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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 10.—Royal Dublin : Scratch Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Didsbury : Mr. Galbraith's Prize.
Wilmslow : Boddington and Hanworth Cups.
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Hayling : Monthly Competition.
Bradford, St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Monthly Competition.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Warwickshire : Foursome Cup Competition.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
Weston Super Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 12.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Dec. 14.—Royal Epping Forest : Aggregate Competition.
Newhaven : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 15.—Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medal (Second Class).
- Dec. 17.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and Monthly Medal.

- Dec. 17.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Club Silver Medal.
Southport : Scarisbrick Cup (Third Round).
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup, and Club Prize for the winners of the Berens Medal.
Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.
Disley : Silver Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Military Gold Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize and Club Monthly Prize.
Seaford : Monthly Competition.
- Dec. 18.—Oxford University : Club Challenge Cup and Davidson Silver Cross.
- Dec. 20.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal (First Class).
- Dec. 24.—Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Lanark : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Christmas Meeting.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Final for the Micholls Cup and Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 24 & 26.—Guildford : Christmas Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Christmas Meeting.
- Dec. 26.—Royal Dublin : Sweepstake by Strokes (2s. 6d.).
Southport : Christmas Meeting.
Manchester : Club Prizes.
Ashdown Forest : Christmas Meeting.
Braids, Edinburgh : Club Prizes.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Woodford : Club Handicap.
County Down : Open Competition.
Aldeburgh : Mr. N. Ganett's Cup.
- Dec. 27.—Burnham : Monthly Gold Medal.
- Dec. 28.—Oxford University v. Coventry (at Coventry), 10 a-side.
- Dec. 30 & 31.—Eastbourne : Winter Meeting.
- Dec. 31.—Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal and Christmas Cup.
- Dec. 31.—Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Weston Super Mare : Monthly Medal.

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SUNDAY GOLF.

"The better day, the better deed."

In the Dark Ages there arose a tyrant who prohibited the playing of Golf, on any pretext whatever, under pain of the most severe penalties. To give this inhuman monster the utmost benefit of the due which should be charitably extended even to the "Prince of Darkness," we conclude that he looked upon Golf as a foolish waste of energy and time, and forbade it accordingly. The law of the "survival of the fittest" has operated in this as in other cases; the tyrant's edict has been forgotten, save as a jest, while the "Royal and Ancient Game" flourishes in our midst. There has lately arisen a mistaken, though, doubtless, a well-intentioned individual who calls upon us to unite in condemning Sunday Golf, even if we have no power to exterminate the practice. Now this gentleman's letter does not, unfortunately, weigh the question which he raises, and his arguments if they are such, have not the advantage of common-sense, nor clear expression, to support them. In the first place, he seems to deny both the healthiness and sanity of Golf-playing on Sunday as apart from other days. If it be healthy and sane to play the game on a fine breezy links in fresh air and sunshine on a Saturday afternoon, can these same conditions undergo an alteration merely because the day is one which has been given to us for relaxation and happiness? When, moreover, our "Sane Golfer" asserts that men do not require the exercise of the game on Sunday, and recommends them to be content to play for six days out of the seven, he has in a narrow and selfish spirit overlooked the great majority of men who are imprisoned in offices, and obliged to work monotonously from ten till five every day but Sunday, with perhaps a fortnight's holiday in the whole year. The matter is one which should be weighed carefully and dispassionately, with a view to the best condition of our working men, whether they be of the highest or lowest walk in life. A sweeping condemnation, or an enforced abolition of Sunday exercise (for I take this matter of Golf-playing to be merely a branch of a very wide-spreading subject), may produce an ever-increasing circle of results widening beyond the limits of a narrow calculation.

Close our Golf links on Sunday, forbid cycling, boating, and lawn-tennis, will our churches, chapels and Sunday-schools be immediately filled with an eager and devout throng of athletic worshippers giving thanks for the day of rest? The answer must be a sad but emphatic "No." By such a state of affairs, our public-houses and clubs would be crowded, and as a consequence our police-courts and prisons would receive many inmates who might otherwise have resisted temptation to drink and gamble. Without regarding the question in this extreme light, I know many fathers, mothers and sisters, who feel an intense relief in the knowledge that the young men of their family are healthfully, harmlessly and happily engaged in playing Golf on Sunday afternoon. The South Coast towns have come under special condemnation for their laxity in this respect. The reason is very evident. Most of these towns are within easy reach of London, and are blessed with advantages of climate and pure air. Overworked Londoners, with their befogged lungs and weary brains, take a Saturday afternoon train down to one of these health-giving resorts. During the winter they arrive when it is too dark to play, but they enjoy a good sleep in the bracing air, and, much refreshed, betake themselves, some after Morning Service, to the Golf links in the neighbourhood, where their enjoyment of the exercise and the liberty must be a gratification to the Power who created such a

health-restoring spot for the use of man. True, they need not play Golf in order to enjoy the sea-air and sunshine, but were it not for this object they might be less harmlessly engaged. There are some over-taxed minds who require an absorbing amusement to distract them from their anxieties and professional cares. To men of this class, Golf is the greatest possible relaxation, since, for the time being, the player must centre his whole attention on the game.

The reasons against Sunday Golf, as urged by some supporters of our "Sane Golfer," lie in the employment of caddies, and in the offence given to tender consciences. The first objection is reasonable. The professionals who are forced to play during the week should be given full opportunity for rest and devotion on Sunday. With regard to the caddies, there might be a special body of Sunday caddies, and no caddie should be allowed to serve more than twice round the links. Thus no boy would have as much work as any of our domestic servants, hospital nurses, doctors, or railway men.

In the matter of offending others, the links are, as a rule—especially on the much-offending South Coast—in spots so remote and secluded that no one need visit them who objects to Sunday Golf on principle. For the rest, if a man be convinced that Sunday Golf is contrary to Divine law, he will be as wrong to indulge in the practice against his conscience as he would be to commit any other act which he recognised to be wicked. But men cannot be driven into a certain form of religion or conviction against their own will, and whilst human nature is prone to weakness and evil-doing, let us, whose conviction may be sincere and honest, beware how we seek to deprive them of harmless and healthy Sunday recreations, lest we drive them into courses which are hurtful and pernicious.

Let every Sunday golfer see that he respects the man who upon honest conviction and religious principle denies himself his favourite pursuit and recreation, and let him measure the amount of the self-denial and the honesty of the conviction by his own enjoyment of the game. No kindly Christian golfer will hurt another by trying to persuade him to play on Sunday against his principles, nor will he allow his amusement to be the cause of extra work or discomfort to others. In conclusion, I would that every man were as myself—free to enjoy the air and sunshine every day in the week—and then there would be, perhaps, no Sunday Golf; but that happy state of affairs being impossible, I look upon the question as one for each man's conscience, and where a man is honest and sincere we have no right to judge him. Of this I feel certain, that there is many a Sunday golfer who is a better man, in every sense, than I.

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A PRESENTATION OF BULGERS.

Some years ago, when bulgers were first invented, the then secretary of the Windsor Great Park Golf Club, a gentleman somewhat advanced in years, and of a somewhat corpulent form, received as a present on his birthday, two bulgers with the accompanying copy of Latin verses, which may amuse those of our readers who can construe them:—

Natali, Franciscæ, die nova robora membris

Concipias, telis robora digna novis—

"Parvum parva decent" spernes ne rotundus, rotundus,

Te, sed non frontem fronte imitata tuam?

Robora vicinæ tua mirabuntur Athenæ*

Acta sinistrorsum nec pila lædet aquam†

Sive iterum cernet te Vindelisoræ‡ tæque

Cerva senecrutum posthabitura suam§—

"Ventre minor zona est; sed erat minor Herculis;" omnes||

"Pars satis est ipsi; cetera, Clava, tibi" **

* *Athens*, the Windsor Park links being somewhat grassy, the club migrated to the river-side near "Athens," a well-known bathing-place of Eton boys.

† *i.e.*, "Father Thames," whose waters flow unpleasantly near the fourth and fifth holes.

‡ *Vindelisoræ*, the Roman name of Windsor.

§ Red deer are supposed to be especially long-lived; cf. Juvenal "longa et cervina senectus."

|| An allusion to the occasion on which Hercules "went out of training" for a time.

** *Omnes subaudi* "dicunt."

Review.

FAIRWAY ISLAND. By Horace Hutchinson. Cassell & Co. 5s.

Without going so far afield as many adventure-writers are driven to go nowadays in search of some new thing, and without diving into the records of the past for his material, Mr. Horace Hutchinson has chosen for his last story a setting that is picturesque and romantic, and that has the charm, at any rate, of comparative novelty. Fairway Island's dark cliffs stand up amid the billows of the Atlantic twenty miles from the shores of Devonshire. Upon them dwell a handful of fishermen and shepherds, owing allegiance to Squire Nepean, the latest of a race of hardy Vikings, whose fathers, in days long past, acquired the island and held it "free of homage or any other sort of service to England's Crown." The laws of Great Britain have no power in the Squire's "kingdom," as he proudly calls his little territory, and as no other laws have been enacted by any constituent assembly, or by the Squire himself, the condition under which the islanders live, may be described as anarchy tempered by a benevolent despotism. Such a condition, however—and Mr. Hutchinson tells of no machinery for the administration of justice even of the roughest and readiest description—must, sooner or later, it may well be imagined, lead to disorderly proceedings and to anarchy, untempered by anything at all except *force majeure*. Mr. Hutchinson's story tells how circumstances arose, which turned the peaceful little island into a scene of battle, murder, and sudden death; how the islanders, invaded by a band of sea-going desperadoes, fought valiantly for their sovereign, the Squire, and, finally, vanquished their assailants; and how the hero of the tale gained the hand of the princess of Fairway, after performing deeds of valour innumerable, and after assisting in no half-hearted manner to turn the tide of affairs, and to restore the island to its usual condition of security and peace.

Ralph Quarrell, who lives on the mainland, has plighted his troth with Freda Nepean. But the Squire has other views for his daughter. A cave full of hidden treasure—the gradual accumulation of ages—fills his mind with visions of more distinguished suitors for her hand, and the course of true love is checked by the withholding of his consent to Freda's marriage. Ralph, however, is allowed to pay frequent visits to the island, so the summer that has seen the declaration of his love, and the mutual vows of faithfulness that he and his sweetheart have made, passes away joyously enough. The winter that follows is unusually severe for the little island that lies on the edge of the warm gulf stream. Towards the end of November a succession of stormy days has driven a number of small coasting vessels into shelter beneath the cliffs of Fairway—and on the second day of December begins "such a snowstorm that West Countrymen still drop their voices when they speak of it," such a storm as in March two years ago interrupted for two days all communication between the capital and the coasts of Cornwall and Devonshire. When at last the snow ceases to fall the island is shut in by a dense fog, and all hope of being able to put off for the mainland until the wind changes and the fog lifts is abandoned by the hungry sailors. The little store below the cliffs has exhausted its stock of provisions, and, after a few unsatisfying meals of shell-fish, the sailors determine to demand food from the squire. In the snowstorm, however, most of the sheep that browsed along the cliff have been lost, and, as the starving mariners are not satisfied with the two carcasses that are given to them, or with Nepean's explanations, it is considered wise to take precautions against an attack upon the house. The wrath of the sailors is inflamed by their crafty leader, and they resolve, not only to seek for food, but for the treasure which the squire is said to be hoarding in some remote corner of his territory. Accordingly a plan of attack is drawn up; the cliffs are scaled, in spite of the huge rampart of snow that the squire's people have erected across the pathway leading from the beach to the house; and the desperate men prepare to attack. In the meantime, however, Ralph, together with his foster-brother, Tom Trevithick—a stout young blacksmith, known as "the Hammerer" has arrived at the island, in answer to Freda's summons conveyed to him by means of a carrier-pigeon. Hostili-

ties begin at once. Ralph, with a long sabre of Italian workmanship, chosen from the squire's armoury, and Trevithick, with the four-foot-long hammer that earned him his nickname, assume the lead of the defending forces, and the feats of strength and courage that they perform are not few nor ordinary. Victory sways in the balance for some days. The squire himself is captured by the sailors, and tortured by their craven leader into disclosing the secret of his hiding-place for the treasure that he has accumulated. But this leader, determining to reap the rich harvest for himself alone, communicates the intelligence he has gained to no one of his followers, and when he meets his just end, and is rewarded for his cowardly crimes by being flung from the cliffs on to the rocks below, the secret perishes with him, so far as the sailors are concerned. It would not be fair to Mr. Hutchinson to discount any further the pleasure that may be gained from the pages of "Fairway Island." Those who will read the book will find out how the squire was rescued by his daughter's lover, how Ralph and Tom devised a plan which resulted in the total discomfiture of their assailants, and how, the grateful monarch of Fairway being no longer opposed to their marriage, the wedding-bells rang out for Ralph and Freda, who could look back upon the terrible days they had passed on the island, and recognise that their troubles and anxieties had only served to bring them closer together.

The story is written in a somewhat archaic, but by no means unpleasing style. It is marred once or twice by lapses into inartistic commonplace, such as this sentence, "Then Ralph danced about, and could not sit still, and went from one to the other with foolish words and questions; and they had a long wait." In conversation and soliloquy, too, Mr. Hutchinson shows signs of weakness which might be remedied. But on the whole it is a capital tale well told.

FORRESTER'S BALL BACK PATENT CLEEK.

ONE of the most active and enterprising patentees of recent years in connection with Golf has been Mr. George Forrester, Golf club and ball maker, Elie, Fifeshire. He has just added to his list of patents a new cleek with the above name. The improvement consists of a protuberance on the back of the blade about a quarter the circumference of a Golf ball, and just at the portion of the club which ought to give impact to the ball. The cleek is of the ordinary pattern, with the exception of this protuberance, which is designed to give, and does in practice give, additional carrying-power to the ball. Many of the leading Fifeshire players use the club, and speak highly of it as a means of improving their play through the green. It is a particularly useful weapon where lies are heavy and soft, or where wind is apt to be disconcerting in its deflections of the flight of the ball.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

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16,472. Improvements in and appertaining to the game of Golf.—Frederick J. Hutchins, Abercrombie Street, Glasgow.

16,492. Improvements in leg guards, for use in playing football, Golf, and other games.—T. E. Moulton and E. Briggs, 70, Market Street, Manchester.

17,426. Improvements in portable rests for Golf clubs.—W. Smith, 96, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

17,735. Improvements in the padding of shin guards and the like.—William Stewart, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

17,804. A new or improved Golf cleek.—James Smith, 3, Hope Park Terrace, Edinburgh.

THE EDINBURGH BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY'S BAZAAR.

A three days' bazaar for the purpose of raising funds to clear off the debt on the Society's club-house at Musselburgh was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week under distinguished golfing patronage.

The hall was partitioned off into stalls, each one having a distinctive title, all smacking of "Gowf"—the "Burgess" the "Machrihanish," "St. Andrews," "North Berwick," "Leven," "Braids," "Musselburgh Pandy." They were all tastefully decorated, and for the most part, presided over by the lady-friends of members of the club, assisted by an army of young ladies dressed in the orthodox scarlet golfing jacket. The duty of the ladies was to skirmish around and capture likely purchasers and decoy them to the different stalls—once there the matter was settled. There was no resisting the wiles and blandishments of those pretty girls—the victim had to pay ransom. Release could be purchased in a variety of ways. At one stall you could obtain stationery or Allsop's Beer. At another, tea cozies, all sorts of hand-painted articles, cases of champagne, rugs, dolls, and cushions. At another Golf clubs of all kinds, patent and otherwise, and confectionery. In fact it would be difficult to mention what there was not. Again, if one was indisposed to part the "ready" in large sums, facilities for parting in dribbles were present in the form of numerous prize-drawings; or those who wish to pry into the future, or have their character delineated, could do so for a modest sum.

Prominent on one of the stalls were the medals and trophies of the club. Particular mention should be made of the silver club, full size. It dates from last century; pendant from the shaft are silver balls presented to the club by the different captains, commemorative of their year of office. The earlier balls are of the old feather pattern. The Burgess also possess a very fine collection of the old feather ball. Compared with the perfectly spherical gutty of to-day, they look as if the golfer of the past had his ideas about bulgers, but put the bulge on the ball instead of the face of the club as we do to-day, at intervals each day from 3 p.m. to the time of closing, a varied programme of amusements was carried out in a large side-room fitted up as a theatre, including concerts vocal and instrumental, performances by the Byron Dramatic Club, an amusing exposition of Hypnotism etc. There was never any lack of fun, and it is pleasing to be able to state that the efforts of the members and their friends, notwithstanding the wintry weather, have been crowned with success and have raised a sum entirely satisfactory to the executive. The society will now be in a position to devote more of its ordinary income towards the up-keep of Musselburgh links as a Golf course, a burden which has become heavier since the Honourable Company flitted to Muirfield.

The bazaar was opened, for the third day, by Professor Blackie, in presence of a numerous gathering. The Professor, who was very cordially received, began by saying that he had taken a sacred vow against opening bazaars. Why, then, had he broken that vow? Every rule, they knew, had exceptions. The reasons for the vow he had made were several. One of them was that bazaars were in the main gigantic shops, and he was not a shopkeeper. (Laughter.) In the next place, it was so easy to make a speech at the opening of a bazaar, and he liked a difficult thing to do, for all things worth doing were difficult to do. He sometimes went about the country lecturing, and to be able to do so cost him thirty years' experience, three years' hard study, and three days' hard writing. He liked to do something that was worth doing; and opening bazaars was not worth doing—except now and then. (Laughter and applause.) There was still another reason, and it was a very cogent one. To open a bazaar did not mean that one should only open his mouth; it meant that he should open his purse too. (Laughter.) Now, his purse was not always worth opening, and he could not always afford to open it, and that was a further reason why he declined opening bazaars. (Laughter.) Why, then, in these circumstances, had he made an exception in their case? That he had was the greater compliment to them, the greater compliment to himself, and the greater compliment to the noble game of "Gowf." He supposed they called it Golf; he preferred the more musical, soft word "Gowf" of the Scottish dialect. (Hear, hear.) But as to his reason for being there. It was simply this—that he thought it his duty as a professor of Greek and a professor of common sense—which was far better—to help, so far as he could, all movements and associations which tended to make man a more complete animal, because an animal was a machine. It was the steam of the soul which moved the animal man. Physical exercise was necessary to make the man. To man a

vigorous, healthy, strong body was necessary; and therefore he considered it his duty to support "Gowf," not only as a form of athletics, but because it was one of the best games that possibly could be got in the world. The game provided exercise in the open air; it required strength and art, caution and cunning, when it came to get into the hole. It was, in fact, a perfect game. But it was more. It was an intellectual game. He did not go in for games that were not to a certain extent intellectual. Man was a reasoning being, and his games should be reasonable. He objected to football, where men kicked about a ball like mad tigers. (Laughter and applause.) He remembered playing "Gowf" one or two hundred years ago—no, not so long as that; sixty years ago—on the links of Aberdeen, which, along with St. Andrews and Montrose, were the best-known places for the game in Scotland. He was proud of the game of Golf for this reason, too, that it was one of the things which Scotland's big brother John Bull had condescended to learn from it. He was proud of that in these days when they found Scottish people who considered that Scotland was a semi-barbarous country, and that we required to go to London to be civilised. In his opinion these people were becoming nothing but prigs and puppets. (Applause.) In Golf John Bull had found that he could learn something from Scotland, and he was proud of the game on that account. (Applause.) The Professor, by way of formally opening the bazaar, descended from the rostrum from which he spoke, and kissed a young lady-attendant of very tender years, who was presented to him by the captain. He did not stop there, however. He proceeded to kiss the hands of several of the young ladies, who looked charming in their golfers' uniforms; and, by way of finishing the ceremony, he kissed a lady on the cheek, causing much merriment among the gathering. On the motion of Mr. C. J. Kerr, the captain of the club, the Professor was thanked for his presence, and the business of the bazaar proceeded.

AN AMERICAN VIEW OF GOLF.

The following description of the game is taken from a recent issue of a New York paper. Of the writer it may truly be said that his education is still far from being complete. He is not quite clear, evidently, whether Golf is shinty, cricket and football all in one; but his description, as a serious contribution to American popular literature, is as fine a jumble as one could wish to meet. This is what he gravely tells his readers:—

"Golf may be played by any number of persons. The only implements required are the ten kinds of Golf sticks and the ball, which is of gutta percha and about 1½ inches in diameter. The one great objection to Golf is that it requires such a large piece of uncultivated ground for its proper playing. A Golf field or link should be a couple of miles long and as wide as possible. Around the edge of the link, at intervals of 200 yards, are sunk tin pans a few inches in diameter, with their edges on a level with the ground. It is the aim of the player to start from a given point and drive the ball into each of these pans in succession.

"The person who gets back to the starting-point first wins the game. This makes of Golf a good deal of an obstruction foot race. This is not the invariable rule, for frequently it is decided that the winner shall be the one who "pockets" the ball the greatest number of times within a half-hour or so. There are really no well-defined rules for the game.

"Expert Golf players sometimes use as many as twenty sticks, but the ordinary amateur is content with half that number. The handles are all alike, but the crooked part on the end has any number of shapes. This is made necessary by the positive prohibition against touching the ball with the hands, no matter into what position it may get by accident. If it goes by the pan, it must be knocked back.

"Every player, to provide for this contingency, has with him a "caddie," who is an individual carrying, strapped across his shoulder, a large case containing all the different shapes of Golf sticks. It is his duty after each stroke to know just what stick his master will require and to hand it to him, at the same time receiving and depositing in the case the one which has just been used.

"There should be eleven players on a side, just like football, and in fact most of the rules are those of football, which hockey bids fair to rival as a fall and early winter game. There are five forwards, three half-backs, two backs and a goal keeper on each side. There are different methods of starting the game, but the fairest and most popular is to place the ball (which is exactly the same as that used in cricket) exactly in the centre of the field. Then let one representative from each team run from opposite corners towards the ball. Of course the one who reaches it first will have a decided advantage, for until the ball has been struck every player, excepting the two runners, must remain motionless in his place."

GOLF SONG.

[AIR—"See me Dance."]

A fig for bowls and tennis,
A fig for effete croquet,
The best of games for men is
The game that golfers play;
A fig for the joys of football,
Its pains are much more real;
Averages and analyses are naught but pleasing fallacies
To joys that golfers feel.

You should just observe me driving,
How my Golf ball covers the ground,
You should see the folk arriving
Who mean to follow me round.
All other vain amusements
To Jericho may go,
For a keenly fought-out foursome
Is the jolliest fun I know.

You should see me in a bunker
(If my partner puts me there),
I never yield to funk, or
Lose temper—never swear;
However loose the sand be,
However bad the lie,
Without fumin' or perspirin' I quietly take my iron,
And get out—by-and-by.

You should see me use my putter;
I'm nuts on a lengthy "steal,"
Which glides in smooth as butter,
And makes the player feel
That life is well worth living
While we to Troon can go,
To join in a rattling foursome
In the jolliest game I know.

I have a rich relation,
Who came to me one day,
And asked, with hesitation,
If I'd teach him how to play.
I thought it best to promise—
Till then I'd never found
The boredom you must suffer with the hopeless sort of duffer
Who takes three hours to the round.

You should see a duffer driving—
You should see his club-heads go;
You should see the divots flying
As his cleek swings to and fro.
After five or six clean misses,
His face is quite a sight,
And the doleful caddie hisses,
"Jock, we'll no' be back the night."

And when I'm old and shaky
My love will be the same,
Though age, perchance, may make me
Less steady in my game;
I'll leave my years behind me,
As oft as I repair
To sea-washed Machrihanish, where all toil and trouble vanish
In the breath of its sharp, salt air.

So here's to good Tom Morris—
We know how much he's done
For Golf; and here's to Horace,
Whose name is Hutchinson.
And may the best of pastimes
Increase from shore to shore;
And may all who play, from day to day,
Improve their present score!

RIX.

THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF CEYLON.

MR. J. W. GOVAN v. LIEUT. G. P. CAMPBELL, R.E.

This match was played off on the Galle Face links, Colombo, on Saturday afternoon, October 29th. Mr. J. Govan, the champion, had already defeated Messrs. Grigson, Rogers, and Gosset, playing exciting matches with each. Lieut. G. P. Campbell had disposed of Mr. J. N. Campbell (last year's champion) on the Friday, and Mr. T. Smith on the Saturday morning; so that it was expected that the final round between him and the champion would be a close match, and so it turned out. Almost all the golfers now in Colombo, and about fifty other people, including several ladies, followed the players all the way round the links, and took the keenest interest in the match.

There were some splendid matches in which a good deal of excitement was shown. In the second round Mr. Govan was 4 down and 6 to play and won by two holes. In the third round he was 5 down and 8 to play, and won this also by two holes. The players in the final were favoured with good weather, although sometimes it was rather hot. The course was in fair condition, but the putting-greens in Ceylon are a sad contrast to the Scotch putting-greens. On many there is no grass at all, and those which have a little would be better without it.

The championship is played for twice a year—at Newera Eliya in the spring and at Colombo in the autumn. Mr. J. W. Govan has won it three times now out of the four times it has been played for. He lost it the second time it was played for. If he wins it next time it will become his property, he having then won it three times in succession. Mr. Govan hails from St. Andrews, and has been in the sunny South for about three years.

The following is a detailed account of the game:—First hole: Mr. J. W. Govan (the champion) had the honour. His drive, like Lieut. Campbell's, was slightly pulled, but he reached the green in 3. Lieut. Campbell's third lay under the wing wall of the culvert, whence it was delved with the mashie, and a fine putt won him the hole in 5. Lieut. Campbell 1 up. Second hole: Second shots good, rest medium only, divided in 6. Lieut. Campbell 1 up. Third hole: Won by Mr. Govan in 3 after a fine iron across the cemetery. Lieut. Campbell's putt for division failed to hold. All square. Fourth hole: Mr. Govan's drive fell short, and Lieut. Campbell's was badly sliced. Hole was won in 4 by Mr. Govan, who thus became 1 up. Fifth hole: Mr. Govan fozzled his second, whereas Lieut. Campbell was well up with his, and won the hole in 4. All square. Sixth hole: Lieut. Campbell fozzled his approach to this hole, which was won by Mr. Govan in 4. Mr. Govan 1 up. Seventh hole: Good drives. Mr. Govan lay on the road in a very awkward rut, from which he made a magnificent brassy which landed him up near the green; but his third overcarried, whilst Lieut. Campbell's was perfect in strength, though a little off the line. Mr. Govan's putt overran, and Lieut. Campbell won the hole in 5. All square again. Eighth hole: Won by Mr. Govan in 5. Mr. Govan 1 up. Ninth hole: Lieut. Campbell's long "putt to win" suddenly zig-zagged on the rough green and left him stymied, so that Mr. Govan won in 5. Score at the end of the first round—Mr. Govan 2 up. Tenth hole: Both got away their drives safely. Lieut. Campbell's second landed his ball on top of a dunghill, whence it was rescued with difficulty. But his iron approach counterbalanced his previous misfortune, as it made the ball disappear into the hole from forty yards off, and he won the hole in 4. Score:—Mr. Govan 1 up only. Eleventh hole: Lieut. Campbell had a very good chance of winning this hole, but missed the putt. Divided in 5. Mr. Govan 1 up. Twelfth hole: Another long putt of Lieut. Campbell's would not hold, and the hole was divided. Mr. Govan 1 up. Thirteenth hole: Also divided in 5, as Mr. Govan was stymied. Mr. Govan 1 up still. Fourteenth hole: Good drives. Lieut. Campbell imitated Mr. Govan in making a beautiful second with the brassy. Mr. Govan then fozzled his approach. Lieut. Campbell, who had been all along playing excellent approaches with his iron, won the hole with 5, and thus brought the score to "all square." Lieut. Campbell had won two holes and divided three in this round, so that the excitement became most intense. Fifteenth hole: Both made excellent drives past the battery corner, and Lieut. Campbell's second placed him on the green. He might have won the hole but for a stymie. Divided in 5. Game all square. Sixteenth hole: Again both players made marvellous second shots. Lieut. Campbell won in 5. Score: Lieut. Campbell 1 up and 2 to play. Seventeenth hole: Capital drives. Mr. Govan's second was too deadly, and he won with a fine putt in 3. Score now: All square and 1 to play. Eighteenth hole: It must have been extremely trying to the nerves of Lieut. Campbell when he saw Mr. Govan make a grand drive over the fateful and awful Club Chambers. Lieut. Campbell seemed very nervous as he addressed his ball; but he sent it well over, and apparently on to the green. But unfortunately the ball, in its descent, struck the top rail of the compound fence and lay right under it, whilst Mr. Govan's ball was on the top corner of the

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green. Lieut. Campbell could only hook his ball out, and this left him a long putt, which, however, very nearly came off. Mr. Govan, who lay dead in his second, putted out in 3, and so he won the finest and toughest match that has ever been played in Colombo, and retained his position of champion of Ceylon.

On Saturday evening a dinner was given at the Colombo Club to the Champion, Mr. J. W. Govan, by the members of the Colombo Golf Club, of whom the following were present:—The Hon. G. S. Williams (who presided), Lord A. Osborne, Captain Pirie, A.D.C., Colonels Skinner, Churchill, and Corse-Scott, Lieutenants G. P. Campbell and Caldecott, and Messrs. T. Smith (vice-chairman), C. E. D. Penny-cuick, G. J. Jameson, P. E. Rogers, E. Hamlin, J. W. Gosset, A. Brown, R. K. MacBride, E. Christian, H. W. Graham, and E. S. Grigson.

The chairman handed the challenge cup to Mr. Govan, saying that it gave him great pleasure to do so, for Mr. Govan had played a fine game and had won a stiff match. He hoped Mr. Govan would win the Championship another time, and so make the cup his own property. The final had been a great treat to those golfers who had followed it, and it was a first-rate exhibition of the game. They were no less indebted to Mr. Campbell than they were to Mr. Govan for the fine Golf display they had had that afternoon.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, with musical honours.

Mr. Govan responded, and thanked them for the reception they had given him. It had been a very enjoyable week to him. He had had some hard battles to fight, and was very proud indeed to have won them. To him it was the greatest pleasure in life to play a good hard match. He thanked the captain of the club for the very flattering remarks he had used in proposing his health, and his brother-golfers for the way in which they had drunk it. He hoped he would be allowed to propose the health of Mr. J. N. Campbell, the ex-champion, who so valorously fought him last year in Colombo, and who succeeded in wresting from him the Championship. He again thanked them for their kindness, and for the pleasant evening he had spent, and for the week's fine Golf.

In the course of the evening Colonel Churchill sang "The Men of Merry England," which was received with wild applause.

THE GREAVES "DUMB CADDIE."

There can be no doubt that many golfers, with practical, shrewd heads, are making serious attempts to minimise one of the attendant evils of the game—the existence of the caddie. In the neighbourhood of large towns in the South the representative of this *genus* is more often than not a loafer, too lazy to work, and by no means a reputable specimen of that widespread class. Thus it is that many golfers rather than be worried by hiring highly paid aid, which is more frequently a hindrance than otherwise, prefer to carry their own clubs. "Dumb Caddies" have been recently produced in a variety of forms, and one of the most efficient we have seen is that just brought out by Dr. Greaves, an old golfer of experience. Golfers who use this form of "Dumb Caddie" in the Midland Counties speak highly of it, and undoubtedly it has a great deal to recommend it to gentlemen who are either compelled by scarcity of caddies, or who prefer to carry their own clubs. A diagram of the caddie will be found on the advertisement cover. The design is simplicity itself, conferring the *maximum* of efficient assistance with the *minimum* of labour and annoyance. The following advantages are claimed for the contrivance:—Lightness (weight only one-and-a-half pounds); it is shod with three short spikes, which readily penetrate the hardest ground; is easily fixed and removed; keeps firm in the highest wind; the club-heads being uppermost, the one required is seen at a glance; the handles in the waterproof bag are kept clean and dry even in heavy rain; spare balls, umbrellas, &c., can be carried in the bag. The price is the reasonable one of 10s., and the bags can be obtained from the manufacturers, Messrs. Thorn and Co., Gaolgate Street, Stafford.

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We should like to call the attention of golfers to an advertisement, which appears in another column, referring to the closing of the St. Andrews Social Club, on the Thames Embankment.

What hope is there for Scotland in the Open Championship? That has now twice been won by amateur Englishmen—not once, as yet, by an amateur Scot. It is getting serious, and auld Scotland must bestir herself and look to her laurels. Scotland, we fear, cannot rely on any of her prominent players of the last ten years, and even Mr. Laidlay, of whom for some time we have heard nothing, can scarcely now be entrusted with our hopes. Had the two Blackwells, who swept the board at the last Royal and Ancient meeting, remained in Scotland, one might have been inclined to back one or other to retrieve Scotland's position. But it appears that they are again going abroad. Perhaps Scotland's most hopeful player is Mr. F. G. Tait, if only his regimental duties would permit him to practise sufficiently. He has, we believe, been lately playing the Blackwells, and beating both. Golfers may keep their eye on young Tait; he is destined yet to be at the front.

"Professor Guthrie Tait," (the father of our young hopeful) says "Orion," "is one of the best lecturers I have ever listened to, and is very popular with his students. I remember when this golfing son was born, and the notice appeared in the *Scotsman*, we gave the professor a long and hearty cheer as he entered the class room. The gravity that usually sat on his high brow was disturbed a little, but when the cheering subsided, 'Gentlemen,' said the professor, 'You have surely forgotten that, in my opening address, I expressed the hope that you would allow no passing events to interfere with the proper business of this class.' The cheering was, of course, only renewed in greater volume." Prof. Tait is himself not a bad golfer. He is certainly the best authority we have on the scientific aspects of the game, and more from his pen may be expected on various points that are open to discussion. Dr. Cathcart, a son-in-law of the professor, is a great advocate of healthy athletics, and a brother of his, the late J. W. Cathcart, made the lowest scratch score, 75, in the Luffness Club.

The great golfing event in Scotland of the past week was the three-days Bazaar of the Burgess Golfing Society. The officials deserve great credit for the way in which they worked the scheme. From first to last there was a fine golfing aroma about it. The street-bills had the figure of a caddie calling "Fore!" and the newspaper advertisements caught the attention of the public in the same way. The *Scotsman*, on the day before the opening, gave an interesting account of the Ancient Society. The opener on the first day was Mr. B. Hall Blyth, C.E., whose name is always associated with Golf. On the second day another proof of the relation between pulpit and putting-green was the opening speech of Dr. Walter C. Smith, the poet-preacher, Moderator-Elect of the Free Church; and on Saturday who could have been more appropriate to begin the show than the genial Ex-Professor Blackie, who lately at

Newcastle thus summed up the whole duty of man as regards exercise—*Man should play golf*. Many of the gentlemen appeared in their red coats, and the ladies also donned the club uniform for the occasion. The sum aimed at was £1,000, and the Bazaar realised £1,071, so that the society can now wipe off the debt on its club-house and devote its attention and funds to the upkeep of Musselburgh in a way that was not before possible.

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For the benefit of the lucky winner of the Golf oil painting at the Burgess Bazaar we may give full particulars as furnished by the artist, Mr. W. G. Stevenson, A.R.S.A. "The match is supposed to be between Ross and McGregor (Burgess) against Whitecross and Stuart Anderson (Tantallon). The scene is at the Dyke hole, North Berwick, the spectator looking toward the sun. On the right is Provost Brodie looking on. A. M. Ross is putting out, 'That for the hole.' Behind him is the well-known caddie 'Big Crawford,' Bailie Whitecross is next with his caddie—Anderson. Then comes Mr. Stuart Anderson and his caddie, known by the soubriquet of 'Scones.' At the left is Mr. Gregor McGregor, S.S.C., and Davie Grant as his caddie." Mr. Stevenson is sculptor as well as painter, and only recently, out of thirty designs sent in for the Burns statue at Chicago, his has been selected. The statue is to cost £3,000.

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In GOLF, Vol. III., p. 390, a former golfing picture, painted by Mr. Stevenson, is noticed—the scene being St. Andrews, and containing many portraits of prominent present-day players. It is in no disparagement to anything he has hitherto done that we say we expect still more from Mr. Stevenson, and from other artists, and we give them the hint that a golfing picture representing the principal players of the day is really much wanted. We have not yet got anything to equal Lee's famous painting, so well known as an engraving; and a fortune is in store for the artist who supplies the want.

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The office-bearers of the Burgess Society for the year 1892-93 are—captain, Mr. Chas. J. Kerr; treasurer, Mr. Knight Watson; secretary, Mr. A. J. Hodge; chaplain, Rev. John Young; gold medal holder, Mr. J. Williamson; committee, Messrs. R. S. Bryson, J. Wilson, Thomas Aitken, A. S. Muir, A. B. Doughty.

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There are now 115 members of this club as compared with 14 when it was revived by Mr. Orlando Hurt and others in 1773. Besides the gold medal and club prizes offered for competition there is a new feature in this year's list, viz., a competition for a monthly medal presented by Captain Kerr. This will take place on the first Friday of each month, beginning first Friday in June, and ending first Friday in March 1893. Two shilling sweepstakes each month to be paid, by each player—20 per cent. of which is to be reserved by the treasurer, and the balance applied in prizes at each competition. The most frequent winner of the medal is to have his name inscribed on it, and to be presented with a trophy in the purchase of which the money reserved by the treasurer will be applied. In the event of a tie, the respective winners will play off in April 1893.

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Much sympathy is felt among the members of the Gullane Golf Club for Mr. Lugton, their late secretary, who has just lost by death one of his sons—a young man of much promise, who like many others never completely rallied after an attack of influenza, and after a long and trying illness died on November 25th. It was very much owing to his son's illness that Mr. Lugton, at last meeting, resigned the secretaryship of the Gullane Club. The proposal then set on foot to present him with a testimonial, in recognition of his great services to the club, has been warmly taken up and liberally supported by the members of the club.

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The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., though not so much in evidence on the green at North Berwick as during the summer, still takes an occasional game. He has lately played two of the clergy of the neighbourhood, and we believe lost to both;

the one being Dr. Robertson of Whitinghame, a St. Andrews player (according to Dr. McPherson, "Golf and Golfers," p. 82.) who has not kept up his knowledge of the game by practice, though he has evidently not forgotten it; the other Mr. Waddell, of Whitekirk (a brother-in-law of Mr. J. E. Laidlay), who, taking up the game of late years under good professional tuition, can now play fairly well.

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A very disastrous fire occurred in Edinburgh on the evening of Saturday last, the warehouse of Messrs. Jenner & Co., being totally destroyed, at a cost to the various Insurance Companies of about £250,000. The office of a well-known golfer, Mr. Gregor McGregor S.S.C. 2, South St. David Street, was destroyed in the fire. Mr. McGregor is one of the best-known members of the Burgess Society, and a golfer of the first water. It will be remembered that when Mr. H. G. Hutchinson won the championship in 1886, it was only after a tie with Mr. McGregor. The burnt-out brother who may be assured of the sympathy of all golfers, has taken up new quarters at 18, St. Andrew Square.

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The following have been elected office-bearers of the Edinburgh University Golf Club for the current year:—Captain, Mr. C. L. Blaikie; vice-captain, L. V. Laurie; treasurer, Mr. R. H. A. Watson; secretary, Mr. R. J. Bryce, 31, Charlotte-square; council, Dr. R. H. Blaikie, Dr. F. W. N. Haultain, Dr. D. Wallace, Mr. W. H. Bryce, and Mr. H. de M. Alexander. Now that ladies are admitted to the University the Golf club will have to widen its embrace and extend its privileges. In one of the debating societies the question of admitting the ladies was recently brought up, but objection being taken, the youth who proposed modestly withdrew, saying that he would not press the subject.

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From time to time questions have been asked about the origin of the word caddie; and some interesting correspondence has been published in our columns on the subject. Mr. R. L. Stevenson, in the first instalment of his new story, "David Balfour," gives, in our opinion, the true view of the original function of the caddie. Mr. Stevenson writes:—"The ordinary course was to hire a lad they called a caddie, who was like a guide or a pilot—led you where you had occasion, and (your errands being done) brought you again where you were lodging. But these caddies, being always employed in the same sort of services, and having had every obligation to be well informed of every house and person in the city, had grown to form a brotherhood of spies; and I knew how they communicated one with another, what a rage of curiosity they conceived as to their employers' business, and how they were like eyes and fingers to the police."

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This description agrees generally with that of Smollett; so that the original function of the caddie was that of being the city directory, messenger, letter carrier, light porter, and detective all in one. The occupations which gave him his name have been usurped by modern improvements; and now he is known only as the carrier of Golf clubs.

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R. Tait, the professional of the Sheffield and District Golf Club, in playing to the seventh hole the other day holed out in one, a distance of about 130 yards. He was playing with Sir W. Dalrymple's hammer-headed club and the "Slazenger" ball.

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A Golf course has been opened at the west end of the village of Methil by the president of the club, Mr. William Greig.

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Mr. D. R. Gilroy, Rowanbank, Broughty Ferry, has presented the Dalhousie Golf Club with a handsome gold medal to be played for by strokes under handicap on the second Saturday of April annually.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly answer the following question in your next edition?

In playing a foursome, my partner, in making his drive, missed the ball altogether.

As he tees very much higher than I am accustomed to do, could I claim the right to tee it again to suit myself?

I am, Sir, &c.,

D. A. CAMPBELL.

Victoria Drive, Bognor, Sussex.

[No. You could touch neither the ball nor the tee.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In a recent competition here, two of the players used by inadvertence a wrong teeing ground for four holes, giving an advantage of 20 or 25 yards in each hole. As it happened, one of these players presented the winning score, at the same time admitting his error. The committee, notwithstanding, admit his score and adjudge him the prize. Is this Golf?

I am, Sir, &c.,

ALIQUIS.

[No. The player, in justice to the other competitors, ought to have been disqualified.—Ed.]

PATENT GOLF CLUBS.—POT-HUNTING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As a golfer of the old school, and one saturated with its best traditions for nearly thirty years back, I am perplexed and distressed at the continual innovations being introduced into the game. Every week sees some half-dozen patent clubs brought out—many of them fearful and wonderful productions. Even the great Horace Hutchinson, from whom one would have expected better things, has not disdained to invent a hideous improvement (save the mark!) on the dear old thoroughbred head. The gross bulger was bad enough, but that is now past redemption; but how far will these innovations go? Is there to be no limit to patent lofters, hammer-headed putters, &c., &c.? If the object of the game were merely to get the ball round the course in the fewest number of strokes, irrespective of the weapons used, then no doubt many ways could be devised which would produce better results than the ordinary Golf club. Might not one have drivers with catgut faces, or dynamite cartridges, and as for putting (as a "beginner" aptly queried in the papers the other day), is there anything to prevent one using a billiard cue on the putting green? No doubt one would be surer at short putts with a billiard cue (applied as one gracefully lay on one's stomach) than with a putter. What is the reply to that beginner's query? None, I fancy, except that

though the rules do not forbid it, it is not Golf. But why not Golf, unless some definite rule be made on the subject? The object of Golf is to get the ball into the holes in the fewest number of strokes with Golf clubs; but these latter should be defined by a representative committee, and a standard set prescribed; otherwise, where will the innovation end, and what is to prevent a player putting at the next championship with a billiard cue, as Willie Park is reported to have done at the late one with a patent twisted-shaft putter! (and so gained several strokes on the rest of the field)? At cricket (one never hears of patents in cricket!) the object is to keep up your wickets, but to do this you are not allowed to have a bat a foot broad, nor stumps three inches wide. You must play with the standard breadths and weapons. So I say about Golf, and I call upon all who are devoted to the grand old game to rally together and prevent the new generation of irreverent patentees from improving (!) the game off the face of the earth. While on the subject of degenerate Golf traditions, I cannot refrain from mentioning another important matter. I refer to the degenerate passion for pot-hunting of the present age. Time was when the honour and glory, plus a few classic scratch medals, were enough. Now handicap pot-hunting is everything. Hence we see such drivelling prizes offered as those for the "last half-round." But I think the climax was reached the other day on a well-known West Country green, where a "shoe-lift" was offered as a prize! Imagine the Royal and Ancient St. Andrews offering a "shoe-lift" as a prize! We shall see a bag of lollipops figuring in a prize list next.

The following story, the truth of which Mr. Everard can corroborate, will prove the position that handicap as compared with scratch play has attained. A player at a big meeting asked him, "Who's won?" He replied, "Macfie." To which the other replied, "Oh, that's the scratch medal. I meant the handicap."

He thought nothing of the scratch winner, but everything of the handicap man!

Perhaps, nowever, the following, actually taken from a late issue of the *Sporting and Dramatic News*, caps the former. The writer, who is evidently a golfer, says so-and-so has lately so improved that he will soon "attain the enviable (or unenviable, which is it?) position of a scratch player"! Conceive a true golfer doubting whether it is best to be a scratch player or a handicap one with a (supposed) better chance of winning a pot! How does old Tom Morris (the incarnation of the best traditions of Golf) endure, I wonder, these miserable degeneracies in the traditions of the grand old game. Surely they must go near to break his heart.

I am, &c.,

ST. ANDREIAN.

Umballa, Punjab, India.

GOLF AT EALING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Being asked by a friend would I play a match at Ealing with him, I had naturally asked "Where do you play?" "Ah!" he said, "Not on the Common, for most people think we play there; the club is so badly named. No, we play at Twyford Abbey Park." So it happened that I took my ticket one Wednesday and met my friend at Ealing Broadway, whence we hailed a cab, which, in the course of fifteen minutes, put us down at a most handsome villa, which my friend assured me was the club-house. Here I found a most excellent dining-room, smoking-room, and, above all, cleaning, dressing, and drying room, and the locker-room, where some hundred lockers were ranged,

Marks, the professional, soon took us in tow, and crossing the road, we were soon teeing off from the first hole in the beautiful grounds of Twyford Abbey Park. It is no idle remark to say that the eighteen holes of the Ealing Club abound in the most sporting of hazards. The river Brent has to be crossed eight times in the round, and the natural ditches and bunkers give added zest to the excitement of driving over these fine hazards. The greens are well rolled and kept, and, indeed, as far as I saw, little was left to be desired. At lunch

we were waited on by a most excellent house waiter, and the cooking of Mrs. Marks leaves even now some traces of appetite. I was given to understand that this club has its full complement of members, that the already most sporting links are to be added to by sand bunkers, and that all the greens are to be taken up and relaid. When one considers that the links can so easily be reached from Ealing or Sudbury, being only twenty minutes from Euston, and that there is everything for one's comfort and one's play, it is not too much to hazard the prediction that the Ealing or Twyford Abbey Golf Club has a great future before it. I can safely say the caddies are more "Scotch" than on most English links, by the keen love they give to the Royal and Ancient Game.

I am, Sir, &c.,
ALFRED RADFORD.

GOLF, AND THE WEARING OF GLASSES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should feel much obliged if you, or any of the many readers of your valuable paper, would inform me whether spectacles are considered detrimental to Golf—I mean, more so than to cricket or tennis.

I know first-class cricketers and tennis-players who are obliged to wear them, but have never heard of any golfer whose handicap is less than 10 wearing them; but perhaps that is because my acquaintance with scratch players is limited.

I am, Sir, &c.,
F. W. G.

SUNDAY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For the information of your correspondent "Spectator" will you kindly allow me to state that it is not a fact that a large proportion of Sunday players at Sandwich are "idle men, who golf the whole of every Saturday, if not other days during the week."

The Sunday players are almost all City men, to whom a day's golfing is, in a very true sense, a day of rest.

"Spectator" is good enough to assume that such players "care not a jot for local susceptibilities although displayed in various ways, openly in cottages by placards reciting the beginning of the Fourth Commandment."

But Golfers driving from the station to the links, can hardly be expected to pull up, and study any placards they may happen to catch sight of in a cottage window; besides, who expects us to believe that any cottager would display such a placard spontaneously, or except at the instigation of the person who provided it? If "Spectator" does not think it right to play games on Sunday, no one wishes him to do so; but he should not take it for granted that those who have no such scruples are necessarily in the wrong.

It is so entirely a matter of conscience that it is unwise to be dictatorial on the subject. With regard to the last sentence in "Spectator's" letter, I regret for *his* sake, that it appeared in print.

He considers that Mrs. Tweedie's experience of Frenchmen, has been somewhat singular. His own must be described as unfortunate, for he says: "I cannot recollect one who ever went into a church, or regarded religion as otherwise than a very paying business for the priest."

He should really be more careful how he makes acquaintances, and should endeavour to obtain better introductions; perhaps, however, his memory is not very good, and his experience more limited than his powers of imagination. The idea of the poverty-stricken clergy of France making a good thing out of religion, is distinctly novel!

Without interviewing the undesirable foreigners into whose society "Spectator" appears to have been cast, it would, of course, be impossible to disprove what he says about them.

As a Roman Catholic, I can hardly compliment "Spectator" on the good taste of his letter, and may perhaps be allowed to suggest that, if on some future occasion he desires to be more effective, he should be less sweeping in his assertions.

I am, Sir, &c.,
CHARLES C. WELMAN.

STYLES OF PLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I regret that I cannot give Dr. Sheppard the details he seeks.

I am, Sir &c.,
W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

THE LONGEST HOLE ON RECORD.—A most exciting and sporting "point-to-point" Golf match was played on Tuesday, November 29th, between Mr. T. W. Stubbs (member of the Royal Blackheath and Great Yarmouth Golf Clubs), and Mr. H. E. Rose (member of the Cotswold Golf Club). The players started at half past ten from the first tee on Mr. Stubbs' links, Quar Wood, Stow-on-the-Wold, finishing at the last hole on Mr. Rose's links, Bourton Bridge, Bourton-on-the-water, the distance from the tee to the hole being four-and-a-half miles—surely the longest hole on record. The course was grass, ploughed fields and stubble; the obstacles, walls, high hedges, two trout streams and several copses. Each player had a scorer, referee, caddie, and two fore caddies. The opponents reached Bourton Bridge at 1 o'clock precisely, Mr. Stubbs winning the match by four strokes, the score being Mr. T. W. Stubbs, 114; Mr. H. E. Rose, 118. Both gentlemen and their scorers wore red coats, and attracted no small attention from young bulls and turkeys. However, no accident occurred.

A Golf club has just been formed at Tiverton, North Devon. The committee have secured the use of the cricket-field and some adjacent meadows, and have laid out a very sporting six-hole course. Mr. A. L. Francis, the president, drove off the first ball on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. The putting-greens are already in good order, and bid fair to be excellent. Mr. Kendal King is treasurer; Mr. M. L. Banks, secretary.

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The *Dundee Advertiser* says:—"The fourth volume of GOLF has just been issued from the office, Cophall Avenue, London. Like its three predecessors, it is replete with information and instruction, and its lighter reading in the shape of "Tee Shots" and songs and rhymes is as entertaining as ever. In the correspondence columns all manner of questions relating to the game continue to be discussed; while the decisions given by the Editor in answer to queries may be studied with great advantage, even by those who think they are intimately acquainted with the rules of the game. The volume is a highly interesting one."

The *Scotsman* says:—"The weekly journal devoted to Golf has now reached its fourth half-yearly volume. It contains, besides an ample chronicle of all important events, a continuation of the biographical sketches of golfing celebrities that have run through the preceding volumes. The correspondence column, too, is of special interest, if only because it shows that in the South many beginners never dream of studying the rules, but play the game entirely at haphazard. The discussion of rules and etiquette, to which the editor good-naturedly applies himself every week in answer to correspondents, ought surely to bear good fruit in the long-run."



ABERDEEN.

The usual monthly competition for the scratch medal and handicap prize of the Aberdeen Club was played on Saturday over the Balgowrie course. The weather was frosty, and the putting-greens somewhat hard. The result of the competition showed that the scratch prize was won by Mr. W. F. Orr, with a score of 83, while the captain of the club, Mr. A. J. W. Storie, won the handicap prize with 90, less 10=80. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. J. W. Storie	90	10 80	Mr. R. D. Leslie	93	8 85
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	87	6 81	Mr. W. T. Moffatt	104	18 86
Mr. Wolfe Murray	95	14 81	Mr. T. Todd	91	4 87
Mr. A. Murray	95	14 81	Mr. D. Littlejohn	94	6 88
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	88	6 82	Mr. J. N. Sellar	106	18 88
Mr. W. F. Orr	83	scr. 83			

ARCHERFIELD CLUB.

This club held a meeting on Saturday last to compete in two rounds for two handsome prizes. For Dr. Maclagan's prize, first round, the following were chief scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Palmer	99	15 84	Mr. Thos. Binnie	85	scr. 85
Mr. John Penn, M.P.	85	scr. 85	Rev. John Kerr	88	2 86

For prize presented by Mr. John Penn, M.P., Archerfield House, the chief scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. M. Bernard	88	6 82	Mr. T. Yule	85	+2 87
Mr. T. Binnie	86	scr. 86	Mr. G. Law	85	+2 87

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, November 24th, a handicap tournament was held for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. Curteis, of Tunbridge Wells; the first a Tantalus combination jewel and scent case, and the other (for the player beaten in the first round by the winner of the first prize) a silver knife and button-hook combined. The weather was dull and threatening, but the rain kept off. Four of the players were absent, which left only nine to compete.

First round.—Miss Andrews, giving 18 strokes, beat Miss Riddle, 3 up and 2 to play; Miss Banister, giving 5 strokes, beat Miss J. Curteis, 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Birch and Miss E. Banister, a bye; Miss E. Curteis, Mrs. Astbury, and Mrs. Stewart walked over.

Second round.—Miss Andrews, giving 18, beat Mrs. Astbury, 2 up and 1 to play; Miss E. B. Curteis, giving 13, beat Miss Banister, 8 up and 6 to play; Miss Birch, giving 17, beat Miss E. Banister, 4 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Stewart walked over.

Third round.—Mrs. Stewart, receiving 7, beat Miss Andrews, 7 up and 6 to play; Miss E. B. Curteis, scratched; Miss Birch walked over.

Final round—Miss Birch, giving 4, beat Mrs. Stewart, 2 up and 1 to play, and so secured the first prize, the other going to Miss E. Banister.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The last monthly competition of the year for the Berens gold medal took place on Saturday, December 3rd. The weather was so bad that only eighteen players started, and of these only four made a return. Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote, in spite of the weather, played a fine game, and won the medal with 93, less 7=86. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	93	7 86	Mr. H. T. Ross	107	12 95
Mr. F. L. Rawson	102	8 94	Mr. A. J. Stanley	102	4 98

Fourteen players made no return.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the second medal competition was played. Mr. C. A. Colman made the best net score, but having already secured a win, he was not, according to the conditions of the competition, again eligible, and, therefore, the medal fell to Mr. Herbert Durning. The following are the scores of 100 net and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. A. Colman	100	19 81	Mr. T. Baker	113	21 92
Mr. H. Durning	103	21 82	Mr. W. Bowker	112	19 93
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	90	2 88	Mr. G. Crowther	101	7 94
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	103	14 89	Mr. W. J. Drewett	127	27 100

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was played for on Tuesday, November 29th. The weather was fine on the whole, but a fresh north-westerly wind interfered with good scoring at some of the holes. Mr. H. T. Gilmore came in an easy winner.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. T. Gilmore	104	24 80	Mr. T. Holt	107	13 94
Mr. W. Stoaie	111	26 85	Mr. F. J. Clark	119	25 94
Mr. J. W. Trevor	114	26 88	Mr. E. R. Armstrong	120	26 94
Dr. A. W. C. Peskate	117	28 89	Rev. G. Beilby	114	18 96
Rev. Canon Kennard	114	23 91	Mr. T. C. Brice	111	15 96
Rev. F. N. Smith	119	27 92	Mr. W. H. Fowler	105	8 97

The following players were over 100 net, or made no returns:—Hon. W. Bethell, Colonel Armstrong, Major Gulley, Major A. Wise, and Rev. G. Utten Todd.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The Barrow medal, November 29th. Day dull and foggy; green in bad condition owing to rain. Scores:—

"Bogey"—Out, 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 5=40; in, 4 5 4 4 5 4 5 5 =41; total, 81.

Mr. I. Heron Maxwell (5), 4 up, medal; Mr. W. Waterhouse (12), 2 up; Mr. F. H. Marigold (12), 1 up; Mr. C. G. L. Cator (13), 1 down; Mr. C. E. Hambro (scratch), 2 down; Mr. A. C. Robertson (scratch), 2 down; Mr. C. C. Bethune (4), 2 down; Mr. H. C. Barnes Lawrence (11), 3 down; Mr. R. A. Nicholson (scratch), 3 down; Mr. H. Parker (3), 3 down; Mr. F. S. Swainson (6), 4 down; Mr. H. Philipps (13), 4 down; Mr. C. Pigg (3), 5 down; Mr. W. Hartree (5), 6 down; Mr. H. A. Adamson (7), 6 down; Mr. F. C. Eye (13), 6 down; Mr. V. H. Rendell (17), 6 down; Mr. H. M. Siddall (7), 7 down; Mr. H. Pigg (11), 7 down; Mr. J. C. T. Smith (14), 7 down; Mr. E. D. Lewes (10), 7 down; Mr. C. S. Hulbert (10), 9 down; Mr. W. Lovett (12), 10 down; Mr. C. E. S. Innes (11), 12 down; Mr. L. de B. Thorold (15), 15 down.

A large number returned no cards.

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, November 28th, a team of the Oxford University Golf Club visited Coventry, and in beautiful weather played an interesting match with the home club. The greens were very good, but the late rains made the lies rather heavy. Although Coventry won six matches to their opponents' three, the visitors eventually won by 3 holes. Wednesday was the monthly cup day. Mr. J. Powers proved the winner by 1 stroke. Scores:—

COVENTRY.		Holes.	OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		Holes.
Mr. H. Rotherham	...	0	Mr. F. H. Stewart	...	4
Hon. M. C. Moncrieff	...	2	Mr. P. Balfour	...	0
Mr. E. F. Chance	...	0	Mr. H. J. Wigham	...	2
Mr. H. Smith	...	0	Mr. L. Robertson	...	0
Mr. G. F. Twist	...	1	Mr. H. Nicholls	...	0
Mr. E. A. Young	...	1	Mr. K. Lodge	...	0
Mr. A. Rotherham	...	2	Mr. F. H. Champion	...	0
Hon. R. Lyttelton	...	0	Mr. A. J. Boger	...	10
Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair	...	5	Mr. O. T. P. Nelson	...	0
Mr. F. Smith	...	2	Mr. C. W. Surrige	...	0
		13			16

Monthly cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Powers	97	11 86	Mr. A. Rotherham	99	9 90
Capt. Johnstone	99	12 87	Hon. and Rev. R. Moncrieff	100	8 92
Mr. H. J. Nutt	99	12 87	Mr. H. Rotherham	100	8 92
Mr. E. Blackburne	111	24 87	Mr. J. Cash	115	23 92
Mr. H. W. Bainbridge	99	12 87	Mr. A. P. Pridmore	107	11 96
Mr. F. Abell	102	15 87			
Mr. G. F. Twist	96	8 88			

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

Members of the Cannes Golf Club have already commenced play on the new links near La Napoule. In the course of a few days the names of the new committee will be published, as also that of the hon. secretary, who we have no doubt will be Col. Woodward, Villa Merville, while Col. Cragg will be the captain of the club. It is hoped that by Christmas the new station at the level crossing at La Napoule will be completed. In the meantime the slow trains leaving Cannes at 9.18 and at noon, and the return train arriving here at 2.16, will stop near the links for the convenience of members. Members of the Town Council, and indeed of all the syndicated bodies in Cannes, whether of hotelkeepers, tradesmen, or what not, should bear in mind the importance of Golf as an attraction to Cannes, and should follow the example of similar bodies at Pau in subventioning and otherwise supporting the club. We have no hesitation in saying that Golf will prove a far greater attraction to male visitors to Cannes than all the casinos, theatres, pigeon shootings, race meetings, and public fêtes whatever, put together. One of the largest hotels at Cannes owes its enormous *clientèle* and world-wide repute to its magnificent tennis courts, which an ex-champion declares to be the best out of England. Cannes, as the only place on the Riviera where Golf can be properly played, will soon draw the young men from other stations, as did the hotel in question the tennis players.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club tankard took place on Friday and Saturday over the links at Coatham, the weather on the former day being fine and frosty, but on Saturday damp and dull. The absence of wind, however, on both days enabled the competitors to do fairly good work. There was a good turn-out of members, and those who sent in their cards showed that play was pretty level. The winner was found in Mr. C. E. Scott, with a net score of 86. Appended are the detailed figures:—Mr. C. E. Scott, 96, less 10=86; Mr. A. Man, 112, less 24=88; Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, 99, less 10=89; Mr. W. F. Whitwell, 119, less 24=95; Mr. H. Smirthwaite, 118, less 24=94; Mr. T. H. Wynn, 106, less 12=94; Mr. H. Roberts, 98, less 4=94; Mr. W. Young, 112, less 18=94; Mr. J. Roddam, 115, less 17=98.

DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB.

A handicap was played on the Douglas links, Isle of Man, on Thursday, December 1st:—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
*Mr. A. W. Moore	66 20 46	Mr. R. C. Chambres	61 10 51
Mr. J. H. Quine	57 10 47	Mr. G. Drinkwater	67 15 52
Dr. Farrell	69 22 47	Mr. G. W. Fleming	79 20 59
Mr. John Curphey	77 30 47	Mr. T. S. Atkinson	89 30 59

*Winner.

The next open handicap will be played on the Castletown links on Thursday, December 22nd.

FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Mercantile Club, Montrose, have now finished their competition for the handsome silver cup presented by Mrs. R. H. Millar. The conditions of the competition are that the cup has to be played for annually by teams selected by the captain and vice-captain. The following were the teams on the present occasion:—Captain's team: Messrs. J. G. Cobb, G. M. Smith, Thomas Sheret, A. Oliphant, J. C. Fairman, J. Hendry, J. Wishart, C. Foreman, T. Robertson, W. Jack, W. Valen tine, James Davidson, J. Buick, W. A. Burgess, H. M'Kenzie, J. R. Davidson, W. Sheret, A. Jack, C. D. Napier (captain), G. Nelson, W. Skene, T. Fitchet, J. Winton, D. Mackie, J. R. Shireffs, A. Cook, F. Robertson, J. Scott, J. Thow, A. Gouk, James Falconer, and Dr. Soutar. Vice-captain's Team: Messrs. J. Milne, George M'Intosh, R. Cobb, J. Hampton, E. M'Donald, George Croall, D. C. Clark, D. Burgess, A. S. Paterson, A. M'Leod, James Hardie (vice-captain), W. Clark, J. Douglas, W. Towns, D. Stott, A. M'Lean, Walter Nicol, J. Moir, W. Donaldson, W. Nicol, R. Officer, D. Fettes, W. Forbes, W. Gordon, George Addison, John Falconer, George Edwards, A. B. Ritchie, A. Wilson, C. R. Murray, J. Fullarton, and George Spark. The result was that the captain's team won by 49 holes to 20 by the vice-captain's team.

The fifth round of the winter series of competitions of the Arbroath club was finished on Saturday. Sixteen players handed in their scores. Messrs. A. Coutts, A. M'Callum, and George Milne tied for the first three places, being each at his number. They received each three points, and the thirteen others received one point.

GOLF IN CANADA.

On the 26th July, 1884, Her Majesty, through a despatch from the Earl of Derby, was pleased to bestow upon the Royal Montreal Golf Club the privilege of using the prefix "Royal," and since then it has

continued to enjoy a career of great prosperity. It is the oldest club in America, and was organised on the 4th of November, 1873, chiefly through the efforts of those accomplished golfers, Mr. John G. Sidey, his brother, the late Mr. David D. Sidey, whose genial and kindly manners will never be forgotten by Montreal golfers, and Mr. Alexander Dennistoun, now of Edinburgh. Those present at the first meeting were Messrs. Wm. M. Ramsay, Alexander Dennistoun, John G. Sidey, David D. Sidey, H. MacDougall, Holland, Joseph Collins, and the Hon. M. Aylmer. Mr. Alex. Dennistoun was the first captain, Mr. Wm. M. Ramsay vice-president, Mr. D. D. Sidey treasurer, and Mr. Collins secretary. The number of members was then limited to twenty-five; now the membership exceeds one hundred, and the club has always been under the patronage of the respective Governors-General. The present officers are:—Captain, the Rev. James Barclay, D.D.; secretary, Mr. John L. Morris, Q.C.; treasurer, Mr. E. Goff Penny. Committee, Messrs. John Taylor, J. Hutton Balfour, Alexander Macpherson, Eric Mann, R. Arsher.

The Ladies' Club, formed in 1892, numbers about ninety members. Its officers are:—Mrs. Geo. A. Drummond, president; Mrs. H. Vincent Meredith, secretary. Committee, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. Hatton, Misses P. Young, Agnes Lamb, and Paterson. Shortly after the formation of this club the Quebec Golf Club was started, and it has been enthusiastically carried on ever since upon the beautiful and romantic Plains of Abraham, just outside the former walls of Quebec. A series of most interesting semi-annual competitions have taken place since then between the Montreal and Quebec clubs for a magnificent challenge trophy, with varying successes. It is to be remarked, however, that each club is generally most successful upon its own links.

The grounds of the Royal Montreal Golf Club are situate upon the north-eastern slope of Mount Royal, and are most beautiful, commanding a magnificent view of the valley of the St. Lawrence and the distant mountains of Vermont. They are also within ten minutes' drive of business part of the city.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competitions of the Glasgow Golf Club took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park in very inclement weather. The course being in bad condition owing to the partial thaw followed by more snow, only nine couples went out, some of whom were unable to finish. The result was as follows:—

First class—Club medal:—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. John Storrar	89 2 87	Mr. J. V. Scott	100 3 97
Mr. James Mack	92 3 89		

Second class—Wilson medal:—

Gross. Hep. Net.		Gross. Hep. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Duff	99 8 91	Mr. J. Herriot	123 9 114
Mr. W. Dallas	105 9 96		

Third class—Scott medal:—Mr. D. A. Stark, 116, less 14=102.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

TAYLOR V. PINKERTON.

A match was played at Guildford on Friday, December 2nd, between Taylor, formerly of Westward Ho!, who is at present engaged as professional to the Winchester Club, and David Pinkerton, the professional to the Guildford Club. The course was in good order considering the weather, but was heavy. Taylor made a good start by winning the first two holes, and Pinkerton missed a good opportunity of getting one of these back at the sixth, where Taylor considerably overran the hole. As Taylor won the eighth, he had a strong lead, all the other holes going out being halved. On the return journey, Taylor again started with two real good holes, which made him 5 up. The next hole was halved in 5, and then Pinkerton won his first hole by taking the thirteenth in 4. It should be said that Taylor lost the chance of halving the hole by making such a good drive that he got into ruts which are considered out of reach from the tee. The next two holes were halved in 4 each, and so Taylor was left a winner by 4 up and 3 to play. Taylor's driving was strong throughout the match, but Pinkerton did not drive well at first. Both men played a fine approach game, Taylor being particularly good with his mashie, never making anything like a bad shot with it. The only thing which prevented the scoring from being really low was the extreme keenness of the greens, which had been too much rolled, and the consequence was that in some cases putts did not stop quite as they were intended to. Taylor went out in 40, to Pinkerton's 43, and came home in 42, Pinkerton taking 43, Taylor's score thus standing at 82, and Pinkerton's at 86. As Taylor had not been over the course before the morning of the match, his 82 was good, being the same figure which stands as the record for competitions; but Pinkerton and Mr. Mure Fergusson have holed the round in matches in 76 and 77 respectively. Several members of the Guildford Club witnessed the match, and hope to see a return match on the Winchester course. We understand that the two clubs are contemplating a match in the spring.

HAGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was decided on Saturday, November 26th, in very unfavourable weather. There was only a moderate entry.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. F. Chance...	83	+1	84	Mr. W.H. Grazebrook	113	17	96
Mr. H. N. Collis ...	107	20	87	Rev. L. Sculthorpe.	120	23	97
Rev. J. H. Bourne .	94	5	89	Mr. H. T. Williams	121	20	101
Mr. E. A. Spurgin .	113	20	93	Mr. W. L. Roberts.	124	17	107
Mr. G. Macpherson	105	10	95				

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the ladies' monthly medal took place on Wednesday, November 23rd, over the sixteen-hole course, when the chief scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Barnett ...	104	22	82	Mrs. Hollings ...	95	scr.	95
Miss N. Burton ...	103	17	86	Miss M. Sharpe ...	103	4	99
Mrs. Morton ...	98	10	88	Miss V. Sharpe ...	137	18	119

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first prize competition of the season took place on the new links at Carnalea, on the 28th ult., under favourable circumstances, the weather being fine and mild. The prizes, which were presented by Mr. S. W. P. Cowan, of Craig-a-vad, County Down, consisted of (1) a silver box and (2) a pair of cut-crystal, silver-topped toilet scent-bottles. As will be seen below, Miss MacLaine and Miss Mulligan were the winners.

First Round.—Miss MacLaine (5) beat Miss A. Garratt (5); Miss Kerby (2) beat Mrs. Roper (scratch); Miss B. Boyd (8) beat Miss Maguire (8); Miss Cunningham (7) beat Miss S. Garratt (2); Miss Mulligan (2) beat Miss Knox (6); Miss S. Shaw (2), a bye; Miss D. Knox (7) beat Mrs. Shaw (scratch); Miss Garratt (scratch) beat Miss C. E. McGee (5).

Second Round.—Miss MacLaine beat Miss B. Boyd; Miss Mulligan beat Miss D. Knox.

Final.—Miss MacLaine beat Miss Mulligan.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of this club was held on Saturday, the weather being unfavourable. Of the twenty-three cards taken out only nine returns were made, Dr. Bampton being the winner with a score of 116, less 27=89. A small contingent of Ilkley players visited the Ganton Links last week and had a pleasant match with the home team, resulting in a win for Ilkley, but neither teams were representative.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

The Pears' challenge cup was played for on Saturday last, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Vincent Jepson	101	17	84	Mr. H. R. Hands...	109	17	92
Mr. E. Kemp Bourne	102	14	88	Mr. G. Carey-Frank-			
Mr. H. Smith-Tur-				lin ...	118	25	93
berville ...	115	25	90	Mr. T. Day ...	119	26	93
Mr. W. T. Pears ...	121	30	91	Mr. H. Clarke ...	118	19	99

Over 100 net.—Major L. M. Boileau, Mr. W. Gambier Middleton, and Mr. H. O'Leary.

LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.

The Leicester Golf Club seems to have made a considerable forward step, and to have given signs of acquiring a permanent position among the athletic institutions of the borough. It started in a tentative manner. Practice links were established on the racecourse at Oadby, but the tenure of the club there was uncertain, and now, by the kind assistance of Mr. H. L. Powys Keck, a more permanent home has been provided in some fields off the Stoughton Lane, where a very convenient ground has been laid out. The club numbers about seventy members including some ladies, and the roll is gradually increasing. Play up to the present has been mainly confined to practice, although games with other clubs were played last year, but the committee are now beginning to feel themselves justified in launching out a little more, and some fixtures attractive to the public may be shortly looked for at their hands. Mr. J. Goddard is the president, Messrs. G. H. Hodges and J. B. Everard are vice-presidents, Mr. C. Brand is treasurer, Mr. H. L. Goddard hon. sec., and the committee consists of Messrs. C. J. Billson, A. Lorrimer, J. A. Corah, C. E. Hare, P. Paget, Rev. H. W. Richards, and Rev. H. Tower. A comfortable pavilion has been erected at the links, and during the past two or three months the services of George Smith, professional, have been secured by the club. He comes from Malvern with good credentials, and not only undertakes to initiate new members into the mysteries of the game, but has been devoting much attention to the

preparation of the links in Stoughton Lane. Thus his time has been well occupied, and the result of his efforts is to be seen in a fairly good ground, which will improve with the play which is expected this winter. The whole extent of the links is nearly three miles.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION.

Saint Saturday must certainly now be dubbed "the" watery saint. For some months back—ten or twelve, at least—however fine the weather may have been up to Friday night, rain has re-appeared on the Saturday, and, that being the day generally fixed upon for special Golf competitions, golfers are more than proportionately disappointed. Friday last was a charming winter day, with a fairly clear sky and keen frost, and the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club were looking forward with pleasure to the third competition for the captain's cup on Saturday. But at daylight on Saturday it was found that there was a steady downpour of rain, which had evidently been going on for some hours, and the members who went out to the links were comparatively small in number, the weather being about as bad as it could be. A late start was made. The best gross scores during the day's play were by Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston, 92; and Rev. J. G. Denison, Church, 94. The best net scores were—Mr. J. Eccles, jun., 92, less 8=84; Rev. J. G. Denison, 94, less 5=89; Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford, 109, less 17=92; Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's, 107, less 14=93; Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's, 110, less 17=93; Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton, 109, less 15=94. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Rev. J. G. Denison; the second by Mr. T. C. Midwood; and the third by Mr. A. Entwistle. The weather cleared for a short time as noon; but afterwards the rain recommenced with increased heaviness. Out of the forty-three players who went out, the following were the scores under 100 net, Mr. J. Eccles putting in the win for the cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston	92	8	84
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church...	94	5	89
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford, Manchester...	109	17	92
Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's	107	14	93
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's...	110	17	93
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton	109	15	94
Mr. James E. King, St. Anne's	104	9	95
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall	108	13	95
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton	110	15	95
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool...	111	14	97
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	103	5	98
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool	110	12	98
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck	105	6	99
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's	112	13	99

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly handicap for this season was played on the Upton links on Saturday last, in fairly good weather. Of the fifteen competitors eleven returned cards, the first place being won by Mr. Gray, with a net score of 79, and the second by Dr. Sheldon with 80. The following are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. G. Gray ...	96	17	79	Mr. M. H. Hall ...	104	13	91
Dr. Sheldon ...	91	11	80	Dr. Cooke ...	113	15	98
Rev. G. O'Brien ...	111	27	84	Capt. Haines ...	125	20	105
Mr. G. H. Swindells	107	20	87	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	116	9	107
Mr. J. W. Burgess...	102	14	88	Mr. W. H. L. Cameron	125	25	100
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	94	5	89				

MINEHEAD AND WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB.

The St. Audries cup competition was held on Saturday, December 3rd. A high wind, accompanied by frequent storms, was all against low scoring, and was the cause also of preventing many players from putting in an appearance. The cup, lately presented to the club by Capt. Arthur Hood of St. Audries, Somerset, was won by Mr. H. W. Cording with a net score of 91. Major Ayshford Wise won half the sweepstakes for the best scratch score.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. W. Cording	109	18	91	Mr. C. E. Curtis ...	127	30	97
Major Ayshford				Mr. O. T. Sadler ...	112	14	98
Wise ...	104	12	92	Mr. H. Owen Brown	119	18	101
Rev. J. Utten Todd	111	18	93	Mr. W. Elton ...	129	22	107

No returns from Rev. W. P. Mitchell, Dr. Hayes, and Mr. G. Hayward.

MONTREAL GOLF CLUB.

Saturday afternoon, November 29th, saw the golfers out in force, and there were important matters to be contested for on the links. The Quebec challenge cup had been won by the Royal Montreal Golf Club,

but who the players would be who should have the enviable notoriety of being its custodian for the year had not yet been decided on. This, however, was settled on Saturday. Another important feature to golfers was the winning of Mr. Peck's three prizes, handsome designs in silver-ware peculiarly appreciable by golfers. The holder of the cup for the present year will be Mr. A. Macpherson, who also wins Mr. Peck's first prize, a handsome toast-holder, emblematic of the game. The Hon. Geo. A. Drummond and Rev. Canon Ellegood won second and third prizes. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Macpherson	92 2 90	Mr. F. Braidwood..	111 8 103
Hon. G. A. Drummond	93 scr. 93	Mr. J. Law...	101 +2 103
Rev. Canon Ellegood	106 12 94	Mr. J. Taylor	102 +2 104
Mr. J. H. Balfour...	95 scr. 95	Rev. R. Campbell...	114 8 106
Mr. E. G. Penny	104 8 96	Mr. W. W. Watson	108 2 106
Rev. Dr. Barclay	91 +6 97	Mr. N. Abbot	118 12 106
Mr. R. Archer	110 12 98	Mr. E. Mann	107 scr. 107
Mr. A. Ewan	107 8 99	Mr. H. Taylor	108 scr. 108
Mr. J. Burnett	100 scr. 100	Mr. A. A. Wilson...	110 2 108
Mr. R. S. Weir	114 12 102	Mr. J. Peck	117 8 109
Mr. J. R. Meeker...	110 8 102	Mr. J. L. Morris	120 8 112
		Rev. C. Heine	128 12 116

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly meeting of the Ward Tanhard took place on Wednesday, November 30th. It was a very poor meeting, owing partly to the weather, and that a great many of the members were away. Only three members made any returns. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Dover	116 23 93	Dr. Hands...	145 40 105
Mr. F. W. Graham	101 7 94		

Several players did not finish the round.

NORTH BERWICK.

On Saturday the members of the Bass Rock Golf Club held their final handicap competition for the year over the North Berwick course. There was a good turn-out. On a return of cards, Mr. D. Horsburgh proved the winner of the trophy with a score of 80, less 7=73. The next best figures were:—Mr. D. M. Jackson, 75, plus 1=76; Mr. John Forrest, 78, plus 1=79; Mr. J. Elliot, 88, less 8=80; Mr. J. B. MacLachlan, 89, less 9=80; Mr. G. S. Milne, 98, less 18=80; Mr. D. Stevenson, 99, less 14=85; Mr. A. Thorburn (scratch), 86; Mr. A. Hogg, 90, less 4=86; Mr. J. W. Greig, 100, less 14=86; and Mr. James Henderson, 86, plus 2=88. The best actual score was a 75 by Mr. D. M. Jackson, the details of which were:—Out, 4 5 5 3 4 3 4 5 4=42; in, 4 4 3 3 4 5 6 4=33; total, 75. Mr. John Forrest followed with a 78.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the clock kindly presented by Mr. Hatherell took place on Wednesday, November 30th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss E. Whieldon...	83 3 80	Miss Whieldon	104 10 94
Miss Middleton	83 scr. 83	Miss E. N. Whieldon	105 7 98
Miss M. Gray	98 14 84	Miss Radcliffe	109 8 101
Miss A. A. T. Drake	93 6 87	Miss Wolryche Stans-	
Miss Humphreys	108 17 91	field	124 20 104
Mrs. Smith-Turber-		Miss Stanger Leathes	115 10 105
ville	97 3 94		

Mrs. Hans Blackwood made no return.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The following are the monthly competition scores for November.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. T. Ashwell	89 8 81	Mr. C. S. Wardle	104 12 92
Mr. R. F. Smith	93 8 85	Mr. C. B. Edwards	107 14 93
Mr. J. Johnstone	95 10 85	Mr. C. F. Dobson	111 14 97
Mr. A. Barrow	101 16 85	Mr. J. McMeeking...	106 6 100
Mr. J. Bowes	102 14 88	Mr. W. Rickman	136 27 109
Mr. P. W. Allen	104 16 88	Mr. W. Lymbery	135 20 115
Mr. R. D. Oswald	95 6 89	Mr. J. M. Langley	146 } not
Mr. J. W. Bromley	112 22 90	Mr. Franklin Hine	170 } hcpd.
Mr. J. C. Warren	95 3 92	Mr. A. Baker	172 }

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The club cup (scratch) and Davidson cross were played for on Friday, November 25th, and attracted the best field yet known at Hincksey. The weather was very fine, and the greens fair considering the heavy rain of the week. Mr. Moncrieff won the cup, Mr. Whigham being second, and Mr. Stewart third. The Davidson cross, presented by

Mr. W. D. Davidson, ex-secretary of the club, was won by Mr. J. B. Wood, the 'Varsity lob-bowler, who is a rapidly improving player. He also divided the first and second sweepstakes with Mr. F. Nicholls, while the third was shared by Mr. W. H. Brain, the wicket-keeper, and Mr. H. G. Palmer. The closeness of the scoring does great credit to the handicapping committee. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. J. B. Wood	95 18 77	Viscount Encombe	90 7 83
Mr. F. Nicholls	102 25 77	Mr. R. H. Dun	88 4 84
Mr. W. H. Brain	101 22 79	Mr. L. Robertson...	88 4 84
Mr. H. G. Palmer...	101 22 79	Mr. T. M. Winch...	96 12 84
†Mr. J. A. F. Moncrieff	80 scr. 80	Mr. H. Nicholls	90 5 85
Mr. F. H. Stewart	83 2 81	Mr. H. F. Pelham...	95 10 85
Mr. F. H. Campion	89 8 81	Mr. W. M. Lindsay	103 18 85
Mr. C. W. W. Surridge	91 10 81	Mr. C. E. Brownrigg	98 11 87
Mr. J. Whigham	82 scr. 82	Mr. R. H. Ferard	106 18 88
Mr. R. Lodge	89 7 82	Mr. L. D'Oyly Carte	109 20 89
Mr. W. S. Hamilton	92 10 82	Mr. R. W. Macan...	105 12 93
Mr. D. G. Hogarth	97 15 82		

* Cross. † Cup.

No returns from Messrs. H. E. Atkinson, A. J. Boger, E. G. M. Carmichael, J. Hall, G. C. Jobling, R. P. Lewis, R. A. Mart, R. B. Pearson, W. G. Pennymann, J. R. Ratcliff, and F. J. Wylie.

Weekly handicap, December 2nd.—Owing to the fact that the large brake was unfortunately upset on its way to the links there were very few returns. Luckily no one was seriously damaged. Mr. Stewart's 78 is the best score yet recorded in a competition. Result:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. H. Stewart...	78 2 76	Mr. V. T. Hill	101 18 83
Mr. H. E. Atkinson	88 9 79	Mr. A. J. Boger	99 8 91
Mr. E. J. Palmer	100 18 82		

No returns from Messrs. W. H. Brain, E. G. M. Carmichael, G. B. Grundy, J. Hall, G. C. Jobling, W. M. Lindsay, J. E. B. Livingstone, H. F. Pelham, N. R. Stone, C. W. W. Surridge, and J. B. Wood.

QUEBEC GOLF CLUB.

The match for the club championship and gold medal was played for on the 1st inst., and was won by Mr. W. A. Griffith, with a score of 199 for the two rounds. On the same day the final round was played for a cup, presented by the captain of the club, and resulted in its being most deservedly won by Mr. R. C. Patton, who also came in a good second in the championship match.

Match for the gold medal:—

1st and 2nd Rnd. Rnd. Total.			1st and 2nd Rnd. Rnd. Total.		
Mr. W. A. Griffith	101	98	199	Major Sheppard	104 106 210
Mr. R. C. Patton	104	96	200	Mr. G. B. S. Young	106 104 210
Mr. G. H. Thomson	100	105	205	Mr. E. L. Sewell	118 123 241
Mr. W. B. Scott	102	107	209		

Match for the captain's cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. C. Patton	194 12 182	Mr. J. F. Burstall...	299 90 209
Mr. H. J. Hussey...	286 90 196	Mr. P. MacNaughton	222 12 210
Mr. G. H. Thomson	210 12 198	Mr. R. C. Sewell	243 32 211
Mr. J. G. Garneau	288 90 198	Mr. H. Hamel	248 36 212
Mr. W. S. Griffith...	199 scr. 199	Mr. G. R. White	226 12 214
Major Sheppard	204 scr. 204	Mr. E. L. Sewell	242 24 218
Mr. W. B. Scott	217 12 205	Mr. J. A. Ready	263 36 227
Mr. G. B. S. Young	206 scr. 206		

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Competition, club prize.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Sawyer	97 10 87	Lieut.-Col. Lewes	110 20 90
Mr. F. J. Patton	90 2 88	Mr. F. N. Garry	114 24 90
Rev. J. Stewart	102 12 90	Mr. F. A. Govett	104 10 94
Mr. E. M. Hadow...	108 18 90		

Mr. C. C. Clarke, Dr. Nicolson, Mr. J. F. E. Bowring, Mr. A. C. Bartholomew, Capt. Henry Herbert, Mr. C. C. Bayley, and Mr. C. E. Cottrell, also played.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

St. Andrew's Meeting.—Ten couples started on St. Andrew's Day to compete for the various prizes. The St. Andrew's cross (scratch) was won by Major Bethune, the Moreton challenge cup by Mr. M. Tabuteau, and the club prize by the Hon. Douglas H. Cairns, who made the best score and his first win. It should be mentioned that Mr. W. F. Fisher tied with Major Bethune, but on playing off the Major proved the victor.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

Notwithstanding the frost of Friday night and the heavy rain of Saturday, no less than forty members put in an appearance at Sudbrook Park, to play for the scratch and monthly medals.

The green, which now embraces the first and second holes of the new course, was, in spite of the adverse circumstances, in wonderfully good condition, and the fact that there is now no crossing on the round of eighteen holes, was fully appreciated. For the scratch medal and gold memento Mr. A. T. Jockel presented the winning card, with a score of 81—a very good one, too, considering the weather, and the fact that the course is at present three strokes longer; and he is to be congratulated upon the honour of being recorded the first winner, Mr. John Gairdner, with 85, being second, and Mr. F. B. Maddison, 89, third. For the monthly medal Mr. W. T. Jockel, scratch, 81, and Mr. W. F. F. Harris, 96, less 15=81, tied for first place. For the junior medal Mr. J. W. Johnson returned the winning card, marked 111, less 21=90.

The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. T. Jockel ...	81	scr. 81	Mr. J. Swain ...	103	14 89
Mr. W. F. Harris ...	96	15 81	Mr. S. F. Higgins...	98	9 89
Mr. John Gairdner..	85	scr. 85	Mr. H. Knight ...	101	9 92
Mr. F. B. Maddison	89	4 85	Mr. H. M. Davidson	99	5 94
Mr. John Hodgkin	105	18 87	Mr. R. E. Yerburch	106	12 94
Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	91	3 88	Mr. J. B. Chamberlain	108	13 95
Mr. A. Pollock ...	91	3 88	Mr. E. O. Drabble..	108	11 97
Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	93	5 88	Mr. H. Graham ...	116	18 98
Mr. J. B. Whitworth	106	18 88	Mr. H. W. Stock ...	116	18 98

Junior medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. W. Johnson..	111	21 90	Mr. H. E. W. Woot-	ton	115 20 95
Mr. H. M. Cundall..	112	21 91	Mr. J. W. Whitmore	117	27 90
Mr. H. P. Williams	113	20 93			

No returns from Mr. B. Thomas, Captain Gillon, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. H. Frisby, Mr. T. Lock, Mr. A. Allen, Mr. D. C. Millar, Mr. E. C. Davidson, Mr. G. Davidson, Mr. J. P. Simpson, Mr. E. M. Cockell, Mr. A. T. Marson, Mr. G. Brook, Mr. C. Colman, Mr. H. F. Dibbin, Mr. J. E. W. Webb, and Mr. G. Pritchard. After the meeting about forty members dined together at the Richmond Club.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The autumn handicap foursome tournament for prizes presented by the Rev. J. H. Ellis was brought to a conclusion on Monday, the 5th inst. Twenty couples started in the tournament, the details of the play in which are as follows:—

First Heat.—Messrs. J. M. and J. S. Sawyer; E. F. S. Tylecote and W. E. Hughes; F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob; T. A. Raynes, and M. H. Richardson; G. Humphreys and H. H. Turner; W. H. M. Christie and A. A. Common; W. G. Barnes and W. G. Kentish; W. Morris and E. A. Walker; C. Lethbridge and E. Pinkerton; G. F. Sanders and C. B. Lindsay; G. Spurling and G. Watson Smyth, and the Rev. J. H. Ellis and Mr. C. N. Baker, drew byes. Messrs. J. G. Gibson and H. Gillon (plus 9) beat Mr. J. W. G. Andras and Dr. P. C. Scott by 6 up and 5 to play; Messrs. W. K. Graham and W. C. Johnson (3) beat Messrs. A. T. Drysdale and R. M. Richardson by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. Robert Whyte and John Osmond (plus 11) beat Messrs. Frederick and Francis Gilbert by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. A. Schacht and R. Winch (plus 12) beat Messrs. J. H. Frean and G. C. Snelling by 2 up and 1 to play.

Second Heat.—Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and W. E. Hughes (plus 7) beat Messrs. J. M. and J. S. Sawyer by one hole; Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob had a walk-over from Messrs. T. A. Raynes and M. H. Richardson, who scratched; Messrs. W. H. M. Christie and A. A. Common (plus 1) beat Messrs. G. Humphreys and H. H. Turner by 8 up and 6 to play; Messrs. W. Morris and E. A. Walker (plus 12) beat Messrs. W. G. Barnes and W. G. Kentish by 10 up and 9 to play; Messrs. G. F. Sanders and C. B. Lindsay (3) beat Messrs. C. Lethbridge and E. Pinkerton by 7 up and 6 to play; the Rev. J. H. Ellis and Mr. C. M. Baker (1) beat Messrs. G. Spurling and G. Watson Smyth by 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. W. K. Graham and W. C. Johnson had a walk-over from Messrs. J. G. Gibson and H. Gillon, who scratched; Messrs. A. Schacht and R. Winch, playing Messrs. Robert Whyte and John Osmond even, won by 3 up and 2 to play.

Third Heat.—Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and W. E. Hughes (plus 1) beat Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob by 2 holes; Messrs. W. Morris and E. A. Walker (plus 6) beat Messrs. W. H. M. Christie and A. A. Common by 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. G. F. Sanders and C. B. Lindsay (2) beat the Rev. J. H. Ellis and Mr. C. M. Baker by 2 holes; Messrs. W. K. Graham and W. C. Johnson (6) beat Messrs. A. Schacht and R. Winch by 5 up and 4 to play.

Fourth Heat.—Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and W. E. Hughes (plus 3) beat Messrs. W. Morris and E. A. Walker by 1 hole; Messrs. W. K. Graham and W. C. Johnson (plus 1) beat Messrs. G. F. Sanders and C. B. Lindsay by 2 holes.

Final Heat.—Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and W. E. Hughes, giving 8 strokes to Messrs. W. K. Graham and W. C. Johnson, became the winners of the tournament, beating their opponents by 7 up and 5 to play.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

THE BAR CUP.

The competition for this cup took place on Saturday, 26th November, when the weather proved all that could be desired, and that, added to a very large turn-out of members, made a most successful day. The cup was presented to the club by some members of the Irish Bar, and is competed for half-yearly by strokes, under handicap, limited to 20. There was some remarkably good scoring on Saturday, which rather upset the calculations of the handicappers. Mr. D. F. Moore and Dr. McCausland tied for first place with 75 net each. The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. McCausland ...	90	15 75	Dr. A. Traill ...	97	14 83
Mr. D. F. Moore ...	95	20 75	Mr. W. R. Joynt ...	98	15 83
Mr. W. H. Dodd ...	96	20 76	Mr. J. O. Wylie ...	100	17 83
Mr. H. Daly ...	95	18 77	Mr. J. R. Bristow ...	103	20 83
Mr. J. M. Dickson	90	10 80	Mr. F. H. Orr ...	97	13 84
Mr. C. D. Barry ...	100	20 80	Mr. J. Lumsden, jun.	97	6 91
Capt. P. E. P. Crawford	91	9 82	Mr. J. H. Barrington	113	14 99
Mr. W. Hone ...	89	6 83	Mr. H. Henderson	120	20 100

On playing off the tie Mr. D. F. Moore was an easy winner with a gross score of 98, less 20=78; against Dr. McCausland, 105, less 15=90.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrews Day meeting of the above club took place at Hoylake last Saturday, in damp and squally weather. Thirty-five couples competed for the prizes, the result being that Mr. John Ball, jun., has won the St. Andrews gold cross and memento with an excellent score of 78, made up as follows:—

Out ...	4	6	3	3	6	3	4	3	5=37	} 78
In ...	4	5	4	4	5	6	3	5	5=41	

Next to him came Mr. Chas. Hutchings, who also played a fine game, returning a card of 81, made up as follows:—

Out ...	5	5	4	6	5	5	4	3	5=42	} 81
In ...	6	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	4=39	

Mr. Chas. Hutchison won the club handicap prize in the first class with the score of 81, plus 2=83, receiving hearty congratulations from every one. In the second class, the club handicap prize was won by Mr. W. Y. Crowe. The first sweepstakes fell to Mr. Chas. Hutchings, the second and third being divided between Messrs. Jas. Fairclough and A. H. Higgins. Mr. H. H. Hilton, who was also playing, did not return a card. The scores were as follows:—

First class (limited to 14 handicap)—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. Hutchings...	81	+2 83	Mr. "H. Henry"...	104	13 91
Mr. F. P. Crowther	84	+2 86	Mr. R. Haigh ...	106	14 92
Mr. A. H. Higgins	90	4 86	Mr. J. Ball, sen. ...	95	2 93
Mr. Jas. Fairclough	91	5 86	Mr. G. R. Cox ...	94	scr. 94
Mr. R. L. Dalglish	98	12 86	Mr. E. H. Porter...	106	12 94
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	78	+9 87	Mr. H. M. Blythe...	108	14 94
Mr. H. Farrar ...	85	+2 87	Mr. R. F. Miln ...	104	8 96
Mr. T. R. Bulley ...	100	12 88	Mr. Nigel Stewart...	109	12 97
Mr. H. Wrigley ...	100	12 88	Mr. J. J. Yates ...	109	12 97
Mr. G. C. H. Dunlop	101	13 88	Mr. E. Whineray ...	103	5 98
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	86	+3 89	Mr. Hinton Spalding	111	13 98
Mr. C. J. Crowther	97	8 89	Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	112	14 98
Mr. W. Potter (2)...	97	7 90	Mr. R. Gool ...	105	6 99
Mr. A. Lawson ...	102	12 90	Mr. Chas. Holt ...	110	11 99

Twenty-seven competitors made no returns.

Second class (15 to 30 handicap)—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Y. Crowe...	106	18 88	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	112	18 94
Mr. B. H. Hilton ...	114	24 90	Mr. W. S. Patterson	113	18 95
Mr. E. H. Higgins	106	15 91	Mr. T. Turpin ...	120	25 95
Mr. W. W. Sandbrook	109	18 91	Mr. P. Brown ...	121	26 95
			Mr. T. H. Bingham	120	19 101

Seven competitors made no returns.

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ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the club prize took place on Tuesday, 22nd November, and was won by Miss Mitchell with a net score of 87. There were twelve monthly competitions for this prize, but as Miss Oldfield won three and Miss Horsfall two, and Mrs. Culshaw scratched, there were only eight players in the final competition. The weather was bad, and the condition of the ground made low scoring impossible. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Mitchell	101	14	87	Miss Oldfield	116	14	102
Miss Horsfall	109	20	89	Miss M. Saunders	106	2	104
Miss Craddock	98	6	92	Miss G. Stanger-Leathes	130	7	123
Miss Saunders	92	+1	93				
Miss Sidebottom	124	29	95				

On Wednesday, 23rd November, the monthly competition for the Badger "In Memoriam" prize and optional sweepstake took place. As Miss N. Saunders had already won a monthly competition for the prize, she was unable by the terms of the competition to hold it again, and it was accordingly taken by Miss Craddock. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss N. Saunders	92	6	86	Miss G. Stanger-Leathes	121	7	114
Miss Craddock	97	6	91				
Miss Saunders	95	+1	96				

A "Bogey" competition was played for Miss Oldfield's prize on Friday, with the following result:—Miss M. Saunders (2), 11 down; Miss Craddock (4), 12 down; Miss Saunders (plus 1), 13 down; Miss N. Saunders (5), 13 down; Miss Mitchell (10), 14 down; Miss Vinning (11), 15 down. Miss A. Allen, Miss C. Allen, Mrs. Flavel, and Miss L. Hassall no return.

A putting competition followed for Dr. Horsfall's prize. Nine players entered, the winner being Miss N. Saunders.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The first of the two winter competitions, over one round of the course, for the Gray trophy, took place on Saturday. The rain, which descended heavily in the morning, fortunately held off in the afternoon. With the severe frost during the night the greens were very treacherous, and made putting a matter of chance rather than of skill. Seventeen competitors were got away in the usual good order:—Mr. E. W. Walker, 94, less 15=79; Mr. C. Cooper, 88, less 7=81; Rev. F. W. Savory, 107, less 25=82; Mr. W. Purves, 92, less 5=87; Mr. J. F. Wilson, 102, less 15=87; Mr. W. H. Baumann, 112, less 25=87; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 92, less 4=88; Mr. F. W. Purvis, 93, less 2=91; Mr. H. Simpson, 105, less 12=93. Eight other members made no returns.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The Sanger Cup was played for on Saturday, 26th ult., and resulted in a tie between Mr. H. Tyler and Rev. F. C. Williamson.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. Tyler	93	10	83	Capt. Warren	94	10	84
Rev. F. C. Williamson	95	12	83	Capt. Harrison	95	10	85

The tie was played off on Monday, 28th inst., the Rev. F. C. Williamson being the winner with 86, less 12=74; Mr. H. Tyler, 92, less 10=82.

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly handicap competition in connection with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club took place on Wednesday, 30th ult., with the following result:—Mr. A. F. Macfie, 83, plus 1=84; Mr. F. G. Tait, scratch, 87; Mr. Edward Blackwell, 86, plus 1=87; Mr. R. Gilroy, 93, less 4=89; Mr. H. S. C. Everard, scratch, 91; Mr. G. Duncan, 98, less 6=92; Mr. J. Cunningham, scratch, 96; Mr. W. P. Thornburn, jun., 114, less 18=96.

ST. NEOTS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition for McNish prize, December 3rd:—Miss Bower, 72 (winner of prize); Miss Ryder, 74; Miss K. Meade, 80; Mrs. J. W. Addington, 95; Mrs. Jordan, 97; Mrs. Good, 98; Mrs. P. C. Tomson, 99. One member made no return.

WEST HERTS v. EALING GOLF CLUB.

A match was played over the West Herts Golf Course at Bushey, on Saturday last. The home team winning by 2 holes. Subjoined are the scores:—

EALING.		Holes.	WEST HERTS.		Holes.
Mr. C. Plummer (captain)	...	0	Mr. A. Melville	...	1
Mr. C. Martin	...	4	Mr. R. S. Clouston (captain)	...	0
Mr. R. Nesbitt	...	1	Mr. A. B. Chalmers	...	0
Mr. F. Carver	...	7	Mr. A. H. Wallace	...	0
Mr. F. Robertson	...	1	Mr. C. E. Pearson	...	0
Mr. A. D. Walker	...	0	Mr. B. M. Barton	...	1
Mr. J. Rogers	...	0	Mr. J. H. Whitehorn	...	3
Mr. R. F. Yeo	...	0	Mr. O. W. F. Hill	...	1
Mr. R. C. Hutton	...	0	Mr. G. F. Pearson	...	4
Major Maule	...	0	Mr. Howard Williams	...	5
		13			15

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrews meeting of this club was held on Wednesday, November 30th. Fifteen couples started, notwithstanding the stormy weather, which prevailed during the day. Two club prizes were played for under handicap, Mrs. Ainsworth winning the first with a score of 98, and Mrs. J. W. Fowler the second with 99. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Ainsworth	98	scr.	98	Miss Goffey	134	20	114
Mrs. J. W. Fowler	99	scr.	99	Miss Vallance	130	16	114
Mrs. J. A. Beausire	117	12	105	Miss L. McCulloch	122	8	114
Miss T. Taylor	125	20	105	Miss A. Welch	117	2	115
Miss J. Potter	114	8	106	Miss G. F. Taylor	108	+8	116
Mrs. Duranty	127	20	107	Miss Hobbs	121	5	116
Miss Stoddart	105	+5	110	Mrs. W. Potter	133	14	119
Mrs. Chalmers	131	+18	113				

WESTON-SUPER-MARE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was held on Saturday, the 26th inst., and in spite of the very unpromising weather a fair number of players turned up. Some good scoring was recorded, but owing to a tremendous downpour of rain during the afternoon some of the best players failed to do themselves justice, and the number of no returns was larger than usual. Two new putting-greens were used for the first time, and it speaks well for the natural drainage of the soil when we are able to say that none of the greens were unfavourably affected by the prolonged rain of last week.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. B. Bartley	106	12	94	Mr. R. F. Duckworth	124	14	110
Mr. H. Gillmore	108	9	99	Mr. J. E. Aldridge	174	25	149
Mr. T. Holt	110	5	105				

No returns from the other players.

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The St. Andrew's cup was played for on November 30th; a strong wind in the morning must account for some unduly high scoring.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Pickstock	104	18	86	Mr. H. Gore Brown	114	20	94
Mr. W. S. Brockley	100	13	87	Rev. H. L. Porter	110	12	98
Rev. G. Richardson	114	22	92	Rev. J. T. Bramston	114	14	100

The other scores handed in were over 100 net. The Fairbairn cup for two rounds, handicap limited to sixteen, was played for on November 30th and December 1st. The second day was so wet that only four competitors appeared on the links. It was won by Rev. H. L. Porter, 215, less 24=191. All the other scores were over 200 net. Three new greens have been made in place of three very sloppy ones, and the course promises to be much improved by next year.

EAST FIFE GOLF CLUB.—Both the monthly silver medal and the deer-head competition in connection with this club took place on the Grangemuir course on Saturday afternoon. There was a small attendance. But for frost setting in during the early part of the afternoon, the green would have been in a very soft condition owing to the rainfall in the forenoon. At the close, Mr. David Laurie, Pittenweem, became the winner in both competitions with a scratch score of 79.

MUSSELBURGH CORPORATION MEDAL.—The members and officials of Musselburgh Town Council played over the links on Tuesday, 29th ult., for a medal which has been subscribed for among themselves to be played for annually. The game was played in a strong wind, and scoring was accordingly high. The medal was won by ex-Bailie Smith with a score of 100, less 4=96. Councillor Bourhill was second, scratch, 97.

FORMATION OF A CLUB FOR AUCHTERARDER.—At a meeting of gentlemen interested in Golf it was unanimously resolved to form a club for Auchterarder and district. The following office-bearers were appointed:—Captain Dr. Macfee, Colonsay House; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. S. Leslie, of the Bank of Scotland. Members of committee, Colonel Hally, Messrs. T. W. Burgh Smeaton, H. Macduff Duncan, jun.; Peter Paton, and James Mallis. Suitable ground, containing a number of hazards, and extending to about forty-six acres, has been leased from the Muir Commissioners. A professional is to be engaged to mark out the course, which has the great advantage of being quite close to the town, and about ten minutes' walk from Crieff Junction Station, and will form an additional attraction for summer visitors to Auchterarder.

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ST. ANDREWS CLUB.

THE COMMITTEE of the St. Andrews Club propose shortly to call, by advertisement in GOLF, a meeting of Members to afford them full particulars with regard to the closing of the Club, which became necessary owing to the failure of the House and Land Investment Company. In the meantime, Members are hereby informed that all communications they may have received, or may receive, from Mr. Patterson, are entirely unauthorised by the Committee.

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BRUNTSFIELD SHORT HOLE CLUB.—At the annual social gathering of the Bruntsfield Short Hole Golf Club, held on Wednesday night, 30th ult., in the Oddfellows' Hall, Edinburgh, Councillor Mackenzie, who presided, said there had been a slight falling-off in the membership of the club, and that the secretary attributed the falling-off partly to the weather and partly to the Town Council. The club approached the Town Council with a request to have their green in Bruntsfield Links extended, and for some slight contribution towards its upkeep, and they were refused. He was sorry for that. He did not think the Town Council was at all beyond being taught a little—(applause)—and he did not think the club should be discouraged. Although they were refused once, they should just go at the Town Council again. In that Council it was sometimes more difficult to get a small matter than a big affair, because when they wanted anything big there was generally a big man at the back of it. Small things were apt to be ignored. He did not think that money saved at the expense of such a small matter as they had asked, and in other such ways, was well saved. Some of them in the Council did not want to spend money extravagantly, but in making the town better and sweeter for those districts that really wanted it. (Applause.) The Council had not done right in not contributing something towards the upkeep of the club's green, and he advised them again to approach the Council, in the hope that a certain part of the upkeep of the green might be given by the Corporation.

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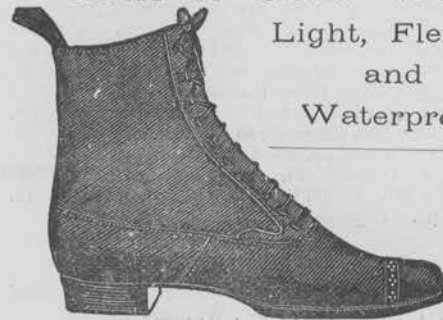
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