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Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (sixth Competition).
Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Calcutta : Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
July 7.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
Falkirk : Monthly Competition.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
July 9.—Selkirk : Captain's Prize (third Competition).
July 10.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Medal.
July 11.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Lanark : Gold Ball, and other Prizes.
Hayling : Monthly Competition.
Monifieth : Fenton Gold Medal (scratch).
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh C. A. : Summer Meeting.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Edinburgh Warrender : Gilfillan Belt.
July 13 to 15.—Harrison (Edinburgh) : Cup and Prizes.
July 14.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
July 15.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.

- July 16.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
July 17.—Hayling Island Ladies : Bath Challenge Star.
July 18.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.
Disley : Third Summer Handicap.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Rochdale : Summer Handicap.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Silver Challenge Vase.
July 24.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Medal.
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.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Haddington : Somerville Medal.
Seaton Carew : Thompson Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prize.
July 31.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Silver Medal.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Cleek and Iron Competition.

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.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (seventh Competition).
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
St. George's (Sandwich) : The St. George's Cup and Cross.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 1 to 4.—Felixstowe : Second Summer Meeting.
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.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Summer Meeting : Fourth Competition (scratch) for Secretary's Inkstand ; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap) ; Visitors' Prize.
St. George's (Sandwich) : The Gemmell Cup.
Aug. 4.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Calcutta Cup Tournament (Under handicap. Entries close July 28th).
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.

- Aug. 4.—Hayling Island Ladies': Bath Challenge Star; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap); Visitors Prize.
Aldeburgh: Silver Medal.
Hayling Island: Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 6.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 7.—Durham: Osborn Cup.
Harrison: Medal.
- Aug. 8.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Luffness Hope Challenge Medal and Gold Pendant (open to any members of any County clubs.)
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
Wiltshire and District: Monthly Medal.
Alnwick: Marsh Painting.
Rochdale: Captain's Prize.
Selkirk: Turnbull Medal and Captain's Prize.
- Aug. 10-12.—Harrison, Edinburgh: Cup and Prizes.
- Aug. 11.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.
- Aug. 15.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Dublin: Monthly Medal.
Disley: Fourth Summer Handicap.
Formby: Captain's Prize.
Epsom: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: Club Cup.
Lea Hurst: Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes: Match with Dumbarton.
- Aug. 19.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.
- Aug. 20.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 21.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh: Medal.
- Aug. 22.—Rochdale: President's Silver Cup.
Haddington: Macniven Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Macara Cup.
- Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.

DORNOCH.—Playing with Professor Nicholson in a single on Monday night, the 22nd ult., Mr. J. Sutherland holed out the home nine holes in 32. The following are the details:—4 4 4 3 3 3 4 3 4. Hitherto 34 was the lowest score for the incoming half. The total of the round was 76, being one stroke more than the amateur record.

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GOLF NOVELTIES.

Our Edinburgh correspondent writes: Golfers of the old-fashioned school are proverbially conservative in the matter of clubs, but again there are a great many young players who are always eager to handle any club into which an alleged improvement has been introduced. Among the latter class, those who have been unlucky enough to acquire a faulty style, which in too many instances leads to prolific club smashing, will be a good deal interested to learn something about the Celluloid, invented and patented by Mr. Brand, of the North British Rubber Company. I have had an opportunity of testing one of them, and I am bound to say the Celluloid appears to embody all the elements of success. Its principal virtue is that no golfer need have the slightest fear of breaking the head. I have seen a specimen head made from this composition subjected to tests which no wooden club could possibly have withstood, and it has come through the ordeal without the vestige of a scratch. It need hardly be pointed out that to the many beginners who have developed that villainously bad habit of slipping the club in their hands while in the act of swinging—almost invariably causing the head to snap across the neck—the Celluloid will come as a boon and a blessing. My experimental club was extremely neat and well balanced, and in every respect an excellent bit of workmanship. As a driver it deserves nothing but praise, and in the hands of a strong player it is capable of performing wonders in long driving. At present the Celluloid is rather more expensive than wooden rivals, but the inventor is sanguine that very shortly he will be in a position to offer the club at a price that will bring it within easy reach of all classes of golfers. The Celluloid—if only for its unbreakable qualities—is tolerably certain to take a prominent place amongst the more successful novelties of the day.

A Golf club in miniature, suitable as a walking-cane, is now being made by Messrs. Reid and Laidlaw, wholesale ironmongers, Edinburgh. The idea is, of course, not quite new, but the general design of this little club will, I fancy, be novel to most people. The heads are prepared as cleeks, mashies, and irons, and being fully nickel-plated, with smart greenheart shafts, the effect as a whole is distinctly attractive. Ladies will at once take them into favour, as in the large majority of cases the canes will be found quite suitable for Golf as played by the fair sex, while, when tired of the game, by simply reversing the end, they are provided with a very serviceable and artistic walking-stick.

GOLF IN SWEDEN.

It may interest golfers to learn that the "Royal and Ancient game" is now possible in Sweden. A club has been formed in Gothenburg, which now numbers over forty members, including some of the most notable Scotch residents in that city; and a green has been secured at Sandviken, on the Gota Elf, between which place and Gothenburg steamers ply every half-hour.

The formation of the club is largely due to the energy of the Rev. Edward Despard, the popular English clergyman at Gothenburg, who, while a good golfer, is perhaps better known as a cricketer of Gloucestershire fame. A course of six holes has been skilfully laid out, and a small club-house has been erected, where a casual visitor can always be fitted out with a set of clubs, some of them imported from St. Andrews, and others, of really excellent form and quality, of native production.

The first tee is placed on a rising ground close to the club-house, and two good drives and an iron shot should land the ball on the first green, care being taken to avoid a small pond on the right, where more than one badly-heeled ball has met an untimely fate. The second hole is plain sailing, being approached over good golfing country with no hazards, and should be secured in four. The approach to the third hole is rendered hazardous by a sporting shot over the corner of a field which at this point encroaches on the course. Going to the fourth hole, a long, well-played drive is required to clear a large bunker. The fifth hole is comparatively easy up to a good putting-green, and the player then faces the drive to the home hole, one of the longest on the green. This drive is played over an enormous sand quarry, forming a bunker beside which "Pandie" at Musselburgh, or even the boasted "Maiden" at Sandwich, must pale. It is something of a coincidence that the name of the headquarters of Golf in Sweden—Sandviken—is synonymous with Sandwich.

A SPLENDID MATCH.

One of the most keenly contested matches, and one in which the best game was continuously kept up, was concluded at St. Andrews on Friday, the 19th ult., between Ben Sayers, of North Berwick, and Hugh Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews. So excellent was the play that a slip or defect on the part of either player was enough to forfeit the hole; and occasionally good play was beaten by an exceptionally brilliant stroke on the part of his opponent. Sometimes the hole was lost, but more frequently the hole was won.

Sayers came from North Berwick somewhat handicapped. Knowing every foot of his own peculiarly trying green, he should have done more than merely halve the thirty-six holes match played there. If he was to win on the whole, he should have had some holes in his favour from his home green. The general feeling, therefore, was that Sayers would have an uphill fight at St. Andrews.

The weather was glorious, and the links were in splendid order. Tom Morris has done wonders in keeping that green so admirably, considering the enormous increase in the number of players. A considerable number of spectators, including ladies, were kept back from the players by means of a long rope stretched across the green. Among those present I observed Mr. James Balfour, W.S. (once a medal holder, and father of the famous player, Mr. Leslie Balfour), Mr. Bethune, of Blebo, with his brother, Colonel Bethune, the Rev. Dr. Anderson, Mr. J. G. Denham, Mr. Milne, of Urie, Mr. H. S. C. Everard (present medal holder), Mr. James Ballingall (who played so steadily at the last tournament), Mr. James Kirk (who stuck so close to Mr. Ball on that occasion), Mr. Cheape of Strathtyrum (proprietor of links), Captain Bremner, Mr. Blackwell, Professors Butler, Meiklejohn and Roberts, Mr. Dunsmore, (a crack Perth player), Mr. Laidlay (champion at the tournament), Mr. W. T. Linkskill (author of a work on Golf), Provost Paterson of St. Andrews, and Provost Brodie of North Berwick. A good old conservator of the game remarked: "Two referees and two fore caddies—what an innovation?" So far true; but Mr. David Lamb, of St. Andrews, was the referee, though somehow accompanied by another who was also of St. Andrews. Fortunately, the referee's place was all but nominal.

I was delighted to see that almost invariably the wooden putter was used on the putting-green, unless for short putts, where the cleek allows one to give a little more strength, without the risk of over-running. For years I have written down the constant use of the cleek in putting; and a reaction, said to be spreading fast, backs up what I so strongly contended for. I wondered why a player so cool and stable as Hugh would allow his caddie (Herd) to point out the road to the hole on the putting-green, he should have been above that. Crawford never did that for Sayers, though at the Hole O'Cross, when Sayers, after missing a putt, tried it a second time (against all rule in such matches) and holed, the acute caddie sarcastically remarked: "Nae second chances here, ma man!"

When both played so exceptionally steady, I cannot well point out where any superiority lay. Kirkaldy is taller and more powerful, and he drives with considerable firmness, though not so doggedly determined as his brother Andrew. But Sayers plays with an uncommonly long agile club, and keeps well up to his opponent, except against the wind, where on several occasions Kirkaldy's firmer wrist clip gave him the advantage of several yards. Any defect, however, in the driving was made up for by Sayers in his approaches, which were sometimes very fine. In both cases the putting was steady and equal.

Though a slashing young professional, Hugh Kirkaldy has never been engaged in any very important match, and is known for a remarkably low score at St. Andrews; whereas Sayers is the hero of many a contest. The *forte* of Sayers lies more in scoring than in match playing. He has had heavy matches with Bob Ferguson, Willie Campbell, and Park; and stood first for scores at the opening of the Archenford and Kinghorn greens. Sayers had a reputation to maintain, Kirkaldy one to make. Accordingly very keen interest was taken in every stroke. A marked contrast was observable in the judgment of the two at the same hole in the two rounds. There was a stymie at the Road Hole; and in both cases it had to be holed, and in one case to halve the hole, in the other to save the match. In the first round it fell to Hugh. Carefully he studied it; he had scarcely half the diameter of the hole clear, but all round the hole was as smooth as a billiard table, and he took the very worst club in his pack—his cleek. With this he vainly attempted to put a "screw" on; now with a wooden putter he might perhaps have succeeded—and then only when playing the like; but lofting was the only course left to him. Next round Sayers was in a similar dilemma, but he took his loft—though there was a considerable distance between the balls—and lofted neatly over. He touched the disc, but the tin would not hold him; though, on holing out next time, his opponent missed, a chance reward for his proper style of play.

If anything, Kirkaldy played the bolder game; but his opponent's caution often saved him. Notably did Kirkaldy's style aid him when going out the first hole. He crossed the burn in two, whereas Sayers

played short. In both cases he won the hole, but in both cases the second was a glorious shot—perfect in distance and direction. Many a man in Sayers' place would have trembled a little when he was four down at the Short Hole going out; but there is undoubtedly indomitable pluck about him, for out of the next nine he took five by sheer brilliant play. The Long Hole he holed in four, and the corner of the dyke in three. The long cleek approach stroke at the former hole was perfectly played considering the difficulties in the way and the situation of the hole. In the latter case, his long cleek run was admirably calculated to take advantage of all the undulations, and to lay "dead" was exceptionally good play, to hole might have taken him a month's play, yet he succeeded just when required. He came in at the low score of 39, rarely equalled against the wind!

Steadily they pegged on in the second round, each looking more and more determined to win. No other match was seen on the course: All golfers were present to witness the close of the contest. The combatants turned all even, but Sayers lost the next from the tee by drawing his ball among whins. Thankful might he have been to see his ball where it was; thirty years ago he would not have found it even twenty yards nearer the course! The Short Hole was halved, and at the next hole Sayers played a most beautiful shot from a grassy hollow with his loft, and squared the match. "Confined" next hole, he lost it from the tee. Again at the Long Hole Sayers approached admirably and won the hole. They were now all square on the whole four rounds match, and only four holes to play. The excitement became intense, but all now thought that Sayers, who had the "honour," would win. Alas! for prognostications! Golf is too "kittle" a game to stake certainties on it. I could excuse Sayers' approach cleek shot being a little strong, for the undulations intervening were deceptive, but I wondered why he did not take his loft which he handles so admirably. His next stroke lost him the match. A "putt" which with his putter he could have laid "dead," though with his eyes shut, he only ran forward little more than half way by taking his cleek. Why did he desert the putter just at the crucial point? This will be a lesson to him. Old golfers kept making this remark for a time.

At the Corner of the dyke, Kirkaldy's driving shone to advantage, being hole high in two, whereas Sayers had a long wrist shot to play for the "odd." This he heeled—his only failure all day; but the failure came in at the unfortunate crisis, and he lost the hole, and ultimately the match.

A little more regular and careful play will soon consolidate Hugh Kirkaldy's play, and all golfers will likely require to calculate against him in the best matches. Tom Morris told me that he had great hopes of him. He is very steady, obliging, and good-tempered, and he is a favourite with his *confrères* and well spoken about by the members of the Royal and Ancient. Sayers very wisely devotes most of his time to the more lucrative and certainly less precarious work of club-making, but he must not give up the game of which he is so distinguished an ornament.

This match will long be remembered as being one of which professionals as well as amateurs have reason to be proud. It was carried through with that honourable *esprit* between the keen combatants which was pleasant to witness. Each looked as if he did not grudge when a brilliant stroke of his opponent gained the hole, and there was none of that contemptible striking of the ground with the club when a mistake was made. Keeness, mellowed down to calmness, seemed to rule both.

J. G. McPHERSON.

NEW GOLF COURSE FOR CRIEFF.—On Monday night, the 22nd ult., a meeting of the members and others interested in the recently-formed Golf club was held in the Town Hall, Crieff, when Colonel Rice, Douavoured, presided. The report of Mr. Tom Morris, St. Andrews, who had been appointed to inspect the different places mentioned as most suitable for a Golf course was submitted, in which he recommended the parks of Ledbine, at Ochertyre, which could be made a first-class inland course at a cost of between £60 and £80. It was then stated that the consent of the proprietor, Sir Patrick Keith Murray, Bart., had been obtained, and arrangements had been made with the grazing tenants, so it was resolved to have the course laid out at once, and opened on as early a date as possible. The annual subscriptions of members will be £1 is. It was remitted to the committee to engage the services of a professional, and to draw up rules and report to a future meeting at an early date.

EDINBURGH CLEEK GOLF CLUB.—This club held their annual June competition for the scratch medal and handicap prizes over Gullane Links on the 23rd ult. Mr. Angelo Taylor had the lowest actual score (95), and was winner of the scratch medal. Mr. Henry Blanche was winner of the first handicap prize with a score of 112, less 30=82. The day was fine and the putting-greens in splendid condition, but low scoring was difficult on the homeward round on account of the strong east wind.



THE GAME OF GOFF, OR GOLF.—The favourite summer amusement in Scotland is played with clubs and balls. The club is taper, terminating in the part that strikes the ball, which part is faced with horn and loaded with lead. There are six sorts of clubs used by good players, namely, the common club, used when the ball lies on the ground, the "scraper" and "half scraper," when in long grass, the spoon when in a hollow, the heavy iron club, when it lies deep among stones or mud, and the light iron ditto, when on the surface of shingle or sandy ground. The balls are considerably smaller than those used at cricket, but much harder, being made of horse leather, stuffed with feathers in a peculiar manner and boiled.—*Extract from "Hoyle's Games," 1803.*

The other day, James Litster, a seaman belonging to St. Andrews, got a verdict for £350 against Mr. John Walsh, a shipowner, of Sunderland. When plaintiff, on board the ss. "Thornhill," was passing down the Channel, the vessel came into contact with the ss. "Lotus," of which the defendant was sole owner. As a result, the plaintiff sustained terrible injuries, and has been permanently disabled from following his calling. All that he has been able to do lately is to carry clubs on the links at St. Andrews.

At the East End Exhibition in Glasgow, Mr. Andrew Forgan, Golf-club maker, Alexandra Park, has been awarded a bronze medal and diploma for a handsome exhibit of Golf clubs. The centre piece consisted of a silver club of the Glasgow Golf Club, with twenty-four silver balls attached, bearing the names of the captains from 1787 to 1835. The case also contained fourteen Golf clubs made from an apple-tree 300 years old. The planks, which were extra large, were 34 inches broad.

The Nairn Golf course is now finished, and the new putting-greens are not to be equalled anywhere. The new course, or extra addition, is a little rough, but when played on for a little the ground should become all that is desired. The Washington Golf Hotel, five minutes' walk from the course, gives good accommodation for golfers.

On Wednesday, June 24th, Peter Paxton, the well-known Eastbourne professional, travelled to Berkhamsted to play over and give his opinion concerning the Golf course. The common lies about a mile out of the town, to the north of the railway. It has a magnificent open situation, over 500 feet above sea level, surrounded by much beautiful country. Paxton accomplished the two rounds in 50 and 49, a good performance considering his want of knowledge of the green and the roughness of the first four holes, which have been only open a fortnight. He gave it as his opinion that the present course is a good one, that the common affords opportunities for a first-rate course of a sporting character, with plenty of natural hazard, and that the turf of the putting-greens was magnificent, the finest in the world.

It is stated that Sir Ralph W. Anstruther, of Balcaskie, is the captain elect of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.



A NOVEL RUB ON THE GREEN.

Some time ago a foursome was arranged at Estcourt, an upcountry township in South Africa where there is no regular course, but a stretch of open country where one or two Scotchmen occasionally pursue the game. It happened that as the first ball was struck from the tee a Kaffir crossed the line of fire at a distance of about eighty yards. The ball struck him with considerable force on the chest, and bounded into the air. The Kaffir, with that smartness characteristic of his race, caught the ball before it reached the ground, and wishing to do a service to the "umlungu," or white man, he rushed forward with it to the foursome party, and selecting the magistrate of the district handed it to him. The question at once arose whether this could be regarded as a rub on the green. It was left unsolved by a decision to make a fresh start.

PUBLIC RIGHTS IN GULLANE COMMON.—As we stated last week, proceedings have been instituted in the Bill Chamber of the Court of Session, Edinburgh, regarding the right of property in Gullane Common, and these will interest many not directly connected with the case, especially golfers. The action is one in which Mrs. Hamilton Ogilvy of Belhaven and Dirleton, with consent of her husband, seeks to have Richard Cowe, horse trainer, Gullane, interdicted from exercising or training horses upon Gullane Common, or otherwise trespassing on these lands, which are alleged to be the property of the complainer as proprietrix of the entailed estate of Dirleton. In 1889 the respondent took stables at Gullane and applied to the complainer and Mr. Hamilton Ogilvy for leave to use a portion of the common for the training of horses. She was willing to grant this privilege on payment of a small money consideration, and a draft memorandum of agreement was prepared and sent to the respondent for signature. He delayed signing, and ultimately declined to do so, but continues to use part of the common—particularly the portion known as the old race-course—on the hill, and refuses to desist, thereby, as the complainer says, rendering this application necessary. It is pleaded that the respondent has no title, and that his actings are illegal. Defences have been lodged for the respondent, in which he maintains that Gullane Common does not belong to the complainer, and that her right of property is now asserted in the absence of parties who have a title and interest to dispute her claim. For many years, going back beyond memory, trainers who occupied stables at Gullane were accustomed to use the race-course for that purpose, and did so without interference or challenge. The common is also, and has been, a favourite recreation ground constantly resorted to by the public on foot as well as on horseback, and a considerable portion of it, including part of the old race-course, has been and is freely used by golfers.

THE ROMAN ANTIQUITY OF GOLF.

It is generally believed that the game of Golf is of Scottish origin, and the readers of this journal are familiar with the Acts of the old Scottish Parliament against the game passed as far back as the middle of the fifteenth century, when Golf was so popular as to interfere with the practice of archery. It was then "cryit dune" by the Parliament, in the interest of the self-defence of the country. Now the Scotch folks have always known a good thing when they have seen it, and, to their credit be it said, they very early recognised the excellences of the game of Golf. For the suggestions of the game and its rude beginnings we must, however, go back to Pagan times, and to the ancient Greeks and Romans. The invention of the ball, which has since occupied such a striking place in many games, is said to have been due to a lady named Anagalla, a native of Corcyra, and Homer (Odys. Bk. v.) introduces the Princess of Corcyra as amusing herself with her maids at a game of hand-ball:—

"O'er the green meads the sporting virgins play,
Their shining veils unbound; along the skies,
Tost and retost, the ball incessant flies."

It does not appear that at that time the men took any hand at this game. They subsequently did so, but the ladies have the honour of inventing the ball, if tradition is to be relied on. The use of the club along with the ball does not appear to have been practised by these ancient Greeks, although it is (perhaps unconsciously) hinted by one or two modern writers that they (the Greeks) were not quite ignorant even on the subject of Golf. Andrew Lang, who knows more about most subjects than most people, will not have it that the word Golf itself is derived from the *κολαφος*, but then he calls the belongings of the Knuckle Club (now Blackheath) *ἀπόρρητα* ("Badminton Golf," p. 26), as if such things had a Greek connection. In the same volume (p. 347) Mr. Everard, speaking of Willie Park, says that you cannot, even when the ex-champion is carrying all before him, detect any vestige of that *αὐτάρκεια* or self-sufficiency so characteristic of many golfers when being borne on the tide of success. The use of this word proves that the old Greeks knew Golf, and what else are we to infer when we hear even unclassical tongues remark that "Greek meets Greek" when two champions such as Laidlay and Ball play off their final.

That both club and ball were used by the Romans there can be no doubt. They had their game of hand-ball, *Pila palmaria*, but they had also their *Pila malleus* of which Hieronymus Mercurialis gives us a brief account, the ball having to be lofted by a club through an iron ring. "Golf, as it is played in modern times," says the writer of the "Golfer's Manual," "is but a refinement and improved form of a very ancient amusement. The Romans, for example, had a rustic pastime which they called *Paganica*, played with a crooked stick or bat, and (what brings the affinity still closer) with a leather ball stuffed with feathers. It does not appear, indeed, that the *Paganica* required a large tract of ground for being played upon, or even that the object of the game was, as it is now, to propel the ball into small holes placed at wide intervals; still, in its general aspect, as a game where a golf-ball (for it was even so) was driven by a rudely-shaped club, the Latin pastime, *Paganica*, seems to have been the embryo of modern golfing." Stands Scotland where it did, if all that be true? Those who maintain that England borrowed the game from Scotland should consider whether it is not more likely that England borrowed it from Rome, as it has done many other worse customs. In the days of Edward III. a game called *Bandy-ball* was common, which was a kind of Golf, played with a ball as the name implies, and a crooked bat or club. This bat or club was termed the *baculus incurvatus*, and the game thus practised was called *Cambuc*, *Cambuca*, or *Cambuta*, an evidence of its Roman origin. Surely, when this was the mediæval name of Golf in England we do not require to press further its ancient Roman pedigree.

To make assurance doubly sure, let us, however, examine the vocabulary of golfers and writers on Golf in our own day, to see what Latin affinities may be detected therein. It is simply marvellous how much there is to be found in such an examination to support the theory of the Latin origin of Golf. If only some golfing Donnelly could read the great Cryptogram we believe it might be shown that the *linguo* of the links is borrowed *holus bolus* from the Roman, like the game itself, most of it being

marred a little in the translation. For our own part we are *stymied* in attempting to hole out our argument, having, as rare Ben Jonson puts it, "little Latin and less Greek," but by the little we have we shall indicate the way to negotiate the business. Take the very word *stimy*. The Badminton glossary, following Jamieson, says it is derived "from an old Scotch word, meaning 'the faintest form of anything.'" Now Jamieson is a very unreliable authority on derivations, and this is absurd on the face of it—the word being evidently from the Latin verb *sto*, and meaning "something that stands in the way." In discussions about the retention or the abolition of the *stimy*, the subject is generally referred to as a *questio vexata*, and so with other subjects of controversy such as the penalty of the lost ball, the manner of the grip, ("Badminton Golf," p. 81), the use of such a term clearly indicating that the same subjects agitated the minds of the ancient Romans. It is superfluous to show the connection between *dormy* and *dormio*, I sleep, though here again the Badminton philologist says, "the word is probably derived from the French, like many Scottish terms." Many other instances of the kind might be given of single words now in use borrowed from the Latin. As the Romans used the feather ball we shall not insist that the *gulty* is older than the present century, but when a scientific authority like Professor Tait discourses on the ball we cannot fail to notice that *inertia*, *momentum*, *primum mobile*, *status quo*, *vice versa*, and such terms, are necessarily called in, as if the English were insufficient to elucidate what the Romans meant when they discoursed on the science of the game. There are certain trite Latin maxims in current use which appear to have lost in course of time their true meaning, and to recover this we have to apply them to Golf. Thus, *De mortuis nil nisi bonum* as generally translated is absurd. There is no reason why death should forbid the truth to be spoken, and as a fact the dead as well as the living have evil spoken of them. Never an ill word is spoken, however, when our own ball or that of our partner lies *dead* from putter, iron or spoon: it is beyond reproach, and this is the correct interpretation of the motto. Again, take *Bis dat qui cito dat*. How can hasty giving be justified as twofold, but read in this the usual caution against a too quick style of play. "If you strike too quickly you will have to play two more," and the maxim is as clear as day. Or again, translate that grand old saying, *In medio tutissimus ibis* into the golfing advice, "The safest plan is to keep the middle of the course," and it is invested with its pristine beauty. Those who condemn the system of giving handicaps to sufferers while crack players are made to owe so many strokes or holes have all they wish for in the maxim *Detur digniori*, "let the best man win." And so we might proceed *ad infinitum*.

As a supplement to this paper we shall give in a future number of GOLF the results of a hurried glance through the works of various Latin poets and prose writers, picking out some well-known passages, and applying them to our favourite pastime. The marvellous wealth of proof thus furnished for the theory of the Roman familiarity with Golf and knowledge of the game will then be abundantly apparent to all who are interested in the subject. Let us return to the modern golfing *literati*, and in their Latin words and phrases detect various proofs of our thesis. One of the earliest and best treatises is "The Golfer's Guide" by "Keen Hand" (H. B. Farnie), published in 1857. The author of this excellent manual has already been quoted in favour of the Roman origin of Golf. Of his work he speaks in the preface as "the first rude draft of a golfing '*lex scripta*.'" The clubs he treats "*seriatim*," showing *inter alia* the bad effects of clubs he condemns, and as he recalls the matches of his youthful years he exclaims *Hæc olim meminisse juvabit*, as many old golfers do who thus without thinking add their testimony in favour of Rome. Carnegie who wrote his poem, "Golfiana," fifteen years before (1842), had this line at the head of the canto in which he describes, "The first hole at St. Andrews on a crowded day," and even in the body of the canto he cannot get along without a lift from the Latin, for of St. Andrews, the scene of his song, he says:—

"One only thought can enter every head;
The thought of Golf, to wit—and that engages
Men of all sizes, tempers, ranks and ages;
The root—the *primum mobile* of all,
The epidemic of the club and ball;
The work by day, the source of dreams by night,
The never failing fountain of delight."

Of "The Golfiad"—the first canto, the heading is the well-known

"Arma, virumque cano,"

which he renders thus:—

"Balls, clubs, and men I sing."

Canto No. III. is introduced with a couplet also from Virgil:—

"Alter erit tum Typhys, et altera quæ vehat Argo

Dilectus heroas—erunt etiam altera bella"

Of which the following is the—we confess rather free—rendering:—

"Still the old hands at Golf delight to play—

Still new succeed them as they pass away ;

And still the royal game maintains its place,

And will maintain it through each rising race."

The douce, sober and genial James Balfour, who has the honour of being the father of one of the finest golfers of our time, and who himself was no mean performer, sums up his interesting "Reminiscences" of St. Andrews in these words:—"To recall such memories has been both pleasant [here is our friend *Hæc Olim* again] and pathetic—pleasant because they have brought back the sunny hours of recreation in a busy and happy life; pathetic, because they have been associated with so many who are now gone. How quickly these forty-five years have receded into the past! and now, looking back on them, one naturally sympathises with the Roman poet when he says:—

"Eheu! fugaces, Posthume, Posthume,
Labuntur anni."

by which we understand him to say—"Dear me, partner, how many matches we have lost in our day"; or, perhaps, he may—for he never had even a ball on a match—be lamenting how many balls he might have won if he had only gone with the multitude.

It is, however, when we come to the works of Mr. Horace Hutchinson (whose very name is more of a classical than a Christian one), who stands *facile princeps* among writers on Golf, that we find in the innumerable *Latinities* all that we require to determine for ever the Roman origin of the game. In his matchless little handbook, Mr. Hutchinson calls the hopeless wight who never gets beyond dufferdom, and who tackles every *tyro* as "a *pons asinorum* over which all have to pass before they can become golfers worthy of the name." The swing proper (§ 9) he calls the *magnum opus*, and in regard to correct position at putting (§ 12) he says, *quot homines tot sententia*, while his advice (§ 24) as to the *ex parte* evidence of one who has been victorious, and praises a certain link, is the following:—"To arrive at a just estimate of the *terra incognita*, take into consideration the opinion of the loser also, and strike a balance." When we take up Mr. Hutchinson's own *magnum opus*—the "Badminto Golf"—we have still stronger proof that it is impossible without the Romans to explain all the points of the game, and the readiness with which Latin words and phrases come to the rescue is overwhelming proof of the knowledge of the ancients.

How many advices, e.g., the Roman professionals, must have given their clients in that one comprehensive expression, *Festina lente*. At p. 95 Mr. Hutchinson translates it "Don't press." Then at p. 249 another duty is described by it:—"Your mind should be made up when you address the ball, but it should not be made up without due deliberation, *Nec temere, nec timide*, should be a just description of the golfer's conduct. *Festina lente* is another classical paradox which the golfer may take to himself—excellently indicating the controlled *elan* which is the ideal mental attitude for Golf." Then again at p. 254, "The generality of us need to treat our nerves with tenderness, to wrap them in cotton wool, else will our evil tempers and petulances get the upper hand, and bring us to confusion. To this end we must take to ourselves the classic motto, *Festina lente*." What a wealth of power in that *Festina lente*! How much better we should all play if we only knew how to obey the dictum. At p. 241, speaking of the "pawnbroker," or three-ball match, Mr. Hutchinson prescribes for the "solitary, third party" an extra plating of the *Aes triplex*; and at p. 287, speaking of the unhappy function of the handicapper. "He will need the *robur et aes triplex* to preserve him from all the metaphorical niblick strokes of abuse with which he will be assailed." *Aes triplex* must, therefore, be a Roman composition of peculiar benefit to all who are placed in trying situations in pursuit of the

royal and ancient game. Regarding the body of the golfer at p. 211, Mr. Hutchinson says: "Of medicinal treatment, or of dietary regimen, let us have nothing beyond what is generally necessary to the preservation of the *mens sana in corpore sano*." On the other hand, the danger to the soul of the golfer is thus treated of at p. 97: "You must not allow yourself to be so puffed up with pride at the success of one or two such 'throwings' of the club at the ball as to think that you may indulge your muscles with a perfect joyous freedom, and smite away as hard as you can." This is a frequent temptation—very fatal. *Quem Deus vult perdere, prius dementat*. The relative proportion between strokes and holes is illustrated (p. 283) by a *reductio ad absurdum*. Those who maintain that the amateurs of a former day were better than ours are called (p. 306) *laudatores temporis acti*. The professional championship is "the highest distinction of the golfing turf—the *ne plus ultra*" (p. 307), "safe ground" is *terra firma* (p. 319). In the remembrance of a severe defeat, *surgit amari aliquid* (p. 342); and, finally, speaking of the "incomparable Young Tom," Mr. Hutchinson (p. 354) says, "As applied to his golfing life, the motto *capite et supereminet omnes* had been a not inappropriate one."

It is not easy for Mr. Hutchinson's partners in the Badminton to play the like to such Latin strokes, for they have not so many opportunities; but each in his own way does what he can to buttress our position as to the origin of Golf. Mr. Andrew Lang might of course give us either Greek or Latin to our heart's content, but, as he seems rather averse from letting the old Romans have the credit of his favourite game, he is sparing of his Latin in speaking of it. Still he cannot better express his feelings towards St. Andrews than by saying ("Badminton Golf," p. 24) *Stet fortuna domus*, and he finishes off his account of the progress of Golf at Pau, and enters on the triumphs of Blackheath with the explanation *Majora canamus*. Lord Wellwood (p. 41) quotes himself on the black spoon. It "was a name of terror, especially to Mr. Burton's partners, as it was only invoked when the Burton cause was *in extremis*, and then not so much as a helpful *deus ex machina* as a solemn protest and last dying testimony that everything that man might do had been done to retrieve his partner's mistakes." We do not trace many Latin allusions in Sir Walter Simpson's Badminton chapter, but the *Scotsman* in reviewing the book, said that this chapter was specially addressed to the *illuminati* of Golf upon that mystery of mysteries, "Out of form." If Sir Walter here ignores the Latin, it is out of deference to these gentlemen who might be supposed to know all about the subject. He does not certainly think it "out of form" in his own "Art of Golf," for at p. 20 he says, "To have a bunker named after you is a *monumentum aere perennius*," at p. 79 he says, that to have the hands well over the club is the *sine qua non* of an easy style, and at p. 137 he distinctly asserts that the Roman word for *muscles* is *ceteris*, of which even with our little Latin we are rather doubtful. This is what he says: "It is worthy of observation that bad players are *ceteris* (i.e., muscles) *paribus* as effective in a bunker as the best. This is because nobody has any theory about his swing or his stand, or this or that, when addressing himself to a common ordinary bunkered ball. Every one simply thuds at it." To complete this literary evidence, if any further proof were needed, we may only refer to this journal itself in the first twelve numbers of which now before us we find no fewer than thirty-six Latin words or phrases transferred directly to facilitate their views by the various writers. In one "tee-shot" alone the "driver" finding it necessary to employ *parturiunt montes nascetur ridiculus mus* and *magna est veritas, et prævalebit* before he can deliver his joke.

Be it remembered in all that we have said that we have never noticed words of Latin derivation, but have confined ourselves to expressions transferred bodily from the Roman vocabulary; and all golfers will agree with us that, without one *if* or *but*, we must acknowledge that the game of Golf is neither of Scottish nor of English, but of Roman origin.

JOHN KERR

PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL MATCH.—Willie Fernie, the Troon Professional, has challenged Andrew Kirkaldy, professional, St. Andrews, to play a home-and-home match for £25 a-side, 36 holes over each green. The match, if it is arranged, is likely to take place at an early date.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged if in your correspondence column you will kindly give your opinion on the two following questions:—

1. At a recent club competition, a member introduced two strangers and played round with them in a three-ball match, one of the strangers (a member of another Golf club) marking and returning the member's card. Of course they had nothing to do with the competition, and did not return their scores. Does this comply with the following club rule for medal play?—

"The competitors will be started in couples; each couple shall be accompanied by a marker, who will record on each player's card every stroke which he plays as it is struck, extending the total at the end of each hole. In the absence of an independent marker, the players may keep the score for each other. It is essential that the strictest accuracy be observed in the marking."

2. During a summer competition on Saturday last two members, after playing nine holes, adjourned to the club pavilion adjoining the ninth hole for a pipe and cooling drink. After a stay of twenty minutes they started for the second round. Does this temporary cessation of play disqualify them?

I am, Sir, &c.,

RIBBLE.

June 22nd, 1891.

[1. It is certainly most unusual, and we think most irregular, for a competitor in a club competition to play a three-ball match and then have his score certified to by one of the players with no personal interest in the competition. It is always understood that in a club competition players select their partners from among their fellow members, and if a partner cannot be conveniently found, then either of two courses ought to be followed by the intending competitor anxious to send in a score. (1) Ask the permission of as many members of the committee as may be on the ground to have a friend and non-member of the club appointed as scorer; or (2) abandon the idea of competing, and devote himself to a private match. No committee, however, would be justified, in fairness to the other competitors, in allowing a three-ball match—two of the players being strangers—and scoring at the same time. We have known instances in which successful prize winners, playing with a non-member of the club, have been disqualified even after receiving the sanction of two members of the committee, when other members of the club were available as partners. There is no need to suggest an allegation of dishonesty, because no golfer and no gentleman would knowingly infringe the rules, even though accompanied by a stranger possibly less familiar with the rules than the game than he himself is. But, in order to obviate any cause for distrust, all competition scores ought to be certified to by fellow members, each of whom has a dominating personal interest in accurate scoring and strict enforcement of penalties. In our opinion, therefore, the rule mentioned by our correspondent was not properly complied with, because "competitor" does not mean any casual stranger who may turn up, but a fellow-member with equal interest in the game as the player for whom he scores. Whether or not the committee think it desirable in the circumstances to impose disqualification is a question for them to decide; but it is certainly within their power to do so. The rule of starting players by ballot in competitions is the best method to follow wherever local circumstances can make it practicable and effective.

(2.) This is distinctly illegal, and the players have disqualified themselves. One of the proposed new rules of the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews translates the prevailing custom into this rule:—"Competitors for medals or prizes are not allowed to delay starting on account of weather, but must strike off immediately after the preceding party has crossed the burn, and, after they have started, are not allowed to take shelter, but must complete their round in the order of their start. In cases of stoppage by accident, or severe temporary illness, the green committee may allow a competitor to resume play."—ED.]

THE WIMBLEDON AND SANDWICH CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. John Bell's letter in your last issue, and his remark that "in your article on Mr. Laidlaw Purves you make a statement which you know to be neither true nor courteous," when you use the expression, "The London Scottish—now the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club," I think he is—well—not very polite, and no one for a moment will suppose he is accurate, or that there is any truth in his remark.

Although there are now two distinct clubs, it is perfectly true, as expressed in the sentence he quotes from your article, that the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club *was originally* the London Scottish Golf Club. It was such, up to the 27th of April, 1882, when the members in general meeting assembled determined to change the name of the club to that of the Wimbledon Golf Club, to distinguish it from what is now the London Scottish Golf Club, but at that time flourished under the very similar title of "The London Scottish" Golf Club. They were very particular about their "ticks," or inverted commas, but still mistakes were often made as to which club was which. They adopted their present title after the same was abandoned by the now Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.

Both clubs claim the same origin, and as the hatchet has long since been buried, the pipe of peace has been smoked, and the officials and members of both clubs are now the best of friends, it may be as well to "let that flea stick to the wa'."

I am, Sir, &c.,

HENRY A. LAMB.

(Captain, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.)

FIRST GOLFER.—"I'll make an *Ananias* of this one—just wait and see if I don't!"

SECOND DO.—"What do you mean, sir?"

FIRST DO.—"Don't you know your Scriptures, and who it was that lay *dead* after a bad *lie*?"

On Thursday, the 25th ult., the members of the Edinburgh Teachers' Golf Club held a friendly match on the Braids for the purpose of formally inaugurating their new club-room at the Shelter, rented from Mr. Lindsay G. Ross, the Braids professional.

MR. BULGER (meeting his clerk at the Golf tournament).—"Look here, young man, I thought you said you wanted to attend your mother-in-law's funeral."

ADOLPHUS.—"So I do, but I've got to wait until she's dead, haven't I?"

STANDARD GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A competition for the Ramsay medal was held on the Braids course on the 24th ult. The weather was very unfavourable for play, on account of a thick mist hanging over the hill. The medal was by handicap, and was won by Mr. J. E. Thomson with a net score of 93; the other prize-winners being Messrs. R. Gibson, jun., J. Buddie, J. Hogben, C. Stewart, and S. S. Melville.

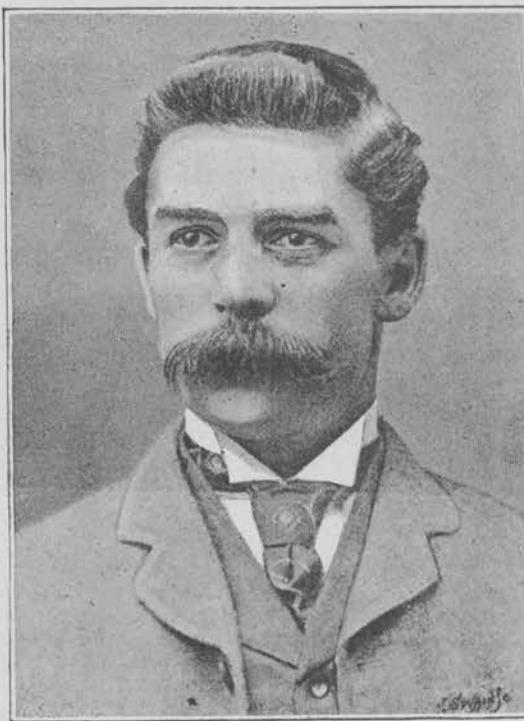
HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The fortnightly medal was won in Harrison Park by Mr. W. Ferguson with a score of 44, less 3=41, for ten holes. Mr. C. Ritchie, 48, less 6=42, was second.

LEVEN THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—The final heat for two fine sets of Golf clubs presented by Mr. W. Lang Todd, advocate, Edinburgh, was played on Thursday, the 25th ult., between Messrs. D. M. Stewart and R. Finnie and Messrs. John Barker and William Reid, the latter being in receipt of 3 holes start. After a close and exciting finish Messrs. Stewart and Finnie won by 2 holes.

Eminent Golfers.

X.—BERNARD SAYERS.

In contrasting various acknowledged masters of the "Art of Golf," one thing at any rate is manifest: that they cannot have attained eminence by any royal road or short cut; their position is due to unremitting and assiduous practice, probably from their youth upwards. All of them, so far, stand on common ground, but success is not incompatible with a variety of styles, similar indeed in their mechanical features, but dissimilar in so far as controlled by probable differences of individual temperament. We have the dashing and brilliant players at Golf as at cricket, these be they who in popular phrase "make a spoon or spoil a horn"; such was Jack Simpson in his palmy days; and as at cricket we have the patient and successful "stone-waller," so also do we find his analogue at Golf—we may, perhaps, say that the latter description may not be unsuitable to the subject of this sketch. Probably Sayers began to play at a considerably later period of life than the majority of his brother professionals, for he had arrived at the age of sixteen before he started, whereas these others have usually enjoyed some fifteen years practice before attaining that age, and are frequently nearly as good then, at any rate in execution, if not in the mental processes inseparable from success, as they ever afterwards become. Once started on this career, however, Sayers lost no time in rendering himself efficient, his progress, indeed, was quite exceptionally rapid, as in two years he was good enough to get fourth place in a professional competition. As a matter of course, he has considerably improved since those days, and is now almost always to be found in the very front at all scoring competitions, many of which he has won outright. At North Berwick, which is *par excellence* his happy hunting ground, he reigns supreme, monarch of all he surveys, and may, probably for a long time to come, contemplate with equanimity all endeavours to eclipse the wonderful score of 66 which stands as a record to his credit. The details of this score are as follows:—5 5 3 4 3 3 4 3 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 5 3=66. He was playing with Mr. R. Younger, of Edinburgh, and was accompanied by several spectators. One of his first successes was in 1879, when he won a tournament at North Berwick with the two excellent rounds of 75 and 78; among the vanquished being such players as Pringle, Bob Ferguson, and Bob Martin. The *Scotsman* alluded to it as follows: "A promising young player, Sayers, of Leith, came in first. He first attracted attention last year, and bids fair to imitate the performances of Allan Robertson, still within the recollection of many golfers. He is not unlike him, both in stature and style of play." In 1887, he was first in a competition at Kinghorn, wherein every professional of note played, including Willie Fernie, Willie Park, jun., Archie Simpson, and Andrew Kirkaldy; 149 for four rounds, as against 150 by W. Park, jun., gained him the coveted first place, a particularly good performance, considering the field. Other scenes of his successes have been Glasgow, Hoylake, Dunbar, Archerfield, and Dirleton. In championship meetings he has done well, on one occasion at St. Andrews losing by one stroke only; and what made this the more aggravating, was the fact that for some time it was supposed that his score was the best, and only at the close of the day was it discovered that a mistake had been made in the addition of the winner's card, by which he was



debited with a stroke in excess of his actual score. Sayers was thus relegated to second place, or rather he tied for it, but easily won the tie the subsequent day. Again, too, at Musselburgh, in 1889, his luck was none of the best, for there his score of 159, often good enough to win, was eclipsed only by the absolute lowest on record, 155, made by both Andrew Kirkaldy and Willie Park, jun. He has thus occupied second and third position in the open championships of 1888 and 1889, whilst in 1887 he was fourth. Perhaps one of the best of his performances was at Westward Ho! in the summer of 1889, where a special collection was made by the spectators in recognition of the gallant fight he made with Douglas Rolland. This player is by common consent about the longest driver known in the present day; he had with tolerable ease crushed all previous antagonists on this occasion, but when he met Sayers, the latter stuck to him like a leech, nor was he in the least disconcerted by the terrific swipes which had been mainly instrumental in effecting the summary overthrow of his predecessors. The end of it was that the round was halved; three holes extra were required, at the second of which Sayers holed a splendid putt, by which he bade fair to win the match, but, unluckily for him, Rolland followed suit with an equally long one, and a good four hole was halved in three amidst loud plaudits; Rolland, however, not to be outshone, won the succeeding hole, and with it the match. Besides this spontaneous recognition of his pluck on the part of the spectators, Sayers won the prize for the lowest single round played, viz., 82, and in the aggregate score of two rounds took second place, being again beaten, though by one stroke only, by the redoubtable Rolland, who thus carried all before him. In match play Sayers has, perhaps, had more fights with Willie Campbell than with anybody else, in fact there seems to be a sort of *vendetta* between the two, but on the whole neither appears to have come out very much the worse from the encounters. The two most recent matches were each for £50 a-side, home and home, Sayers winning one by six holes and losing the other by two. In a match for a small stake against Hugh Kirkaldy at St. Andrews, Sayers had the satisfaction of seeing the record of that green broken with 74; and in a tolerably recent match with young Willie Park, though he held his own with the ex-champion at Musselburgh, he lost by four and three to play over his own green of North Berwick. Extreme, nay, almost excessive caution is the leading characteristic of Sayers' play—opposite as the poles is his method to that of the brilliant, slashing player, as we have stated at the commencement of this article; for this reason perhaps he is always found well up in the somewhat dull game of counting strokes. Of every kind of artifice he is a most thorough master; all sorts of little "wrinkles" he has discovered for himself, which he practises with conspicuous and at times amusing success; indeed, to appreciate the exquisite nature of these wiles, one must be a player of more than average capability, and considerable experience in the nicer intricacies, the more recondite *arcana* of Golf. As a coach he is second to none, he has ideas, and can, moreover, clothe them in language; nor need the adept be ashamed, if off his game, to submit himself to diagnosis by this eminent pathologist. As to the mechanical part of Sayers' play, it were a sin of omission did we fail to draw attention to his beautiful approaching game, and his admirable putting. Therein lies his strength; it is one of his pet maxims that if a man can putt he may defy creation. Certainly driving has something to do with it, but Sayers is a good driver too, and generally pretty

straight. One grand point is to his credit, his keenness—he always wants to win, and always plays up, hence a capital partner, a pleasant fellow, decidedly one of the right sort.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT MONIFIETH.

On the afternoon of Saturday last, an interesting ceremony took place within the Panmure club-house, Monifieth, in presence of a small but representative gathering. A few months ago the idea was started that the local golfing fraternity should make some acknowledgment of the indebtedness which all who play on Monifieth links are under to Mr. S. M. Low, of Ashlea, for the great service he has rendered in the upkeep and improvement of the course. The proposal was taken up with great heartiness, and met with a warm response from the various clubs, and eventually it was decided that the testimonial should take the form of an illuminated address. Mr. George A. Harris, Dundee, was commissioned to execute the work; and on Saturday, so well had the secret been kept, the fact that he was to be the recipient of such an expression of esteem from his brother golfers was sprung upon Mr. Low as a surprise. There were present at the handing over of the gift the captains and secretaries of the five clubs who play at Monifieth, besides a few friends, and on the motion of Mr. David Smyton, Mr. David Anderson, of the Grange, was called to the chair. Mr. Anderson having explained that the attendance at the meeting was not to be understood as an indication that there had been any lukewarmness in the movement, but was due to a desire to have it thoroughly representative, called upon Mr. John R. Fairweather, as the oldest member of the Monifieth Golf Club, to make the presentation. Mr. Fairweather said everybody knew what a friend Mr. Low was to Golf in general, and to the Monifieth course in particular, and this tribute of thanks and respect from all the clubs who play over its breezy links was, in his case, as they all knew, exceptionally well deserved. Monifieth, if the Fates would send them more rain, would very shortly be one of the finest courses in the kingdom. Ardestie would lose its terrors, and a "scrubbing-brush" green would be no more heard of. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that Mr. Low would long be spared to wield the club, and in the name of the Panmure, Monifieth, Broughty Ferry, Dundee Advertiser, and Dundee Courier Clubs, handed over the address.

Mr. Low, in expressing his thanks for such an unlooked for tribute of esteem, said he would regard the address as one of his most valued possessions. He assured the representatives of the clubs that he would do all in his power to maintain the spirit of goodfellowship that prevailed amongst them, and whatever service he could give to the golfing fraternity would be freely rendered. Mr. Bowman, of the Broughty Club, added the testimony of an old golfer to what had been so well said by Mr. Fairweather regarding the labours of Mr. Low on behalf of the course, and hoped the clubs would co-operate to keep the links in good order. A vote of thanks to Mr. Anderson for presiding, on the motion of Mr. Irvine Drimmie, brought the proceedings to a close. The address is tasteful and artistic in design, the colouring is rich and harmonious, a feature of the ornate border being the insertion of medallions bearing the trophies of the several clubs, while the top displays a view of the Panmure club-house. It is in the following terms:—

"Address to SAMUEL MILLAR LOW, Esquire, Ashlea, Monifieth.

"Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Panmure, the Monifieth, the Broughty Ferry, the Dundee Advertiser, and Dundee Courier Golf Clubs, we desire to record our esteem for you, and to express our grateful appreciation of your endeavours to promote the name of Golf on the Monifieth Links. We desire to recognise especially the great services you have rendered in connection with the upkeep and improvement of these links. The respect with which our clubs have ever regarded you is now exhibited in this inadequate but sincere form, and our earnest desire and hope is that in the future as in the past we may enjoy the benefit of your labours for the golfing fraternity in general, which in the past have gained for you the respect and esteem of our clubs. In name of and on behalf of the above clubs, we remain, dear sir, yours very sincerely,—For the Panmure Club: James S. Ogilvy, captain, Irvine Drimmie, secretary; for the Monifieth Club: David Dempster, captain, Andrew Walker, secretary; for the Broughty Ferry Club: David Smyton, captain, Alexander Bowman, secretary; for the Dundee Advertiser Club: James Ure Wallace, captain, John Paterson Inglis, secretary; for the Dundee Courier: James M'Intosh, captain, George Smart, secretary."

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW GOLF CLUB.—The Thomson Jubilee cup was played for over Musselburgh links on Saturday, the 27th ult., and was won by Mr. James McNab with the scratch score of 86. Mr. D. M. Jackson, scratch, and Mr. J. B. Strachan tied with 87 for second place.



ABERDEEN.

Capital golfing weather was enjoyed here on Saturday, and a large number of players turned out over both our local greens. The members of the Victoria Club competed over the old course for their secretary's prize, and some very good cards were handed in. A comparison of these showed that Mr. Alex. Cooper (scratch) 83, and Mr. J. Stewart, 92, less 9=83, have a tie to play off for first and second places, while Mr. G. Mortimer 91, less 5=86, and Mr. J. A. Ross, 106, less 20=86, have also a tie to play off for the third place. The following were the lowest scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Alex. Cooper ...	83	scr.	83	Mr. J. Hazelwood...	98	9	89
Mr. J. Stewart ...	92	9	83	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	90	scr.	90
Mr. G. Mortimer ...	91	5	86	Mr. J. B. Banks ...	97	5	92
Mr. J. A. Ross ...	106	20	86	Mr. W. H. Reid ...	98	6	92
Mr. J. Russell ...	89	scr.	89				

An extra competition for Messrs. J. Williams and John R. Smith's prizes took place at the same time. Mr. Williams's prize (which is only open to first-class players) was won by Mr. J. Stewart with a score of 92, less 9=83; while Mr. Smith's prize (for second-class players) was tied for by Messrs. T. Crighton, 100, plus 3=103, and J. A. Ross, 106, less 3=103.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed over the same course for three prizes subscribed for amongst the members. The competition was decided by playing two rounds of the links, or 36 holes. A comparison of the cards handed in showed the following to be the lowest scorers, the first three men on the list carrying off the prizes:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Ogilvie ...	183	20	163	Mr. J. Paterson ...	195	20	175
Mr. R. Reid ...	185	22	163	Mr. J. Florence ...	193	14	179
Mr. J. Michie ...	195	30	165	Mr. W. Smart ...	172	+8	180
Mr. A. Smart ...	177	10	167	Mr. J. W. Murray...	192	10	182
Mr. C. Ward ...	194	22	172	Mr. L. Anderson ...	190	2	188

A most enjoyable Press match between the employees of the Aberdeen Journal and Northern Daily News offices was finished on Saturday over the links course in a victory for the News representatives by three holes. Thirteen players started on each side, and at the close of the match it was found that the News men had gained twenty-two holes, and the Journal men nineteen holes. Full score by holes as follows:—

"NORTHERN DAILY NEWS."			"ABERDEEN JOURNAL."		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. J. Innes...	2		Mr. J. Forrest ...	0	
Mr. R. W. Beedie ...	7		Mr. D. J. Innes ...	0	
Mr. R. Balmain ...	3		Mr. G. Mortimer ...	0	
Mr. W. Pollock ...	1		Mr. A. Mitchell ...	0	
Mr. J. Gray ...	5		Mr. J. Hazelwood ...	0	
Mr. J. Duncan ...	1		Mr. A. Mackay ...	0	
Mr. T. Niven ...	0		Mr. T. Crighton ...	0	
Mr. T. McRae ...	3		Mr. A. Gemmel ...	0	
Mr. D. Milne ...	0		Mr. G. Barron ...	3	
Mr. J. Smith ...	0		Mr. D. Jessiman ...	4	
Mr. G. Yeates ...	0		M. A. Smith...	4	
Mr. J. Jack ...	0		Mr. A. Cumming ...	2	
Mr. H. Fraser ...	0		Mr. G. McConnachie ...	6	
	22			19	

The News representatives, after their victory, issued a challenge to the Free Press men, and the match between them will come off on an early date.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The contest for the June monthly medal took place on the 27th ult. As June is quite our slackest month the attendance, though undoubtedly

select, was small. The scoring, however, was not small, and satisfactory excuses for its length have not, as yet, come to hand. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. F. Cameron	108	19	89	Mr. P. J. Andrews	108	13	95
Mr. F. H. Andrews	108	16	92	Mr. Lawford			
Dr. Magrath	109	14	95	Andrews	106	10	96

Nine or ten other gentlemen went round, but apparently are not satisfied with their exploits.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

A three days' tournament for the captain's cup, the gift of Mr. F. V. Williams, was successfully concluded on Saturday last, the 27th ult., the winner being Mr. F. C. Morgan, and the runner-up Mr. W. M. Neild. The weather throughout was most unfortunately very bad; but, in spite of that, there was a good attendance of both members and visitors, the fight between Messrs. Morgan and Neild in the final tie being closely watched by many people.

The latter, by his careful and steady play, has established a well-deserved reputation in the club, and those who followed the match between him and Mr. S. W. Gillett in the semi-final were astonished at the way in which he won a most exciting round at the last hole.

There were thirty-two entries, the first ties being played off on Thursday, the second and third on Friday, and the semi-final and final on the Saturday afternoon.

First Ties.—Mr. F. C. Morgan (scr.) beat Dr. Ransome (18), 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. F. V. Williams (11) beat Rev. H. W. Crozier (4) by 1 up; Mr. S. Venour (7) beat Rev. W. M. B. Lutener (9) by 1 up; Mr. T. D. Cummins (1) beat Dr. Denniston (7), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. S. W. Gillett (2) beat Mr. J. S. Scott (scr.), 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. Pattison (9) beat Mr. H. F. Ransome (5) by 1 up; Mr. T. Creswick Oliver (scr.) beat Mr. F. Platt-Higgins (18) by 1 up; Rev. Wilson Cowie (7) beat Mr. A. Lacy Tate (13), 5 up and 4 to play.

Messrs. T. W. Killick, Corah, Alford, C. Hopkinson, Ball, Neild, Barker, and F. R. B. Lindsell walked over.

Second Ties.—Mr. S. W. Gillett beat Mr. T. W. Killick (18), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. E. F. Alford (10) beat Mr. J. Pattison, 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. G. Shorland Ball (18) beat Mr. A. Corah (18), 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. M. Neild (14) beat Mr. S. Venour (7), 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. F. C. Morgan beat Mr. T. D. Cummins, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. F. V. Williams beat Mr. C. Hopkinson (14) by 1 up; Rev. Wilson Cowie beat Mr. F. R. B. Lindsell (18) by 1 up; Mr. J. L. Barker (13) beat Mr. T. Greswick Oliver, 3 up and 2 to play.

Third Ties.—Mr. S. W. Gillett beat Mr. E. F. Alford, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. M. Neild beat Mr. Shorland Ball, 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. F. C. Morgan beat Mr. F. V. Williams, 5 up and 4 to play; Rev. Wilson Cowie beat Mr. J. L. Barker, 3 up and 2 to play.

Semi-final Ties.—Mr. W. M. Neild beat Mr. S. W. Gillett by 1 up; Mr. F. C. Morgan beat Rev. Wilson Cowie, 7 up and 6 to play.

Final.—Mr. F. C. Morgan (scr.) beat Mr. W. M. Neild (14) by 4 up and 3 to play.

At the conclusion of the final round the cup was presented to the winner by Mrs. F. V. Williams, the ceremony taking place with all due honours in a large tent near the club-house, which had been prettily decorated with plants and flowers. After the lucky owner had retired with the cup, the honorary secretary handed to Mrs. Williams a neat little walking-stick putter, the gift of T. Gourlay, the club professional, and in reply the captain made a very graceful speech which was heartily applauded.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The second competition of the present year for the De Worms challenge cup took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., in a gale of wind, which was blowing across the links, making them extremely difficult. The cup was won by the Rev. T. H. Belcher with a net return of 89.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. T. H. Belcher	100	11	89	Mr. H. A. Hodson	111	17	94
Mr. W. O. Bailey	95	5	90	Mr. J. F. Chance	111	16	95
Mr. S. S. Schultz	97	7	90	Mr. P. W. Carr	114	18	96
Mr. W. Carr	97	6	91	Mr. S. Mitchell	121	24	97
Mr. J. Brock	102	8	94	Mr. R. W. Kerr	118	19	99

Fourteen players made no return.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The increasing popularity of the Royal and Ancient Game in Calcutta was instanced by the fact that fifty-seven members entered for Saturday's match (June 6th, 1891), when two prizes were presented by the club. Owing to the heavy rain in the forenoon, however, only forty-two players came out, and of these nine retired during the course of the game. Notwithstanding the heaviness of the green, an excellent score was recorded by Mr. A. B. Stewart, who took the first place, netting 42, while Mr. R. L. Morgan came in second with 44, and the third place was tied for at 45 by Mr. L. G. Dunbar, Mr. W. R. Mac-

donald, and Mr. E. Wright. The following are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. A. B. Stewart...	45	3	42	Mr. H. R. Cobbold	56	9	47
Mr. R. L. Morgan...	47	3	44	Mr. Wm. Dods ...	53	6	47
Mr. L. G. Dunbar...	45	scr.	45	Mr. W. C. Fyfe ...	49	2	47
Mr. W. R. Macdonald	46	1	45	Mr. J. R. Stewart...	51	4	47
Mr. E. Wright ...	48	3	45	Mr. G. S. Hannah...	51	3	48
Dr. R. Cobb ...	55	9	46	Mr. F. E. Patterson	50	2	48
Mr. J. H. Lane ...	52	6	46	Mr. H. C. Begg ...	49	scr.	49
Mr. W. T. Reid ...	49	3	46	Mr. M. R. Quinn ...	54	5	49
Dr. R. C. Sanders...	48	2	46	Mr. R. D. Murray...	53	3	50
Mr. John Adamson...	47	scr.	47	Mr. Archibald Watson	56	6	50

CATHKIN BRAES GOLF CLUB.

The first round of the second quarterly competition for the Westwood cup, presented by Mr. S. H. Strang, Busby, was played on Saturday, 20th June, with the following result:—Mr. R. Stark (8) beat Mr. W. Laidlaw (scratch) by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. J. Smith (2) beat Mr. James Strang (scratch) by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. D. Reid, a bye; Mr. T. Mitchell (scratch) beat Mr. J. C. Miller (6) by one hole; Mr. S. D. Jackson (scratch) beat Mr. R. V. Reid (4) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. D. Guthrie, a bye; Mr. D. S. Salmond (scratch) beat Mr. John Robb (scratch) by 1 hole; Mr. J. A. Robb (5) beat Mr. Warren Crosbie (scratch) by 1 hole; Mr. G. G. Gill (scratch) beat Mr. W. C. Tait (1) by 7 up and 6 to play.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CLUB.

The members of this club paid a visit to the North Berwick links on Saturday, journeying per the 9.27 a.m. train from the City. The occasion was the annual competition for the scratch gold medal of the club and captain's prize, and the Senatus award offered under handicap conditions for play amongst first and second year students. An enjoyable round took place, the competitors being very fortunate as to the weather. The couples left the tees as appended:—Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Mr. B. Hall Blyth, Mr. F. W. Hagart and Mr. T. A. Begbie, Dr. F. W. Haultain and Dr. R. H. Blaikie, Mr. R. Park and Mr. J. E. Gordon, Mr. J. F. Paxton and Mr. J. M. Walls, Dr. Argyll Robertson and Mr. David Stevenson, Dr. David Wallace and Mr. W. F. C. Lowson, Mr. W. White and Mr. R. Forrest, Mr. W. Macintosh and Mr. W. de M. Alexander. Some very fine actual scores were registered, the lowest for the day being a 79, with which figure Mr. David Stevenson gained the gold medal and captain's prize. The first handicap prize was tied for by Mr. W. F. C. Lowson, 83, less 6=77, and Dr. David Wallace, 85, less 8=77. Other scores in handicap order were:—Mr. J. L. Officer, 90, less 10=80; Dr. R. H. Blaikie, 82 (scratch); Mr. J. M. Walls, 92, less 8=84; Mr. T. A. Begbie, 85 (scratch); Mr. J. F. Paxton, 85 (scratch); and Mr. R. Park, 92, less 7=85. A number of friendly matches were engaged in later in the afternoon.

ELGIN v. FORRES.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 24th ult., a team of twelve of the Moray Club drove to the course of Forres Club at Findhorn, and there played a match against a similar number of that club. The weather was most favourable, and the greens were in capital order, but the flatness of the Findhorn course was at first rather deceiving to the Elgin men, who in the end, however, managed to pull off the match by twenty-five holes. At the conclusion of the game the players adjourned to the new pavilion, in course of erection, where several toasts and sentiments were exchanged. This was the Forres Club's first venture against another club, but it is likely in the immediate future to lead to several more. Full score of the match by holes as follows:—

MORAY CLUB.		FORRES CLUB.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. Mr. Lawson	0	Rev. Mr. Miller	2
Mr. F. Davie	0	Captain M'Hardy	8
Mr. J. M'Isaac	8	Dr. Milligan	0
Mr. W. J. B. Macdonald	7	Dr. Milne	0
Mr. W. Christie	3	Dr. Fowlie	0
Mr. J. S. Urquhart	3	Mr. A. Macpherson	0
Mr. J. C. Ruxton	2	Mr. Alex. Fraser	0
Mr. J. Macleod	11	Captain Macleod	0
Mr. J. Falconer	0	Mr. D. C. Brown	4
Mr. J. Munro	0	Mr. W. Macdonald	0
Mr. J. Adams	3	Mr. G. Milne	0
Mr. G. Smith	2	Mr. D. K. Stewart	0
	39		14

Majority for Moray Club, 25 holes.

EPSOM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, June 20th:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. N. Streatfield	50	48	98	10	88
Mr. R. M. Tabor	53	47	100	12	88
Mr. W. F. Morley	48	53	101	11	90
Mr. F. C. Tudor	52	48	110	18	92
Rev. H. Biddell	57	55	112	9	103

No returns from several members.

FORFARSHIRE.

The Montrose Ladies Club held the third competition for the monthly medals last week. The weather was fine, but there was a pretty stiff breeze off the sea, and the greens, on account of the continued dry weather, were very fine. The following couples started:—Miss Thomson v. Miss Lyall; Mrs. Don v. Mrs. R. H. Millar; Miss Watson v. Mrs. Lyall; Miss A. Watson v. Miss Smith; Miss Cruickshank v. Miss Rennie Tailyour; Miss M. Gordon v. Mrs. G. W. Gordon; Mrs. Muir v. Mrs. Paton. Two rounds of the green were played, and at the close it was found that Mrs. R. H. Millar with 113 had won the gold medal, and Miss Annie Watson with 116 the silver medal. The next best scores were—Miss Watson, 118; Miss More Gordon, 121.

The Arbroath Club completed last week their competition, on the Elliot course, for the Carnegie challenge cup, tenable by the winner for a year. The final competitors were Messrs. Robert H. Corstorphine and James Doig. On completing two rounds of thirty-six holes, Mr. Corstorphine was found to be the winner by three holes.

The annual match between the Aberdeen Club and the Dalhousie was played over the Carnoustie course last week. The weather was excellent, but the effects of the drought upon the greens was only too perceptible. The teams were fairly well matched, but only one of the strangers succeeded in beating his opponent. The match resulted in a win for the Dalhousie by thirteen holes. Appended are the details of the play:—

ABERDEEN.		DALHOUSIE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. M. Ferguson	0	Mr. David Anderson	1
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	0	Mr. R. B. Sharp	0
Mr. J. H. Craige	0	Mr. J. Sharp, jun.	2
Mr. W. T. Orr	0	Mr. P. D. Mitchell	0
Mr. James Milne	0	Mr. James Duncan	1
Mr. John Clark	1	Mr. D. Scott, jun.	0
Rev. C. C. Macdonald	0	Mr. G. A. Gilroy	5
Mr. F. R. Weir	0	Mr. Alex. Johnston	0
Captain Wallnutt	0	Mr. H. M. Robinson	1
Mr. R. B. M. Findlater	0	Mr. C. Corsar	2
Mr. W. R. Reid	0	Mr. James Prain	2
	1		14

The first encounter between the Broughty and Scotsraig Clubs took place on Moinfieth Links last week. The weather was favourable, though a strong wind told against the scores going out. Scotsraig could only muster 10 members. Between the first five couples there was close play, each side winning 10 holes. It was the Broughty reserve that won the match, the last four gaining 28 holes. Altogether seven of the Broughty men were winners, and three of the Fife team, the match resulting in favour of Broughty by 23 holes. Scores:—

SCOTSCRAIG.		BROUGHTY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Sim	0	Mr. J. R. Fairweather	5
Mr. A. S. Thomson	7	Mr. David Smyton	0
Rev. C. Halliday	3	Mr. J. H. Dunlop	0
Mr. Wm. Hogg	0	Mr. Alex. Bowman	4
Mr. D. M'Gregor	0	Mr. D. Bisset, sen.	1
Mr. J. G. Dickson	5	Mr. John Kidd	0
Mr. W. Davidson	0	Mr. James Bowman	8
Mr. P. H. Sellars	0	Mr. W. K. Lorimer	6
Mr. W. Smith, jun.	0	Mr. Robert Cowan	9
Mr. W. Smith, sen.	0	Mr. S. M'Donald	5
	15		38

The best scores on the Broughty side were—Mr. J. R. Fairweather, 85; Mr. R. Cowan, 90; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 92; Mr. James Bowman, 94; Mr. Sinclair M'Donald, 94. On the Tayport side, Mr. A. S. Thomson came in at 89; Rev. C. Halliday at 91; Mr. W. Sim at 92; and Mr. W. Hogg at 95. A return match on the ground of the Scotsraig will come off shortly, when there is no doubt that the clubs will be represented by much larger teams.

The fourth round in the competitions for the Boothby-Campbell Challenge Shield, with which goes the championship of Montrose, was completed last week, and an extraordinary amount of interest

was taken in its progress, the players in each tie being followed by large crowds. Of the eight competitors who took part in the round four were members of the Mercantile Club and four of the Victoria. In the third round Messrs. R. R. Balfour and D. Wyllie met three times, and the tie was only decided last week. At the first half Mr. Balfour was two holes up, but he lost the "Girdle." However, he got the next three holes, and at the Long Hole laid Mr. Wyllie a stimie. The latter violated the rules by playing hard and drawing his opponent's ball out of the way, and accordingly the hole went to Mr. Balfour, who thus won by 5 holes up and 4 to play. Finishing the round Mr. Wyllie took the next two holes, but the next two fell to Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour had now to meet Mr. J. G. Cobb in the fourth round, and on this occasion the course was a new one, most of the holes in the Bents being done away with and placed in the Links. The "Girdle" Hole was made the last of the first half, while coming home a new hole was placed in the middle of the links, midway between the hole at the old Golf House and that at the Metal Bridge. The weather was all that could be desired for Golf, and a considerable number of spectators followed the players. Mr. Cobb made an excellent start, taking the long first hole with the remarkably low score of 4. He also won the second in 4, which, but for a dead stimie, would have been a 3, making him 2 up. The next—a short hole—was halved with 3, and the succeeding one—a long hole—with 6. Mr. Cobb lost the fifth hole by faulty putting. Playing to the next hole, both players had pretty equal drives, but with his second Mr. Balfour was short and lying behind a hillock, while Mr. Cobb landed on the green. Mr. Balfour, however, approached beautifully and lay dead, the hole being halved in 4. Halving the next hole with 5, the "Girdle" was won by Mr. Cobb, making him 2 up. The scores were:—Mr. Cobb, 40; Mr. Balfour, 42. Coming in, Mr. Balfour got bunkered going to the long hole in the field, and ultimately had to lift his ball. Mr. Cobb was dumpy at the fifteenth hole, and, winning it, was 4 up and 2 to play. The couple finished, Mr. Balfour winning the two remaining holes, and Mr. Cobb was, therefore, the victor by two holes on the round. The latter played dead and putted well, but Mr. Balfour's short game was not so perfect as it might have been. The following are the details of Mr. Cobb's score:—

Out	...	...	4	4	3	6	6	4	4	5	4=40	82
In	...	...	6	3	4	6	5	5	4	4	5=42	

Twice Mr. Cobb had a dead stimie laid him, but for which his score would have been 80. The details of Mr. Balfour's score cannot of course be given, seeing that he lifted his ball.

The tie played on the following evening between Mr. L. S. Smith and Mr. C. Thom also brought out a large crowd of spectators, a rope having to be brought into requisition. Mr. Thom took the first hole in 4 to Smith's 6. The second was halved with 4, while the next three fell to Mr. Thom. Equal play resulted, but the "Girdle" was won by Mr. Thom, who was thus 5 up in the first half. Playing to the tenth hole, both men lay dead with their fourth. Thom putted, but his ball struck on the edge of the hole, and Smith getting in at 5 won his first hole. The Powder Magazine hole was halved at 3, but in playing to the "Gates" Smith missed his tee-shot and it cost him the hole. Both players had ill-luck in going to the Long Hole but Smith got down in 5 to his opponent's 7. The "Curlie," however, went to Thom, who thus won the match by 5 up and 4 to play. The remaining holes were played out, and the round finished Thom 6 up. All through the match Smith drove excellently, but failed on the green, while Thom played a splendid game throughout. The following are the details of the scores:

Thom:												
Out	...	...	...	...	4	4	3	5	4	5	5	4=39
In	...	...	...	...	6	3	4	7	4	4	5	3=41
Smith:												
Out	...	...	...	...	6	4	4	6	5	5	5	5=45
In	...	...	...	...	5	3	6	5	5	6	5	3=43

The tie between Mr. James Cameron and Mr. George M'Intosh was much more closely contested, the first half ending with Cameron one hole up. At the eleventh hole the match stood square. The "Gates" was won by Cameron, the "Long Field" halved, and the "Curlie" won by M'Intosh, so that the match again stood square. The House of Refuge hole was secured by M'Intosh, making him one up his opponent having the misfortune to get bunkered. The next hole was halved, and at the seventeenth hole M'Intosh stood dumpy—one up and one to play. He won the last hole, and thus won the tie by 2 holes. The following are the details of the winner's score:—

Out	...	...	...	...	5	5	3	6	4	5	5	6	4=43
In	...	...	...	...	5	4	5	7	5	4	4	5	4=43

The last tie in the round between Mr. T. Sheret, of the Mercantile, and Mr. W. Reid, of the Victoria, was played off on Saturday evening. The first three holes were halved, but the next two went to Sheret. The sixth hole was halved with 4, and then Reid secured the

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The June handicap gold medal was played for on Saturday. The weather was very hot and the links very dry, and putting greens like glass, and as a consequence there was an unusually small turn-out of competitors for the trophy. Nine couples started, and Mr. R. Cowan won the medal with 81. The following were all the cards handed in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Cowan	89	8	81	Mr. J. A. Neilson	90	5	85
Rev. E. D. Prothero	88	6	82	Mr. Walter Neilson	96	9	87
Mr. D. W. Kidston	102	20	82	Mr. Jas. H. Wilson	93	scr.	93
Gen. Macdonald	106	24	82	Mr. R. B. Bryce	133	30	103

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA GOLF CLUB v. ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This match was played on the Ladies links on Saturday last, the 27th ult. The gentlemen gave a stroke and hole, but the odds were too great and they were beaten by the large margin of 27 holes. Scores:—

R. L. S. LADIES' G. C.				R. L. S. G. G.			
	Holes.				Holes.		
Mrs. Gaitskill	0	Mr. J. H. Mitchell	...	...	6
Miss Oldfield	0	Mr. C. Lloyd-Carson	...	...	3
Miss. G. Stanger-Leathes	...	12	...	Mr. A. G. Hatton	...	...	0
Miss Mitchell	...	2	...	Mr. J. F. Wilson	...	...	0
Mrs. Maillard	...	12	...	Dr. J. F. H. Ellerton	...	...	0
Mrs. Flavel	...	10	...	Mr. R. Badger	...	...	0
	36				9		

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

Saturday last being the last Saturday in the month, the monthly medal and the memento, an aneroid, and the usual sweepstakes were played for. The weather was fine, but a very strong south-west wind was blowing. Mr. F. Dowell, not having paid his entrance before starting, was disqualified, and Mr. "Williams" won the medal and first prize in the sweep, as well as putting in a win for the Kentish Jubilee medal. Mr. F. Hopkins took second prize in the sweep.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. Dowell	107 24 83
Mr. "W. Williams," M.S.	91 4 87
Mr. F. Hopkins, S.	98 11 87
Capt. Gordon, M.S.	101 9 92
Rev. R. W. S. Vidal, M.S.	104 6 98

Capt. Chichester, R.N., M.S., Mr. P. Church, M.S., Dr. Robert Law, M.S., made no returns. There were seventeen other players out.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The first of the monthly medal competitions, now playable by reason of the removal of the National Rifle Association meeting, took place on Saturday, June 27th. The players were not many, the notice of the extra medals in June, July, August and September having probably been overlooked; but it must be remembered that these scores count in the silver salver competition, viz., the best four rounds out of twelve from April to March, 1892, both inclusive.

In order to preserve the whins on the Common the committees of the Royal Wimbledon and London Scottish Golf Clubs have arranged to encircle certain groups of whins by white lines or trenches, and have agreed to make the following bye-law:—Notice is hereby given that all ground enclosed by white lines or trenches, other than putting-greens, is out of play, and that all balls must be lifted therefrom and dropped behind the enclosure, under penalty of one stroke. Balls must not be driven off putting-greens, but may be lifted therefrom and dropped without penalty.—By order of the committees, N. R. Foster, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.W.G.C.; James Gou, Hon. Secretary, L.S.G.C.

Monthly handicap challenge medal:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. Sidgwick	94	9	85	Mr. J. L. Ridpath	102	9	93
Mr. W. L. Purves	86	scr.	86	Mr. T. Smith	105	12	93
Mr. H. W. Bradford	103	15	88	Mr. D. F. Park	111	18	93
Mr. H. W. Horne	97	8	89	Mr. E. F. de Zoete	112	18	94
Mr. M. Tabuteau	98	9	89	Mr. J. Smart	105	10	95
Mr. W. R. Portal	109	20	89	Mr. C. Plummer	96	scr.	96
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	96	6	90	Mr. G. Nicol	104	8	96
Mr. J. R. Dunlop	...	...	...	Mr. H. Buskin	99	2	97
Hill	102	12	90	Mr. A. Pollock	102	5	97
Mr. E. Wight	104	14	90	Sir H. Pottinger	114	16	98
Mr. J. Murray	103	12	91	Mr. E. Ross	117	18	99
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	101	9	92	Mr. A. N. Cumming	106	6	100
Mr. J. Taylor	102	10	92	Mr. T. R. Smith	113	9	104
Mr. C. E. Routh	105	13	92	Mr. T. Milvain	124	18	106
Mr. N. R. Foster	93	scr.	93	Mr. R. C. Want	119	Not	h'cpd.
Mr. F. J. Walker	98	5	93				

SELKIRK v. INNERLEITHEN.

A match between these clubs was played on the Selkirk Links, on Saturday, June 27th, which resulted in a win for the home team by 17 holes. The weather was of the best description for Golf, and the greens, after the previous day's rain, were in first-class order. Several of the individual games were very closely contested.

SELKIRK.			INNERLEITHEN.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. J. Thomson	9	...	Rev. T. D. Miller	0	...
Mr. A. Weir	0	...	Mr. G. A. D. C. Ferguson	1	...
Mr. J. Jamieson	0	...	Mr. W. Bertram	2	...
Mr. J. Connochie	0	...	Mr. A. Robertson	1	...
Mr. T. Buckham	3	...	Mr. M. Thorburn	0	...
Mr. G. T. Scott	9	...	Mr. R. T. Robertson	0	...
	21			4	

ST. ANDREWS' LADIES GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club had an interesting competition on Saturday for their monthly medals. They were favoured with splendid weather, and the field comprised all the best players in the club, and the condition of the green being all that one could wish for the play over all reached a high degree of excellence. The names of the competitors were as follows:—Dr. Moir and Mrs. Moir, Miss F. Hodge and Miss H. M. Stewart, Mrs. Wolfe Murray and Miss Morgan, Mrs. Gray and Miss Gilliat, Mrs. Macdonald and Miss Moir, Mrs. Macfie and Miss Balfour, Miss F. M. Henderson and Miss E. E. Moir, Mrs. Scratton and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Boothby and Mr. F. Burn, Mrs. Hull and Mr. Wallace, Miss A. Moir and Miss H. S. Wordsworth, Miss Dalmahoy and Captain Boothby, Mr. Hay and Mrs. Muirhead, Major Bell, Miss Stewart and Miss J. M. Stewart. The usual two rounds or 36 holes were played for a decision, and when all had returned the result was announced as follows.—1st medal: Mr. Wallace, 103; 2nd medal: Mrs. Gray, 104; 3rd medal: Miss Gilliat. For the star for the best round: Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Stewart, and Mr. Wallace tied at 51. A third round was then played, when Miss Dalmahoy came in victor with the score of 50.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

There was a very large turn-out of the members of Troon Golf Club on Saturday, the 27th ult., the occasion being partly the competition for the monthly gold medal. The competitors for the medal, of whom there were fifty-two, did not, however, represent the half of the players out. The weather was fine, but warm, and the putting-greens were, on account of the protracted drought, exceedingly keen, and some of the holes in consequence very difficult to negotiate. The medal, it may be noted, becomes the property of the player who makes the best or lowest aggregate score for four rounds of eighteen holes, the scores to be compiled out of twelve competitions. The lowest score on Saturday was that of Mr. J. F. Farquhar, who with his handicap had 71. Under-noted are the totals on all the cards handed in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. F. Farquhar	91	20	71	Mr. John Merry	93	4	89
Mr. J. M. Stewart	93	12	81	Mr. D. Findlay	95	6	89
Mr. Chas. Aird	98	14	84	Mr. A. Johnston	97	8	89
Mr. Geo. Gillespie	84	scr.	84	Mr. R. J. Hamilton	107	18	89
Mr. A. Raeside	105	20	85	Mr. Jas. Browne	100	8	92
Mr. Geo. Newton	110	24	86	Mr. W. Renwick	99	6	93
Mr. Jas. Irvine	99	12	87	Mr. Jas. Walker	106	12	94
Mr. J. M. Jamieson	103	16	87	Mr. R. F. Wilson	106	12	94
Mr. J. Wilson, jun.	105	18	87	Mr. John Raeside	110	16	94
Mr. A. H. Holm	98	10	88	Mr. A. T. Craig	104	6	98
Mr. John Lauder	112	24	88	Mr. T. Morton	111	10	101

BRAIDS v. EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW.—A match was played in foursomes between these clubs on the Braids on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under very unfavourable circumstances, the hill being covered with fog, and resulted in a win for Edinburgh St. Andrew by 5 holes.

BRAIDS.			EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
G. Walker and J. Johnston	1	...	D. M. Jackson and J. Steven	0	...
J. S. Campbell and H. Craigie	3	...	J. Hogg and R. Glass	0	...
W. Walker and A. McKenzie	0	...	J. Knowles and J. Pearson	7	...
G. Borthwick and A. Croll	1	...	W. Paterson and J. McNab	0	...
P. Campbell and W. Sturrock	0	...	D. Low and J. Stewart	1	...
A. Black and J. C. Bayne	1	...	A. Wilson and J. Buie	0	...
W. Taylor and G. B. Turner	0	...	J. Paterson and J. Livingstone	4	...
P. Grant and A. Tait	5	...	D. Bowie and W. Wilson	0	...
E. A. Rhead and G. Rankine	0	...	J. B. Strachan and R. Jeffrey	8	...
R. Robertson and W. Stobie	4	...	R. Knowles and A. Ross	0	...
	15			20	

BURNTISLAND AND KINGHORN THISTLE.—A match between these clubs—13 men a-side—was played over the new course, High Bent, Burntisland, on Saturday. The weather was oppressively warm. Some good play was shown, and on the return of the cards the home team proved to be the victors. Scores:—

BURNTISLAND.			KINGHORN.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. J. Ross ...	0	Mr. T. Storrar ...	2		
Mr. J. Wood ...	0	Mr. R. Morris ...	1		
Mr. T. Gibb ...	0	Mr. J. Greig ...	6		
Mr. D. Wilson ...	5	Mr. J. Hunter ...	0		
Mr. J. Blyth ...	5	Mr. J. Alexander ...	0		
Mr. J. Venters ...	2	Mr. W. Hay ...	0		
Mr. H. Moyes ...	4	Mr. J. Lynn ...	0		
Mr. H. Kinsman ...	3	Mr. D. Mathewson ...	0		
Mr. D. Wood, jun. ...	2	Mr. A. Murray ...	0		
Mr. T. Herd ...	2	Mr. D. Mackie ...	0		
Mr. D. Connell ...	4	Mr. Mercer ...	0		
Mr. R. Carmichael ...	11	Mr. D. Masterton ...	0		
Mr. T. Scott ...	4	Mr. T. Taylor ...	0		
	42		9		

The new green was thronged in the evening, principally by players in the second heat in the Connel cup competition, which is exciting considerable interest.

THE BRAIDS AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.—The ties for the order of places on the prize list were played off on Saturday afternoon over the Braids course. The weather was fine, and the course, having benefited greatly by the rainfall of the previous day, was in good order for play. Nine holes decided the ties in each case, and in all eleven couples went off, a few players preferring to scratch, and be content with the last place in their respective groups. In the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. D. M. Jackson, Mr. J. K. Andrews, S.S.C., superintended the arrangements, having the assistance of Mr. W. Frier, in whose club-house the prizes were presented at the close of the play. In all there were twenty-five handicap prizes provided by the committee, who were, however, able to add another through Messrs. Goudie and Company putting at their disposal an extra prize, consisting of a driver, brassy, cleek, and iron. The order of the prize list as adjusted by Saturday's play was as follows:—2nd prize, Mr. D. M. Gavine (Register House), 43, less 6=37; 3rd, Mr. D. R. Hay (Teachers'), 45, less 6=39; 4th, Mr. A. T. Glegg (Watsonians), retired; 6th, Mr. A. J. Hodge (Morningside), 45, less 2=43; 7th, Mr. J. M. Marr (Viewforth), 47, less 4=43; Mr. Hodge securing the preference in virtue of his completing the last nine holes in 40, less 2=38, against Mr. Marr's 47, less 4=43; 8th, Mr. W. Crichton (Teachers'); 9th, Councillor Macpherson (Corporation), scratched; 10th, Mr. A. Geoghegan (Watsonians); 11th, Mr. R. Robinson (George), scratched; 12th, Mr. W. Stephen (Teachers'), 46, less 4=42; 13th, Mr. James Clark (Morningside), 49, less 6=43; 14th, Mr. A. Stevens (Allied), 46, less 3=43 (on playing off this second tie, Mr. Clark completed the last half in 44, less 6=38, against Mr. Stevens' 42, less 3=39); 15th, Mr. W. G. Munro, jun. (Stockbridge), 45, less 1=44; 16th, Mr. J. A. Stewart (Electric), who had the lowest actual of any in the afternoon matches, viz., 38 made up as follows: 5 5 5 4 2 4 5 3=53; 17th, Mr. R. J. Robertson (Braids), 55, less 9=46; 18th, Mr. J. Campbell (Harrison), 59, less 5=54; 19th, Mr. J. Turnbull (Thistle), 60, less 5=55; 20th, Mr. J. Brown (Leith Caledonian), scratched; 21st, Mr. W. G. Munro, sen. (George), 43, less 4=39; 22nd, Mr. D. Lowe, jun. (St. Andrews), 44, less 4=40; 23rd, Mr. G. A. Ross (Watsonians), 42, less 1=41; 24th, Mr. James Addison (Allied), 45, less 3=42; 25th, Mr. R. Sawers (Burgess), 47, less 3=44; (divide), Mr. A. R. Anderson (Teachers'), 50, less 5=45, and Mr. James Knowles (St. Andrews), 47, less 2=45.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The second monthly handicap competition of this club took place at Gullane on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of members, and the prizes were gained as follows:—1, Councillor Macpherson, 92; 2, Mr. Hew Morrison, librarian (net), 96. In the afternoon sweepstake prizes were played for and won by the following members:—1, Mr. Somerville, Procurator-Fiscal, 90; 2, Mr. Hew Morrison (net), 91; 3, Councillor J. A. Robertson (net), 92; 4, Councillor Kinloch Anderson (net), 92—tie; 5, Councillor Macnaughton (net), 93. The members of the club were entertained by Councillor J. A. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, at their residence, the Lodge, Gullane.

"DUNDEE ADVERTISER" CLUB.—At Monifieth on Saturday 24 members of the *Advertiser* Club played in the monthly competition. The weather was all that could be desired. Complaints were made regarding the placing of one or two of the tees—the ground in some cases being too soft, while players going to the paling hole have to drive across the putting green of the seventh hole. The play was good all over, Mr. William Still being scratch at 86. Mr. John Macrae, 91; Mr. William Duguid, 93; Mr. Peter Wallace, 93;

Mr. John Inglis, 94; Mr. Arthur Forsyth, 96; and Mr. Alexander Bowman, 99, were the best scores in the first class. Mr. Allan Bell, with 103, was lowest in the second class; and Mr. James Duirs, at 108, had the best score in the third class. Prize-winners were:—First Class—1st average: Mr. John Macrae; 2, Mr. Peter Wallace; 3, Mr. William Duguid; 4, Mr. John Inglis; 5, Thomas Knox. Second Class—1st and 2nd average (tie): Mr. George Marshall and George Proctor; 3, Allen Bell. Third Class—1st average: David Nicoll; 2, James Duirs.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday, at the Braid Hills, to play for their monthly trophy, along with a prize of a club presented by Mr. J. Ross, a member of the club. About twelve couples started to play the usual round of 18 holes, when Mr. J. Nelson returned a score of 74, Mr. Nelson winning the trophy and special prize with 74, less 2=72. Mr. R. Harvey, senior, who played with Mr. Nelson, finished with 82. Mr. Nelson's round—5 7 5 4 6 4 5 4 2=42; 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 4=32; total, 74. The above club also finished the fifth round in the Thistle Cup Tournament, which was as follows:—Mr. J. R. Duncan beat Mr. G. Skinner; Mr. W. Stewart beat Mr. J. Ross.

KINGHORN.—The members of Kinghorn Golf Club played on Saturday the first of two competitions for the Bucher medal and captain's trophy, the conditions being—medal, scratch; trophy, handicapped. Heavy rain fell for fully half-an-hour before the time for starting, and left the greens very heavy. Some very fine scores were handed in. Mr. George Oswald was winner of the medal with a scratch score of 82. The trophy was won by Mr. James M'Pherson with a score of 85, less 10=75. Other good scores were:—Mr. G. B. Key, Kirkcaldy, 89, less 12=77; Mr. W. P. Drummond, Edinburgh, 88, less 10=78; Mr. G. R. Hepburn, Kinghorn, 85, less 6=79; Mr. William Mann, 94, less 12=82; Mr. James Davidson, Kirkcaldy, 92, less 10=82; Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, 88, less 2=86; Mr. James H. Hepburn, 101, less 14=87.

DUNBAR.—The members of the Dunbar Golf Club held their annual competition for the Warrender medal (scratch) and the Belton cup (handicap) on the Dunbar Links on Saturday. The course and putting-greens were in splendid condition, and the weather fine. Eleven couples started, and on the completion of the round Mr. W. T. Armour, Edinburgh, was found to be the winner of the club medal with a score of 86, and Mr. John Anderson, Dunbar, the winner of the cup with a score of 90, less 18=72. The principal other scores were:—Mr. Charles Nelson, 94, less 15=79; Mr. J. D. M. McLaren, 93 (scratch); Mr. Irvine Williamson, 93 (scratch); Mr. A. Dick, 101, less 18=83. The winners of the sweepstakes were:—1, Mr. John Anderson; 2, Mr. Charles Nelson; 3, 4, and 5 (equal), Messrs. R. Grieve, A. Dick, and F. Wallace.

REGISTER HOUSE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The concluding tie for a cup presented by the captain (Mr. Alexander Foster), was decided over Burntisland Links on Saturday. The competitors were Mr. Tawse (6), Mr. Grant (8), and Mr. Yule (12). At the close of three rounds Mr. Tawse was returned the winner by three strokes from Mr. Yule and four from Mr. Grant. The actual scores were:—Mr. Tawse, 78; Mr. Yule, 87; and Mr. Grant, 86.

MORAY GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday a competition for a gold Golf brooch, presented by a member of the club, was held among the lady members of the club in favourable weather at Lossiemouth. The match resulted in Miss G. Gordon, West Park, Elgin, coming in the winner with a score of 142. The next best scores were Miss M. Wilson, Burgh Westra, Lossiemouth, 143; Miss Gordon, West Park, Elgin, 147; Miss D. Wilson, Burgh Westra, Lossiemouth, 156.

LONGNIDDRY.—The competition for the Wemyss monthly medal took place on Saturday. There were very few competitors. Mr. W. N. Purcell won with 83, less 6=77; Mr. J. J. W. Lamb, 99, less 14=85; and Mr. H. B. Bryden, 85.

KINGUSSIE—LAYING OUT OF THE NEW COURSE.—It has been decided to begin the work of laying out the proposed Golf course in Glen Gynack immediately. Mr. Machardy, Chief Constable of Inverness-shire, who has had experience on most courses in the north, was in Kingussie this week on professional business, and, having some time at his disposal, very kindly went over the ground, and indicated where the teeing places, putting-greens, and holes should be placed to the greatest advantage. The course is to be prepared at a considerable initial outlay. When completed it will add greatly to the attractions of Kingussie as a summer and autumn resort, and will, doubtless, be much frequented by Dundee and Edinburgh visitors, many of whom, both ladies and gentlemen, are keen golfers. The situation is most charming, the glen being one of the prettiest in the district. Mr. J. D. Pullar, of Pullar's Hotel, is secretary.

EDINBURGH V. NEWCASTLE.—A match has just been played at Alnmouth, Northumberland, between a team of eight members of the Royal Colleges Golf Club (composed of Fellows of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh) and an equal number of medical men from Newcastle. The Newcastle men, considering the few they have to choose from, made a very plucky fight. The following is a detailed account of the match:—

EDINBURGH.				NEWCASTLE.			
		Holes.				Holes.	
Dr. Blaikie ...	...	0	Dr. Ridley ...	...	1		
Dr. Haultain ...	...	3	Dr. Black ...	...	0		
Dr. Wallace ...	...	0	Dr. W. T. Wilson ...	...	3		
Dr. Stitt Thomson ...	...	0	Dr. Limont ...	...	1		
Dr. Duncan ...	...	6	Dr. G. F. Thomson ...	...	0		
Dr. P. A. Young ...	...	9	Dr. Howden ...	...	0		
Dr. Carmichael ...	...	0	Dr. Robson ...	...	4		
Dr. Ballantyne ...	...	4	Dr. Lightfoot ...	...	0		
		22			9		

Majority for Edinburgh, 13 holes.

PORTOBELLO GOLF CLUB.—This club held its monthly competition at Musselburgh, on Friday, the 26th ult., for prizes presented by members. There was a large turn-out. The following was the result:—1, Mr. D. F. W. Parlane, 90, less 8=82; 2, Mr. Thomas T. Gray, 83, scratch; 3, Mr. George Wilson, 102, less 16=86.

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