grundy won't wear gloves, but he'll have a good many fights on his hands, all the same!

We regret to announce the painful fact that Gunn has "gone off" at football. Mind you "explode" when you see this joke!

GEORGE HERRIES seems to spend all his spare time practising cornet solos. He makes an awful din, and the cornet isn't the only thing that wants a good blowing-up!



Mr. Railton has given a fellow the "rod" and also "lines"



# SPORTING RECORDS OF ST. JIM'S

By ERIC KILDARE

(Captain of Games)

THE highest score ever compiled by the St. Jim's senior eleven was 557 for 4 wickets (innings declared closed). This was against Wayland Wanderers in 1880.

THE highest individual score in St. Jim's cricket is 226 not out. This mammoth score was put together by R. V. Mason in 1914.

THE highest score ever made by the St. Jim's junior eleven was 488 (all out). This was against the Greyfriars Remove in 1910. The Remove made a gallant reply to this huge total, scoring 320 for 6 wickets. The match ended in a draw.

THE record individual score for the St. Jim's junior eleven is 177, scored by Talbot of the Shell last summer against a weak Wayland eleven.

THE finest bowling feat ever recorded in the annals of St. Jim's cricket stands to the credit of P. R. Rushworth. Playing for the School House against the New House, in 1902, he captured all ten wickets at a cost of only one run!

FIFTEEN St. Jim's Old Boys are now playing as amateurs for their native counties.

## FOOTBALL

THE Public Schools' Challenge Cup has been won by St. Jim's on two occasions—in 1901 and last season—when St. Jim's met and defeated Greyminster in the final.

PLAYING against the village of Rylcombe, in 1908, the St. Jim's senior eleven rattled up 16 goals, and their opponents failed to reply! This is a record.

THE record victory for the St. Jim's junior eleven is 13—0. This runaway win was scored at the expense of Rylcombe Grammar School as far back as 1890.

IN the season of 1910-1911, both the senior and junior elevens of St. Jim's went right through the winter without a defeat!

TOM MERRY, captain and centre-forward of the junior eleven, performed the "hat trick" in three successive games last season. He scored three goals against Rookwood, three against Highcliffe the following week, and three against Wayland Juniors the week following!

## BOXING

THE best boxer at St. Jim's is Darrel—"The Fighting Prefect." He has only been once defeated in the whole course of his career.

THE best junior boxer is Tom Merry, though he is hard pressed for that distinction by Reginald Talbot, Dick Redfern, and Harry Noble.

THE finest fighting man in the school's history was James Sherwood, popularly known as "the hero of a hundred fights." He was at the height of his fame in 1872, and he is reported to have fought as many as a dozen battles in one day without having his colours lowered!

ON leaving St. Jim's, Sherwood rapidly became the champion amateur boxer of his county. In spite of tempting offers of big stake money, he resolutely refused to turn professional.