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## CORRESPONDENCE

### *Raw Meat in Fives Gloves*

To the Editor of "Squash Rackets and Fives."

Sir,

In a recent issue of "Squash Rackets and Fives,"  
(From which I may say the present writer derives  
Considerable pleasure  
In reading when he has the leisure),  
I was astonished to read (in a page  
Contributed by a John Armitage)  
That it is the practice among Fives players to-day,  
Before they begin to play,  
To insert in their gloves a piece of *raw beef*  
In order to give relief  
To a hand  
Which is apparently too soft to stand  
The hitting of a ball  
Against a wall!  
I merely wish to say,  
That in *my day*  
We were made of sterner stuff,  
For we found ordinary gloves were good enough  
With which to beat  
Any opponent without the aid of raw meat.  
When *we* went to play a match we did not stop  
To fortify ourselves at the nearest butcher's shop!  
Though over 80 I am still a player (though slightly rusted),  
I enclose my card but prefer to sign myself—

"DISGUSTED."