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| About the Only Expretze in Which Natives of the Sunny Land Indulge. Ducling is the leading and aimost |  |
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| only athletic sport in 1taly, saysIdler. It is true that there is an |  |
| 既s cine club, so-called because the lesser heights |  |
| Apennines, but there is no cricket, |  |
| slasses, ball games of even the mildest |  |
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| sharacter are hardly ever played. The voung Italian gentleman finds in ducl- |  |
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| his muscles and sufficiently excitin |  |
| to interest him, and the mi Italian keeps up his practice with the foils and occasionally challenges and | ndless variety of color n |
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| fights a friend just to show that he is not so old as to have lost a genial inter est in the innocent pursuits of youth |  |
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| Dueling is contrary to law in Italy, |  |
| less he should accidentally kill a man), except in the army, where the sport is |  |
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| obligatory and strictly prohibitec. The |  |
| many, where army officers are arrested and punished if they fight a |  |
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| duel and cither cashiered or forced to resign if they do not. The Italian officer, when challenged to fight, is virtu- |  |
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| do and condemned if youdon't." This seems to the Anglo-Saxon decidedly |  |
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| idiotic, but nothing can well be more idiotic than dueling. Playing cha- |  |
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| rades in a drawing-room rises to phifo sophic heights of wisdom in com parison with it. At least ninety-nine |  |
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| out of every hundred Italian duels are of the class technically known as |  |
| "first blood duels. That is to say, the |  |
| combat ceases the blod the adversaries loses blood. In thesd the slightest scratch on the hand or |  |
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| the slightest scratch on the hand or the arm-which are the localities usually scratched-signalizes the end of |  |
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| the game and authorizes the duelists |  |
| sheathe their weapons and go some- |  |
| where to dinner together. Instanceshave happened in which a duelist hasbeen aceidentally run through the |  |
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| bocay and killed, but incidents of this |  |
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| pared with the fatalities of the football tield. Italian dueling is probably |  |
| the safest of all athletic sports, except prize fighting as practiced by modern |  |
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