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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 21.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize.
Birkdale : Club Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Meikle and McLaren Prizes.
Disley : Fourth Winter Handicap.
Dublin : Monthly Medal (final).
Aberdeen : Pickop Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Fourth Winter Handicap.
Feb. 23.—Cambridge University : St. Andrew's Medal.
Feb. 24.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Feb. 26.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 28.—Birkdale : The Buckley Cup.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prize.
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University v. Great Yarmouth.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.

MARCH.

- Mar. 3.—Birkdale : Ladies' Prize.
Mar. 3.—Hayling Island Ladies Club : Monthly Competition for Bath Challenge Star.
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 6.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Mar. 7.—Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.
Aberdeen : Burgmann Cup and Scratch Medal.
Bowdon : Second Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Medal.

- Mar. 7.—Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Tantallon : Spring Meeting.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Shield ; McEwan Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Allen Medal.
Luffness : President's Prize Clubs.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Cambridge University v. Old Cantabs.
Mar. 10.—Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant ; Macnab Challenge Cup and Badge.
Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Mar. 12.—Pau : Havemeyer Cup.
Mar. 14.—Pau : Annual Meeting to elect Officers.
Whitley : Crawley Prize.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup Competition.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Mar. 16.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase Tournament.
Mar. 18.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
Mar. 19.—Pau : Scratch Gold Medal—Ladies' Club.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 20.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Mar. 21.—Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.
Birkdale : Club Medal.
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Aberdeen : Pickop Cup.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.
Mar. 24.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Mar. 26.—Pau : Scratch Silver Medal ; Ladies' Cup.
Southport : Spring Meeting.
Mar. 28.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Captain's Cup.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Prize Meeting.
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.

PROFESSIONAL WANTED.—To take entire charge of New Links ; must be a good Club-maker. Apply, with testimonials, to F. EVANS, Hon. Sec., Chester Golf Club, Eastgate Buildings, Chester.

- Mar. 28.—Royal Isle of Wight : Spring Meeting ; Foursome Tournament (entries close March 27th).
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 28-30.—Guildford : Easter Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Prize Meeting.
- Mar. 30.—Southport : Competition for Walker Cup.
Royal Liverpool : Easter Monday Competition.
Royal Isle of Wight : Eaton Challenge Shield ; Mr. Longman's Prize for Best Handicap—Score limited to 18 strokes.
West Lancashire : Easter Meeting.
- Mar. 31.—Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Easter Meeting.
Cornwall County Golf Club : Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament (continued).

APRIL.

- Apr. 1-3.—Royal North Devon : Easter Meeting.
- Apr. 3.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
- Apr. 4.—Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Kilmarnock Trophy.
Birkdale : Club Cup and Hayward Prize.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
- Apr. 7.—Birkdale : Ladies' Prize.
Pau : Morris Post Cup ; Ridley Challenge Prize and Cup.
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal (final).
- Apr. 9.—Pau : Macdonald Challenge Cup and Badge.
- Apr. 11.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.
Lanark : Gold Ball and other Prizes.
- Apr. 14.—Pau : Havemeyer Cup ; Ladies' Club.
Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- Apr. 15.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Apr. 17.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Apr. 18.—Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
Birkdale : Club Medal.
Disley : 6th Winter Handicap.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Spring Meeting.
Bowdon : Championship Meeting.
Disley : Sixth Winter Handicap.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
- Apr. 20.—Brighton and Hove : Captain's Prize Tournament.
- Apr. 22-24.—Royal Liverpool : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 24 and 25.—Brighton and Hove : Spring Meeting.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Whitley : Crawley Prize.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Mr. H. R. Knipe Prize.
Luffness : Hope Challenge Cup ; Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Spring Meeting.
West Lancashire : Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Birkdale : Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
- Apr. 30.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.
Guildford : Spring Meeting.

MAY.

- May 1.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.
Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Guildford : Spring Meeting.
- May 1-2.—Lanark : Hutchinson Cross (scratch), Forest Cup, Gold Ball, and Bingham Prize.
- May 2.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Lanark : Spring Competition for Hutchinson Cross, Forest Cup, and Gold Ball.

- May 2.—Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Guildford : Spring Meeting.
- May 5.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- May 5-6.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Spring Meeting.
- May 7.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize (final).
- May 7-9.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Amateur Championship at St. Andrews.
- May 8.—Whitley : Crawley Prize (final).
- May 9.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal and Scratch Medal, &c.
Birkdale : Club Medal.
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes (at Gullane).
- May 9-11.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Spring Meeting.
- May 12.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup ; Kentish Gold Medal.
Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- May 15.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- May 16.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.
Whitley : Spring Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bennie and M'Laren Prizes.
Disley : First Summer Handicap.
- May 16-22.—Royal North Devon : Spring Meeting.
- May 18.—Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Whit-Monday Meeting ; The Bembridge Sailing Club Prize ; Club Prize.
West Lancashire : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 20.—Southport : Ladies' Meeting.
Royal Epping Forest : Noakes Cup.
- May 23.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- May 28.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- May 30.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : The Crowther Cup.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.

JUNE.

- June 2.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- June 5.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
- June 6.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal (to be played off).
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal ; Optional Subscription Prizes.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Tantallon : Summer Meeting.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes.
- June 9.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- June 13.—Southport : Summer Meeting.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Competition for Club Prizes.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
- June 17.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- June 19.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- June 20.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Second Summer Handicap.
- June 25.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- June 25-27.—Bowdon : Captain's Cup.
- June 27.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University : Captain's, the Senatus, and other Prizes (at North Berwick).
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.

June 30.—Luffness: Club Handicap Medal.

JULY.

July 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.

July 4.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.

London Scottish: Monthly Medal.

Prestwick St. Nicholas: Eglinton Medal.

Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.

Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.

Bowdon: Monthly Competition.

July 7.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.

July 11.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.

Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

Guildford: Monthly Handicap.

Lanark: Gold Ball, and other Prizes.

July 14.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.

July 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.

July 17.—Durham: Osborn Cup.

July 18.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.

Gullane: Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.

Disley: Third Summer Handicap.

July 25.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

Luffness: The County Cup Competition; Wemyss Challenge (Cup) Medal.

Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.

Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.

West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.

Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

Seaford: Monthly Medal.

Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.

Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.

Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.

Bowdon: Monthly Competition.

Aug. 3.—Royal Liverpool: Bank Holiday Summer Meeting.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.

Royal Isle of Wight: Summer Meeting; Webster Cup; Leslie Melville Prize and Badge.

West Lancashire: August Meeting.

Aug. 4.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Calcutta Cup Tournament (Under handicap. Entries close July 28th.)

Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.

Aug. 7.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.

Aug. 8.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

Luffness Hope Challenge Medal and Gold Pendant (open to any members of any county clubs.)

Guildford: Monthly Handicap.

Aug. 11.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.

Aug. 14.—Durham: Osborn Cup.

Aug. 15.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.

Dublin: Monthly Medal.

Disley: Fourth Summer Handicap.

Aug. 19.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.

Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.

Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.

Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

Luffness: Captain and Club Prizes; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.

Seaford: Monthly Medal.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.

Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.

West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.

Lanark: Anstruther Medals (handicapped couples).

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Jubilee Vase Tournament. (Under handicap. Entries close August 25th.)

Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Handicap.

Sept. 3.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.

Sept. 4.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.

Sept. 5.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.

Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.

Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.

Sept. 5.—Bowdon: Monthly Competition.

Sept. 8.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.

Sept. 11-12.—Lanark: Annual Meeting; Claret Cup (scratch), Purdie Cup, Gold Ball, and Captain's Prize.

Sept. 12.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.

Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

Guildford: Monthly Handicap.

West Lancashire: Autumn Meeting.

Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.

Sept. 18.—Durham: Osborn Cup.

Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove: The De Worms Challenge Cup.

Dublin: Monthly Medal.

Gullane: Captain, and other prizes.

Disley: Fifth Summer Handicap.

Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton: Autumn Meeting.

Luffness: Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.

Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.

Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

Seaford: Monthly Medal.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.

Sept. 26.—Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.

West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.

Sept. 28.—Royal Eastbourne: South Lynn Vase.

Sept. 29 and 30.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1-3.—Guildford: Autumn Meeting.

Oct. 3.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.

Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.

Royal North Devon: Extra Monthly Medal.

Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.

Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.

Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Handicap.

Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon: Autumn Meeting.

Royal Liverpool: Autumn Meeting.

Oct. 10.—Southport: Cup Competition.

West Herts: Monthly Medal.

Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition).

Royal Epping Forest: Captain's Prize (final).

Royal Isle of Wight: Autumn Meeting; Tottenham Gold Medal; Club Prize.

Guildford: Monthly Handicap.

Tantallon: Autumn Meeting.

Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight: Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.

Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.

Oct. 16-17.—Brighton and Hove: Autumn Prize Meeting.

Oct. 17.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.

Royal Epping Forest: Quarterly Medal.

Disley: Sixth Summer Handicap.

Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Autumn Meeting.

Oct. 21.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.

Oct. 30-31.—Royal Eastbourne: Autumn Meeting.

Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.

Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup.

Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.

Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 5.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.

Nov. 7-9.—Gullane: November Meeting.

Nov. 7.—Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.

Bowdon: Killick Gold Medal.

London Scottish: Monthly Medal.

Nov. 10.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup (final).

Nov. 14.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.

West Herts: Monthly Medal.

Guildford: Monthly Handicap.

Lanark: Gold Ball, and other Prizes.

Nov. 21.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.

Disley: First Winter Handicap.

West Lancashire: St. Andrews Meeting.

Nov. 28.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

Royal Liverpool: St. Andrews Day Meeting.

Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.

Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.

Nov. 30.—Royal Isle of Wight: St. Andrew's Day Meeting; Moreton Cup; St. Andrew's Cross.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 5.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: The Berers Gold Medal.
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 12.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
- Dec. 19.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Brighton and Hove: Club Prizes.
Disley: Second Winter Handicap.
- Dec. 23, 24 and 28.—Royal Isle of Wight: Single Tournament, for Prize value £10, given by the Club (entries close 22nd).
- Dec. 26.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Christmas Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight: Christmas Meeting; Bembridge Gold Medal; "Eaton Memorial Gold Putter."
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 26-28.—Guildford: Christmas Meeting.
- Dec. 28 and 29.—Royal Eastbourne: Winter Meeting.

THE ROSS PUTTING-CLEEK.

The "boom" in Golf, which has taken place during the last few years, has given birth to a variety of new clubs of a description totally unknown and unthought of by Allan Robertson and the old heroes of the game.

When they chose their clubs the older players had a comparatively simple task before them. Their drivers, spoons and putters were all modelled on the same principle, and the only matter they had to see to was the length of shaft or the lie of the head. The present day player stands in a different position, before he makes his purchases he has to consider what he will buy. He is surrounded by clubs of every description which the ingenuity of man has yet been able to conceive, and suited to a number of real or imaginary necessities. But Golf-clubs must no doubt obey the now recognised rule of nature, and be subject to the operation of the law of "survival of the fittest." Some years hence and those clubs manufactured to pave a royal road to Golf will have disappeared, but those which have really met the exigencies of the game will be appreciated according to their merit.

In former days putting was done almost exclusively with the wooden putter, to which many golfers still pin their faith. Putting with the cleek is of later date. The wooden putter is perpendicular in the face, or nearly so; but, as all golfers know, the ordinary cleek has a good deal of loft on it, or, in other words, the face is sloped back, or grassed. As a result it was found that in putting with the cleek the ball did not roll so well, the loft on the club giving the ball more a jerk forward than a roll. This, in many instances, is undesirable, and expedients have been resorted to in order to counteract the loft. One of these is that of standing far enough in front of the ball to secure the face of the cleek being perpendicular. Another is, that of half topping. These expedients, however, oftentimes entail inaccuracy of play. Putting-cleeks and irons have accordingly been devised, some with very little loft and others with none at all; and, being specially designed for the short game, they have been made more upright in set and shorter in the shaft.

The latest improver of putting-cleeks is Mr. A. M. Ross, the well-known crack of the Edinburgh Burgess Club. Mr. Ross, in his cleek (which is patented) goes a step further than anyone has hitherto done, for instead of merely making the face perpendicular he has reversed the usual loft, or, in other words, when the cleek is placed beside the ball in position to play, the top edge of the face is nearer the ball than the bottom edge. In fact, if a right-handed player takes a left-handed cleek and puts with it as he would with his own, he will have no difficulty in seeing what the idea of Mr. Ross is.

It is claimed for Mr. Ross's cleek that it holds the ball to the ground better than the ordinary cleek does, and that, consequently, the ball runs "truer." The cleek is designed for use on the putting-greens only, especially for short putts. No particular position for addressing the ball is laid down; the club is used in the same way as an ordinary putting-cleek or wooden putter.

We have tried the club and, although we do not pretend that our trial was anything like exhaustive, it appears to possess the advantages claimed to a great extent.

Most players will admit that experience has proved that a ball runs further in proportion to the force, of impact off a wooden club than off an iron one, and it was this which largely led to putting with the cleek. With the latter it was found short putts could be played with greater force, and a truer line was thereby possible. On the other hand, the ball was found to run "sweeter" off the wood than off the metal. Now this cleek of Mr. Ross's appears, in some degree, to combine these two qualities. The motion imparted to the ball is, so to speak, more of a roll and less of a jerk than is the case when an ordinary cleek is used. Mr. Ross's cleek also obviates the necessity of standing in front of the ball, and the danger of foonling putts is thereby largely reduced.

For the putts for which it has been designed, the cleek appears to be well adapted, more particularly for short putts. It would also seem that the risk of running over the hole, should the putt be played too strong, is greatly diminished. Although not intended for approaches, a ball may be "run up" from a good distance, if the nature of the ground admits of this, and it keeps the line remarkably well. For putts up a slope such as are generally played by "running with the iron," this cleek also seems very suitable.

At the same time, no club can be without its disadvantages, and, of course, it is right that we should mention what these principally appear to be. In the first place, the cleek is not suited for putting on rough greens. On such greens it is an advantage to jerk the ball forward, and this is against the principle of Mr. Ross's cleek. Again, should the ball happen to lie in a "cup" on the putting-green, if Mr. Ross's putter were used, there would be some danger of hitting twice; and in fact it would not do at all well for such a stroke, because in such a case the ball requires to be lofted out of the cup. The only other objection we see is that it is not very suitable for playing a stymie by screwing the ball past the globe blocking up the way to the hole. In this case the club requires to get well below the ball, so as to put on the "cut" or "side" necessary to make it travel in a semi-circular direction round the other ball and yet catch the hole. These objections, however, it will be seen are of a nature which do not militate against the obvious utility of the club and the general soundness of the theory on which it is based.

The manufacture of the cleek has been entrusted to Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh, who is so well known to golfers not only on account of his splendid play, but also through his extensive business, and the patent lofter and driving cleek he has himself invented.



"Carry for you, sir?"

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The great desideratum of the age appears to be a game for ladies, which will combine a sufficient amount of exercise with that gracefulness of deportment which every true woman is properly proud of possessing. Grace and women should be synonymous, for were it not for the refining influence and the beauty and elegance of the women, what a coarse, rude, and ugly world this would soon become. A world without women would be worse than a world without flowers, and therefore it is every woman's duty to cultivate grace and comeliness. Let her play Golf to her heart's content, being assured that both grace and comeliness will be her portion.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR GUTTA-PERCHA.—A gentleman at Goa has discovered an admirable substitute for putta-percha in the milky juice of a plant known as *Euphorbia nerlifolia*. This species of shrubby vegetable is very abundant in that district, where it is largely used for hedges. The product is described as insoluble in water, as softening under heat, and as hardening with cold, having, in fact, all the properties of the typical gutta-percha. The milk is obtained by sharp incisions in the plant, and after exposure to the atmosphere for some time, to promote consolidation, the natural water or sap is removed from it by straining through a thick cloth.

The Marquis of Granby, M.P., has expressed his willingness to be nominated for the captaincy of the Tooting Bec Golf Club in succession to Mr. Guy Pym, who retires from his year of office next month.

No agreement has yet been come to between the committee of the Marylebone Club and Sir Edward Watkin. At a meeting of the Commons Preservation Society it was resolved to oppose the second reading of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill, on the ground of the injury to Lord's and to the neighbourhood of St. John's Wood generally.

A great improvement has been made in the Golfing Ground at Kimberley. The "putting" greens have been enlarged by one-half, and are now 48 feet in diameter. This will reduce the element of luck which previously prevailed, when no player could make certain of dropping or playing a ball on to the old "putting" green of 30 feet diameter, when the ball was almost certain to roll across the ground on to the rough grass on the far side, taking three more strokes to hole.

A GOLFER'S EPITAPH.

(Hic jacet * * * *)

The Links his kindly form now knows no more,
His daily round from hole to hole is o'er,
Full oft the supple club he well did wield,
And oft did he traverse the "Elysian field,"
But now, beneath the turf is laid his head;
Fell Death's most true "approach" has "laid him dead"
And "holed him out."

ALPHA.

* Part of St. Andrews links.

It is stated that facilities for playing Golf are to be provided in connection with the Kyles of Bute Hydropathic establishment, situated on the Clyde.

It is also stated that steps are being taken to form a Golf club and lay out a Golf course at Bearsden, a suburb of Glasgow.

The Cambridge Golf team which will play against Oxford this year is made up of the following names:—R. A. Nicholson, Trinity (Aberdeen); D. D. Robertson, Christ's (Troon); E. C. P. Boyd, Trinity (St. Andrews); A. M. Chance, Trinity (Malvern); D. A. M. Brown, Trinity Hall (St. Andrews); H. M. Braybrooke, Pembroke (Eastbourne); T. L. Low, Clare (Carnoustie).

Mr. Lyle, Town clerk, North Berwick, stated at a recent Council meeting that Mr. Blossom had during the past year sold £1,000 worth of golfers tickets. The tickets are understood to be railway tickets from Edinburgh to North Berwick. This is perhaps the largest sale of tickets for any Golf course in Scotland, and speaks eloquently of the popularity of North Berwick course.

In *Punch*, last week, Mr. Du Maurier had a golfing sketch entitled "Encouragement." It represented two players meeting on the links, one attired in cap, Norfolk jacket, and knickerbockers, with a pipe in his hand, and a club-bag slung over his shoulder, the other in a billycock with a club in his hand, and a facial expression which reminds one of a sort of golfing edition of Sir Gorgius Midas. The conversation between them purports to be to this effect—Professional Golfer (to anxious questioner)—"Weel, no, sir, at your time of life ye can never hope to become a player, but if ye practice hard for three years ye may be able to tell good play from bad when ye see it."

From the picture as drawn, it is extremely difficult to settle which is the professional golfer, and which is the enthusiastic questioner. Certainly a professional golfer has never been seen, in this country at any rate, clothed in knickerbockers, spats, and Norfolk jacket, nor does he carry his clubs in a bag, slung across his back as herein depicted. The type of face is not that of the shrewd, blunt, professional caddie; it resembles rather the air and physique of an Oxford tutor on a holiday. If the other figure is intended for the professional golfer, then the same criticism applies. No one has ever seen a professional golfer in a billycock, and arrayed in habiliments of the fashionable cut herein shown. The background is badly indicated, representing the links as a flat, uninteresting stretch of country, clothed in the rankest prairie jungle. The whole conception of the picture is bad and ridiculous, and evidently shows that the artist knows much less of this sport and its associations than his colleague, Mr. Harry Furniss.

A humorous way of "drawing the line," was that embodied in the reply of a Scotch laird, who having given his coachman notice to quit for having overturned the carriage in coming home from a dinner party, was waited upon by the delinquent the next morning. He admitted his offence, but said in mitigation, "I am verra sorry, but I wasna sae verra drunk; and gentlemen ye ken, whiles get drunk." "Weel," was the answer, "I dinna say ye were verra drunk for a gentleman, but ye were dreadfully drunk for a coachman—sae aff ye go!"

"What's the price o' this bit bane," inquired an old wife of a butcher (taking up at the same time a rib of beef weighing about 4 or 5 pounds). "Bane," said he, "drap the beef."

On another occasion the same old wife asked the butcher, "For a pund o' beef without ony bane." "Beef without bane?" said he; "gae 'way an' buy cheese."



THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As there seems to me to be some misunderstanding with regard to this important fixture, and as Mr. Cullen and Captain Burn (whose letter in the *Scotsman* I have not seen) have written on the subject, will you permit me to say a word in reply to Mr. McBain?

I was present at the meeting at Hoylake last spring, and beg to say it was only when we were distinctly informed that Prestwick did not desire to have the competition held on their green that St. Andrews was fixed on as the natural alternative. Prestwick has, I think, only to make its voice heard at the coming meeting to have its turn restored, as it was ruled from the chair, in reply to a strong protest by the writer, against permanently fixing St. Andrews and Hoylake only; that the powers of the meeting did not extend beyond fixing the place of the next tournament, and that they could not bind their successors.

I think that "A Competitor," who writes in your last issue, expresses the views of many of us resident and playing on greens in the South of England, and therefore I hope I shall succeed at the next meeting of delegates in carrying a motion that the tournament be next year held at Sandwich.

St. Andrews, Sandwich, Prestwick, Hoylake, would be a rotation which I think would give satisfaction to the majority of golfers. At St. Andrews 'tis true you may half top at least nine of the tee shots, and be none the worse; in fact, the shot is "as guid 's a better." Prestwick I do not know, having never played there, but I believe it to be real golf; Hoylake is hardly a championship course, and you may there also scuffle quite half your tee shots with impunity; but at Sandwich severe punishment awaits almost every tee shot which falls short of good, and the championship course demands a player that is not only a golfer but a man. My reasons, in fact, for suggesting these four greens are that St. Andrews is St. Andrews, the beloved of us all; Prestwick, because it is a fine representative green at the opposite side of Scotland to St. Andrews; Hoylake, because that club initiated the tournament, and has therefore a claim which cannot be overlooked; and Sandwich, because it is the grandest course in existence.

Hoylake may be "central," but I know that last May I left it one morning for St. Andrews under the guidance of Mr. Harry Everard, who ought to know the way, and we were in and out of twelve different vehicles before we were landed late in the evening at our respective domiciles. I suppose it was St. Andrews fault for being so much out of the way. Never shall I forget that journey, though I was fortunate in having an agreeable travelling companion.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY A. LAMB,
Delegate, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.

February 16th.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can you inform me who the "Mr. Burns" is to whom your voluminous correspondent, J. McB., refers, and, if not,

perhaps the latter will kindly gratify the curiosity of an anxious public?

Can it be possible that the "Mr. Burns" who has lately been in the North haranguing the North British Railway's *employés* is the one meant, and, if so, why is he quoted as an authority upon the Amateur Championship?

A friend suggests that possibly your correspondent may refer to Captain Burn, but it is difficult to believe that anyone who appears to know so much about the doings of the Committee can be ignorant of the name of its secretary and most important officer.

I am, Sir, &c.,

February 16th, 1891.

ON-LOOKER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The reference made by Mr. McBain, to the amateur championship in your columns has not called forth as much comment among West of Scotland players as might have been expected. Mr. James Cullen, gave, *primâ facie*, a reasonable explanation of the state of matters. But the question to us in the West is one of privilege. Is Scotland not still entitled to have double the representation of England, which occupies, as regards the game, but a secondary position, especially as Prestwick was deemed worthy of a place at the outset? Further, why was Prestwick not excluded at the end of the first round of three greens? It was only when it came to be its second turn that some fastidious or jealous persons effected the alteration.

Without wishing to raise the old question of East *versus* West, I think it is not too much to say that the West of Scotland is as distinct a golfing centre from the East as England is distinct from either of these. To my mind, a fuller explanation must be given than that it "was unanimously agreed that in future the championship should be played on one green in Scotland, and one in England." If, from any cause, the Prestwick green is not suitable, then there is its mighty neighbour, Troon, to fall back upon, which has now grown to be one of the foremost courses in the country.

Trusting you will find room for this cry from the West.

Yours faithfully,

February 13th, 1891.

ST. MUNGO.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As may be gathered from the concluding paragraph in my letter to you on the amateur championship in your issue of last week, I can sympathise with a good deal that is contained in the communication on the same subject, also printed in last week's issue, and signed "A Competitor."

But I must point out to "Competitor" that he has gone somewhat astray in his estimate of the relative importance of the South of England, and of Scotland, in regard to the number of golfers these districts respectively contain.

He says, "the South of England (where there are probably now as many amateur golfers as in the whole of Scotland.)" This looks like a mere haphazard guess, and whatever it is it is far from the truth. The South of England does not contain as many amateur golfers as the whole of Scotland.

No, Mr. "Competitor," nor does the South of England, *plus* the East, West, and North do so. Nor, when what "Ould Ireland" contains is added can you yet equal the golfing strength of "Auld Scotland." Nay, I shall place the golfers of Scotland in one scale, and I invite "Competitor" to place all the rest of the golfers in the world in the other, and I will back Scotland against the world. There Mr. "Competitor," and I hope you will not again travel so far beyond your brief to insult golfers on this side of the border with such comparisons.

"We don't want to brag,
But, by jingo, when we do,
We've got the links,
We've got the clubs,
And we've got the golfers, too."

Ayr, February 16th, 1891.

J. MCB.

ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Doleman will be glad to know that I am strongly in sympathy with him over the maltreatment of the blessed turf.

In my early golfing days, a round was often competed without an iron or cleek being called for help. The most deadly sin a golfer could commit was cutting a divot. I well remember the horror and hatred concentrated on the head of an iconoclast in the person of a clergyman who took to Golf late in life, and, naturally inapt, could not, by any amount of practice, make friends with his driver, or indeed any wooden club. The cleek was his mode out of his difficulties. How he was cursed and tabooed!

Perhaps Young Tom and Davie Strath were more prominent than any others in the introduction of iron-play through the green, and, with unskilful imitators, the mischief was done. I think, too, that rough inland Golf courses may be a good deal responsible because the lumpy nature of the ground could only be negotiated with iron.

From whatever causes, the Golf of to-day is an entirely different game from that of forty years ago. Nothing will avail as cure for destruction of the green but proscribing irons, except in hazards, by Act of Parliament if necessary.

Surely "J. McB" is not serious about "a moved ball." He must know that in the circumstances he describes had he missed the globe a stroke is counted.

"Beginner" should get a copy of the rules of Golf, where he will find all his questions solved, and much information besides.

I am, Sir, &c.,

February 13th, 1891.

AN OLD GOLFER.

COURTESY ON THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. John J. Hamilton, is a wag, or, at least, would like to figure as one, which in the minds of some of his way of thinking amounts pretty nearly to the same thing. He falls foul of you most maladroitly because you have inserted a "Tee Shot" in a recent number narrating a humorous incident on the links at North Berwick where two officers of Her Majesty's army were playing in front of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and who when the right hon. gentleman passed them, obeyed the word of command given by their soldier-caddie to salute a Privy Councillor of the Queen. The story is amusing enough, and what is more to the point, it is true. I was witness of the incident myself, and those who saw it were more tickled at the notion of the caddie suddenly transforming himself into the master of his employers, and putting them through their military facings with golf-club in hand, than as a manifestation *au sérieux* of what your correspondent somewhat pompously calls "an excess of idol-worship."

From all that I have heard, Mr. George Glennie appears to have been an excellent type of the golfer of the old school. Your correspondent, appears to be a disciple of his, not so much, perhaps, as a playing exponent of the game, as the faithful follower of a golfing Peripatetic who is credited, no one knows how veraciously, with having dropped priceless gems of mother wit, to be treasured for evermore as the true art and manual of golfing etiquette on the green. "It's no' gowf at a'—just monkey tricks," is the comment which Mr. Hamilton quotes as the *obiter dictum* of his golfing master on the incident of saluting the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The criticism thus embodied is as pointless as it is peevish, rude, and acrimonious. Your solemn conclave of old golfers may have been most estimable men at bottom, grand players, and all the rest of it; but the essential oil of their wisdom, as it has been allowed to percolate through the centuries by the aid of admiring disciples like Mr. Hamilton, lacks, to say the very least of it, what Mr. Disraeli would have described as "finish" as well as point.

The theory of social equality on the golfing green is one of those pleasing delusions which Mr. Hamilton is at liberty to entertain, but which he must know, if a golfer of any experience

at all, is violated habitually in practice. Has he ever tried to scramble off the tee at Musselburgh among the Judges and advocates of the Court of Session? Has he ever tried to play the game behind or in front of them through the green, and seen how well-established custom is violated? Has he ever seen strangers at Wimbledon harried and tormented by useless cries of "Fore," and balls played out of turn simply because the players were non-members of the great clubs there?

When Mr. Hamilton meets the aged politician of eighty-one at "The Maiden," let me recommend him to take off his hat to him and ask permission to tee the aged one's ball for him. It is a service which Mr. Hamilton will be proud to remember, and a politeness which he can never regret. Likewise, should he meet the Chief Secretary at North Berwick or Wimbledon it cannot make Golf the less pleasant to Mr. Hamilton were he to neglect for once in a way the sour, dour, unbending teachings of the Glennie-cum-Hamilton school, and signify by the courtesy of a gentleman to a gentleman that intellect and brilliant State service are appreciated by golfers as by other classes of the community.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Edinburgh, February 16th, 1891.

M.

THE MINISTER AND THE TODDY.—A Scottish minister who found that drunkenness was on the increase in his parish, gave up drinking spirits for the sake of example. He soon had to send for his doctor, who prescribed toddy. "Ah," said the poor man, "I have abjured spirits for my congregation's sake." "Well," said the doctor, "do you shave?" "I do," replied he. "Then keep a bottle of whisky in your room, and in the morning send for shaving-water, and make yourself some toddy; in this way you will not scandalize the parish." A few days later the doctor called and asked for his patient. "Weel, sir," said the maid, "he's jist gane clean daft; he's rung for shavin'-water five times this mornin'."

CROMER.

Ah! quaint old town, oh! queer old town,
Whose piled-up roofs of red and brown,
Against this blue October sky,
In picturesque confusion lie.

Ah! waveless sea, unrippled sea,
That lippeth, lappeth reverently
The steep cliff's foot, the tawny gold
Of trailing skirts of sand, unrolled.

Ah! curving cliff that would deride
Th' encroachments of the fawning tide
That slowly, surely, wrests away
Foot after foot thy yielding clay.

We climb the cliffs; we skirt the heights;
Scenes of the golfer's bloodless fights.
Here Marathon; there Waterloo;
And yonder "Bunker's" Hill we view.

From hill to vale the red-coats go,
And lagging caddies follow slow.
Gleams in the sun the lighthouse grey,
And life is fair this autumn day.

O'er bluff hill crest, by field and shore,
We hear the cheery cry of "fore";
And banks of Wensum, Yare, and Bure,
Ring with the game of "Far and sure".

MARIAN VERRAN.

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The above sketch represents a gathering of the leading Scottish professionals who had assembled in connection with the great amateur tournament held at North Berwick in October, 1877.

GOLF AT CAIRO.

IMMOVERO, as the Latins would say, the fascinating game is now vigorously played within sight of the Pyramids. Wherever the "wandering Scot" pitches his tent, he generally contrives to introduce his favourite pastimes; and along with the other sports in which Englishmen invariably indulge, Golf begins to assume a very respectable position in the "Land of Egypt."

In 1882, immediately after the "occupation," the "Khedivial Sporting Club" was established at Ghezireh, about a mile and a half from the centre of Cairo. The grounds of the club, with their picturesque surroundings—acacias, palms, and orange-trees—are laid out for polo, cricket, pigeon shooting, lawn tennis, Golf, race meetings, and other sports, for the exclusive use of members; but visitors to Cairo are invited to join (as I have now had the pleasure of doing), either for the whole or a portion of the

winter season, on introduction by a resident member. The subscription for a visiting *playing* member is as follows:—

Piastres.

For the winter season (November to April)...	300=c. £3.
For the winter season (January to April) ...	200=c. £2.
For one month or less	100=c. £1.

Non-playing members, who merely wish to drive or walk on the grounds and look on, are admitted on considerably lower terms; and in both cases the *families* of casual members are entitled to the privileges of the club. Nearly all the English residents—civil and military—belong to the club, besides a good many natives and foreigners.

The grounds of the club adjoin and embrace the race-course, over which the Golf course partly extends. A circuit of about two miles, it was formed in 1888, and the nine holes which it embraces vary a good deal in their character. The hazards consist of ditches, sandholes and very troublesome stubby brushwood; and owing to the length and softness of the grass, the putting grounds are

small artificial squares of hard, puddled clay, which are necessarily very keen and "kittle." The Arab caddies—some of whom are tolerably sharp—receive one piastre (2½d.) per round, which is even less than the rate of pay in Cornwall.

Through the good offices of a friendly Scot—Dr. Jameson, of the Army Medical Staff—I enjoyed a pleasant game with him. My opponent played in his shirt sleeves, but, although it was a shade warm, I felt no inconvenience from a light tweed jacket. In consequence of the roughness and irregularity of the course, *iron* clubs—cleek, lofter, and niblick—are in frequent request, and the peculiar formation of the course necessitates considerable caution.

There are a good many lady members, some of whom are enthusiastically devoted to the health-imparting game. The honorary secretary of the club is Colonel Sandwith, to whose tact and geniality the success of the club is largely indebted.

Within the last year, Golf has been introduced at the Mecca Hotel, at the very base of the Pyramids; and, quite recently, a club has been formed at Alexandria.

Finding myself at Cairo on St. Andrew's day, I took it for granted that, with my countrymen on all sides, I should enjoy the hearty conviviality of a Scotch dinner, but I failed to hear of any such gathering.

On the recommendation of an officer of the 79th Highlanders, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Scotland a short time ago, we have taken up our abode at the Continental Hotel, which, besides being very pleasantly situated, is in all respects most admirably conducted by Mr. George Nungovick, the proprietor, and his intelligent and attentive manager, Mr. Aulich.

As this is our first visit to Egypt, I need scarcely add that we are charmed with the glorious climate; and we have already ceased to remark upon the fineness of the weather, as any approach to the opposite seems to be practically unknown. What a contrast to London fogs and Edinburgh frosts! For aught I know to the contrary, my old friends of the Merchiston Curling Club may, at this moment, be indulging in the roaring game.

Everybody knows how much the travelling public are indebted to Messrs. Cook and Sons for facilitating locomotion in Egypt and elsewhere; but there seems to be ample room for the skill and attention of their energetic rivals, Messrs. Gaze and Son, one of whose steamers we intend to patronise for a twenty-two days' expedition up the Nile—the "venerable father of crocodiles."

The view of Cairo from the citadel is very grand, embracing countless mosques and minarets, the wide river winding through verdant plains, and the Pyramids of Gheezeh, as well as the smaller ones at Sakkarah. Every visitor to the capital of Egypt is struck by the quaint figures and graceful costumes which turn up on all sides, and which Thackeray thus graphically describes:—"The gardens from the windows give a very pleasant and animated view; the hotel gate is besieged by crews of donkey

drivers; the noble, stately Arab women, with tawny skins (of which a simple robe of floating blue cotton enables you liberally to see the colour) and large black eyes, come to the well hard by for water; camels are perpetually arriving and setting down their loads; the court is full of bustling dragomans, ayahs, and children from India; the poor old venerable he-nurses, with grey beards and crimson turbans, tending little white-faced babies that have seen the light at Dumdum and Futtighur; a copper-coloured barber, seated on his hams, is shaving a camel driver at the great inn gate."

A visit to the Bazaar is one of the first undertakings of the traveller, and the endless variety of the shops and houses, with their archways, balconies, and porches, and "the delightful accidents of light and shade," are sources of joy to anyone who keeps his eyes open. But as this is mainly intended as a communication on the subject of Golf, I must bring my rambling remarks to a sudden close.

GEO. SETON.

(Late of St. Bennet's, Edinburgh.)

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

A special meeting of this club was held at the Grosvenor Hotel last Friday evening, Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Aston Hall, Hawarden, in the chair. Amongst those present were:—Dr. Hamilton, Messrs. H. E. Taylor, H. Taylor, F. Evans, R. Dennis, R. F. Fisher, R. Roberts, Taylor-Harrison, John Kinsey, C. E. Audsley, Footner, W. Welsby, G. W. Reynolds, G. W. Rogerson, W. T. V. Walley, T. Shephard, H. Wilkinson, E. W. Swetenham, W. Ingall, J. J. Cunnah, &c. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Evans) read the minutes of the last meeting, and announced that the negotiations for the Brewers' Hall Ground having fallen through, the committee had made arrangements with Mr. Howard, of Sealand, to play on a piece of marsh near the Hawarden Bridge, over the Dee. Mr. Howard only made one strong stipulation, that no dogs should be allowed on the ground. The new ground was in every way preferable to the one first proposed. It contains 200 acres, as against 65 acres, and the railway company had agreed to make a station about 200 yards off the ground, and the Chester Tramway Company had also agreed to make the return fare to the links only 1s. 6d. In reply to inquiries, the secretary further stated the number of members was now 107, and that 11 only had withdrawn since the new arrangement as to the site of the ground. But there was every reason for thinking their Wrexham friends would now help them. The meeting sanctioned the arrangement with Mr. Howard. The rules of the club were next submitted for discussion, and after some slight alterations were unanimously adopted. The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. A. Barker seconded, the name of Dr. A. Hamilton as first president of the club. The meeting warmly approved of the selection. Dr. Hamilton, in returning thanks for his election, said that he was afraid his time was very much occupied in other ways, but his devotion to Golf dated from his boyhood, and he would now freely place his services at the disposal of the club. Mr. Shephard was then elected to the vacancy on the committee. Mr. R. Dunn next announced that Mr. Yerburch, M.P., had written to say that he would be only too happy to become a patron and a member of the club. Mr. Yerburch was accordingly elected amidst applause a patron, he being already a member.

Why is an unhappy bachelor like the lower part of an old shoe? Because he's a poor, single *soul*.

GOLFING PROVERBS.

Oh, ye who would at Golf succeed,
But whose game oft times comes to grief,
The proverbs heed you here may read,
And in these maxims find relief.

In playing strokes of every kind,
This rule remember above all:
Let confidence possess your mind,
And "keep your eye upon the ball."

Amid excitement through the green,
The mottoes to command success
Are (most of all in contests keen)
"Take plenty time, Sir," and "Don't press."

All shots, approaching to the disc—
At short holes also, swipes off tee—
Should ne'er be weak, at any risk
"Be up," "the hole 'll no' come t'ye."

In putting, too, have well in view,
Availeth not the anxious glance,
To trace the line to hole most true,
Unless you "Give the ball a chance."

ALPHA.

GOLF AT ETON COLLEGE.

A Golf club was started at Eton in January, 1889. The club consisted of about 30 members the first year, 50 the second, and in this, its third year, the numbers promise to be considerably larger. Golf is really only played in the Easter half, as then it cannot interfere with other games, as there is plenty of time to play fives, run with the beagles, and Golf as well. A little play, however, goes on during the Christmas term. In summer, owing to the long grass, it is quite impossible. The course consists of nine holes, and these not nearly as long as could be desired. It runs for some way parallel to the river, one of the holds being "Athens" itself.

The first hole is an iron shot over a neck of ploughed field into the corner of a large disused gravel pit, long since covered with grass. Once over the plough the hole should be an easy 4, but woe betide the topped ball! The second hole is from one end of the "gravel" pit to the other. This hole can be reached in a drive and a short iron, and should also be done in 4. The third hole begins with a drive over plough—an easy carry, but with a road and hedge running parallel to the drive on the left to catch the drawn ball. A cleek or an iron will now reach the hole which lies to the hedge, defended by a road and ditch. This hole should be an easy 5.

For the next hole (4) you come back over the road to tee and drive towards "Athens." This hole can be reached in a drive. But there are plenty of places to catch the drive, or approach if the drive is not a long one. The green lies at the bottom of a sloping bank, with a ditch in front and to the right, and last, but not least, a little black hut which stands like a sentry just above the green, and in which in the summer months towels are kept for the bathers at "Athens." This is a 4 hole. The fifth is perhaps the most difficult hole of all. To the left runs the river; a ball in here is lost for good. Almost parallel with the river runs a deep, narrow ditch. So one must drive to the right. It is possible to reach the hole, provided that the lie is good, in 2. But it is best to be content with a moderate second, and then reach the hole with a short iron. The approach is hard: a narrow green with a slight slope to the river, a hill in front of the green, the river to the left, and the corner of a ploughed field to the right. This hole should be done in 5, but 6 is by no means bad. This is the turn. The next hole, the first "home," is short and uninteresting. It can be reached with a cleek. There is nothing to prevent a 3 here; 4 is average.

Now comes the long hole, No. 7. A small ditch has to be carried by the drive. A road awaits the pulled ball, a ditch

the sliced one. The drive safe, the hole lies open. It requires, however, two more full shots to reach it, or say, with good lies which, unfortunately, are not as common as they might be, a full shot and an iron. A hedge bounds the further side of the green. The river runs parallel on the right; 5 is average for this, but 6 is not bad scoring. The drive for the eighth hole is a pretty shot. It has to carry a road, the corner of a hedge, and to be straight, for a ploughed field lies to the right; a short approach will now reach the hole, which lies in a hole beyond the corners of two ploughs. This is a 4 hole. Lastly, No. 9. This is the length of another old gravel pit. It is a drive and an iron. The drive has to be straight, as there are ploughs to the right and to the left. The approach is a hard one. Just under the green, which is on a higher level than the gravel pit itself, is a bank. About 7 yards still further this way a sort of promontory sticks out from one side of the gravel pit. Between these two banks is thick grass and occasionally water. Moreover on the first bank is the stump of a dead tree, which has a habit of getting just between the hole and one's ball; say 5 for this hole. This ends the 9 holes which are played over twice.

The scores given above are what a *good* player should do the holes in. The average taken from the scores handed in at the annual meeting is, however, considerably larger; 85 won the scratch medal in 1889, and 83 in 1890. The annual meeting will be held this year on Saturday, March 14th. The names of the holes are:—

1. The Short Hole	...	...	...	4
2. The Gravel Pit Hole	...	...	...	4
3. The Road Hole	...	...	...	5
4. The "Athens" Hole	...	...	...	4
5. The River Hole	...	...	...	5
6. The Tree Hole	...	...	...	4
7. The Long Hole	...	...	...	5
8. The Hole Across	...	...	...	4
9. The Home Hole	...	...	...	5

40

Good score for whole round—80.

J. R. T. T.

Eton College.

Playing at Guildford on Saturday, Mr. S. Mure Ferguson, going to the 11th hole, drove from the tee on to the shoulder of the green bunker, 221 paces. Wind and hill were in his favour.

Why should idle people be sent to the Punjaub? To make them *indus-trious*.

A tenant of Lord Halkerston, a Judge of the Scotch Court of Sessions, once waited on him with a woful countenance, and said—"My lord, I am come to inform your lordship of a sad misfortune. My cow has gored one of your lordship's cows, and I fear it cannot live." "Well, then, of course, you must pay for it." "Indeed, my lord, it was not my fault, and you know I am but a very poor man." "I can't help that. The law says you must pay for it. I am not to lose my cow, am I?" "Well, my lord, if it must be so, I cannot say more. But I forgot what I was saying. It was my mistake entirely. I should have said that it was your lordship's cow that gored mine." "Oh, is that it? That's quite a different affair. Go along, and don't trouble me just now. I am very busy. Be off, I say!"

The death of Mrs. Bruce (Madame A. B. Stewart), well known as a sweet singer of Scottish songs, is announced from New York. She became ill while singing at a concert in Chicago on December 17th, and her ailment having developed into pneumonia, her death resulted on December 30th. The last hours of her life were spent in unconsciously singing in an undertone the songs with which she had so frequently charmed audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. The sad pathos of her deathbed rendering of "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond" could only be fully realised by those, who, while smoothing her dying pillow, listened to that sweetest of songs as it fell upon the ears in cadences which became fainter and fainter until the last note was but the sigh of death. Mrs. Bruce was a native of Duntocher, Dumbartonshire, and at an early age became popular as a singer in the West of Scotland.

GOLF AT DINARD.

It will be interesting to golfers generally to learn that Dinard, in Brittany, possesses ground of almost unrivalled excellence for the pursuit of the game. The new course which has just been laid out by Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec., is a very extensive one, the orthodox number of eighteen holes being obtained with ease and without any crossing. All the features necessary for a first-class links are here in abundance. The soil is of a sandy nature, and covered with fine springy turf. With the exception of two holes, the entire course is very undulating, and abounds with numerous yawning bunkers that would naturally strike the inexperienced golfer with terror if he were compelled to cross them; but the course enables the tyro to avoid these by making a *détour*. There are throughout the course other prominent hazards, which will be dealt with in the following description of the round.

The drive from the first tee is over two sandy road cuttings, where a fine stretch of excellent turf is reached; the second shot being over two bunkers. Very careful play is required in approaching the hole, which lies on a promontory, and a short distance from the cliff. In going to the second hole, a good shot should take one over two deep cuttings; and another full shot is required to cross another cutting, a bunker, and a copse before the hole is reached.

The third hole requires a drive and an iron, the approach being a very sporting one, as there is a gully to cross with a large bunker at the back of the hole, and the seashore to the right. The carry to the fourth hole is over a huge bunker, which might aptly be termed "Perdition"; and a full cleek shot is then needed to reach the green, which lies prettily situated on ground surmounting a cliff. The fifth hole, which is full of good hazards, takes a drive and an iron. The sixth is on a peninsula, and is perhaps the finest hole in the round. It takes nearly two full drives, over very hilly ground, but when reached affords one of the grandest views anywhere to be met with. The seventh hole, which is charmingly placed in a hollow, requires two full drives and an iron to reach; a large bunker which intersects the course, and the sea-shore on the right, forming good hazards. The eighth is also a long hole, and needs two full drives and an iron. Here the hazards are the bunker just referred to, a raised earth-work, and a bed of whins. The ninth is a full drive down a slope, with bunkers and gorse to be crossed. It takes a drive and an iron to reach the tenth hole, which lies in a hollow at the top of a hill. The eleventh is a very sporting hole; a good shot carries one over a series of hazards. The twelfth takes two drives over a fine stretch of turf. The thirteenth takes a long drive to carry a steep hill, the hole lying in a hollow beyond. The fourteenth is a very pretty hole to play. The fifteenth is a drive and an iron over a deep cutting and more whins. The sixteenth and seventeenth holes present no exceptional features, but both require good play. The eighteenth, which needs a drive and an iron to clear a deep cutting, makes a grand finish.

Tom Dunn expresses the opinion that, when put in order, the links will rank among the finest to be met with anywhere. As stated in a previous number, the professional duties have for the present been undertaken by John Dunn.

To golfers who contemplate spending a holiday where they may freely indulge in their favourite pastime, and who desire at the same time to obtain a complete change of life and scene, Dinard may be safely recommended. It is easy of access, the journey from Waterloo, *via* Southampton and St. Malo, occupying but fifteen hours, a first-class return ticket available for one month costing 52s. The links are situated at St. Lunaire, about three miles from Dinard; a good diligence service conveying visitors to and from the ground. Admission to the Dinard Golf Club, which was started only last year, and already numbers over sixty members, is very moderate, and suited to the convenience of holiday visitors. A newly-built villa, situated close to the links, has recently been acquired as a club-house. There is also an English club at Dinard. It may be added that a first-rate cricket ground and lawn tennis courts are in the immediate vicinity, and that the sea bathing is excellent. There is very good hotel accommodation both at Dinard and at St. Lunaire, the scale of charges being strictly moderate. Good villas are also obtainable in the neighbourhood. The hon. sec. of the Dinard Golf Club will be pleased to furnish intending visitors with any further particulars.



ST. ANDREWS.

Since the beginning of February the weather has been remarkably mild and spring-like, and tempting alike to the lovers of Golf and of all outdoor exercise. The links have, consequently, been kept pretty busy, a contingent of gentlemen from Edinburgh, including Lord Rutherford Clark, Lord Kyllachy, and other Judges of the Court of Session helping to swell the list of golfers on the green. At the beginning of the week Mr. Everard played Tom Morris a couple of rounds, and the former, who was in capital golfing trim, gave the veteran a thorough drubbing. Encouraged by his success, Mr. Everard played Tom and Jamie Anderson the best of their balls. The odds, however, were too heavy, and Mr. Everard had to retire from the field six down and five to play. Mr. David Leitch and Tom Morris played a foursome with Mr. Everard and Jamie Anderson. After a stiff tussle the latter won by two holes. Mr. D. I. Lamb and Tom Morris had two rounds, and were all square on the day's play. On Monday, a very interesting single, in which some excellent play was witnessed, came off between Andrew Kirkcaldy and Mr. D. Leitch. A halved match was the result. The scores were Leitch, 82, Kirkcaldy, 83.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW CLUB.

Mr. Robert Knowles won the monthly medal on the Braids on Saturday.

NEWINGTON (EDINBURGH) GOLF CLUB.

This club played their monthly competition on Tuesday, the 10th inst., over Musselburgh Links. Mr. T. B. Doig was again the winner of the charm, he having gained it on the Braids in January.

PERTH ARTISAN GOLF CLUB.

A match between teams chosen by the captain and secretary of this club was played on the North Inch on Saturday in excellent weather. Result:—Captain's team, 47; Secretary's, 16.

NORTH BERWICK.

The fine weather of the past week and the excellent order of the green proved irresistibly attractive to golfers, a good number of ladies and gentlemen visiting the links. Several interesting friendly matches took place on Friday and Saturday last. Mr. A. M. Stewart and Ben Sayers engaged in two rounds of the green on Friday. In the first round the couple met on level terms, and the amateur, who has been rather out of practice lately, allowed his opponent to have a somewhat easy victory. Mr. Stewart was in receipt of a third in the second round, and a close game ensued, Sayers eventually winning by three up and two to play. On Saturday, an interesting foursome took place amongst members of the Bass Rock Club, Messrs. J. Forrest and A. Hutchison opposing J. Henderson and G. Nelson. The latter couple succeeded in beating their opponents. Sayers and W. Thomson engaged in a single, the former allowing the younger professional seven strokes. Play out and in was very equal, until at Pointgarry, the game stood all even. Each played the home hole in four, and the result was a halved match. Mr. R. Lountain and W. Thomson also had a single, the latter winning a close match by one. Amongst those over the links in the course of last week were Sir G. Clark, Major Isaacson, Captain N. M. Wylie, Captain R. G. Suttie, Mr. Graham Murray and Mr. Hadow.

Lady Clark and Miss Menzies were round in company, and a ladies' foursome also took place over the long course. At this season of the year, few of the fair exponents of the game frequent the fine ladies' links. The customary improvements have been in progress, however, and when the season returns the usual excellent facilities may be expected to be afforded for lady players, the meetings of whom have hitherto been so very enthusiastic and largely attended.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The following is the official report of this club competition which was erroneously reported in our issue of last week. The competition for the Orchard shield, postponed from New Year's Day on account of frost, took place on Saturday, the 7th, but comparatively few players put in an appearance. The competition is a handicap one, played in foursomes, a first and second-class player being coupled, each pair being allowed half the aggregate odds of their respective starts. The usual two rounds (twenty-eight holes) decided matters, at the conclusion of which it was found that Messrs. Paterson and W. Davidson had proved successful, with a net 128. The other net scores were: Messrs. James Arthur Vassie and Wm. Horn, 135; Messrs. Vassie and John Stodart, 136; Messrs. John Vassie, jun., and Rev. Wm. Smith, 139; Messrs. Haddow and Frame, 141; Mr. J. M. Davidson and Sir W. C. Anstruther, 144; Hon. A. Y. Bingham and Mr. T. Watson, jun., 144; and Messrs. James Annan and Wm. Annan, 147.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Saturday, the Dalhousie Golf Club held their monthly sweepstakes competition at Carnoustie. The weather was favourable, and the greens were in excellent condition. There was also a large muster of players. On the cards being handed in it was found that the three prizes had been tied for by Mr. P. C. Scott at 95, less 10=85; Mr. T. B. Kidd, 96, less 11=85; and Mr. R. L. Watson, 97, less 12=85. Mr. W. R. Sharp went the round in 95; and the other low scores were Mr. H. M. Robinson, who came in at 96, Mr. D. Scott, jun., also at 96, Mr. John Jones at 97, and Mr. G. A. Gilroy at 99.

After the competition the quarterly general meeting of members was held in the club-house. Some business of a formal nature having been done, the following were admitted as new members:—Messrs. Alfred Pattullo, Arthur J. Cox, William Low, H. W. Halley, Edward Carmichael, J. L. Ling, H. E. Bett, Edward Cowan, William Balingall, Alexander Guthrie, James Ballentine, John J. Watson, and Professor W. S. McCormick.

The opening competition of the Broughty Golf Club took place at Monifieth on Saturday, when the cup presented by Mr. T. S. Miller was played for. Twenty-six members started, including a good representation of second-class players, the trophy being an average one. The weather was delightfully fine, and the game was much enjoyed. On a comparison of the cards it was found that no fewer than three players had tied for the cup, namely, Messrs. James Cowan, jun., 95, A. H. Hutt, 108, and Hugh McCulloch, 108—all 12 below their respective averages. Following these came Mr. James Ross, 107, 10 below; Mr. R. Sellar, 97, and Mr. Thomas Lillie, 98, both 8 below. Mr. R. Cowan, who won the cup last year, came in at 102, 6 below. Over all great improvement was manifested, in the second class the reduction of averages being mostly very considerable. In the first class Mr. D. Bissett took the premier position with the score of 95, while Mr. J. H. Dunlop went the round at 97, and Mr. David Smyton at 98. Subjoined is the list of prize-winners:—First Class—Scratch and 1st Sweepstake, Mr. D. Bissett, 95, 2 below; 1st Average and 2nd Sweepstake, Mr. J. H. Dunlop, 97, 2 below; 2nd Average Tie, Mr. D. Smyton, 98, and Mr. J. Nicol, 100, both 4 above; Second Class—Scratch and Average prizes, and first three sweepstakes tied for by Messrs. J. Cowan, jun., A. H. Hutt and Hugh McCulloch; 4th Sweepstakes, James Ross.

At the business meeting of the Dalhousie Golf Club held in September last it was resolved to effect extensive alterations upon the club-house premises at Carnoustie Links. The work is now in progress, and is expected to be completed by the end of April. The building in external appearance will undergo a complete change, while better accommodation will be afforded to members. The frontage is to be entirely new, and the alterations provide for several additional rooms. The

carrying out of this project of course involves a pretty large expenditure of money, and the sum set apart for the purpose is over £1,200.

Next month the Monifieth Golf Club inaugurate the series of competitions for the season by playing for the Panmure Silver Medal (scratch), and the Average Medal (handicap). The members are getting into harness, and most of them took advantage of the fine weather on Saturday to do a bit of practice. The annual general meeting of this club is to be held on the evening of Friday next (27th).

AYRSHIRE.

There were no competitions in Ayrshire on Saturday, but in respect of the very fine weather the various greens were crowded the day being the best golfing Saturday since the New Year. At Troon there was quite a "golf stream," no less than sixty couples being out. It was the same at Prestwick, there being there a continuous procession over the links during the whole day till darkness put a stop to the proceedings.

MELROSE v. HAWICK.

An enjoyable game was played on Dingleton Common, Melrose, in delightful weather, and resulted in favour of Melrose by three holes, as under:—

MELROSE.	Holes.	HAWICK.	Holes.
Dr. Calvert ...	4	Mr. P. Cruickshank ...	0
Mr. A. T. Simson ...	0	Mr. J. Barrie ...	9
Mr. C. A. Ritchie ...	0	Mr. W. Douglas ...	1
Mr. W. Pennycook ...	4	Mr. W. Hume ...	0
Mr. A. D. Robson ...	1	Dr. Barrie ...	0
Mr. R. Watson ...	6	Mr. A. H. Craw ...	0
Mr. W. Dunlop ...	1	Mr. J. J. Oliver ...	0
Mr. T. S. Bogie ...	3	Mr. W. R. Ross ...	0
Mr. J. C. Monro ...	0	Mr. Hodgson ...	7
Mr. J. Dickson ...	1	Mr. James Scott ...	0
	20		17

SCOTSMAN v. SEAFIELD.

A match between teams representing the above clubs took place over Leith Links on Saturday with twelve men a-side, playing two rounds of the green, with the following result:—

"SCOTSMAN."	Holes.	SEAFIELD.	Holes.
Mr. R. Melrose ...	6	Mr. R. Robinson ...	0
Mr. A. Hamilton ...	0	Mr. R. J. Henderson ...	3
Mr. D. Blair ...	0	Mr. S. F. Notman ...	1
Mr. J. Robb ...	0	Mr. J. Gardner ...	4
Mr. R. H. Thom ...	0	Mr. A. S. Muir ...	1
Mr. J. Wilson ...	0	Mr. F. P. Cochrane ...	3
Mr. H. Neilson ...	0	Mr. R. Gibson ...	4
Mr. J. Mercer ...	1	Mr. W. Wood ...	0
Mr. J. Flynn ...	0	Mr. G. Sinclair ...	8
Mr. R. G. Duthie ...	3	Mr. W. Dougall ...	0
Mr. T. Brotherston ...	0	Mr. T. Anderson ...	8
Mr. J. Chumley ...	0	Mr. P. Gardner ...	8
	10		40

DUMBARTON CLUB.

The monthly club medal was competed for on Saturday. The links were in good condition, but a high local wind made the scores high. The medal fell to Mr. D. McIntyre in virtue of the lowest handicap score. The best scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. D. McIntyre ... 84 3 81	Mr. W. Craig ... 93 3 90
Mr. W. Lawson ... 93 8 85	Mr. J. M. Denny ... 103 12 91
Mr. J. Denny ... 83 +3 86	Mr. R. Hardwich ... 105 12 93

KELSO CLUB.

The first competition for the captain's and ex-captain's prizes was played over the course at the Friar's Park on Saturday. The conditions were two rounds of the course. There was a small turn-out of competitors, and the following were the best scores:—T. D. C. Smith, scratch, 96; W. M. Maxton, 108, less 10=98; Walter Rutherford, 100, plus 5=105; Rev. W. M. Harlow, 120, less 13=107. The annual dinner of the club was held in the Queen's Head Hotel, on Friday night, under the presidency of Dr. Rutherford.

INNERLEITHEN.

The second competition for the Ballantyne medal took place on Saturday afternoon. The medal was tied for by Messrs. William Lyon and Robert C. Smail. There was a good turnout of players. The following are the best scores:— William Lyon, 84, less 3=81; Robert C. Smail, 89, less 8=81 (tie); Henry Ballantyne, jun., 98, less 14=84; M. G. Thorburn, 90, less 5=85; James S. Smail, 95, less 8=87; G. A. D. C. Ferguson, 89, scratch; Andrew Robertson, 90, less 2=89 (tie); Andrew Yellowlees, 102, less 11=91; Thomas Weir, 112, less 20=92; John M. Gunn, 111, less 10=101.

KINGHORN.

On Saturday a large number of golfers from Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, and elsewhere visited Kinghorn Links, and all day the course was well occupied. In the afternoon the North British and Mercantile Golf Club, Edinburgh, played their monthly medal competition.

NAIRN.

The Pullar monthly medal was competed for at Nairn on Saturday. The medal this month was won by the Rev. Archibald Chisholm with a handicap score of 88, less 2=86. The other principal scores were:—A. F. Steele, 89, scratch=89; D. Young, 89, scratch=89; M. Murray, 96, less 3=93; L. Macrae, 96, less 3=93; J. C. Macwen, 108, less 12=96; A. Machardy, 103, scratch=103.

CUMBRAE CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the McFarlane gold medal took place on Saturday over the course at Millport. The conditions were very favourable, the links, including the putting-greens, being in first-rate order, and the weather very fine. On a comparison of the cards it was found that Mr. J. C. Sharp had won the medal. The leading scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. C. Sharp	103 18 85	Mr. J. Waddell	129 18 111
Mr. W. McFarlane	101 5 96	Mr. D. Rankine	174 18 156
Mr. A. Cameron	106 6 100		

FRASERBURGH.

The scratch gold medal was played for on Saturday under favourable circumstances, and some excellent scores were handed in. The following headed the list:—Mr. Joss, 77; Mr. Cranna, jun., 81; Mr. Mutch, 81; Mr. Stephen, 84; Mr. Ritchie, 90; and Mr. Noble, 93.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Friday, the 13th inst., over the Braids at Edinburgh in fine golfing weather. Mr. J. Lawrie was the winner with a score of 91, less 5=86.

CATHKIN BRAES CLUB.

The usual monthly fixture for the gold medal took place on Saturday, 7th inst., in somewhat stormy weather which restricted the turn-out of competitors. The card handed in by Mr. Geo. Gillan showed the lowest handicap score, and he was accordingly declared the winner. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Geo. Gillan	94 10 84	R. J. Smith	106 14 92
D. Guthrie	98 6 92	G. K. Wyllie	98 3 95

WATSON'S COLLEGE CLUB.

The first competition of the season was held at Musselburgh on Saturday. Twelve couples turned out, and the following were the prize-winners:—1, Jim Oliver; 2, D. Cameron; 3, C. Hay.

BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB.

This club held its monthly medal competition at Musselburgh on Saturday:—1, G. B. Howell; 2, J. Macnaughton; 3, D. G. Robertson.

MOFFAT.

The Johnstone monthly medal was competed for on Saturday. The greens were in good order, and the weather was all that could be desired. After a most enjoyable game it was found that John Duncan was the winner with 105, J. R. MacGibbon being second with 109, and Dr. Jardine next with 112.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Linskill cup and prize medal took place on Monday, February 16th, over the 'Varsity links at Coldham Common, day lovely and links in grand condition. For some reason the scoring was infamous, and all the scratch players completely collapsed. Mr. Joshua's game was characterised by great steadiness throughout, Mr. Carlisle playing a fine game. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
* Mr. D. Carlisle	102	20	82	Mr. G. L. K. Finlay	106 9 97
† Mr. A. M. Joshua	94	7	87	Mr. W. R. Rendell	111 14 97
Mr. A. F. Forster	111	20	91	Mr. G. R. M. Harvey	115 18 97
Mr. G. H. Philbrick	111	18	93	Mr. L. H. Maxwell	117 20 97
Mr. J. L. Low	97	3	94	Mr. A. J. L. Hill	117 18 99
Mr. E. D. C. Strode	103	9	94	Mr. E. W. V. Williams	122 22 100
Mr. H. Parker	113	18	95	Mr. A. F. G. Henderson	132 25 107
Mr. F. P. Woodward	125	30	95	Mr. H. J. Reckett	143 30 113
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	96	scr.	96	Rev. A. G. Ingram	160 30 130
Mr. C. Pigg	101	5	96		

* Wins the medal. † Wins the cup.

No returns from D. A. M. Brown, A. M. Chance, R. J. Younger, H. M. Braybrook, R. A. Nicholson, C. M. Hutchinson, J. E. Pease, G. C. Skipwith, G. T. Warner, T. H. Watson, C. M. Pasteur, R. O. J. Dallmeyer, C. E. Marriott, R. Macfarlane.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

At the fifth competition for the captain's cup on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday last, there were forty-eight players, although the day was anything but a favourable one, heavy rain having fallen up to eight o'clock in the morning. The best net score of the day was made by Mr. R. J. Kerr, Manchester, whose figures were 92, less 7=85, and he took the silver memento. Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall, was second with 105, less 18=87; and Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester, third, with 101, less 10=91. The following is the full score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. J. Kerr	92	7	85	Mr. G. Harper	117 14 103
Mr. F. E. Rowe	105	18	87	Mr. R. Lythgoe	118 15 103
Mr. W. Fletcher	101	10	91	Mr. F. Topp	122 18 104
Mr. A. B. Scholfield	99	7	92	Mr. A. Tod	126 20 106
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft	106	14	92	Mr. H. Fisher	122 14 108
Mr. P. Musgrave	113	20	93	Mr. S. Gask	127 18 109
Mr. E. Harrison	115	20	95	Mr. W. Cross	126 10 110
Mr. A. H. Doleman	97	1	96	Mr. J. S. Fair	124 13 111
Mr. T. H. Miller	115	17	98	Mr. C. H. Atkinson	133 20 113
Rev. G. E. Badeley	112	13	99	Mr. W. P. Fullagar	134 15 119
Rev. C. Billington	114	15	99	Mr. H. Crabtree	138 not
Mr. J. Eccles, jun.	114	14	100	Mr. R. B. Hardman	159 f hcp'd.
Mr. E. M. Whipp	119	17	102		

The following did not send in any return: W. H. Harrison, E. Redfern, J. Talbot Fair, G. H. Utley, J. F. Pearson, S. A. Hermon, H. M. Ormsby, F. W. Catterall, J. E. King, R. Dewhurst, Dr. McIntosh, J. M. Rea, Rev. W. G. Terry, S. Fisher, J. A. Brown, J. J. Doyle, J. Buckley, J. Mugliston, C. W. Fisher, W. H. Crossland, Dr. A. M. Eason, A. F. M. Wilson, N. Cockshutt. The best gross score of the day was Mr. R. J. Kerr's 92. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. R. J. Kerr, the second by Mr. F. E. Rowe, and the third by Mr. W. Fletcher. The sixth and last competition for this cup is fixed for March 14th, and final possession will be played for at the Spring meeting of the club on April 11th, by the six winners in the six competitions.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of this club was held on Saturday the 7th inst., Mr. Briscoe presiding in the absence of the captain. The statement of accounts presented by the treasurer showed the club to be in a most prosperous condition. The following were elected office bearers for the year:—Lord Mostyn, president; Captain Conroy, captain; Mr. Strachan, hon. treasurer; Mr. Stock, hon. secretary; Colonel Mainwaring and Messrs. Walthall and Williams were elected members of the committee.

It was decided to hold a spring meeting about May, when a prize will be offered for competition to members of other clubs. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the retiring officers and the chairman.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the Kentish cup took place on Tuesday the 10th. The morning opened rather foggy and raw, but the sun soon burst through it, and it turned out a lovely golfing day. The putting-greens were in first-rate condition, and the play through the green was good. A fair muster of members showed up, but only a limited number of scores were returned, of which the following are the best:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. F. Gilmour	112	24	88	Mr. Geo. Goodsir	111	18	93
Mr. A. Denman	...	95	5 90	Mr. G. Thompson	110	12	98

COMPETITION AT HONG KONG

Golf until within a comparatively recent period regarded as an exclusively Scottish game, has (says the *Hong Kong Daily Press* of January 8th) made such rapid strides within the last year or two that courses are now to be found, speaking widely, all over the world. It has many devotees in England, where it has taken firm root; it has made its converts in France, fine links being found at Biarritz; it has its followers in India and at Colombo; and it is even played under the shadow of the Pyramids, over the bones of Egyptian Pharaohs. Little wonder then, that in Hong Kong, where the Scottish element so largely predominates, it should have met with congenial soil, sprung up and flourished. The courses which have been formed abroad are not to be compared with the links of the Mother Country, but on the principle that half-a-loaf is better than none, it is better to have them such as they are than not at all. The Hong Kong course is as good as it possibly can be. The nature of the ground is such that it is difficult to improve it, though when one misses a putt of a yard or so he is apt to think that the turfing of the putting-greens is more responsible for the miss than his own bad play. Everything was in favour of good play on New Year's Day, when the club competed for the MacEwen challenge cup, and a few prizes. The weather conditions were excellent; the course was in good trim; while the greens as a rule ran true. There was a large turn-out of members, including a few of the better players. The Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Innes and Mr. G. Stewart had the honour of returning the best actual scores, their 93 being a pretty fair performance. A glance at their cards showed that they had played a consistently steady game. With a handicap allowance of 8, it was thought that Captain Rumsey would have been in a better position in the prize list than he was, but his card revealed the fact that he had been in difficulties. He had hard lines, especially at the last hole, which cost him 10 before he got to the bottom. The cup winner turned up in Lieutenant Shuckburgh, R.N., who, with a handicap of 21 managed to go round in 105, which, taking all things into account, was a creditable performance. Mr. E. C. H. Grant was for a time regarded as a likely winner. He was playing a careful game, but in the second round the difficulties he encountered were more frequent than desirable, and before the last stroke was played his score had run up to 103. Several of the members competed after tiffin, including Lieutenant Dundas, R.N., an old St. Andrews player, whose 110 can scarcely be regarded as an index to his play. In the afternoon one or two foursomes were formed. Altogether a good day's enjoyment was had. The following are the best nine scores, with the handicap allowances:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Lt. Shuckburgh, R.N.	105	21	84	N. G. Mitchell-Innes	93	0	93
G. Stewart	93	6	87	Lieut. Dundas, R.N.	110	15	95
E. C. H. Grant	103	15	88	R. C. Gore	123	27	96
F. C. Dundas	106	18	88	Capt. Rumsey, R.N.	104	8	96
Dr. Nolan, R.N.	110	21	89				

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

At the usual competition for the gold medal, held on Thursday, the 5th, three members tied at 99; this will be played off on Monday. The putting-greens not being in very good order after the frost and rains accounts for the scores being somewhat higher than usual. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Miss Andrews	... 105	6	99	Miss Lee	... 127	24	103
Miss E. Banister	... 133	34	99	Miss Moor	... 126	20	106
Miss Fox	... 133	34	99	Mrs. Stewart	... 112	5	107

Miss Birch, Miss Banister, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. M. Rogers, Miss Frewen, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stone, Miss A. Haggard, and Miss Martin, were over 110.

On Friday, the 6th, the winners of the medal last year competed for a prize presented by Mrs. Andrews, which resulted in a tie between Miss Birch and Miss Andrews; this was played off in the afternoon, Miss Birch being victorious.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the monthly challenge prizes took place on Wednesday, February 4th. The course was rather heavy, owing to the recent rains. This makes Mr. Toppin's play all the more remarkable, and his cricketing friends will probably not be slow to congratulate him on the distinction that he has shown himself to merit, as much with the "gutter ball" as with that made of leather.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
* Mr. C. Toppin ...	84	9 75	Mr. R. E. Lyon ...	114	22 92
† Mr. H. N. B. Erskine	98	15 83	Rev. H. Foster ...	91	+2 93
Mr. A. S. Archdale	101	13 88	Mr. H. E. Dixey ...	119	25 94
Mr. T. B. Bookless	98	10 88	Mr. J. Julian (V) ...	120	15 105
* Wins monthly club and senior challenge prize.			† Wins junior challenge prize.		

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Six others made no return.

CLEVELAND CLUB.

The Cleveland Club challenge cup competition was set down for decision over the Coatham links on the 7th inst. A large number of players entered, returns were made by eleven members. Results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. A. C. Tofts	103	7	96	Mr. D. Mackay	107	5	102
Mr. H. Roberts	98	scr.	98	Mr. C. E. Scott	114	10	104
Mr. G. Kay	119	21	98	Mr. S. Cradock	126	18	108
Mr. D. Crawford	116	18	98	Mr. J. W. Kyle	128	20	108
Mr. P. Raine	121	22	99	Mr. W. Metcalfe	162	21	141
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie	107	5	102				

NORTH WILTS GOLF CLUB.

The first medal day of the above club, which has only lately been started, was held on Thursday, February 5th. The links, consisting of nine holes, are on the Wiltshire Downs. Owing to the hunting, and the absence of many members from home, the attendance was small. The following scores were handed in:—

Ladies (nine holes): Miss Rudge, 74 (medal); Miss E. Rich, 91; Miss G. Rich, 99; Mrs. Rudge, 102.

Gentlemen (eighteen holes): Mr. W. Ransome, 126 (medal); Col. Helme, 138; Col. Rudge played once round.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

It should have been stated last week that the medal of this club was won by Lieut. Goldfinch, R.N., with a score of 93.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition of the year took place on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Mr. Mitchell, with a score of 87, less 2=85. As 87 is considered a scratch score, this was a fine performance, and at once deprives Mr. Mitchell of the small handicap start he has enjoyed in the past. The course is now in first-rate order, and is making daily improvement, and we see no reason why Ascot Heath should not be in time one of the very best inland links in the country. Next Saturday has been fixed for the second club competition, after which date the competition will be held on the first Saturday in each month as heretofore. Result of play on Saturday, February 14th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	87	2 85	Rev. J. Stewart	106	10 96
Mr. P. Laming	115	28 87	Mr. E. H. Saulez	119	22 97
Mr. E. Ponsonby	109	18 91	Sir T. Dyer	114	16 98
Mr. A. G. Bartholomew	121	30 91	Col. Lewes	120	22 98
Mr. J. Oswald	97	5 92	Col. Eden	113	14 99
Mr. F. J. Patton	96	2 94	Rev. H. Wilson	120	20 100
			Mr. H. Eden	111	11 100

Over 100, or no returns—Messrs. C. Hamilton, H. de Paravicini, C. E. Cottrell, H. C. Clarke, H. H. Longman, H. Sawyer, F. Tarver, C. E. Haig, &c.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Handicap, February 14th.—The weather was fine but very cold, and the wind was against the players at most of the holes, and though it looked a good day for scoring the scores were bad all round. Playing to the eleventh hole in the afternoon with wind and hill in his favour, Mr. S. Mure Fergusson with his tee shot carried on to the shoulder of the green bunker, 221 paces. Anyone who wishes to ascertain the exact distance, can do so by measuring from the furthest tee to the bunker. It is a long "carry," though Mr. Fergusson makes it look quite easy. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. J. Kenrick	94	6 88	Mr. F. L. Govett	110	17 93
†Mr. L. Howell	109	20 89	Mr. H. Cattley	114	20 94
Mr. W. M. Corrie	111	20 91	Mr. S. M. Fergusson	90	+5 95
Mr. C. H. Sapte	111	20 91	Mr. D. L. Poole	104	9 95

* Winner of medal. † Winner of sweepstakes.

Thirty-three members made no return, or were over 100.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, Feb. 7.—Monthly prize and sweepstake. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. D. Turnbull	102	16 86	Mr. C. A. Teape	94	3 91
Mr. S. Robin	89	scr. 89	Capt. Robin	98	4 94
Capt. Fairlie	98	9 89	Col. McKenzie	99	5 94
Capt. Sumner	98	9 89	Col. McDougal	116	22 94
Capt. Elliot	105	16 89	Capt. Burney	124	27 97
Mr. A. G. Robertson	114	25 89	Mr. T. W. Barker	104	6 98
Major Little	112	22 90	Capt. Le Feuvre	110	12 98

Nine players made no return.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The regular fortnightly handicap was played on Wednesday, February 4th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. H. Harrison	129	33 96	Mr. G. H. Logan	125	9 116
Mr. P. B. Norris	138	36 102	Mr. C. Coffin	142	24 118
Mr. H. T. Smyth	138	33 105	Mr. P. B. Hart	126	8 118
Mr. G. Prust	128	22 106	Mr. A. T. Lewis	119	scr. 119
Mr. St. G. Caulfield	121	14 107	Mr. H. J. Allen	156	36 120
Mr. E. O. Durrant	119	11 108	Mr. W. H. Richards	156	36 120
Mr. T. A. Rees	110	1 109	Mr. L. R. Wood	156	36 120
Col. Lloyd	114	4 110	Mrs. Remfry	178	50 128
Capt. Dunn	128	14 114	Miss Wood	187	54 133

Capt. Costley and Mr. H. Costley retired.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was competed for on Saturday. There was a fair turn-out of members. The weather was fine, and the course generally had benefited by the short spell of dry weather, a word of praise being due to Mr. J. Duthie Matthew for the admirable condition of the greens. Mr. Croal played a first-rate game throughout, and, but for one or two timid shots on the putting-green, ought easily to have sent in a card with the scratch score—78. As it was, his card of 81 is very difficult to beat, even by scratch players, though, as will be seen, it was not good enough to secure the medal. Mr. Verran played a very steady, straight game all through.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Verran	86	12 74	Mr. A. J. Robertson	102	6 96
Mr. J. P. Croal	81	5 76	Mr. J. D. Matthew	111	14 97
Mr. E. A. Walker	87	6 81	Mr. T. Melville	117	20 97
Mr. J. Bell	99	12 87	Mr. R. Stewart-Bain	114	16 98
Mr. C. D. Cumming	105	18 87	Mr. J. H. Greenfield	121	20 101
Mr. F. Taylor	100	11 89	Mr. J. W. Grover	119	16 103
Rev. J. H. Ellis	96	6 90	Mr. W. Jeans	118	14 104
Dr. Leggatt	100	10 90	Mr. W. C. Grant	129	20 109
Mr. W. Williams	107	14 93	Mr. J. D. Wansborough	130	18 112
Mr. A. F. Waters	105	12 93	Mr. J. Lidiard	139	24 115
Mr. J. B. Wood	103	8 95	Sir H. Maxwell, M.P.	130	14 116
Lord Granby, M.P.	115	20 95			

Several players made no returns.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

The sunshine of Shrove Tuesday, the 10th inst., brought together a larger number of golfers than was to have been expected at this time of year, when hunting forms so strong a counter-attraction. It was probably a feeling of distrust in their own powers, after having had their clubs laid by during the winter, which caused many of the players on the hill to prefer a friendly foursome to the more arduous competition for the sweepstake and prizes. However, a round dozen of men, and nearly as many ladies, entered in the handicap, and played their best for the series of monthly challenge prizes which were instituted with the new year. Of these, Mr. Gresley and Capt. Huntington secured first and second, while the ladies' prize fell to Miss Isabel Cornwall. The following scores were made:—

GENTLEMEN.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. N. W. Gresley	113	28 85	Mr. Blackwell	93	scr. 93
Capt. Huntington	121	35 86	Mr. H. Goldingham	116	22 94
Mr. J. W. Rolt	119	28 91	Mr. J. Bengough	134	35 99
Mr. C. Gillanders	100	8 92	Mr. H. Daubeney	124	23 101
Capt. Kenworthy-Browne	128	35 93	Rev. A. K. Cornwall	139	35 104
Mr. W. A. Baines			Rev. T. H. Philpott	128	22 106

Mr. W. A. Baines no return.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss I. Cornwall	78	29 49	Mrs. Lynch-Blosse	73	15 58
Mrs. Rolt	80	29 51	Miss Car. Graham	66	7 59
Miss V. Graham	80	27 53	Miss Graham	89	27 62
Miss Con. Graham	81	27 54			

Mrs. Hoare and Mrs. Gillanders no return.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

The Joicey cup was again played for on the 10th inst. in windy weather which interfered with the play, and several competitors retired in consequence. A tight tussle between Messrs. Thomson and Hansell resulted in another win for the last-named, the scores being:—Mr. J. Hansell, 125, less 25=100; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 97, plus 4=101. The cup has now been competed for six times, and three of the members have each won it twice.

The Emmerson cup competition took place at Whitley, last Wednesday afternoon, the 11th inst., but a very boisterous wind interfered with the play. The result of the play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. F. Charlton	98	3 95	Mr. J. Hansell	131	22 109
Mr. R. T. Thomson	92	+4 96			

The remainder of the competitors retired, "Rude Boreas" being too much for them.

The Crawley prize contest took place over the Whitley course on the 14th inst., six couples competing for the trophy. Returns were received from five members, and their scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. A. Wilson	100	8 92	Dr. R. Howden	123	25 98
Mr. R. T. Thomson	89	+4 93	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	119	16 103
Dr. J. Limont	105	12 93			

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