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JULY.

- July 30.—Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester : All Comers' Medal.
 Luffness : County Cup.
 Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
 Seaford : Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest : Summer Meeting.
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Second Summer Meeting.
 Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
 Woodford : Captain's Prize.
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Summer Meeting.
 Crookham : Monthly Medal.
 West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
 Cinque Ports, Deal : Monthly Medal.
 Warwickshire : Monthly Competition.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—Royal Isle of Wight : Summer Meeting.
 Ashdown Forest : Forest Row Cup.
 Royal Liverpool : Summer Meeting.
 West Lancashire : August Meeting.
 Buxton and High Peak : Visitors' Cup.
 St. George's, Sandwich : August Meeting.
 Felixstowe : Second Summer Meeting.
 Rochester : Monthly Medal.
 Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
 Woodford : Club Handicap.
 Newbiggin : Treasurer's Prize.
 Aldeburgh : Summer Meeting.

- Aug. 2.—Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
 Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest : Elms August Challenge Cup.
 Aug. 3.—Minehead : Monthly Medal.
 Aug. 4.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
 Aug. 4, 5 & 6.—Innerleven : Amateur Champion Gold Medal.
 Aug. 5.—Royal Cornwall : Club Competition.
 Aug. 6.—Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
 Lea Hurst : Committee Cup.
 Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
 London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
 Warrender : Monthly Medal.
 Richmond : Monthly Medal.
 Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
 Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
 Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
 Newbiggin : Club Prize.
 Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
 Royal County, Portrush : Gentlemen's Foursome.
 Aug. 9.—Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
 Aug. 10.—Durham : Walter Cup.
 Newhaven : Monthly Medal.
 Aug. 11.—Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
 Aug. 13.—Thistle, Edinburgh : Half-Yearly Medal and Prizes.
 Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
 St. George's, Sandwich : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
 Southport : Monthly Medal.
 Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
 Bradford St. Andrew's : Rhodes Medal.
 Luffness : Hope Challenge Medal.
 Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
 Guildford : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
 Leasowe : Monthly Meeting.
 Scarborough : Silver Medal.
 Staines :—Monthly Medal.
 Hayling Island : Club Monthly Challenge Cup (Entrance, 2s. 6d).
 Aug 13-15.—Hayling Island : Summer Meeting.
 Aug. 15.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
 Aug. 16.—Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Medal Competition.
 Aug. 18.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
 Rochester v. Barham Downs (at Higham).
 Aug. 20.—Gullane : GRAND TOURNAMENT (See advertisement).
 Formby : Captain's Prize.
 Ealing : Monthly Medal.
 Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
 Cumbrae : Members v. Visitors Match.
 Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
 Thistle, Edinburgh : Monthly Trophy.
 Blairgowrie : Chalmers Medal.

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MY FELLOW-GOLFERS.

X.—"PAW DAVVLE." (PART I.)

We have two or three professed misogynists in the club—men of the opinion of Mr. Bartle Massey, that women are simply one of the evils of this state of probation which it is lawful for a man to keep as clear of as he can in this life, "hoping to get quit of 'em for ever in another"; men who, when they hear a friend is going to be married, are always ready to exclaim, with the bitter emphasis of Mr. Pott, "Married! It serves him right."

Such a man is old Jem Challinor-Hutchisson, whom many of us recollect fifteen years back, a man of fifty-five, of essentially weak character, but of the most charming manners, very fond of good dinners and of good batchelor company; much taken up with shooting, varied by foreign travel, and handling his driver and his iron with the best of us; now a broken-spirited "lean and slippered pantaloan," mingling but little with his fellow-members, and given to muttering over newspapers and magazines in remote club corners. "*Heu! quantum mutatus!*" says clever, sceptical Jack Spencer, who, though much younger, was own familiar friend and crony of poor Hutchisson in days of yore.

It is fifteen years ago to-day, and yet it seems but yesterday, that one of our fellows (it was Jack Spencer himself) received a letter from Jem, dated from Moscow, saying he was going to "get married." The announcement was received in the club with general astonishment, with ridicule, with incredulity. Challinor-Hutchisson to marry, who had all his life, from his very boyhood, been possessed by the regular bachelor instinct—nay, by a kind of incomprehensible dislike of and repulsion from women, which had been a constant subject of grief and vexation to his own people while they lived (for Jem was heir to great possessions), and of prodigious annoyance to the county magnates, who had eligible daughters to dispose of, and desired to see him endow one of them with that lovely old Elizabethan house, and that wonderful deer-park, and those diamonds. This man of fifty-five, this middle-aged Benedict, this "woman-thrope," this *bon-vivant*, given to enjoying himself at ease after the ways of his own heart and the sight of his own eyes to marry! Pooh! The thing was absurd, impossible!

But there it was in black and white, and men crowded round to learn more; and it was with a sort of groan that the news was received that the *fiancée* was a Russian girl, aged nineteen, and of no particular extraction. "Caught a Tartar and done for himself, I expect," said Billy Roxby, lighting his manilla; and this was the general opinion expressed in a picturesque and forcible variety of forms.

And caught a Tartar he really had, a veritable Tartar, beneath that beautiful surface. From the very first the marriage was a most miserable one. What true communion and companionship could there be between a very weak, very self-indulgent *passé* man of fifty-five, with a tendency to rheumatism and chalk-stones, and a wilful, utterly ignorant, entirely obstinate, perverse, fiery-tempered, robust, greedy, religionless child of nineteen. She soon mastered her victim absolutely, for he dared not oppose a will immensely stronger than his own, and which, when thwarted, showed signs of remarkably grim and ugly possibilities. Very early in the game he threw up the cards, abandoned all attempts at liberty and the last shred of self-respect, and gave himself up to be her dog, her slave; ordered imperatively (and in public often) to get up from *Galignani*, and put on the coats, or shut the door, or to come and carry an umbrella over the head of his charmer while she did an hour or two's shopping. The rule, autocratic, absolute, of this young lady over her elderly beau was the subject of constant amusement and discussion in the hotels on the Continent to which the *malheureux* were personally conducted in their wanderings.

And with the cessation of all opposition to her plans and "fads" and fancies, the will-power of this amiable Muscovite developed itself rapidly in various directions. She flatly declined to go to England till it should suit her convenience, and, having insisted on poor Jem hiring at a high rent and furnishing at a great expense a house in St. Petersburg, she changed her mind, and ordered him to take her to Monaco. There she dropped a good deal of money at the tables, sported *bizarre* dresses,

smoked cigarettes, and danced and joked with rakish foreigners and raffish Englishmen of the Captain Rook type, who seemed to think a husband quite *de trop*, and, as it appeared to Hutchisson, treated his spouse with odious familiarity. When he remonstrated she laughed "*dans son nez*," and assured him, with a grin, that she perfectly well knew how to take care of herself, and that, though she was amused by this *canaille*, he need not fear that she meant to carry matters *à outrance*. "Meantime," she said, "*laissez moi faire, mon vieux*," and let her "*faire*" her "*vieux*" did, having no other resource, poor chap.

But, before long, Monaco palled upon this restless Russian Venus, and her lord was straightway ordered to Paris, and from thence he was whirled off, unresisting (outwardly), but with bitterness in his heart, to Rome, Constantinople, Simla, Madrid, the Canary Islands, the Northern Hebrides, the Fiji Islands, Davos Platz—who knows where else!—at the tail of this expensive comet. Sometimes she flirted madly with the men they met on their tour, nearly driving our Jemmy frantic; at another time she developed a perfectly absurd and causeless jealousy of *him*, opened all his letters, followed him in his solitary walks, and even paid people to report his proceedings to her. At Naples she turned *malade imaginaire*, consulted (and quarrelled with) all the doctors in the city, crammed her bedroom with medicine bottles, and made him push her about for hours in a wheel-chair in the sun. Then she suddenly turned *dévoté*, forced him to rise, at who knows what o'clock, to take her to early services, and decided that the time had arrived for both of them to "make their sows," as Paddy has it.

(To be continued.)

A NEW GOLF-CLUB BAG.

Mr. David Stocks, 20, Niddry Street, Edinburgh, who is a golfer of many years' standing, has designed and patented a new Golf-club bag, which ought to be found very serviceable on greens where caddies are not readily obtainable, where Sunday play is in vogue, or where caddies are very expensive to hire. The bag is of the usual size, and is fitted with a tube and rod, by which the bag is made to stand upright. The rod slips up and down the tube, and, by a slight pressure on the ball at the top, fixes the bag to the ground upright, thus avoiding all unnecessary stooping, and giving the player a quick and easy selection. To lift the bag the rod is pulled upwards, when it disappears into the tube, leaving no unsightly or dangerous point protruding. The bag is fitted with a large and handy pocket *inside*, to hold cap and balls.

The straps are arranged to form a handle or shoulder-strap, as desired, and the bag has neat straps outside for waterproof coat or umbrella. It will not tilt, as is usual, when filled with clubs, and, from the nature of its construction, it feels lighter, and is more readily carried in the hand. If a caddie is engaged, it can be made an ordinary bag by simply withdrawing the rod. The price of the bag is very little more than that of the unpatented article.

DUNBLANE CLUB.—On Saturday the 16th, the members of Dunblane Club went over the Laighill course in the monthly medal (handicap) competition. The weather was splendid. About forty members competed. The following were the lowest scorers:—Mr. G. Gibson, 107, less 25=82; Mr. J. Wilson (scratch), 85; Mr. W. Crow, 102, less 15=87; Mr. W. Tetlow, 101, 12=89; Mr. R. Cramb, 107, less 18=89; Mr. B. Campbell, 99, less 9=90; Mr. T. Wilson, 100, less 4=96; Mr. A. Barty, (scratch), 96; Mr. R. M. Christie, (scratch), 96; Mr. J. Scott, 117, less 20=97; Mr. R. Henderson (captain), 92, plus 6=98; Mr. J. Whyte (scratch), 98; Mr. J. Penny, 105, less 6=99. Mr. Gibson is therefore winner of the medal for the month, with the score of 82.

TROON LADIES' CLUB.—Scratch competition for club gold medal:—Mrs. Fleming, 69; Miss J. Bishop, 69; Miss A. Ross, 69—tie; Miss Robertson, 70; Miss Mary Bishop, 71; Miss Bayne, 75; Miss Katie Bishop, 76; Miss Ivy Clark, 78; Miss M. Hutchison, 82; Miss Guthrie, 88; Miss M. Cowan, 96. On the tie being played off, Miss Ross won. Scratch competition for girls, for silver medal presented by the Ladies' Club:—Miss J. Ross, 83; Miss M. Fullarton, 84; Miss Peggy Fleming, 88; Miss Mary Fleming, 91; Miss Maggie Walker, 93; Miss Elsie Macfarlane, 104; Miss Winnie Barclay, 114; Miss Rhona Abercrombie, 127; Miss May Abercrombie, 160.

IS GOLF AN ATHLETIC GAME?

THERE is a strong feeling among the non-golfing portion of the population that Golf is not a suitable game for the younger generation. Even the elderly players share in the sentiment. The reason is not far to seek. It is found in the peculiar characteristic of the game. There is no other form of athletics in which the old man and the small boy can attain to such relative proficiency. Hence people think that a game which is fit for the very young and the very old cannot be a suitable exercise for the man who is approaching the prime of life.

Is, then, Golf an athletic game? The answer must be affirmative. Athleticism is but a combination of strength and grace. The various forms of athletics may attach a special importance to one of these qualities, but none can afford, while fostering the one, to neglect the other. Golf emphasises so strongly the value of grace that it conceals from many the necessity of strength. Few criticisms are more common than the remark, "*Golf! it requires no strength.*" There could hardly be a stronger testimony to the character of the game, for the perfection of strength is to conceal its presence.

The nature of Golf is well seen by comparing it with the three other forms of athletics which have the greatest popularity with the younger generation, viz., cricket, football, and rowing. Cricket is similar to Golf in that it requires a complete subordination of force to skill. But Golf is the more athletic game; for during the half of a cricket match the player is not engaged in active exercise. Football, again, puts too great a premium upon force. It requires skill; but weight and strength go far to make up for its absence among half the members of a team. Lastly, rowing resembles Golf in its impartial cultivation of skill and force; but it falls short of Golf, as a mode of exercise, in that it cannot be continuously pursued for so long a time. In fact, Golf possesses to a unique degree the prime requisite of athleticism—the harmonious combination of strength and grace—and possesses the additional advantage that it can be played for hours by men of any age.

This is the characteristic of Golf—that it can be played by men of all ages—and it is the expression of its nature. It requires strength and it requires skill; and success depends upon the subordination of the former to the latter. From tee to disc it is an athletic game. The drive appears so easy that no one but a golfer knows, as he watches the flight of the ball straight down the course, that it has been struck at exactly the correct spot. But now the lie is heavy, and the putting green is far away. Down comes the head of the brassy, with every ounce of muscle in the blow, and the ball again springs forward to the hole. To make such a stroke is one of the glories of the game, as it requires absolute precision of aim and as much force as can be combined with it. But the ball has been caught in a small bunker of loose sand. Every bit of strength is required to drive the niblick through the sand, and force the ball up over the bank in front. And now a gentle approach will lay it on the green; but a hazard must be crossed, and the hole is just beyond it. The ball is pitched within six inches of the edge; it runs a short way, stops a few feet from the hole, and a careful putt sends it to the bottom.

"Golf needs no strength!" The idea is absurd. Golf is not like billiards, though it is also unlike the work of a miner. Those who maintain that it is merely a game of skill, have either no experience of it or no power of observation. Two or three rounds in the day of an eighteen-

hole course will be enough to fatigue the most powerful athlete, and the better the player the more he will feel the strain. For among the factors of success, the element of strength is as important as that of skill. The best players are to be found among the strongest men.


ERIC.

A GOLF PIPE.

This is the latest novelty which has been brought out for the benefit of the golfing community. The wonder is that the thing has not been attempted before, seeing how readily the implements of the game lend themselves to miniature reproduction, not only in jewelry but in other forms of ornamental and decorative art. The Golf Pipe is elegant in appearance and practical in use, as it can be smoked with or without the long stem, and the Golfer

who indulges in the fragrant weed will be able to enjoy a long pipe while reading, or a short one at cards or billiards. The stem of the pipe is an exact reproduction of the club, but of course, proportionately smaller, and the bowl, which is made of briar or meerschaum, resembles a Golf ball, both in size and appearance.



The pipe can be obtained through any tobacconist from the makers of the well-known brand of  Pipes. Judging from the specimen now before us, the makers seem to have produced this interesting novelty in material of excellent quality and high finish of workmanship. We cannot imagine a more suitable prize for competition than the long Golf Pipe with meerschaum bowl, and handsome case covered with Russia leather. The short briar pipe will be found a useful addition to the Golfer's outfit.

THE BEST GOLF TAILORS are Messrs. A. CAIGER & COMPANY, 88, Piccadilly, W., and Richmond, Surrey, who make a speciality of a really good coat (damp-proof) on hygienic principles, and which has a delightful feeling of ease in play. The firm have also a special Ladies' Department, and make a smart golfing costume upon the same principles (with waterproof skirt), which can be recommended for health and comfort. A *chic* costume made in the very best manner. Buttons engraved any crest or monogram. Messrs. CAIGER & Co. send patterns and sketches to any part of the world free, and give special quotations to club orders.



The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, will hold a meeting at Brancaster on Friday and Saturday, August 26th and 27th. On the first mentioned day, a pair of silver-mounted carvers and forks, presented by Mrs. Young and Miss Birch. (value £5 5s) will be competed for, and also a prize of the value of £2 2s., given by the club. On August 27th, a silver match-box with enamel portrait of Tom Morris, presented by Mr. J. J. Cater (handicap limited to 18 strokes), will be played for, as well as the monthly medal.

An article entitled "The Apotheosis of Golf," written by Mr. W. E. Norris, and illustrated by H. D. Nicholls and W. H. Drake, will be a prominent feature in the August number of the *Century* magazine.

The first foursome that played over the new course at Silloth were afforded some amusement by a remark from one of the boys who had been called in to act as caddies. The boys had evidently never seen Golf played before, as on Mungo Park (who is the greenkeeper) asking one of them if he could not find another boy to carry, he received as a reply, "No, but I could get you a barrow!"

Mr. W. G. Grace has recently been giving expression to his views upon the respective merits of cricket and Golf. "It has been suggested to me," says the great cricketer, "that Golf is likely to prove a formidable rival to cricket, and certainly to lovers of our national game the hold Golf has taken in England in the last few years must be of more than ordinary interest. Wherein lies the charm of Golf I know not. So far I have only looked on at the game. I am more concerned with its possible influence on my own particular branch of sport, and here I do not think there is much occasion for anxiety. Golf, in spite of the charms ascribed to it, will not affect the future of cricket, although it may take a firm hold amongst us."

Hugh Kirkaldy (the professional champion), who sustained a defeat by David Brown a few days ago at Malvern, is sanguine, in the return match to be played at Forest Row, on the Ashdown Forest Links, on Saturday the 30th inst., of proving victorious on his own ground.

Playing over St. Andrews on Monday, the 18th, old Tom Morris, playing with Mr. Neilson, came away with the grand score of 82 strokes. The veteran seems to be playing as good a game in his 71st year as he did when he was a much younger man. In his game on Monday, he missed three putts, but still came in with a score which many younger golfers would envy. His detailed score was:—

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

A CADDIE'S ADVICE; OR LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP. —A correspondent writes:—It is seldom one meets in London an individual—otherwise faultlessly attired—covered from head to foot with wet mud. This was, however, the plight in which I encountered a friend emerging from a certain railway station not a hundred miles from the City. The Golf-clubs which he carried led me to suppose that he had been golfing, but for

his mud-bespattered condition I was at a loss to account. "I thought I'd just run down to X. for a round. Do you know the links by-the-bye? No? Well there's a beastly stream there. I was afraid I should lose my ball in it, as I've often done before, but I cleared it beautifully. As the bridge was some way off, and I was in a hurry, I thought I would save time and jump the stream. My caddie assured me that the drop on the other side was all that could be desired; so taking a short run I leapt forward and landed . . . in two solid feet of mud instead of the hard shingly beach I had expected. The malicious fates were not content with pitching me up to my knees in mud, but in endeavouring to extricate myself I must needs slip and fall backwards!"

A nine-hole course has just been laid out by Tom Dunn at Chesterford Park, Saffron Walden, the estate of Mr. Cunliffe. The same number of holes for putting was also made on the lawn.

On the occasion of his recent visit to North Berwick the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour gave ample evidence of his enthusiasm for the Royal and Ancient game, covering almost daily as many as three rounds of the course, and at the close apparently as fresh as ever. Mr. Balfour is an excellent partner in single or foursome, and, although none more keen than he to win, he accepts a beating most pleasantly. His golfing display, however, is by no means that of the tyro, and indeed the improvement evinced in his game since a previous visit to North Berwick, caused not a little astonishment. The Right Hon. gentleman is also hardly proof against the temptation to indulge in an occasional bet, so as to introduce an element of additional excitement into the game.

A somewhat interesting incident may be related of Mr. Balfour. In a single at North Berwick, with one of the local professionals, he was sufficiently fortunate to do a hole in two. The professional who was allowing a stroke, speedily found out that in this way Mr. Balfour had won the hole in 1 and accordingly claimed the usual penalty fee. "What!" said Mr. Balfour, with feigned astonishment, "Have I to pay you for looking at me doing the trick? You should certainly pay me, for it was I who did the trick." Needless to say, however, the debt of honour was duly discharged, to the complete satisfaction of the professional despite his discomfiture in the argument.

While the Master of Polwarth was on a visit to the North Berwick electors, in pursuance of his candidature for East Lothian, one of the older caddies was asked by a Unionist supporter if he would vote for the Master. The answer was, that he would both go to his meeting that evening and give him his vote, if he thought he would secure for the Golf caddies the extremely moderate *minimum* payment of two shillings a round. Amidst general amusement the matter was brought to the notice of the candidate at his public meeting the same evening; but, apparently recognising the unpopularity as well as the importance of such a measure, he did not venture a definite promise of support, however, fearful he may have been of the loss of the caddie's favour.

The Golf tournament on Friday last, in connection with the North Berwick Free Church Bazaar, proved very successful, some thirty-three visiting and resident players competing. A feature of the play was the receptionally fine game of Mr. John Forrest, who tied at 77 scratch with two players at 77 net, and who ultimately won the first award with the splendid figure of 73 actual. Mr. James Mitchell, although only fourth in the handicap list, had the second best scratch score, and in present form these players, together with Messrs. D. M. Jackson and James Henderson, representatives of the Bass Rock Club, should make a formidable four in the East Lothian, cup competition to-morrow at Luffness.

We hear from the secretary that the Ranelagh Golf Club re-opens at the end of the present month. Several prizes are offered for competition, and monthly medals will be played for, beginning with August. Members joining the Ranelagh Club during the autumn will be entitled to play Golf till January 1st, 1893, without extra subscription.



HANDICAPPING AT HAYLING ISLAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The fundamental essence of the laws of England is that they are formulated on equity and justice. All good laws are based and framed on analogous lines, and those of Golf are no exception, and all violation of such principles is repugnant and reprehensible. Hayling Island possesses one of the finest links in the South of England; the executive, as individuals, are urbane, liberal and hospitable; no one gainsays their manifold graces. As Tennyson says of Gladstone and his politics, "We love them, but we hate their handicapping."

The following remarks, which will illustrate my meaning, are absolutely free from venom or rancour. They are enunciated more in the spirit of a mentor than that of a censor, believing that inexperience and inadvertence more than vindictiveness or nepotism are the cause of their incongruities. Outside the narrow circle of handicappers, there has been a strong undercurrent of hostile feeling in the club. Take a few typical cases, *ex uno disce omnes*.

1. A player starts with a given handicap; he wins, but is told "Oh! no, your handicap was changed during the round;" eccentric proceeding!

2. Has won a second prize on a previous occasion, but neither that score, nor any other, nor his handicap at his home links, warrant any reduction; nevertheless at the last moment an individual, pencil in hand, and grin on face, enters just before the start and reduces him two; peculiar logic!

3. Is reduced to scratch by the sapient handicappers; he plays but a few times afterwards on the links, when up goes his handicap to 6; verily the ups and downs are as variable as the barometer of the Stock Exchange.

4. Apparently, whenever a small score is made, with or without a win, although the average of twenty competitions may have been 100, the individual is handicapped on the smallest score, which perchance he may never make again. Arbitrary and capricious deeds of this description do not occur on other courses.

5. In a foursome competition, one of the winners has "hopped in" every time he played during the last two years, with a win; the other has not, but incredible as it may seem, the former has had no reduction to his handicap, though the latter was reduced 2. This would tax the credulity of Peter.

6. In the monthly handicap, no matter how big or how little your score is, down goes your handicap if you win. Elsewhere this is never done unless the score is lower than the handicap justifies.

Herewith is the fate of a member whose average score, in some twenty competitions, is over 94. Deduction for winning two monthly competitions, 2; one challenge cup, 1; one cup by holes, 2; one foursome, 2; one cup, 3; total, 10; down to scratch (86). 8 would have been his equitable handicap, and 4 less for his wins.

In the *arcana* of handicapping some latitude must be allowed. It can hardly ever be called a Rhadamantine tribunal; nevertheless the art does not come by nature, like Dogberry's reading and writing. But it should not be capricious and spasmodic; it should be of a less kaleidoscopic and more con-

stant quantity than that by which it is measured by the supreme and irrevocable arbiters of the fate of the gutty propellers of Hayling Island. I am on a handicapping committee, but we listen to the voice of common sense and reason; we prefer discussion to dogmatism in estimating our members' handicaps, consulting with them when feasible, before pronouncing our fiat.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. USTICE.

CLOTHING FOR GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. S. Ambrose's inquiries about the best covering for the throat when golfing, I should recommend him to wear a flannel hunting scarf to go twice round the neck and pin in front. This obviates the necessity of wearing a collar.

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

44, Belgrave Square, S.W., 22nd July, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. S. Ambrose's inquiry I should like to quote for his benefit the following piece of advice from a great throat specialist:—

"The great thing," says Sir Morell Mackenzie, "is to try and harden the throat; do not wrap it up too much. Endeavour to make the neck as capable of exposure as the face. We do not cover up our faces and they are practically the hardest part of our bodies. Of course, when a person gets to a certain age it is too late for this. Keep the throat free from wrappings. The throat is the entrance to the lungs—a very vital part, narrow and tender. The great feather boas and Medici collars which ladies wear round the neck, and the stifling mufflers which men put on, are calculated to do harm. I recommend turn-down collars. Gargling with cold salt water in the morning is a very excellent thing, also bathing the throat, first with hot water and then with very cold. The throat gets the effect of a sudden shock."

I am, Sir, &c.,
SALUTARIS.

GOLFERS AND "LIFE-BOAT SATURDAY."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It is estimated that 17,000 of the bravest of Britain's sons are ever ready at the call of duty to man the fleet of upwards of 300 boats which have been stationed by the Royal National Life-boat Institution around our treacherous coasts.

Nearly 37,000 lives have been saved by this great organisation, which has been supported entirely by voluntarily contributions since it was established in 1824. No fewer than 379 men, women, and children were rescued from one ship alone this year, viz., the German liner, "Eider," which went on the rocks off the Isle of Wight during a fog. In recognition of this service, His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Germany, in addition to gifts to the various coxswains who effected this rescue, gave a donation of £200 to the Institution, in the welfare of which he takes the greatest interest.

A considerably larger income than that of last year is required to maintain this service efficiently, and also to provide for the rapid increase in the number of boats which has taken place of late years. It is now well known that in 1890 the income from subscriptions, donations, and dividends was utterly inadequate for the greatly increasing requirements, and necessitated a large draft from the reserve fund, which was—and still is—much too small for an Institution with operations of such magnitude, especially taking into consideration the numerous contingencies that have continually to be met, and the renewal of obsolete boats. This renewal has been suspended of late as far as possible, till it had been decided by the recent experiments at Lowestoft which was the best type of life-boat for the various parts of the coast.

"Life-boat Saturday" in Manchester and Salford in October last resulted in a sum of £5,500 being raised, and it was unanimously decided that this collection is to be an annual event.

Liverpool, Bolton, Oldham, and Stockport have made similar efforts successfully.

The press gave invaluable help by advocating the cause, and several editors opened their columns to receive subscriptions, which resulted in a large sum being raised.

Sir Edward Birkbeck, the chairman of the institution, has rendered immense service towards the saving of life at sea by his recent successful motion in the House of Commons with reference to the provision of telegraphic or telephonic communication between all signal, coast-guard, and life-boat stations round the coast. This will undoubtedly be the means of saving many lives that would otherwise be lost, but it may also put an additional strain upon the Life-boat Institution, as in future the crews may probably be summoned to go to the assistance of distressed vessels considerably further out at sea.

All that is now wanted is that "Life-boat Saturday" should become general throughout the country, as by this means an opportunity is afforded everyone to contribute—no matter how small the sum may be—to the support of an institution which is one of the grandest monuments of England's greatness.

The Manchester and Salford "Life-boat Saturday" committee earnestly hope they will be joined this year by many other towns where this popular movement has not yet been taken up, so that the income of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, which last year showed an increase of about £23,000 over 1890, will be still further largely increased, which is absolutely necessary if this great life saving service is to be maintained efficiently and extended in accordance with the ever growing requirements of the greatest maritime nation of the world.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CHARLES W. MACARA,

Chairman of the Manchester and Salford
"Life-boat Saturday" Committee.

Westbourne, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, July 23rd, 1892.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A drives his ball into a field outside the course, and before going to look for it drops another from where he struck it, without losing a stroke. The first ball cannot be found. Does the player lose a stroke as well as the distance, and if he does, is he entitled to go back and tee a third ball, in accordance with the rule regarding lost balls?

I am, Sir, &c.,
X.

[The player must pay the penalty of stroke and distance for a lost ball out of bounds; or, as is the rule on some greens, give him the option either of going back and teeing another ball, or teeing a ball at the point of entry to the field out of bounds and lose two strokes. The second ball struck off could only be considered in play with the consent of the opponent in a match, and as an expedient to save time and not to hinder the progress of other players coming up behind. But even in this case the penalty of a stroke would have to be paid. The player, however, might elect to tee a third ball, losing stroke and distance; and this would be the only rule recognised in competition play.—ED.]

SEASIDE LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“Paterfamilias” will find exactly what he requires, at Hunstanton. The place is pretty, the sands are ideal ones for children; there is a nice nine-hole course in the place, the Royal West Norfolk Links are within an easy drive, and the Fakenham Links within reach.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HERBERT D. BARRETT.

Hunstanton Vicarage.

LARK KILLED BY A GOLF BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have seen in GOLF the account of a bird being killed by a Golf ball; but I herewith send you a report that will eclipse all previous incidents of a similar character.

The head I send you is a lark's head. While G. Froud, a caddie, was playing his second shot to the 8th hole at Littlestone, he saw a bird rise, and the ball hit the bird. When he and his opponent found the bird, it had no head, which was found some distance away. The bird was brought to me, and also the head. Thinking you would like to have the head, I have sent it to you.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HENRY GOSBEE,

Golf House, Littlestone-on-Sea.

LINKS IN NORTH WALES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if you would answer the following questions in your next issue of GOLF. Are there any Golf links on the Menai Straits near Carnarvon, or Griffith's Crossing, or within easy distance of the latter station?

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. L. O'M.

[There are links at Conway, Rhyll, Holyhead, and Pwllheli.—ED.]

PROFESSIONAL MATCHES.

A. KIRKALDY V. J. SIMPSON.

A capital day's Golf was witnessed at Elie on Friday, the 22nd, in the match between Andrew Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, and Jack Simpson, of Earlsferry. The present golfing season in the East of Scotland has, so far, been rather barren in respect of professional matches, and hence this encounter, though the stakes are small, carries with it more significance than at other times it might have. The conditions of the game are home-and-home—36 holes on each green—and the stakes are £15 a side. Of the players, Kirkaldy is possibly the better known, for while his successes are matters of recent history, eight years have passed since Simpson made a name and position for himself in the golfing world by carrying off the championship, and for some time past he has taken little or no part either in match playing or in other professional events. Still all who follow the game with any degree of closeness know that he shares with his brothers the golfing talent. Interesting, then, on account of the calibre of the players, the match gained in importance from the fact that the challenge which Willie Fernie, of Troon threw out the other day, yet remains to be accepted. Fortunately the weather on Friday was altogether in favour of good Golf, and the players furnished a remarkably fine exposition of the game. Elie is at present in the height of its visitor season, hence there was a very large crowd of spectators on the Earlsferry links, and the game was followed with the closest interest. Mr. Foggo and Mr. Beaton acted as referees, and old Tom Morris, who was looking fit enough to do another 83 on the "Royal and Ancient" links any odd day, was constituted the court of final appeal. So pleasantly, however, did everything go, that their office was very much of a sinecure, and the heaviest part of Tom's work was in keeping the more exuberant members of the crowd in order. The Earlsferry links proper consist of eleven holes, but for the occasion a round of nine holes was agreed upon, and thus the players had to make the circuit four times. What, starting from Forrester's clubhouse, are the third and fourth holes in the ordinary round were left out, and after holing out at the second green, the players went direct towards the sea. The green, if wanting in the variety and hazards of first-class links, is a very pleasant course withal, and it has probably been seldom better played than it was on Friday. The close of the four rounds saw the game standing in Kirkaldy's favour by 3 holes, with which in hand he started in the last half at St. Andrews on Thursday. The outstanding feature of a really fine day's Golf was the wonderfully deadly putting—and especially holing out—of Kirkaldy. The men were fairly even as far as the long game was concerned. For distance, Simpson had the pull if anything, but, all through, Kirkaldy was the more sure on the green.

There was nothing eventful in the start; a couple of halves in

5 and 4 respectively saw the players well under weigh. These two holes, however, sufficed to show that Kirkaldy was in tip-top form with his wooden putter, which club he rarely forsakes, and the opportunity to assume the lead being given him at the "Sea," owing to Jack's run-up being too strong, he promptly availed himself of it. Now playing the greens with the utmost confidence, Kirkaldy came away with the strongest of short games, and the next two holes fell to him in 4 and 3 respectively, so that he turned 3 up. A perfect approach, however, enabled the local man to knock one off the lead at the first hole in; at the "Quarry," Kirkaldy saved his half by holing a long and difficult downhill putt; and a hole later, stymied when lying four feet from the pin, the St. Andrews man had to be satisfied with a half. A very pretty half in 4—all but a 3 for Simpson—saw the completion of the first nine holes, with Kirkaldy 2 up. The second round was at once entered upon. Like the preceding one, it began with two halves—and perfect halves they were—in 4 and 3. Both men came somewhat to grief hard by the green at the sea, and Kirkaldy allowed the half of an indifferently played hole to slip through his fingers. Simpson was now on his mettle, leaving the fourth tee with a magnificent drive, he got away a splendid second, which, bringing him to the green, enabled him to pocket the hole in 4, and to square matters. A hole later, however, Kirkaldy's grand holing out again stood him in good stead. He got down at the end hole in a beautiful 3, and when, turning homewards, his opponent—who showed a disposition to pull—made a mess of his tee stroke, Kirkaldy took care to make the hole safe for himself in a nice 4. Accordingly, he once more led by two holes, but one of these he dropped through driving off the course at the "Quarry." Of the long hole he got a hard half, and finishing the eighteen holes with a magnificent long putt on the home green, he again stood two up. The scores were:—

KIRKALDY.	SIMPSON.
First 9 holes 5 4 5 4 3 4 4 5 4=38	First 9 holes 5 4 6 5 4 3 4 5 4=40
Second 9 holes 4 3 7 5 3 4 5 4 3=38	Second 9 holes 4 3 6 4 4 5 4 4 4=38

It was scarcely to be expected that the players would fully maintain the magnificent "form" of the forenoon throughout the day's play, and, as a matter of fact, they did not. But the falling-off was not to any appreciable degree, and the match was perhaps the more enjoyable, from the spectators' point of view, from the fact that there was more variety in the run of the game. Simpson lost no time in settling down to the task before him. A great piece of holing out gave him the second hole in 2, and a mistake—the first and only serious mistake of his on the green during the match—on Kirkaldy's part at the sea enabled the local man to square the match. At the bents Jack had another chance given him, for Kirkaldy's long putt was off the line. He took it promptly, and down in 4, he now led for the first time. The lead he kept for the next two holes—until, in fact, the "Quarry" hole, when he failed in a ticklish wrist stroke to the green. Then, at the long hole, he opened the door for Kirkaldy. Wide in his approach and short in the long putt, he had no chance of a half; and Kirkaldy, once more a hole in hand, put the game in same position as it was in when the round began, by a sensational piece of putting on the home green. The players without delay started for the last nine holes. The beginning was against Kirkaldy, who was unfortunate enough to be bunkered through the green. He lost the hole, but after a half in 4 the St. Andrews representative assumed the aggressive. The sea hole he played boldly and well, and won it, as he deserved to, and had he not failed with the iron approaching the "Bents," that, too, would have been his. It was halved in 6—one, at least, too many—and the match stood—Kirkaldy two up and five to play. At this point Simpson went off his driving, but even then it took Kirkaldy to lay a very long putt dead to secure for himself the end hole. Again homeward bound, the players halved the first hole capitably in 4, so that Kirkaldy was dorny three on the green. Simpson strove hard to get a half of the "Quarry," but the fates were against him. Kirkaldy ran off with the hole, but a picture of an approach and a pretty put gave his opponent the long hole in 3, reducing Kirkaldy's lead on the match to three holes. Thus the game ended, for the home hole was finely halved in 4. The scores were:—

KIRKALDY.	SIMPSON.
Third 9 holes 5 4 7 5 4 4 4 4 3=40	Third 9 holes 5 2 6 4 4 4 5 5 4=39
Fourth 9 holes 6 4 5 6 5 4 5 4 4=43	Fourth 9 holes 4 4 6 6 6 4 6 3 4=43

HUGH KIRKALDY V. DAVID BROWN.

On Friday, the 15th, a highly interesting match was played over the Malvern course by Hugh Kirkaldy, professional champion, and David Brown, the professional of the Worcestershire club. The day was fine and there was a goodly gathering of spectators. Kirkaldy led off in fine style, his quick, clean play exciting considerable admiration, and at the end of the first nine holes, he was four up on his opponent, who was

apparently somewhat off his game. During the latter half of the round the position was reversed. Kirkaldy played well, but had a certain amount of bad luck, whereas Brown played a perfect game, with no hole above four and returned the record for this half. At the end of the round Brown was one up.

During the second round both men played a steady game, what luck there was, going rather against the visitor, and at the end of the day's play Brown stood 5 holes to the good. The match will be concluded on Saturday, the 30th inst., at Forest Row, where Kirkaldy is now the professional, and promises a close and exciting termination. The scores were as follows:—

DAVID BROWN.	
Lower Course ...	5 5 5 4 4 5 6 4 5=43
Upper Course ...	3 4 4 4 3 4 4 3 4=33
Lower Course ...	4 5 4 4 5 3 5 4 4=38
Upper Course ...	4 4 3 5 4 7 4 4 6=41
HUGH KIRKALDY.	
Lower Course ...	3 4 5 4 4 4 6 3 5=38
Upper Course ...	5 5 3 7 3 5 4 5 5=42
Lower Course ...	4 5 5 5 4 4 6 4 6=43
Upper Course ...	4 6 3 6 3 5 4 6 4=41

NORTH BERWICK.

On Friday evening, the 22nd, over the North Berwick links, an open competition for amateur players was held in connection with the bazaar in aid of the extension fund of the Free Church. The tournament was under stroke and handicap conditions, and was fairly well patronised by visiting and resident players. A nominal charge was imposed as entry money, and the awards offered were a set of clubs, a dozen of balls, and a half-dozen of balls. The weather was very fine, and the greens were in the pink of condition. Appended was the result:—Messrs. John Forrest, W. J. Croall, and H. Brodie tied for the first, second, and third prizes, whilst the fourth fell to Mr. James Mitchell. The best scores were:—Mr. John Forrest, 77, scratch; Mr. W. J. Croall, 81, less 4=77; Mr. H. Brodie, 87, less 10=77; Mr. James Mitchell, 80, less 2=78; Mr. J. Henderson, 81, less 2=79; Mr. J. V. Lindsay, 99, less 18=81; Mr. G. Muat, 100, less 18=82; Mr. A. M. Ross, 83, scratch; Mr. William Croall, 97, less 14=83; Mr. J. Mann, 89, less 5=84; Mr. Frank, Kinloch, 89, less 4=85; Mr. A. Davidson Smith, 100, less 15=85; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 86, scratch; Mr. J. Gould Smith, Jun., 89, less 3=86. The best scratch score of 77, by Mr. Forrest, was compiled as follows:—Out, 4 7 4 3 3 4 3 3 5=41; in, 5 4 3 4 4 6 6 4=36; total, 77. The competition proved most successful.

STEWARTONIAN GOLF CLUB.—The annual summer meeting was held at Gullane on Saturday, in beautiful weather, the course being in delightful condition, although the putting-greens were keen. The first handicap prize was won by Mr. G. R. Turner, 85. Mr. John Hay, 88; Mr. J. Maxwell, 88; Mr. W. Conolly, 88—all tied. On playing off, Mr. John Hay secured second, and Mr. W. Conolly third prize respectively.

THE TOURNAMENT AT NORTH BERWICK.—The ties for first, second, and third prizes in the amateur tournament, postponed from Friday evening, were decided over the North Berwick course on Saturday evening. Mr. John Forrest proved the winner of the first award, with the remarkably fine score of 73 (scratch). The second and third prizes fell respectively to Mr. Hamilton Brodie and Mr. W. J. Croall, with figures of 88, less 10=78, and 90, less 4=86. The details of Mr. Forrest's score were:—Out, 5 5 5 4 3 4 3 2 4 5=40; in, 4 4 3 3 4 5 6 4=33; total, 73.

BURNTISLAND.—Messrs. R. Dover, J. A. Kerr, and J. Venters, the trio left in the competition for the Kirke medal, played in the final for possession, over the High Bents on Saturday, when the medal fell to Mr. J. A. Kerr, with the score of 105, less 5=100. The scores were all high, owing to the heavy condition of the course.

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Eminent Golfers.

XXXI.—THE CHAMBERS'.—DR. ROBERT CHAMBERS, MR. ROBERT CHAMBERS, JUNR., AND MR. C. E. S. CHAMBERS.

Like another eminent golfer whose home-green may be said to be Wimbledon, Mr. Chas. E. S. Chambers is at once a busy man in his profession, and a first-class player. Whether, if he devoted more attention to the game than his business avocations will allow, he would be a better player still, is a question which need not be discussed; sufficient to say that his reputation already stands so high that he would have some difficulty in adding to its proportions.

Stemmata quid faciunt, quid prodest Pontice longo sanguine censerit? asks the satirist. As to pedigrees, most of us would be glad to boast long and honourable ones; and as to heredity, well, Mr. Galton and others have discussed the subject. Our purpose is satisfied if we state that Mr. C. Chambers is the worthy bearer of a name honourable alike in literature and Golf. For at least fifty years representatives of the family have been known as wielders of clubs; successfully, too, as will be shown. For half-a-century they have preserved a connection with St. Andrews, where one and all have distinguished themselves.

Before touching at greater length upon Mr. Charles Chambers, it may be well to take a retrospective glance at the careers of his grandfather and father, in so far as these are germane to the matter in hand. Dr. Robert Chambers the elder, grandfather of Mr. C. Chambers, settled at Abbey Park, St. Andrews, in 1840. When there he wrote his celebrated book, "Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation," which exhibits the grasp



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of mind with which he attacked the interesting problem more recently elaborated by Darwin. Though Dr. Chambers was not the first in this field—Lamarck, for instance, having held somewhat similar views, which excited much attention—yet the former is quoted by Darwin as the "anonymous writer who has done excellent service in this country in calling attention to the subject, in removing prejudice, and in thus preparing the ground for the reception of analogous views." What these views were may best be indicated by a brief quotation or two:—"In all conspicuous orders of animals there have been in the progress of time strong appearances of a progress of forms, from the more simple to the more complex, from the more general to the more special, the highest and most typical forms being always attained last." "It is impossible to conceive the Al-

mighty Power using particular means for the production of a particular animal species." And, "It is very unlikely that in two classes of phenomena, to all appearance perfectly co-ordinate, there should have been two totally distinct modes of the exercise of Divine Power." This theory of Progressive Development he worked out, maintaining that a separate fiat was unnecessary for the creation of birds, beasts, fishes, and so on. In the "Vestiges" there is evidence of wide and varied reading: astronomy, zoology, botany, geology—every science is laid under contribution, and this book alone, had he written nothing else, would have stamped him as a man of very high ability. But his was a most prolific pen, and in a catalogue of his works now before the writer, some fifty books on almost every conceivable subject are enumerated. This being so, it follows almost as of course that he was an intimate friend of the literary celebrities of his day; for instance, of Sir Walter Scott, of Charles Kirkpatrick Sharpe, and others.

But he appeals most widely to the general public as the originator of cheap literature for the people, *Chambers's Journal*, commenced in 1832, "Chambers's Miscellany," the "Cyclopædia of English Literature," "Chambers's Information for the People," all being due to his initiative. He left St. Andrews in 1845, but returned in 1863; in 1868 the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the University. He built a house, which now belongs to a well-known Blackheath and St. Andrews player, Mr. J. Lindsay Bennet. He was assiduous in his attention to Golf; a steady player he was, and a well-known figure in his tall hat and red coat, which interesting mementos are still in the possession of Mr. C. Chambers, his grandson. Dr. Chambers was the author of the first three stanzas of "The Nine Holes of St. Andrews," beginning:—

Sacred to hope and promise is the spot,
To Philp's and to the Union Parlour near.

Space does not admit of their being quoted, but they may be seen in Mr. Clark's book of Golf, page 181. Mr. Patrick Proctor Alexander wrote the second three, and Mr. Robert Chambers, jun., the last three of these sonnets. An artistic touch reveals the keen enthusiasm of the caddies in those good old days, a quality in which many of the present race are exasperatingly deficient—

Mark the opposing caddie's sly grimace,
Whispering, "He's on the road," "He's in the burn."

"Whispering" is capital. Again, of the second, or Cartgate, hole:—

He's in at six; old Sandy views the lad
With new respect, remarking, "That's no' bad."

One day a somewhat curious coincidence occurred. The doctor had put his partner, Mr. D. I. Lamb, into a bunker, whence repeated efforts on the part of both gentlemen failed to dislodge the ball. Mr. Lamb proposed that they should give up the hole. "Not at all," said the Doctor, who, on descending once more to the depths, remarked to his caddy, old Watty Alexander, "Watty, there was an old poet, who lived about two thousand years ago; he was called Virgil, and he said:

Ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito."

The first three words of this line happened to be Mr. Lamb's motto, who had till then never known where they were to be found.

In 1871 Dr. Robert Chambers passed away, leaving a terrible blank in St. Andrews. Much interesting information respecting this remarkable man may be gathered from "A Memoir of Robert Chambers, written by his brother William, with autobiographical reminiscences of the latter." It may be mentioned that Dr. Chambers' literary ability has descended to his grandchildren, one of whom, Mémie Muriel Dowie (now Norman) is the author of a book recently published, "Adventures of a Girl in the Carpathians." Dr. Chambers was survived by a family of nine, of whom one, Mr. Robert Chambers, jun., forms the subject of our next sketch. This gentleman was born in 1832, and joined the firm of W. and R. Chambers at the age of 22.

In 1856 he was elected a member of the Royal and Ancient, and two years afterwards made his name famous in golfing annals by winning the first tournament, so far as is known, which was ever played. The day before this event he was playing so wretchedly badly, that he was within an ace of scratching his name, but was dissuaded therefrom by Tom Morris, his then antagonist, whose plausible representations

that Mr. Chambers might at any moment drop into his game were abundantly justified by the event. As this tournament is an historical event, and information regarding it is not easy of access, a short account of it may prove interesting, for at the time it evoked an enormous amount of enthusiasm. Twenty-eight



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players appear to have started originally; and after the early stages of weeding out, the situation was as follows:—

Captain Maitland Dougall beat Mr. R. Clark.
 Sir Thomas Moncrieffe beat Mr. W. C. Thomson.
 Mr. Robert Hay beat Mr. Cathcart.
 Mr. George Glennie beat Mr. W. Playfair.
 Mr. Patrick P. Alexander beat Mr. J. Balfour.
 Mr. Wallace beat Mr. J. O. Fairlie.
 Mr. R. Chambers halved with Mr. Sibbald.
 Mr. Hugh Alexander a bye.

Many well-known names are to be found in this list. Captain afterwards Admiral Maitland Dougall, Sir Thomas Moncrieffe, father of Georgina Lady Dudley, and grandfather of the present Lord Dudley; the Perthshire baronet was a most versatile sportsman, in everything he undertook he rose above the average, invariably attaining to what in those days was first-class form, Golf being included amongst his many accomplishments. Then there is Mr., afterwards Sir Robert Hay, and Mr. Glennie, both of world-wide golfing renown, Mr. Patrick Proctor Alexander, a St. Andrews medallist, and the "biting critic of John Stuart Mill," his brother Hugh Alexander with the others, *quos nunc perscribere longum est*. The next round was as follows:—

Mr. P. P. Alexander beat Mr. H. Alexander by 3 and 2 to play.

Mr. Wallace beat Mr. Sibbald by 3.

Sir Thomas Moncrieffe beat Mr. Robert Hay by 2.

Captain Maitland Dougall halved with Mr. Glennie.

Mr. R. Chambers a bye.

The victory of Sir Thomas Moncrieffe over Mr. Robert Hay, the favourite for the tournament, must have been a great feather in the cap of the former, more especially as his rival's play in this match was of a brilliant description. This was also the characteristic of Mr. Glennie's match, that gentleman going out in 45, and returning in a somewhat similar figure. In the next round,

Mr. Chambers halved with Mr. Wallace.

Mr. P. Alexander beat Mr. Glennie by 1 hole.

Captain Maitland Dougall beat Sir Thos. Moncrieffe by 2.

Mr. Alexander was 3 ahead and 4 to play on Mr. Glennie, who then won two holes and halved another, leaving Mr. Alexander dormy 1; the former made a brave bid for a half of the match by holing a long putt on the home green, but his

antagonist was not to be denied, and followed suit with another good one. Sir Thos. Moncrieffe and Captain Maitland Dougall were all square and 3 to play; but the first named drove into the Principal's Nose, had to play back, and lost the hole, to which the captain added another at the Burn, and was 2 up and 1 to play. There were now four survivors, and again

Mr. Chambers halved with Mr. Wallace.

Mr. P. Alexander beat Captain Maitland Dougall by 4 up and 2 to play.

The captain was 1 up at the turn, but lost his advantage at the High Hole; after a halved hole Mr. Alexander won four in succession. The play here does not seem to have been particularly brilliant, for the winner had played 86 strokes, and the loser 95, when the match was over, two holes from home, which holes were not played out. Mr. Chambers was now fortunate in drawing the bye, and in the semi-final,

Mr. Wallace beat Mr. P. Alexander by 3.

An immense concourse of spectators followed this match, in which 6 holes were halved out of the first 9; Mr. Wallace won 2, and Mr. Alexander 1; the former was thus 1 up at the turn. All square and 7 to play was proclaimed, after which the "Laird of Balgrummo" forged ahead and won by 3. Scores, 93, 98.

The final now lay between Mr. Wallace and Mr. Chambers, and a most exciting final it proved. When one comes to review the situation, it must be conceded that Mr. Chambers had been somewhat fortunate in his draws. It is needless to say that the present system of tournament play, wherein all byes stand out in the first round, had not at that time been elaborated. He had certainly had two tough fights with his present opponent, and a third with Mr. Sibbald; but, as against this, he had escaped part of the battle's brunt by drawing byes. An immense crowd gathered to watch the play, which on the outward journey was of a give-and-take character, Mr. Wallace having an advantage of one hole at the turn. The same stubborn fight was exhibited by both on the homeward journey, neither being able to get away from the other. All square, 3 to play. Here Mr. Chambers won a hole, and was 1 up and 2 to play. Like as they lay on the green at the burn, the same gentleman played the odds, laying his long putt stone dead, secure, as it seemed, of a half, when he would be dormy 1; yet the issue was once more shrouded in doubt by the tantalising interposition of one of the dearest of stimsies. The chronicler remarks that—"It was now Mr. Chambers' turn to look aghast; for hole the ball he could not," or, at least, did not; for, though he lofted it well, it struck the side of the hole, and did not go in. He now appears to have hooked his tee-shot into some long grass (small blame to him under the circumstances!) in the direction of a life-boat house, which must have been somewhere in the neighbourhood in those days; upon which an intelligent and interested spectator remarked, "That turns the match." It certainly might have done so; but it did not; for Mr. Chambers made an exceedingly fine recovery from a bad lie, and arrived at the green with not so very much the worst of the hole; then, playing the odds with his iron, he laid himself stone-dead a few inches from the flag. Mr. Wallace, then, from a few yards' distance, had to play the like; but he did not finish well. He was terribly short in his putt, not only failing to give himself a chance of winning the match, but being also so short that he did not hole next time, and so lost by one.

For this victory Mr. R. Chambers was awarded a service of silver plate, worth some £200, which service is now in the possession of his widow. This was probably, with the exception of the St. George's challenge cup, at Sandwich, the most valuable prize ever competed for at Golf. Mr. Robert Chambers won it in the year before his son's birth, and it is interesting to note that the latter now habitually plays with the putting-iron used by his father on that memorable occasion. Mr. Wallace is described as not by any means a brilliant player, but one of extreme steadiness and caution—one who was never known to drive a wild ball, while on the green he was remarkably proficient. From the accompanying photograph one can well imagine that he was a player of the characteristics described, one likely to prove more than a match for golfers of the brilliant but erratic type. It is understood that this photograph represents the finish of the tournament; but, perhaps, it may be the finish of one or other of Mr. Chambers' halved matches, of which, as has been stated, he played two with

Mr. Wallace. The latter belonged to the Leven Club, the winner being a member of that of Bruntsfield Links, then in its palmy days, where he frequently won medals and other trophies; he was also well known on other greens, more particularly at North Berwick and Musselburgh. Mention has been made of Dr. Chambers' grand-daughter, Miss Dowie (now Mrs. Norman). This lady's mother, Mr. Robert Chambers junr.'s sister, having settled at West Kirby, near Hoylake, Mr. Chambers, on going to visit her, was struck with the adaptability of the links to the Scottish national game. He was the first to introduce it there, and the association is maintained to this day, for the eighth hole of that course is known as the Dowie hole, and one of the club prizes is similarly named. Thus much concerning Mr. R. Chambers as a golfer: although his name does not appear on the list of medal winners

and that the council be entrusted with the arrangements.—W. Cotton secretary." At St. Andrew's, in October, 1867, he was only one stroke behind the winning score; Mr. T. Hodge and Dr. M'Cuaig tied at 96, on a very stormy day, Mr. Chambers (and Mr. R. Clark) following with 97. Also in September, 1869, Mr. Hodge having won with 89, Mr. Chambers tied for second with 94 with Major Boothby and Dr. M'Cuaig, but retired three holes from home on the tie being played off, Dr. M'Cuaig winning with the final score of 90.

The subject of our sketch became Editor of *Chambers's Journal* in 1874, and conducted it with great success until his death in 1888. Besides the three concluding sonnets on the holes at St. Andrews, referred to elsewhere, he wrote "A few Rambling Remarks on Golf: a Handbook to the Royal and Ancient Game," published in 1862. This was subsequently



SIR T. MONCRIEFFE

MR. WALLACE,
OF BALGRUMMO.

CAPT. MAITLAND DOUGALL. MR. ROBT. CHAMBERS, JUN.

of the Royal and Ancient, yet by his victory in what was practically the first amateur championship, he proved himself to be the equal of the best amateurs then living. It was no slight triumph to carry off the honours of war from such men as Mr. Robert Hay, Mr. George Glennie, Captain Maitland Dougall, Sir Thomas Moncrieffe, Mr. W. C. Thomson, Mr. P. Alexander, and others, all of whom had won and were destined still to win abundant honours in the Premier club. In recognition of this well-deserved success, the following minute was passed by the Bruntsfield Links, Club. "October 9th, 1858.—It was suggested by captain Greenhill that it would be very desirable that the club should have a special meeting to rejoice with our member Mr. Robert Chambers as the Champion Golfer of Great Britain; and it was unanimously carried that Mr. Chambers should be invited to a dinner for that purpose,

remodelled, and written up to date by the author, the last edition appearing in 1887.

We now resume notice of Mr. Charles E. S. Chambers, who was born in 1859. This gentleman's first lessons in Golf were from his father at Bruntsfield, the headquarters of the club of that name, which subsequently migrated to Musselburgh. His early efforts were successful, for having joined the Edinburgh Collegiate School Golf Club, in 1870, he frequently emerged so to speak, *primus inter pares*, and often distanced his juvenile friends in medal competitions. Six years later, when a member of the "Former Pupils" Golf Club, he won the medal of that club also, afterwards claiming pride of place for four consecutive years, and this despite the fact that the club numbers amongst its members many first-class players. We next find him joining

the more important bodies of the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews in 1883, and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers in 1885. His first year at St. Andrews saw him the winner of the gold medal, after a tie with Mr. T. Mackay, gold medallist of the preceding year, and first medallist in 1871: these two gentlemen returned with 94 each; in playing off, Mr. Chambers had considerable advantage in the driving, which somewhat disconcerted his genial antagonist, who had never seen him play; Mr. Mackay, however, made a good fight, though victory ultimately rested with the other. In 1888 Mr. Chambers again won the Club gold medal, this time with the



MR. C. E. S. CHAMBERS.

much better score of 86, being only a stroke behind the first prizeman, Mr. S. Mure Fergusson. Immediately afterwards came the ever-formidable Mr. Laidlay with 87. Last year Mr. Chambers was the holder of the Moncrieff gold cross, and the handicap medal of the New Club, North Berwick, and also of the Simpson medal of the Honourable Company. In the amateur championship of 1886, played at St. Andrews, he was in the last four, being defeated by Mr. John Ball, jun., at the last hole, after a tough fight. For his position in this tournament, he was awarded a gold medal, in addition to the bronze one commemorative of the event. He is well known at Gullane, and on other greens in the Lothians, where he has won numerous handicap and other prizes. He is head partner in the firm of W. & R. Chambers, originally established by his grand-uncle, William Chambers, LL.D., in 1818, who joined in partnership with Dr. R. Chambers in 1832, the year in which *Chambers's Journal* was started. Mr. Chas. Chambers is now editor of this magazine, having succeeded his father in 1888. He is on terms of friendship with many of the leading literary men of the present day, and is himself the author of the article on "Golf" in the new edition of "Chambers's Encyclopaedia," published in 1891; of the volume containing this article there have been already sold more than 20,000 copies. During his father's lifetime he edited, in 1887, a little book called "Golfing," which contained, with other matter, a reprint of his father's "Few Rambling Remarks on Golf." A new edition of "Golfing" was published in 1891. It may be mentioned that Mr. David Chambers, who was for long a well-known golfer at Blackheath, was a grand-uncle of Mr. Charles Chambers. He was manager of the London branch of the business, and died about twenty years ago. From the above notes on Mr. C. E. S. Chambers' career, it will be seen that he may be fitly described as an entirely trustworthy custodian of the abundant family honours, both in literature and Golf.

H. S. C. EVERARD.



ABERDEEN.

The weather here was delightful for golfing purposes on Saturday, and a fairly large turn-out of the members of the Victoria club competed over the usual links course for the monthly handicap prizes. On comparing the cards handed in, it was found that the prize for first-class players was won by Mr. T. Crighton, with a score of 91, less 9=82; while in the second class, Mr. J. A. Ross proved the winner with 93, plus 3=96. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. Crighton ...	91	9 82	Mr. A. Mitchell ...	90	scr. 90
Mr. W. Argo ...	95	10 85	Mr. J. Russell ...	91	+3 94
Mr. Alex. Cooper ...	86	scr. 86	Mr. L. Anderson ...	93	+3 96
Mr. R. Anderson ...	92	3 89	Mr. J. A. Ross ...	93	+3 96

The members of the Bon Accord club competed on Saturday over the usual links course for Mr. Mickie's prize and the Rennie cross. When the cards handed in were compared it was found that Mr. John Twigg had gained both prizes with the score of 89, less 8=81. Mr. William Smart, 81; Mr. J. W. Murray and Mr. Charles Ward, 94 each, were next in order.

ABOYNE.—STRANGERS v. RESIDENTS.—The annual tournament between the summer visitors to Aboyne and the residents took place on Saturday, over the six-hole course on Aboyne Green. A good deal of interest was manifested in the game, but the weather was excessively hot, the sun being altogether too overpowering and exhausting for those engaged in even so gentle muscular exercise. Fourteen couples started—the stranger team entirely consisting of Aberdeen gentlemen—and at the conclusion of the match it was found that the residents had won by 16 holes. The couple that attracted perhaps the largest following were the Marquis of Huntly and Bailie Lyon. Both are fairly good exponents of the game, but, as Lord Huntly is the older player of the two, it was expected that he would have turned out to be the victor. His lordship began well by taking the first two holes in 3 and 4 respectively; but the Bailie equalised matters by taking the succeeding two. Lord Huntly again took the lead by securing the fifth and sixth holes, and was thus 2 up on the first turn. His opponent, however, ran away with the next four holes, the Marquis managing only to get the eleventh hole on the second round, Bailie Lyon at this point standing 2 holes up. In the final round the players won a hole alternately, Bailie Lyon, however, winning the seventeenth. The last hole was halved, and the game ended in Lord Huntly losing by 3 holes. In the evening the teams dined together in the Huntly Arms. The following are the particulars of the match:—

VISITORS.		Holes.	RESIDENTS.		Holes.
Mr. J. R. Williams ...	...	0	Dr. Dewars of Ogilvie ...	...	4
Mr. J. S. Butchart ...	...	0	Mr. F. Sandieson ...	...	3
Mr. James Davidson ...	...	0	Rev. Charles Dunn ...	...	3
Bailie Lyon ...	...	3	Marquis of Huntly ...	...	0
Mr. Alexander Thomson ...	...	8	Mr. J. Milne ...	...	0
Mr. Carr ...	...	2	Mr. Grant ...	...	0
Mr. Henry Peterkin ...	...	1	Mr. Calder ...	...	0
Mr. Mortimer ...	...	5	Mr. Ewen ...	...	0
Mr. John Black ...	...	4	Dr. Keith ...	...	0
Mr. Halley ...	...	0	Mr. Harvey Hall ...	...	14
Mr. Todd Moffat ...	...	0	Mr. W. E. Nicol ...	...	6
Mr. James Macbeth ...	...	0	Mr. G. A. Anderson ...	...	6
Mr. John Fleming ...	...	0	Mr. J. Baxter ...	...	9
Mr. W. R. Reid ...	...	6	Rev. Mr. Gray ...	...	0
		29			45

Majority for Residents, 16 holes.

ARCHERFIELD CLUB (DIRLETON).

One of the clubs most interesting and popular competitions—viz., that by holes under handicap (the half-round of nine holes deciding each tie)—for the annual prize presented by Mr. Law, took place on Thursday last, there being a good turn-out of players, while the presence of a company of young ladies, who followed the play with interest, added liveliness to the scene. Mr. Law's prize this year took the form of a valuable silver inkstand, surmounted by the figure of a golfer in full swing, and for the runner-up Mr. St. Clair Cunningham gave a handsome "Tantalus."

First Ties.—Mr. George Law (scratch), 0, Mr. James Morrison (3), 0; Mr. Wm. T. Fernie (2), 2, Mr. Wm. Palmer (4), 0; Mr. James Law (scratch), 1, Mr. Thos. S. Aitchison (2), 0; Mr. James Bisset (+1) 0, Mr. D. S. Meikleham (scratch), 0; Mr. Thos. Binnie (scratch), 4, Mr. St. Clair Cunningham (+1), 0; Mr. J. A. Begbie (+1), 3, Dr. M'Lagan (3), 0; Mr. Archibald Murray (+2), 0, Mr. Thomas Yule (scratch), 0.

Second Ties.—Mr. G. Law, 3, Mr. Fernie, 0; Mr. J. Law, 2, Mr. Morrison, 0; Mr. Binnie, 5, Mr. Meikleham, 0; Mr. Bisset, 0, Mr. Begbie, 0.

Third Ties.—Mr. G. Law, 4, Mr. Murray, 0; Mr. J. Law, 3, Mr. Yule, 0; Mr. Bisset, 2, Mr. Binnie, 0; Mr. Begbie, a bye.

Fourth Ties.—Mr. G. Law, 4, Mr. Begbie, 0; Mr. J. Law, 1, Mr. Bisset, 0.

Final Tie.—Mr. G. Law, 2, Mr. J. Law, 0.
Miss Brown (London) and Miss Mitchell (Edinburgh) presented the prizes to the winners at the close of the competition, and hearty cheers for winners and donors were then given.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Mr. C. V. Lace kindly presented a silver cup to be played for by members of the club under the "Colonel Bogey" system. The competition took place on Saturday, the 16th July. The following was the result:—* Mr. W. Hayes, 3 down; * Mr. James G. Frost, 3 down; Mr. Horace Mayhew, 5 down; Mr. D. Dobie, 5 down; Mr. C. V. Lace, 5 down; Mr. G. H. Reynolds, 6 down; Mr. E. Massie, 6 down; Mr. R. H. Blain, 6 down; Mr. J. Rowley, 8 down; Mr. C. T. Dixon, 8 down; Mr. C. B. Toller, 8 down; Mr. W. D. Jolliffe, 10 down; Mr. J. G. Smith, 11 down; Mr. W. Hodge Wilson, 12 down; Mr. G. F. Herne, 13 down.

Mr. H. D. Jolliffe and Mr. H. Prince made no return.
* To play off.

On Saturday, the 23rd July, the second competition for Golf balls, presented by Mr. J. Rowley took place, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. H. J. Gladstone, M.P. ...	109 30 79	Mr. E. Gardner ...	131 30 101
† Mr. W. D. Jolliffe ...	125 40 85	Mr. H. Prince ...	132 30 102
Mr. H. Mayhew ...	98 9 89	Mr. E. W. Swetenham ...	124 18 106
Mr. D. Dobie ...	113 18 95	Mr. F. L. Hancock ...	137 30 107
Mr. R. Salamonson ...	127 31 96	Mr. G. H. Rogerson ...	150 40 110
Mr. H. D. Jolliffe ...	111 13 98	Mr. C. B. Toller ...	138 27 111
Mr. F. M. Preston ...	118 19 99		

* Winner of First prize.

† Winner of second prize.

Mr. Wm. Hayes, jun., beat Mr. J. G. Frost for Mr. C. V. Lace's cup, under "Col. Bogey" system with 3 holes down.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

An interesting handicap tournament was finished last Saturday, when the first prize fell to the captain, Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, the second being won by Mr. L. D. Stewart. Mr. Coubrough started at scratch, and beat Mr. Stewart (3 holes up) by 2 up. The following are the members who competed, with their respective handicaps:—Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, scratch; Mr. J. D. Milne, 1 hole up; Mr. L. D. Stewart, 3 holes up; Mr. F. M. Godde-Smith, 4 holes up; Mr. C. W. Adamson, 4 holes up; Mr. A. Galbraith, 6 holes up; Mr. F. Pattison, 6 holes up; Mr. J. G. Fleming, 6 holes up; Mr. W. Cownie, 6 holes up; Mr. T. Gibbons, 6 holes up; Mr. M. Bytheway, 7 holes up; Mr. A. Lyall, 7 holes up; Mr. T. Cox, 7 holes up; Mr. M. A. Bennett, 7 holes up; Mr. R. G. Adamson, 7 holes up; Mr. W. Young, 7 holes up; Mr. H. Lamb, 8 holes up; Mr. Jas. Riddell, 8 holes up; Mr. J. V. Walsh, 9 holes up; Mr. A. Cunningham, 9 holes up.

BANFF.—A match was played on the links at Banff on the 20th inst. between Buckie and Banff, ten players each side. Buckie was victorious by 64 holes.

MASONIC GOLF MATCH.—The annual Golf match between the office-bearers of the lodges Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, and St. John's Fisher-row, No. 112—six a-side—was played at Musselburgh on the afternoon of July 20th, resulting in a win for the ancient lodge of Canongate by two holes.

DISLEY v. BOWDON.

The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday on the Disley links, and was won by the home team by 13 holes.

DISLEY.		BOWDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Bell ...	0	Mr. F. C. Morgan ...	1
Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	7	Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	0
Mr. A. B. Scholfield ...	0	Mr. H. Holden ...	4
Mr. G. B. Greenwell ...	0	Mr. W. G. Clegg ...	4
Mr. G. J. Hutton ...	0	Mr. T. D. Cummins ...	4
Mr. T. G. Yates ...	2	Mr. A. G. Hogg ...	0
Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	2	Rev. T. P. Williamson ...	0
Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	2	Mr. H. F. Ransome ...	0
Mr. C. D. Milne ...	6	Rev. W. M. B. Lutener ...	0
Mr. H. C. Garrett ...	7	Mr. J. H. W. Cottam ...	0
	26		13

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Saturday, July 16th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. R. Nisbitt ...	91 7 84	Mr. W. H. Miller ...	108 15 93
Mr. J. L. R. Phillips ...	110 24 86	Mr. H. Maule ...	119 24 95
Mr. J. Ryan ...	108 22 86	Mr. J. B. Chamberlain ...	105 10 95
Mr. R. Shortrede ...	103 17 86	Mr. E. G. Hamilton ...	121 25 96
Col. Parker ...	106 20 86	Mr. R. C. Hutton ...	112 16 96
Mr. J. Pritchard ...	112 25 87	Mr. W. C. Prance ...	114 16 98
Mr. G. V. Balfour ...	104 17 87	Lieut. Scott Turner ...	122 22 100
Mr. C. Plummer ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. E. Coleby ...	123 scr. 123
Major Bowhill ...	114 22 92		
Mr. C. M. Bayfield ...	116 24 92		

Several others made no returns.

The ladies' monthly medal was played for on Friday, July 15th. Only Mrs. Hamilton competed, her score being 107 (scratch).

FORFARSHIRE.

The return match between Edzell and Visitors was played on Tuesday evening, the 19th. The weather was very unfavourable. Mr. J. T. Paterson, St. Andrews, broke the match record with the exceedingly low score of 75. Once before the same player, in a private game, completed the eighteen holes in 74. Mr. H. Thomson, with 83, was next lowest scorer. The match ended in a draw.

GULLANE GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Gullane club met on Saturday to compete for the gold medal of the club, and, as usual, there was a large turn-out of players. The weather was of the most delightful description. The gold medal is a merit award, but the donation of a set of beautiful clubs by Mr. Aitken, club-maker, enabled the committee to provide an attraction for the members in receipt of handicaps. Having in view the favourable conditions, it was naturally expected that there would be some low scoring, but no one was quite prepared for Mr. Ross's magnificent record-breaking performance. Up to Saturday, Mr. F. V. Hagart had the honour of holding the record of the green, so far as the club competitions are concerned. His fine score of 74 was made in 1886, and his position was unchallenged till Mr. Ross excelled even himself on this occasion. Last year Mr. Hugh Lugton was gold medallist, his card then being 76. The following are the details of the day's scoring:—

Mr. A. M. Ross (gold medal)—		Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Out ...	6 4 2 5 4 4 4 5	3=37	} 70		
In ...	4 3 4 3 3 4 4 3	5=33			
Mr. A. M. Ross ...	70 +2 72	Mr. O. Murray ...	88 2 86		
* Mr. A. Davidson Smith ...	95 18 77	Mr. G. Gordon Robertson ...	87 scr. 87		
Mr. R. Melrose ...	86 8 78	Mr. J. J. Fulton ...	102 15 87		
Mr. Garden G. Smith ...	78 +1 79	Mr. J. Currie ...	93 6 87		
Mr. W. T. Armour ...	81 2 79	Rev. J. Kerr ...	96 9 87		
Mr. Gregor M'Gregor ...	80 scr. 80	Mr. F. V. Hagart ...	88 scr. 88		
Mr. G. D. Ballingall ...	85 4 81	Mr. L. Bilton ...	98 10 88		
Mr. James Gillespie ...	95 14 81	Mr. T. Miller ...	106 18 88		
Mr. J. M'Kinlay ...	95 14 81	Mr. T. Lugton ...	91 2 89		
Mr. M. J. Brown ...	82 scr. 82	Mr. A. B. Drynan ...	98 9 89		
Mr. W. G. Bloxson ...	83 scr. 83	Mr. J. C. Robertson ...	101 10 91		
Mr. J. Donaldson ...	93 10 83	Mr. O. Thomson ...	91 scr. 91		
Mr. W. J. Croall ...	85 2 83	Mr. J. D. Paterson ...	97 6 91		
Mr. J. C. Begbie ...	86 2 84	Mr. R. V. Hagart ...	92 scr. 92		
Mr. J. D. M'Laren ...	87 3 84	Mr. W. Palmer ...	111 18 93		
Mr. C. Taylor ...	88 4 84	Mr. H. Parker ...	103 10 93		
Mr. J. S. Stevenson ...	91 6 85				

* First handicap prize.

HARRISON v. STOCKBRIDGE.

These clubs played a return match over the Braids on Tuesday evening, the 19th. Owing to the bad weather very few players turned out. Result:—

HARRISON.		STOCKBRIDGE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. M'Queen Smith	... 0	Mr. E. A. Rhead	... 1
Mr. A. Tait	... 0	Mr. R. Robinson	... 2
Mr. D. Menzies	... 0	Mr. P. Seton	... 4
Mr. R. Coutts	... 0	Mr. J. Cochrane	... 2
	—		—
	0		9

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the cup kindly presented by Mr. W. Gambier Middleton was played for on Saturday, July 9th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. R. Hands...	104 27 77	Mr. F. M. G. Abell	107 21 86
Mr. H. Smith Tur-		Mr. E. F. Coddling-	
berville ...	110 27 83	ton ...	108 22 86

No returns from Messrs. E. K. Bourne and W. F. Hart.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA GOLF CLUB.

Wednesday, July 13th. The second competition for the treasurer's prize resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. M. P. Ismay	99 18 81	Mr. T. Hutton	112 15 97
Mr. J. Lowthian Bell	100 6 94	Mr. D. Rosser	113 14 99
Mr. G. Longstaff	103 9 94	Mr. W. Angus	140 30 110
Mr. J. Tate...	108 14 94	Mr. R. J. Aynsley	154 36 118
Mr. J. Hedley	103 7 96		

Thursday, July 14th. The fifth competition for the captain's gold medal took place. Results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. G. Sharp	98 12 86	Mr. M. P. Ismay	108 14 94
Mr. G. Longstaff	100 9 91	Mr. C. Wilkinson	111 14 97
Mr. J. W. Wood	97 4 93	Mr. J. Tate..	112 14 98
Mr. J. L. Bell	99 6 93	Mr. T. Hutton	115 15 100

Mr. J. Hedley and Mr. D. Rosser made no returns.

The sixth competition for the captain's gold medal, on Saturday, July 16th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. W. Wood	90 4 86	Mr. Mc.C. Hill	122 30 92
Mr. J. Hedley	92 5 87	Mr. I. L. Bell	101 6 95
Mr. C. E. Wilkinson	104 14 90	Mr. G. Longstaff	104 9 95
Mr. M. P. Ismay	106 14 92	Mr. T. Hutton	112 15 97

Mr. J. Tate made no return.

NOTTINGHAM v. SHEFFIELD.

A match between these clubs was played on the 21st inst., on the ground of the former, at Bulwell. The home team won by 22 holes. The following are the details:—

NOTTINGHAM.		SHEFFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. C. Warren	... 8	Mr. C. Hemingway	... 0
Mr. J. Doleman	... 7	Mr. H. Littlejohn	... 0
Mr. J. McMeeking	... 5	Mr. H. Leader	... 0
Mr. R. F. Smith	... 0	Mr. C. Ellison...	... 3
Mr. J. Hall	... 3	Mr. T. Lockwood	... 0
Mr. J. Johnstone	... 2	Mr. W. Milner	... 0
	—		—
	25		3

Majority for Nottingham, 22 holes.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The Renton prize. Saturday, July 23rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. G. M. Robertson	99 14 85	Mr. G. Pipon	101 13 88
*Colonel Mackenzie	89 3 86	Captain Robin	96 2 94
*Mr. D. Turnbull	101 15 86	Mr. T. W. Barker...	100 5 95
Major Scott, R.A....	87 +1 88	Mr. A. E. Walker	99 2 97

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no returns.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, July 23rd, when Mr. Fry scored a popular win, with the excellent score of 92—50 for first nine holes and 42 (record for the links) for second round. The

new handicap is based on a scratch of 80 and a limit of 27. Scores under 100 appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. Fry...	92 13 79	Mr. W. Nicholson...	115 27 88
Dr. Crombie	111 27 84	Mr. W. L. Harries	116 24 92
Dr. Shapley	101 13 88	Mr. N. A. Patterson	118 20 98

On Monday, 25th July, Mr. Fry, playing a match with the secretary, beat his own previous record (41) for the links, making the round (9 holes) in 40.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap of the above club took place on Saturday, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. B. Richardson	112 6 106	Mr. W. A. Scott	126 9 117
Dr. A. L. Tate	113 6 107	Mr. F. Richardson	130 12 118
Mr. M. Price	136 23 113	Mr. W. Hewetson	134 16 118
Mr. T. B. Fisher	138 23 115		

Rev. G. K. Finlay made no return.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

BURN INAUGURAL BOWL.

On the occasion of the formal opening of the links of the Wakefield Club in April last, it was announced that Mr. F. H. Burn, of Rotherham, a member of the club, had kindly offered for competition an Inaugural Bowl. The bowl is of very effective design, handsomely chased, and of very considerable value. It is to be competed for half-yearly by handicap of holes on the cup-tie system, the winner of it thrice retaining absolute possession. A great deal of interest has been taken among the members in the results of the different rounds during the past three months. The final round was played on the 14th inst. at Heath Common, the competitors being Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield, of St. John's, Wakefield, and Dr. J. Murray, of H.M. Prison, Wakefield. After a keen fight, the latter won by a hole.

The following are the results of the various rounds:—

First Round.—Mr. H. M. Briggs (10), beat Captain Norwood (10); Mr. C. Stonehouse (10), beat Mr. F. O. Scott, (10); Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield (5), beat Mr. E. T. Clark (4); Mr. S. West beat Mr. A. H. Blomefield (8), scratched; Mr. W. Hurst beat Dr. Bullen; Mr. S. H. Hedley beat Mr. W. Fennell; Mr. J. Scott beat Mr. R. C. Roberts; Mr. F. H. Burn beat Mr. C. W. L. Fernandes; Mr. P. N. Lee beat Mr. F. Holdsworth; Dr. Murray beat Dr. Hermon; Mr. R. Thompson beat Mr. W. Townend; Mr. M. H. Peacock beat Mr. F. Lee; Mr. A. H. Newbold beat Mr. C. H. Gregory; Dr. Heathcote beat Mr. J. T. Hall; Dr. Statter beat Mr. A. W. Stanfield; Dr. Roulstone beat Dr. Dunn; Mr. R. Rowand beat Mr. W. N. Dixon; Mr. C. Leatham beat Mr. J. A. Bean.

Second Round.—Mr. F. H. Burn beat Mr. W. Hurst; Mr. S. West beat Mr. J. Scott.

Third Round.—Mr. Briggs beat Mr. Stonehouse; Mr. Stanfield beat Mr. West; Dr. Murray beat Mr. Burn; Mr. Hedley beat Mr. Lee; Mr. Peacock beat Mr. Thompson; Mr. Newbold beat Dr. Heathcote; Mr. Leatham beat Mr. Rowand; Dr. Roulstone, a bye (Dr. Statter, scratched).

Fourth Round.—Mr. Newbold beat Dr. Roulstone (6 up and 5 to play); Mr. Stanfield beat Mr. Briggs (4 up and 2 to play); Dr. Murray beat Mr. Hedley (7 up and 6 to play); Mr. Peacock beat Mr. Leatham (5 up and 3 to play).

Semi-final Round.—Mr. Stanfield beat Mr. Newbold (3 up and 2 to play); Dr. Murray beat Mr. Peacock (4 up and 3 to play).

Final Round.—Dr. Murray* beat Mr. Stanfield † (1 up).

* First holder of Inaugural Bowl, and winner of first prize (gold medallion).

† Winner of second prize (gold golf-club scarf pin).

WEST CORNWALL CLUB.

The competition between the winners of the spring handicap series took place on Saturday, the 16th. It should have come off early in June, as the handicaps under which the competitions are decided are those at which the players stood after the competition on the last Saturday in May. The engagements of some, and the absence of others, caused the delay. The prizes were a silver cup, and a pencil-case for the second best score. Results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Vivian	111 34 77	Mr. H. Mansel	123 22 101
Mr. R. F. Tyacke...	114 26 88	Mr. Howard Fox	136 35 101
Mr. Robert Fox	115 22 93		

Mr. Vivian has requested the secretary to inform the club that it is his intention to present this cup to the club, to be played for on the nearest Saturday to September 29th by all who were qualified for the above contest, and also by those who may qualify at the monthly handicaps

up to the proposed date. Messrs. F. Harvey, W. Harvey, and T. Mudge, are the qualified members who were unable to compete on Saturday, and Mr. Vivian seemed to think that the long delay and his rapidly-improving form, though making his victory "technically right," yet made it unfair "in equity," a feeling shared by none of the club, who are delighted to see the best man win. Mr. Bayfield, whose cup was won by Mr. Vivian at the competition last month, has written to say that it will be an annual prize.

The third handicap competition between the ladies of West Cornwall Club was played on the Lelant links on Tuesday the 19th. Six returns were made with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Vivian	... 113	35	78	Mrs. R. F. Tyacke	142 38 104
Mrs. H. N. Harvey	97	10	87	Mrs. H. Young-	
Miss Wilkinson	... 121	32	89	Jamieson...	... 115 10 105
Miss M. Banfield	... 135	41	94		

WEST OF SCOTLAND TROPHY COMPETITION.

Messrs. George Edward and Sons, jewellers, Glasgow and London, recently presented a Golf trophy to be played for among amateur golfers, members of any Golf club in the west of Scotland—namely, any Golf club in the counties of Lanark, Ayr, Renfrew, Argyle, Dumbarton, Stirling, Dumfries, and Bute. The trophy is in the form of a solid silver shield of elaborate embossed work, emblematic of the game of Golf. The shield will be held by the club to which the winner, an individual player, belongs, and he will be presented with a gold medal as a memento of his victory. The first competition was appointed to be played over Troon Links, and in accordance with this arrangement the first day's play took place there on Friday, the 22nd. The conditions were generally those regulating the play in the amateur championship, and in all exactly thirty-two players entered, this number obviating any byes. The weather was very fine, and all the entrants with the exception of two played off. The arrangements were under the superintendence of Dr. Highet, hon. secretary of Troon Golf Club. The following is the result:—

First Round.—Mr. A. Morison, Troon, beat Mr. A. Boon, St. Nicholas, Prestwick, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. James Robertson, Troon, beat Mr. J. S. Hunter, Troon, by 3 up and 2 to play; Rev. J. Anderson beat Mr. James Wood, Troon, by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. John Clark, jun., Troon, beat Mr. R. White, Troon, absent; Mr. F. Y. Henderson, Troon, beat Mr. I. A. Shaw, Troon, absent; Mr. D. D. Robertson, Troon, beat Mr. H. M. Giles, St. Nicholas, by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Andrew Johnston, Troon, beat Mr. George Drummond, Troon, by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. L. Randall, St. Nicholas, beat Mr. W. Blake, Dumfries, by 6 up and 5 to play (Randall went round in 79); Mr. G. M. Rennie, St. Nicholas, beat Mr. A. F. Duncan, Kilmalcolm, by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. James Andrew, St. Nicholas, beat Mr. D. Bone, St. Nicholas, by 1 hole after a tie; Mr. James Gibson, St. Nicholas, beat Mr. H. Govan, Dumfries, by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. Rowand beat Mr. A. M'Murray, Troon, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. B'A. M'Michael, Troon, beat Mr. W. Renwick, Troon, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. E. D. Prothero, Troon, beat Mr. R. Blair, Ardeer, by 1 hole; Mr. A. Kennedy Erskine beat Mr. John Merry, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. B. M'Neilie, Glasgow, beat Mr. J. Irvine, Troon, by 1 hole, after a tie. In playing off the above ties there was some very good play. Mr. Irvine was beaten only at the third hole out, and Mr. Bone at the second hole out.

Second Round.—Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Morison by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Anderson by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Rennie beat Mr. Andrew by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Henderson beat Mr. Gibson by 1 hole; Mr. Randall beat Mr. Johnstone by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Rowand beat Mr. Clark by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Prothero beat Mr. M'Michael by 1 hole; Mr. M'Neilie beat Mr. Mr. Erskine by 6 up and 5 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. D. D. Robertson beat Mr. J. Robertson by 1 hole; Mr. F. Y. Henderson beat Dr. Rowan by 2 holes; Mr. C. L. Randall beat Mr. G. M. Rennie by 2 up and 1 to play; M. E. D. Prothero beat Mr. A. B. M'Neilie by 6 up and 5 to play.

The second and concluding day's play in connection with the competition for the silver shield presented by Messrs. Edward, jewellers, Glasgow, to the West of Scotland amateur golfers, to be played for annually, took place on Saturday at Troon. The weather was of the finest description, there being brilliant sunshine, accompanied by a slight northerly breeze, all day. Three rounds having been played on the previous day, left only the semi-final and the final to be played on Saturday. A start was made at eleven o'clock, Mr. E. D. Prothero, Troon, a well-known West of Scotland amateur, having for his opponent Mr. F. Y. Henderson, Troon, a comparatively unknown player. The game was considered such a sure thing for Mr. Prothero that nobody followed the match till the conclusion. At the ninth hole Mr. Prothero so far justified expectation that he stood 3 up. He lost the two succeeding holes, and eventually his opponent stood 1 up and 2 to play. They were all square and 1 to play, and Mr. Prothero

all but won with a long putt in 3, but the hole was halved in 4, thus bringing about a tie. Going out again, they halved the first hole with perfect play in 4, but at the second Mr. Henderson had the best of the approach, and holing out in 4 to his opponent's 5, won the match, and the right to play in the final. A large number of spectators witnessed the game between the young players, Mr. C. L. Randall, St. Nicholas, Prestwick, and Mr. D. D. Robertson, Troon. Mr. Robertson won the first two holes, but they were all square at the turn. From this point, however, Mr. Robertson came away with a very strong game, particularly on the putting-green, and ultimately won by 5 up and 4 to play. Result:—Mr. F. Y. Henderson beat Mr. E. D. Prothero by 1 hole after a tie; Mr. D. D. Robertson beat Mr. C. L. Randall by 5 up and 3 to play. Mr. Robertson went round in 81 and Mr. Henderson in 82. The final, therefore, fell to be played by two representatives of the green, and play was entered upon at three o'clock. At first it looked as if Mr. Robertson, the better known man, would have it all his own way, as he won the first two holes, and was evidently in better form. He fell away in his driving, however, and the couple started home all square, and up to the thirteenth hole Mr. Henderson had rather the best of it, though he never succeeded in getting more than 1 up. They were all square and 2 to go, and these two were halved each in 5, necessitating another hole. This hole Mr. Robertson won in brilliant style in 3, his opponent taking 5, and thus became the winner of the trophy and accompanying gold badge. The trophy will remain for one year where it is at present deposited—in Troon Golf Club—and will be played for over some other green next year.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A "Bogey" tournament was played on Saturday, the 16th. The prize was a handsome challenge cup, presented by Dr. H. E. Dixey, and attracted a good field. The winner receives club golf memento, and there were prizes for second, third, and fourth. Thanks to some rain, the putting-greens were better than they have been lately; the weather was favourable, and the result was that some good returns were sent in, notably those of Mr. W. A. Lucy and Mr. L. S. Milward. Result:—Mr. W. A. Lucy, 3 up; Mr. L. S. Milward, 2 up; Mr. H. N. B. Erskine, 2 down; Mr. F. Cobbett, 2 down; Dr. J. P. Bookless, 3 down; Mr. R. R. Brown, 3 down; Mr. A. S. Archdale, 4 down; Col. W. Robertson, 6 down; Mr. H. D. Acland, 7 down; Mr. W. C. Perry, 8 down; Mr. W. M. Binns, 9 down; Mr. H. W. Buck, 10 down.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—The members competed on Saturday for special prizes given by Mr. A. Y. Peattie, the first falling to Mr. Jas. Andrew, with a scratch score of 83, the second to Mr. John Macfarlane at 84, with 10 of odds, and the third to Mr. Andrew Booth at 85 at scratch. Over Prestwick links on Saturday, Mr. J. S. Higginbotham and Archie Simpson were 6 up and 4 to play, against Mr. Merrilees and Willie Campbell. A thirty-six hole match between Archie Simpson and Willie Campbell ended all square, the scores in the first round being—Simpson, 82; Campbell, 85. The figures were reversed in the second round.

LEVEN.—LADIES' MATCH.—On Saturday afternoon, in beautiful weather, a competition for prizes under handicap came off on the ladies' course. There was a large turn-out of spectators. In the single match twenty-seven ladies entered, and at the close it was found that the prizes presented by Mr. G. L. Crole, Edinburgh, had been gained as follow:—1st (silver cruet stand), Miss C. Sanderson, 63, less 15=48; 2nd (toast rack and butter cooler), Miss Anna Leyde, 55, less 6=49. Next best scratch scores were Miss Mary Wilkie, 51; Miss Marjory Wilkie, 52; Miss Wilkie, 57; Miss Carstairs, 58, and Miss Inglis, 61. In the mixed double competition Miss Sanderson and Mr. R. Grant, 47, less 8=39, gained the first prize, a clock, presented by Mr. F. Paton, Alloa; 2nd prize, Miss Peter and Mr. Balfour Adamson, 52, less 7=45; next sweepstake, Miss Matheson and Mr. H. R. Balfour, 56, less 10=46; 3rd place, Mrs. R. N. Christie and Mr. Leslie Boase, 57, less 10=47. Twenty-two couples took part.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED CLUB.—The handicap in connection with this club came to a finish on Saturday, when Mr. A. Strath was found to be the winner, with a net score of 272 (three rounds), Mr. J. McLean being second with 275, and Mr. J. S. Thomson third with 277. The other scores were—Mr. J. Baynes, 282; Mr. A. Wright, 284; Mr. P. Finlay, 285; Mr. J. Parkins, 288; Mr. D. Burns, 316; Mr. W. A. Hood, 337. Saturday's scores were:—Mr. A. Strath, 91, less 9=82; Mr. A. Wright, 102, less 15=87; Mr. P. Finlay, 108, less 10=98; Mr. J. S. Thomson, 93, plus 8=101.

WARRENDER CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The July competition of this club was held over the Braids, on the 21st, in grand weather, though the greens were found to be very stiff and treacherous. There was as usual a large turn-out of members, and after a round of the green the following were found to be the prize winners:—1st, R. Glass, 83 (scratch), Gilfillan ball and 1st prize; 2nd, Mr. D. V. Patrick (10), 85; 3rd, Mr. F. Mathie (3), 86; 4th, Mr. T. Carruthers (7), 87; 5th, Mr. P. Campbell (4), 88; 6th, Mr. J. Steel (12), 90.

THE BRAIDS CLUB.—The July competition of this club was held on the Braids on the 21st, for the Murray gold charm. There was a good turn-out of members. Mr. J. S. Campbell proved the winner with a score of 85, less 3=82.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition over the links, on the 21st, for the Tod Stewart medal. The weather was excellent, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen turned out to witness the play. Ten couples started. After two rounds had been played it was found that Miss Nellie Bethune had won the medal with the low score of 103 strokes, Mrs. Henderson being second with 109.

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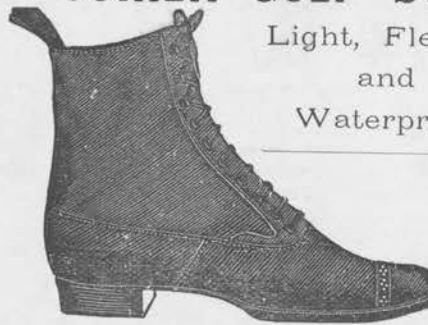
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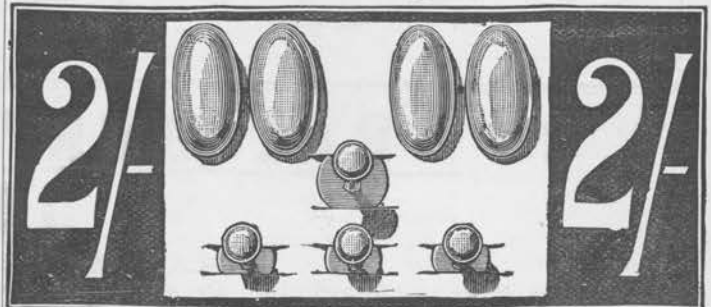
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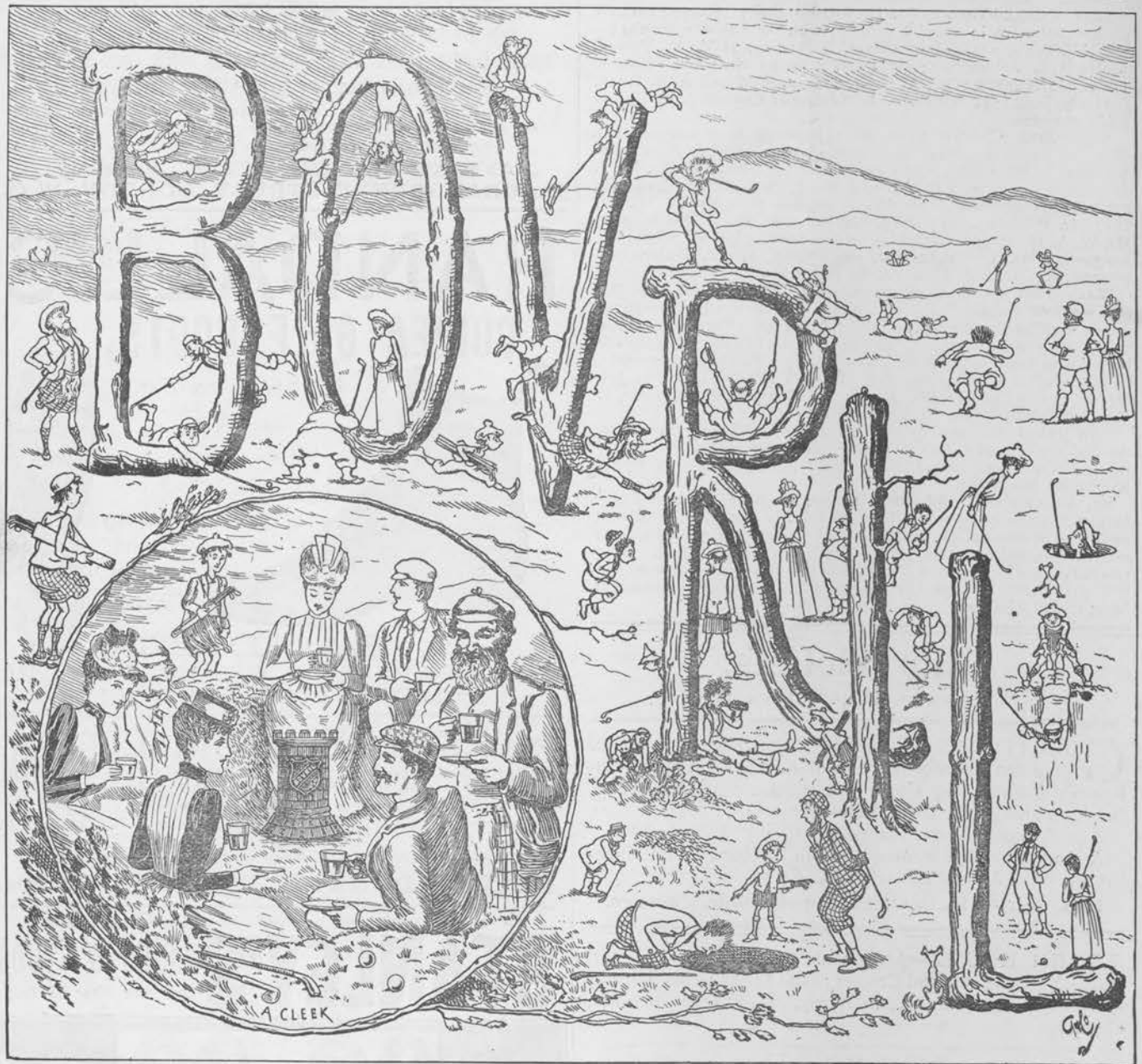
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