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1893. AUGUST.

- Aug. 25.—Royal Cornwall : President's Gold Medal.
- Aug. 26.—Glamorganshire : Flint Prize.
 Cookham : Monthly Medal.
 Knutsford : Summer "Bogey."
 Cheadle : Fifth Summer Competition.
 Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
 Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
 Seaton Carew : "Bogey" Competition.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
 Chester : Monthly Medal.
 Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
 Taplow : Monthly Medal.
 Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
 Islay : Monthly Medal.
 Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Ridley Cup.
 Moffat : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
 Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Aldeburgh : Gold Medal ; Annual General Meeting.
 Wyresdale : Monthly Competition ; Captain's Prize.
- Aug. 26 to 28.—Clacton-on-Sea : Quarterly Challenge Medal.
- Aug. 28.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 28 & 29.—Aberdovey : Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 28 to 31.—Minehead and West Somerset : Autumn Competition.
- Aug. 31 & Sept. 1.—Open Championship (at Prestwick).

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 2.—Glamorganshire : Club Cup.
 Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
 Alloa : Monthly Medal.
 Wakefield : Lee Cup.
 Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
 Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
 Bowdon : Optional Sweepstakes.
 Disley : Autumn Meeting.
 Leicester : Monthly Medal.
 London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Liverpool : Monthly Competition.
 County Down : Captain's Prize.
 Royal County, Portrush : Ladies' and Gentlemen's Foursomes (Open).
- Sept. 2, 16, & 23.—Felixstowe : Captain's Prizes.
- Sept. 4.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 5.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 6.—Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 6, 7, 8, & 9.—Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 7.—Amateur and Professional Tournament at Musselburgh.
- Sept. 8.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 9.—Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
 Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
 Southport : Monthly Competition.
 Rochester : Married v. Single.
 Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
 Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester v. Reigate (at Earlswood).
 Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
 Tantallon : Annual Meeting.
 R. & R. Clark : Prizes (Musselburgh).
 West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
 Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal.
 Guildford : Score.
 Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
 Warwickshire : Foursome Challenge Cups (First Round).
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
 County Down : Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 9, 16, & 23.—Blairgowrie : Ladies' Cup Competition.
- Sept. 11.—Cumbrae Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 12.—County Down : Stroke Competition (Open).
- Sept. 12 to 16.—Irish Open Amateur Championship (at Newcastle, Co. Down).
- Sept. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Aggregate Competition.
- Sept. 13 and 14.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 16.—Eltham : "Bogey" Competition.
 Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
 Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
 Gullane : Captain's and other Prizes and General Meeting.
 Rochester : Monthly Medal.
 Headingley : Monthly Medal.

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GIANTS AT PLAY.

"'Tis sweet to view, from half past five to six, Our long wax candles with short cotton wicks," says the accomplished parodist on Crabbe, narrating the circumstances which led up to the thrilling adventures of Pat Jennings. But, "from half past five to six" on these summer evenings, the enthusiastic spectator thinks it sweet to view the best Golf which St. Andrews may at present afford; the links, more or less (generally more) congested during the day, are then tolerably free; there is no waiting for periods of twenty minutes or half-an-hour, the grilling heat is tempered by a cool breeze when the sun begins to decline; and conditions therefore are generally favourable for good play, which on a crowded green, is a matter of exceeding difficulty. Not that St. Andrews alone suffers from a plethora of indifferent players; a story reaches us from another links reflecting somewhat humourously on the same subject. There also, the beginner flocks not only by himself, *segregatim*, but "*magna comitante caterva*," to the exceeding detriment of the temper, should any good players be mixed up in the throng. Deploring this condition of affairs, a well-known player gave vent to his pent-up feelings as follows:—"There's a great want of courtesy on this green now, ever since my brother Richard's no here to *drive the heids aff them*."—*Mutato nomine*, the tale, one has reason to believe, is strictly true, "my brother Richard" being one of the hardest hitters and longest drivers ever seen.

In preparation for the Open Championship, therefore, many excellent matches are often played by the Kirkaldys and others, late in the evening. Some little time ago, four ball matches were the fashion; then Willie Park arrived; was beaten in one match by Andrew Kirkaldy, and had to leave before trying conclusions with the Amateur Champion, Mr. P. C. Anderson. Now again three balls are in vogue, and the players of good Golf are apt to find themselves at the end of the evening, when by rights they ought to be sitting down to dinner, thus laying up for themselves a store of pathetic remonstrances at the hands, or rather mouths, of the powers that be, the authorities of the household. In all these matches, Mr. P. C. Anderson is to be found taking part. As a matter of fact he holds his own with the best of the professionals; scarcely ever does he seem to be in excess of 83 to the round, and, one day with another, there is probably not four strokes of difference in all his scores. An interesting match was played on the evening of the 17th, the three players being the Amateur Champion, Hugh Kirkaldy, and W. Duncan. The last named, for some time past, has given evidence that he is but little, if at all, inferior to the best exponents of the game. He has a very pretty style, and though lacking in the great power of the Kirkaldys, and other very long drivers, he yet hits the ball every time with the most exact accuracy; consequently, he always drives as far as it is in him to compass, getting the full value of the club, and invariably, as straight as a dart. He approaches in deadly manner with a cleek; and, though missing a short putt now and again, may be said, on the whole, to be a capital short game player. On the night in question, for the first five holes, as will be seen in reference to the scores, his play was absolute perfection: it seemed as if he were certain to have the nine holes out in 36; but at the sixth, seventh, and eighth, he lost altogether three strokes, entirely by faulty putting; however, as it turned out, this made no difference, as he succeeded in beating both his opponents—a most creditable performance. Hugh Kirkaldy was, so far at least as such a player can be, disappointing: one felt that most certainly he ought to have utilised, or followed up, his very long drives from the tee to better advantage. For instance, in going to the second hole, he had hit a tremendous shot, almost into the round bunker; he was any number of yards in front of Mr. Anderson, who had not caught one of his best, and about thirty yards in front of Duncan; Kirkaldy alone could reach the green with an easy cleek shot. Yet one bad stroke followed another, till a 6 was registered instead of an easy 4; the result being that he lost that hole to both players. Then, too, his driving was erratic; he could not get quit of "the hook," which accordingly landed him in difficulties; and he only did the half-round out in 43 by the assistance of a long putt, somewhat of a fluke; at the short hole, where he had a 2. Coming home he showed to better advantage, and fairly outplayed his opponents on two or three occasions, reaching the greens before they could, and keeping his advantage by steady putting. To no good in the end, however, for Mr. Anderson beat him at the corner of the Dyke, by 4 and 2 to play, and Duncan, at the Burn, by 3

and 1 to play; and this player also beat the Amateur Champion by one at the last hole. Scores as follows:—

W. Duncan	...	{ Out ... 4 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 4=39 }	81
		{ Home... 5 3 3 5 7 5 5 5 4=42 }	
Mr. P. C. Anderson	...	{ Out ... 4 5 4 5 6 5 4 3 4=40 }	83
		{ Home... 4 3 4 7 7 4 3 6 5=43 }	
Hugh Kirkaldy	...	{ Out ... 5 6 4 5 6 6 5 2 4=43 }	84
		{ Home... 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 6 5=41 }	

Not unnaturally, the defeated ones were anxious to rehabilitate themselves; so on Friday a return was played about the same time; the trio being accompanied by a large crowd. This time a scoring round was to be the test of merit, the winner to take the stakes. Far be it from us to speak with ought but reverence of the ex-Champion, and the present Amateur holder of the trophy, but candour compels the admission that on this occasion also they served but as foils to the still victorious Duncan; and as contrasted with him, to use an easy colloquialism, they were "not in it." Away he went again with the most perfect play conceivable; better by 2 strokes than on the previous night, he now went out in 37, without a fluke of any sort. Returning in 42, he had the fine total of 79; of which the details are:—

Out	4 4 5 4 5 4 4 3 4=37	} 79
Home	5 4 4 6 5 4 4 6 4=42	

Hugh Kirkaldy was 84, and Mr. Anderson 86. Duncan therefore set the seal on his victory in 81, the previous night, and made it apparent that his other fine rounds of 80 and thereabouts fairly represent the game he is playing this year. One sees how it is done, and wonders; one watches Hugh Kirkaldy, and wonders why he does not do it every time. Never was there a more striking exemplification of what deadly accuracy will do, when pitted against greater power with the accuracy lacking. Duncan has never been at Prestwick, but proposes to enter for the Championship this year; and assuredly all the mighty drivers to be there assembled will find it anything but an easy task to make better scores than he, assuming that he continues to play as at present. On Saturday afternoon the attraction was a four-some, Archie Simpson and Mr. Ballingall of the one part, and Mr. P. C. Anderson and Hugh Kirkaldy of the other. The latter couple 2 down at the sixth hole, eventually won by 3; and also won the last two byes—their score was 84. Archie Simpson's driving was tremendous; he has played more Golf this year than ever before, in consequence whereof he is in better practice than ever before. Hardly a week passes but he does something out of the common at Carnoustie; his last performance being a half-round of 34—a record. Fernie had seventeen holes in 68 at Prestwick. Mr. Hilton, at Formby, is good beyond the wildest dreams of excellence. Andrew Kirkaldy is determined to win; wherefore, the outlook for August 31st, and September 1st, is eminently re-assuring, and the most skilful Zadkiel would find it difficult to forecast the winner of this year's Open Championship.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

DORNOCH.

On Saturday the links presented a gay and animated appearance from ten in the forenoon till dusk. Never has the town been so full of visitors, mostly golfers; in fact, all the available accommodation is taken up. Amongst others who arrived on Saturday for the purpose of spending a few days amongst his constituents, was Sir John Pender, M.P., and a party of three, but finding that he could not be accommodated, the honourable gentleman was reluctantly obliged to leave in the afternoon for Tain. Most of the visitors engaged in private matches in the forenoon, while a few joined the local players in the season handicap competition. The morning was unfavourable for low scoring on account of a cross wind, but the greens, in view of the annual tournament, which began on Tuesday, were in perfect order. Mr. Hugh Munro, with 89, less 2=87, put in a win for the season prize, and Mr. W. G. Moore, with 112, less 18=94, stood first for the Taylor aggregate prize. Some of the other scores returned were:—Mr. M. McDonald, 87, plus 1=88; Mr. Strathers (Edinburgh), (scratch), 89; Mr. Robb (Edinburgh), 96, less 7=89; Mr. G. R. Kennedy (Edinburgh), 93, less 2=91; Mr. A. Innes, 98, less 6=92; Mr. D. Ross, 99, less 6=93; Mr. W. G. Moore, 112, less 18=94; Mr. A. M. Gray (Glasgow), 115, less 18=97; Mr. Guild (Inverness), 106, less 8=98; Mr. P. Park (Inverness), 105, less 7=98; Mr. Bailie Fraser, 112, less 12=100; Mr. C. Fletcher (Wick), 109, less 8=101; Mr. D. McKenzie, 120, less 18=102; Dr. Coats (Glasgow), 125, less 18=107; Mr. Wm. Miller (Edinburgh), 129, less 18=111.

R. & R. CLARK GOLF CLUB.—This club competed for their monthly medal over the Braids course on Saturday, Mr. D. Smith being the winner with the net score of 91.

ON RECORD-MAKING.

To break the record is an ambition which governs cricketers, cyclists, golfers, runners, riders and walkers, and which holds sway in other worlds besides the so-called "Sporting World." When the record madness enters into the soul of a man, he becomes a pitiful creature, the prey of an all-absorbing inglorious passion. His ambition is not so much to do credit to his favourite pursuit as to reflect honour upon himself. When, however, we sweepingly condemn the record-maker's passion, we do poor justice to the many elements of which that passion is composed. In the first instance all ambition, before it grows into a gigantic selfishness, is praiseworthy, and is planted in the breast of every man for his furtherance in life, and as an element in sport it is absolutely necessary. The record-maker sets himself not only to conquer the present, but he defies a long line of buried but not forgotten heroes, and in his own person challenges the future to produce such another man as he. Unfortunately, this ambition grows into his very soul till he becomes a machine only, daily performing the same exercises with an insatiable longing to surpass even his own performances. He is an unpleasant companion, whether he be elated by a recent success, or cast down by a momentary failure. He is so trained to one use of his muscles and strength, that he can find no pleasure in any but his particular sport, and, therefore, his sporting instincts die out in him, and he becomes a mere walking, swimming, golfing, or other automaton, as the case may be.

Perhaps no game presents such temptation to the record-maker as Golf. In cricket there are many adverse elements to be counted—you must make your record in spite of other people's skill against you, and this alone robs record-making of its worst feature. Golf, however, presents a clear field for a record. You have but to engage a caddie who shall be considered a sufficiently reliable umpire, and, alone in your glory, you may flog your ball round the links with no interruption from an adversary, nor any distracting pause which might militate against you. It is a temptation not to be easily resisted by the man who has the elements of record-making strongly implanted in him, but it is a vice which is ruinous to the interests of Golf, as well as to the best qualities of the golfer. It is no new opinion that a golfer may play a fine game by strokes, and yet be of no use whatever in match play. Ladies are usually more keen about the strokes in their round than about the holes which they win. Too many prize-days foster this failing, and it is therefore wise for the committees of clubs to encourage "Bogey" competitions rather than the ordinary medal rounds on prize-days.

When all is said and done, it is difficult to lay down any lines with regard to record-making in Golf. It is good to have an object in practising, and a great advantage to be able to enjoy a game alone when a partner is not to be secured, but there is no denying that in any sport whatever the record-maker is a nuisance to himself, and an unequalled bore to other people. And in these days, when every performance is public, there is a further incitement to record-making beyond the ambition to excel all others, which lies in the personal vanity inherent in every one of us, and which, in the words of a modern song, "None of us can deny."

B.

NAIRN.—A tournament between ladies and gentlemen, occupying four days, has excited much interest. In the semi-final round, Miss E. Phipps and Mr. G. M. Marshall beat Miss C. Buist and Mr. M. Murray; Miss Hargreaves and Mr. Clive Lawrence beat Miss Pait and Mr. A. C. W. Clarke. In the final round, Miss E. Phipps and Mr. G. M. Marshall beat Miss Hargreaves and Mr. Clive Lawrence. There were eighty competitors.

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LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

Golfers should never have livers out of order, or gout, or any other ailment, because of the healthy exercise Golf necessarily entails. But should there be such unfortunate golfers who require sulphur, chalybeate, or saline waters and baths, let them at once repair to Llandrindod Wells, in Wales. There the waters are good, if the Golf is bad; but there are holes, and flags on somewhat indifferent greens, and some drives over hills with a sprinkling of gorse. They will improve the links, no doubt; meantime they are a very fair field for beginners, and can even amuse the more advanced.

Llandrindod is in Radnorshire. It is beautifully situated, some 800 feet above the sea, with hills all round, and pretty walks and drives. The Pump House is a most comfortable hotel, and adjoins the pump-room. The band plays early and late, and between the tumbler's of water the patients promenade under the pine trees. Report says one man drank forty tumblers a day and died; and another gentleman, who arrived from a driving tour, gave his horses buckets of chalybeate water to strengthen them, and was surprised the next morning to find one of them dead in the stable! There have been deaths from over-doses, but the ordinary moderate drinkers improve in health, and discard their crutches and their sticks, and take to Golf instead.

It is a simple life, amid pretty surroundings, and very healthy. The waters are most beneficial when taken under the directions of the clever doctor. The primitive links are very good for beginners, and sufficient solace to the more proficient, who could not take any holiday unless there was at least one Golf hole within walking distance!

The natives say the whole valley has been surveyed, on the chance of its being made a huge reservoir for London, in which case the entire district will disappear. Only about fifteen miles away they have already begun the reservoir for Birmingham, in the midst of the most lovely scenes, in fact, the very source of the Wye, which beautiful river makes every Britisher's heart glow with pleasure at its picturesque charms.

It is a pretty little place, this Llandrindod Wells, where the pump-room rejoices in the name of Ffynnonllwynygog, and it is not at all a bad place for a quiet holiday. There are so many beginners at Golf in every direction, spoiling good games by keeping better players waiting, and cutting up the turf, and spoiling the greens, who could practise to their hearts' content, without being driven into, and in a week or two they could acquire some knowledge of the game, and, if need be, dose themselves with the waters at the same time.

E. B. T.

WE hear that the ladies' competition, inaugurated some months ago by the *Gentlewoman*, and conducted by Miss "Mashie," whose portrait we gave a few numbers back, has been very successful. When first the competition was announced there was a disposition to "pooh pooh" it on the ground that inequality of scoring was bound to be the inevitable outcome of a competition played over local greens throughout the kingdom, varying as each green did in point of length and hazards. The prediction, however, has not been verified, for we learn that all the scores are exceedingly close, and that several ties have resulted. The result will be announced shortly.

At a meeting of St. Andrews Police Commissioners last week, the committee appointed with regard to the purchase of St. Andrews Links reported that they had consulted Dr. Thornton, Dundee, as to the best means of carrying the proposal into effect, and that he was of opinion that the Commissioners should apply for a special Act of Parliament, as thereby their powers of administration would be wider and more effective than if they were to proceed either under the Parks Act or the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act. The committee, therefore, asked that they be empowered to appoint a valuator to determine what price should be offered to the proprietor. This was unanimously agreed to.

"CARRY."

IN the ordinary parabolic theory of projectiles, which till the time of Robins was practically the whole science of gunnery, the direction of projection for the greatest range on a horizontal plane (*i.e.*, the longest carry) was 45° . Any point short of this greatest range could be reached by two different paths, one starting at an angle exceeding 45° , the other at an angle falling short of it to the same amount. In this theory the resistance of the air was not taken into account; and its results are, in consequence, ridiculously inconsistent with observed facts, except when the projectile is spherical, smooth, and of dense homogeneous material; and the pace is, throughout, very moderate.

When the resistance of the air was first taken account of, its action on a spherical projectile was regarded as one merely diminishing the speed; yet the simple results of the parabolic theory suffered a profound modification. There was still, for any initial speed, a direction which gave a maximum range:—but it was no longer inclined so much as 45° to the horizon. There were still two ways (called, roughly, vertical and point-blank fire) of reaching any point within range, but the directions of projection for these two were no longer equally inclined above and below to that for the greatest range.

But it was pointed out 220 years ago by Newton, and seventy years afterwards (in seeming ignorance of what he had done) by Robins, that the effects of resistance of the air are not necessarily confined to the mere altering of the speed of a projectile, even when it is truly spherical and homogeneous. In fact, when the projectile is rotating as well as advancing, the resistance is no longer directly opposed to the motion, and it therefore affects the direction as well as the speed of the motion. On this more extended basis of calculation we may have *any number of* different paths by which, with the same initial speed, a point (within reach) may be attained. And these paths are not necessarily now confined to a vertical plane, nor even to a plane. Thus the subject becomes an exceedingly complex one, unless we restrict our discussion to a careful study of the special classes of cases which are of greatest importance, and those which are most commonly observed—the good drives, that we may discover the source of their goodness—the outrageously bad ones, that we may learn what to avoid.

One of the most singular characteristics of the flight of a really well-driven Golf ball is the almost feather-like behaviour of this solid lump of gutta-percha throughout the last half of its range. But it is only the *skilled* golfer who invariably succeeds in imparting to the brute mass this sort of buoyancy. The duffer may, occasionally, happen to do it; and for days thereafter he indulges in gloriously exaggerated descriptions of his one exceptionally long carry. The athletic smasher, with his ponderous brassy, may now and then achieve 180 yards or so; but in his hands the ball is usually a mere lump of dead matter, urged by sheer force, and no slight exhibition of it, as his set teeth and flushed countenance emphatically proclaim. It is hurled, as it were, into space, hissing and hurtling as it flies. Contrast this with the quiet, easy, graceful, *almost slow* way in which the ball leaves the club of a really good player:—no fuss, not even hurry, and scarcely any visible exertion. But the ball is now, as it were, a living thing, thinking and acting for itself. Instead of being pulled down by its weight, as the inert mass from the smasher's brassy shamefully (perhaps I should rather say *shamelessly*) permits itself to be treated, it mounts or soars as if in

defiance of universal gravitation! And mark the consequence. Its path is, for nearly half the range, *concave* upwards. It therefore remains much longer in the air than does the lifeless though hissing lump, and every instant it remains in the air adds to its carry. And granting that (occasionally) its initial speed may be less than that which the smasher sometimes manages to give, this matters comparatively little; for, in compensation, it loses speed much less rapidly, the resistance being as the *square* of the speed. *Time to travel* is what is wanted, and this can be secured only by neutralising, in many cases overcoming (if but for a little space), the deadly and ever-persistent pull of gravity. While the smasher's ball remains, at most, some *four* seconds in the air, hurrying as it were to hide its hideous behaviour from observation, the well-struck ball permits its graceful flight to be watched by delighted spectators for *six* seconds at least, all of them usefully employed in augmenting its carry.

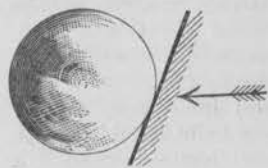
Another, and most convincing mode of stating the question is as follows:—Assume merely that the air's resistance to a non-rotating sphere is proportional to the square of the speed. Then, if the sphere be projected at an inclination of one in four, and remain in the air for six seconds, it *must* have a range of (at the very least) four hundred *yards!* If there were no resistance, the range would be about double this. It need scarcely be said that nothing in the least approaching to even the lesser of these carries has ever been actually achieved when the ball was propelled by a club. The immediate conclusion, therefore, is that a ball which takes six seconds or so to travel *must* have some form of buoyancy or levitation, unless of course, it start at a much higher inclination than one in four.

This buoyancy, which enables the ball, for a space, to defy gravity, is due to spin or rotation; so that a really good drive is produced in much the same sort of way as are the very worst. *These* are heeled, sliced, toed, or topped, as the case may be—it is undercut. All rotate, and therefore all skew—the sliced and heeled (if the player be right-handed) to the right; the toed, to the left; the topped, downwards; and the undercut, upwards.

In order to make sure that spin, sufficient for a time to balance or even to overcome gravity, can be produced by ordinary driving, we have only to think of the amount of the deflection produced by a slice. A good slice curves the path, in a horizontal direction, considerably *more* than does gravity in a vertical direction. If we take, as a matter of common occurrence, that a sliced or heeled ball may be found moving, towards the end of its flight, in a direction at right angles to that in which it started, and if its whole carry is (say) 160 yards; it is easy to show that the deflecting force must be, initially, somewhere about four times the weight of the ball. If, then, only *one-fourth* of this quite ordinary slicing spin be given as underspin, the ball moves at first as if gravity were non-existent. And I have calculated that a ball, driven off at an elevation of one in four, with such speed as to carry 136 yards *if not rotating*, would carry 180 yards if, other things being exactly the same, it had underspin of only half the rapidity of that due to ordinary slicing. Every one of these additional 44 yards is of priceless importance! But, still keeping to the initial (moderate) speed of projection, let the skilled player give somewhat more than twice as much underspin as there is spin in the typical slice—his carry is at once increased to some 250 yards! For the non-rotating smasher, such a carry would require that he should start the ball on its wild career with a speed somewhat greater than that of sound—in fact a speed not very inferior to that of the missile from

old Brown Bess! Hence the problem of long carry is much more a question of underspin than of anything else.

The underspin is, in practice, given in precisely the same way as is the spin due to heeling. In fact, one and the same figure can be made to represent either. Thus if, in the sketch, the line represents the face of a club, the arrow giving the direction of its motion; the whole may be regarded as in a horizontal, or as in a vertical plane. In the former case we are looking from above downwards, and the result will obviously be heeling. But, in the second case, we are looking at the ball horizontally from the player's left foot, and we see at a glance that the conditions are those for underspin.



These results, so far as the *amount* of the spin is concerned, depend not only upon the inclination of the face to the direction in which it is moving, but also upon the roughness of the club-face. A perfectly smooth face could give no spin. Spoons, mashies, &c., should therefore be as smooth as possible, in order that they may do properly their proper work. With a perfectly rough face (*i.e.*, one on which there can be no slipping or sliding), however much it may be "baffed," it is impossible to give the ball an initial elevation of more than about 34° :—the club, of course, being supposed to move horizontally at impact. And, the greater the underspin, the lower is in general the initial elevation of the path. It is the "raking" drive which gives the longest carry.

The face of a cleek may be made (so far as the present application is concerned) perfectly rough by means of a series of close, equidistant, grooves cut on it parallel to its *lower* edge. These grooves must be cut so as to act like teeth *biting downwards*, so that the face becomes like a lion's tongue. They do not, in any way, injure the ball, though they may perhaps render a thin fresh coat of paint desirable, after a few rounds have been played. When an originally smooth cleek-face is treated in this way, its lofting power is *very* much reduced, but its carry is increased by some 30 per cent. A *thin* plate of steel, grooved as above, and screwed on the face of a play-club, scarcely interferes with the pace which the elasticity of the wood can give to the ball; but it enables the player to give, in addition, that considerable underspin which adds so greatly to the length of the carry. It is on this principle, or some obvious modification of it, that the driver of the future must certainly be constructed. So far as *these* clubs are concerned, hammering of the ball is altogether unnecessary.

I suppose I ought to close this paper with an apology. The mass of your readers, if I may judge from the freely expressed opinions of the majority of golfers to whom I have expounded the above practical explanation of the essentials of long-driving, will simply regard it as a delusion—some, even, will probably treat it as an insult. To be told that his triumphant carry is due mainly to a slice, though it be inflicted vertically instead of horizontally, is too much for the independent spirit of a self-respecting golfer; and the wretched philosopher who ventures to make such a humiliating assertion, and who adds to the gravity of his offence by offering irrefragable proofs (both theoretical and practical) of the accuracy of his statement, may expect a short shrift indeed. But if, instead of boycotting me, or resorting to some of the other now recognised modes of enforcing the unwritten law, anyone should venture to discuss the matter reasonably, I shall be happy to encounter him.

P. G. TAIT.

DIVOTS OFF AN ENGLISH LINKS.—VIII.

THIS match had revealed, amongst other revelations, the astounding fact that young Burscough was a better player than Old Blobb. Mr. Fraserburgh said so himself, pointing his assertion by many an illustration of Old Blobb's deficiencies in the great match. Hereafter, it began to be a recognised fact that young Burscough was the best player in Pebblecombe, and we had a notion that he was the best in the world. Therefore they turned the match about, Colonel Burscough playing with Old Blobb and Mr. Fraserburgh with young Burscough. It was all the same, however—young Burscough's side won the great majority of the matches.

For awhile the Colonel ascribed this result to supernatural agency. "It was all luck," he said, with an emphasis on "luck" which made it seem much as though he had said "the devil."

Later, this theory became exhausted. He could not believe in such persistent working, in one line, of luck or the devil. He then began to ascribe it to bribery. "Old Blobb sells you," he said, "that's the worst of these professional fellows—they're always ready to sell their matches."

The puzzle was to find the buyer. If Old Blobb was venal who was it that bribed him? To whom was it worth while? For there was seldom more than half-a-crown on the match. But, of course, we never presumed to put these questions to the Colonel. We listened with respectful silence.

After a while, however, these matches fell through—not so much by reason of Old Blobb's scandalous venality as because of a tremendous row between the Colonel and Mr. Fraserburgh, which began, so to speak, in a sardine tin. It probably was the only sardine tin on the whole of the Pebblecombe links, so there is every reason to suppose that it was especially put there by the evil one in order to engender strife. For it lay in a little ragged patch of rushes, and close behind it lay the Colonel's ball. There were no sardines in the tin, but that is a detail.

The Colonel was stooping down to remove it when Mr. Fraserburgh called out "What are ye going to do, Cornel?"

"I am going to remove this biscuit tin, sir."

"And I maintain, Cornel, that ye are lying in a hazard an' have na right to move yon tin—and it's no' a biscuit tin, but a sardine tin, at ony rate."

A few minutes were spent in pursuing the side issue of the original purpose of the tin. This was determined by Old Blobb's going down upon his knees, sniffing sagaciously at the tin, and pronouncing with confidence "Fush!"

"There now, Cornel," said Mr. Fraserburgh triumphantly, having scored this first point in his favour. "May I ask if ye please, on what grounds ye propose to remove this *sardine* tin?"

"On the ground, sir, that it is in the way."

The very simplicity of the answer made Mr. Fraserburgh very angry indeed. With question and answer they went on from hot to hotter words. Old Blobb paced apprehensively around them, doubtful how to act, and wondering whether it would be safer to run home. Young Burscough lay on the ground and rolled about in the ecstasies of his laughter. Eventually Colonel Burscough seized the stumbling-block, the sardine tin, and threw it furiously and crookedly at Mr. Fraserburgh's head. Then he played his ball, in triumph, while Mr. Fraserburgh calling to his caddie, marched home with his nose very high in the air and warm

in colour. After this, for a long while, they were not on speaking terms, and we all regretted the breach of harmony and the cessation of these interesting matches.

About the same time came the first institution among us of handicap prizes. They owed their origin entirely to the ingenuity of Colonel Burscough, who knew that their invention would grievously vex the Gaelic soul of Mr. Fraserburgh. The Colonel himself disapproved of handicap prizes, but this disapproval was not nearly so strong as his approval of any measure that could annoy Mr. Fraserburgh. So we began to have biscuit boxes and butter dishes and monthly medals, and selling lotteries, and many many things which were an abomination to Mr. Fraserburgh. Personally he never competed for these honours.

"Na, sir," he would sternly say, "Gowf is not charity." Another reason for his non-competing, which he did not mention, was the enormous handicap he would have required to make him win.

There came among us, too, men who bet large sums upon a match—and paid them. Distinguished City men came for an occasional holiday to Golf at Pebblecombe. Once we even had a Member of Parliament. The City men introduced ingenious ways of betting. They would lay ten shares in the Great Desert of Sahara and Central African Railway Company, Limited, against fifteen shares, not fully paid-up, in the East Lincolnshire and Fen Countries Irrigation Company, Limited. They spoke of these great investments with a strange familiarity, under the terms of "Sarabs" and "Lincolns." Then they invented the plan of purchasing back from an adversary who might be a hole or two ahead his holes of vantage. For instance, if the layer of "Sarabs" were 3 up and 9 to play, the layer of "Lincolns" might, with proportional justice, say, "I'll give you four 'Lincolns' and we'll call it all even."

Such were the *fin de siècle* modes of betting which were introduced among us about the time of the invention of the Eclipse Golf ball.

Young Burscough was the first to play with one of these balls. It will be remembered that one of their peculiarities is to fly silently off the club, like a thief in the night. He happened to be playing with the Colonel when he made the first experiment with the new ball. He had said nothing of it to the Colonel who, as the first ball flew off, looked suspiciously at the flying sphere but made no remark. At the second tee shot, however, he could no longer keep silence. "What is the matter with that ball, sir?" he sternly inquired.

"Nothing particular," the young man replied; "it is just a new sort of ball they have sent me to try."

"New sort of ball, sir! why, jam it all, it's rank cheating. You didn't hit that ball at all—you know you didn't—it made no noise, and yet it flew off the club as if you had hit it perfectly. It's not a fair ball to play with."

When the hole was finished the Colonel looked at the novelty with curious disgust. He was very silent during the round, but when they had returned to the Iron Hut, and young Burscough was discussing the merits of the ball with some friends, the Colonel observed again, "I tell you, sir, it's not fair playing Golf with a ball like that. No gentleman, sir plays Golf with a lump of putty."

For the ball was rather soft, and gave some grounds for this description, and the appropriateness of the epithet was so fully recognised that from this remark of the Colonel's the term "putty ball" came into general use as a designation of the Eclipse patent.

So, now that we have brought the history of our club so late down as to the days of putty balls and great handicap prizes, we are treading closely on the threshold of contem-

porary golfing history as written in the chronicles of the Badminton Library and other great books. It remains only to relate how that great sundering of hearts which took place over the disunited caudal appendage of Master Johnson was mended, and the heartstrings rejoined, by the medium of a piece of rope's end.

Amongst the golfers who came into our circle was one by name Mr. Lazenby. This gentleman was a brother of Mrs. Eccleston. Further he was of a round full figure, a puffy face, and a melancholy disposition—a little troubled with some fatty sort of degeneration of the heart—just such a man, in fact, as one imagines Hamlet to have been. In the case of Mr. Lazenby, however, there was no Ophelia—at Pebblecombe, at least. Golf was his Ophelia, his only love, the subject of all his thoughts by day and of all his dreams at night. His soliloquies, his ecstasies, and his melancholia all had regard to the great and ancient game. He was fully conscious of this, himself, and sometimes spoke of his absorption with a touching mixture of self-pity and of pride. A short putt missed at a crucial point in a match would be with him, in mental vision, during whole days of torture. But he never broke his clubs or indulged in the violent manifestations of grief which were the safety-valves of Colonel Burscough's volcanic wrath. Mr. Lazenby's sorrow was too deep and too subtle for these gross remedies—it was beyond medicament, it preyed upon him and ate into his inmost soul, to the detriment both of bodily and mental health. Mrs. Eccleston was seriously concerned for her brother's welfare.

And now there came on a very great match, long arranged, between Mr. Lazenby and Old Blobb, on the one side, against the two Burscoughs on the other. Mr. Lazenby was not a player of very high class, inferior, probably, to Colonel Burscough. It was thought, amongst those who knew, that there was but slight chance for Mr. Lazenby. Nevertheless he had, at the first, expressed himself with confidence as to the result. As the day drew near, however, he began to grow less satisfied. He was in a vein of unsteady play. His nights were made miserable by his anxiety, his face grew more pallid and flabby, his step more vacillating. The day before the great match Mrs. Eccleston, going into his bedroom, after he had gone forth to Golf (for he was staying in her house), was horrified to perceive, lying upon the floor, a long coil of stout rope. Not for one single instant did Mrs. Eccleston deceive herself as to the purpose for which this deadly coil was intended. She knew well the melancholy bent of her brother's mind, and the terrible strain which the only too probable loss of the morrow's Golf match would put upon it. Already he had taken his fatal measures. Even now Mrs. Eccleston saw him pendent, over her mental horizon, his neck encircled by the fatal noose. In her anguish of spirit the poor lady could think of no adviser better than her old friend (now, since the Johnson episode, somewhat estranged) Professor Fleg. Again, therefore, the Professor received the lady's gracious summons, and again, with his usual courtesy, he punctually obeyed it.

"Mr. Fleg," she said, very sadly, from the depths of her sofa cushions, "you see a woman in very great trouble."

"Indeed, my dear madam," the Professor answered, with some trepidation owing to a vivid recollection of a former interview, "I sincerely regret to hear it. May I be permitted to inquire its nature?"

"Ah, my dear Mr. Fleg, you know my affection, my anxiety for my dear brother. Can nothing, do you think, be done to save him?"

"Save him, my dear madam, from what, may I ask?"

"Ah, Mr. Fleg, from this fatal Golf match." And then

Mrs. Eccleston proceeded, at great length, to lay before Mr. Fleg her fears, grounded upon the unassailable evidence of that terrible piece of rope.

"But, my dear madam," Mr. Fleg asked, when the lady's moving narrative was finished, "have you any reason to suppose that the rope of which you speak is destined for any such deadly purpose?"

"Ah, Mr. Fleg, I know my dear brother so well—know so well the effect of this dreadful game upon his curious disposition."

"But could you not conceal or destroy the rope, my dear madam?" Mr. Fleg naturally inquired.

"Again, Mr. Fleg, I must repeat to you, I know my poor brother's disposition far far too well. Once he has determined on a course of action he is like—like—what shall we say Mr. Fleg?"

"A mule," my dear madam?" Mr. Fleg courteously suggested.

"Let us rather say 'adamant,' Mr. Fleg," the lady corrected him. "At all events, I perceive that you understand my meaning. How, I ask you—you, a man of commanding intellect—how are we to save him?"

Mr. Fleg took his leave, promising to call again later in the day, by which time he hoped to have thought out a means for Mr. Lazenby's preservation. He was doubtful whether the rope might not, after all, have denoted some less deadly purpose than that which Mrs. Eccleston had surmised. Nevertheless, he was not without his apprehensions. He had suggested that Mr. Lazenby might have some boxes to cord, but had been checkmated by the answer that the gentleman always travelled with portmanteaux. On his way home he met the Pebblecombe doctor.

"Have you happened to have seen Mr. Lazenby lately, my dear sir?" he asked the medicine man.

"Lazenby, yes, by Jove," said the doctor, who was a jovial little man, "saw him day before yesterday. Getting jolly fat ain't he? Eats too much, drinks too much, sleeps too much—told him so myself. That old Golf of yours" (the doctor was not a golfer), "not enough exercise for a man of his habit. Advised him to get a skipping rope and skip for a quarter of an hour every morning when he gets out of his bath. Jolly pretty sight he must be—ha—ha!—fine study in comparative anatomy. Good morning, Professor."

The Professor made no answer, but stood thoughtfully, with an expression which was as nearly a wink as a very learned man can be expected to get it. Then he walked away delicately, like Agag, revolving subtle schemes in his head.

He had been very sincerely vexed by the gulf which had been set by Mrs. Eccleston between those two young people, who had bid fair to make so fine a pair of lovers, young Burscough and Miss Eccleston. Then he wended his delicate way back in the direction of Mrs. Eccleston's villa.

"There is but one way that I can see, my dear madam," he said, "for the preservation of your brother's most valuable life—that is that he should win this great Golf match."

"Ah yes, Mr. Fleg," the lady responded very sadly. "Alas! how is that to be done? Young Mr. Burscough is so magnificent a player."

"But, my dear madam," Mr. Fleg resumed, with *finesse*—"but young Mr. Burscough might perhaps be persuaded to play, for the nonce, less magnificently."

"But how, Mr. Fleg—I do not understand you—you would not have the young man poisoned? Bad as he s—"

"Good gracious, no, madam!" said Mr. Fleg much horrified. "Poisoned, good gracious no—unless it were," he continued, regaining his courtierly tones, "that he should be poisoned by the exceeding sweetness of the manner of your request."

"My request, Mr. Fleg?"

"My meaning is, my dear madam, that you should lay the case—the sad case—before young Mr. Burscough, and request him, in the interests of humanity and of your favour, to permit your brother to win this match in which he takes so keen an interest."

"But to ask a favour of that—of that young man, Mr. Fleg!"

"Of my friend, my dear madam," Mr. Fleg answered, venturing to correct the tone of the lady's speech.

"Quite so, Mr. Fleg—of your friend."

"Consider, my dear madam, the horror of the circumstances. Supposing that on entering your brother's bedroom you were to find him—"

"Oh! spare me, Mr. Fleg," the lady interrupted, with some vivacity. "Yes, yes; indeed I will. I will ask young Mr. Burscough myself."

"And consider, also, if you please, my dear madam, that this is a great favour which you will thus be asking. It is no little matter. Think of the light in which your brother would view it were one to ask him to give up, of set purpose, his chance in so great a match."

"It is true—indeed, it is true, Mr. Fleg. Surely, though, the young man will not be so iron-hearted as to refuse."

"That, my dear madam, must entirely depend upon your powers of persuasion," said Mr. Fleg, in a gallant way, which left no doubt about his opinion of those powers. Then he took his leave, and proceeded to give his instructions to young Burscough.

Young Burscough was at first very averse to the part which Mr. Fleg proposed to him. "What good am I to get out of kidding, and losing this match to please the old lady? I don't care whether old Lazenby skips, or hangs himself, or what he does."

Mr. Fleg expressed his horror at such inhuman sentiments, and further said: "It will be for you, my dear sir, to make your bargain with the lady. If I might be permitted to suggest, I might perhaps hint that permission to play Golf, on all convenient occasions, with Miss Eccleston upon the ladies' links, might be not an unfair remuneration for a few topped tee shots."

Young Burscough started, and turned red with joy as the whole meaning of the Professor's stratagem came to his stupid young brain.

"By Jove! Mr. Fleg, you're a regular Machiavelli. You're a regular brick—by Jove, you are!"

"I thank you, my dear sir. I should doubt, however, whether Machiavelli had ever before been, even indirectly, dubbed with that soubriquet."

In the afternoon young Burscough had an interview with Mrs. Eccleston. Later in the evening the young man walked out over the sands with Miss Eccleston, and it was said in Pebblecombe that they had been unrebuked.

The following day was the date fixed for the great match. Colonel Burscough played exceedingly well, which made the young man's task all the harder; but the Colonel's wrath against his young partner was excessive, for Mr. Lazenby and Old Blobb won the match on the last hole by 1.

"Never saw such a thing in my life, as that boy, sir," the Colonel said, describing the match. "Why, jam it all, he topped two tee shots running; and at the last hole, when he had the match for the taking, he fozzled his iron

shot right into the bunker. It's the way with all boys, sir; you can't trust 'em. They ought to be destroyed."

So Blobb and Mr. Lazenby won the match, and Lazenby did not hang himself. He skips about every morning after his bath so noisily that Mrs. Eccleston has had to inquire the meaning of it all. But still she believes that the original purpose for which he had destined that rope was the fatal one of her first surmise; and now she speaks of its use as a peaceful skipping-rope with a pious reference to the turning of ploughshares into reaping-hooks, as foretold in Scripture.

And young Burscough and Miss Eccleston play Golf, almost daily, upon the ladies' links.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

THE END.

THE FOURSOME.

It was a day in the month of May
Brightest hour of the afternoon;
Down on the links in the midst of play
A bell tolled softly from far away.

Then for a moment we stayed our game,
Looked up quick in each other's eyes;
While for a space a shadow came.
Quoth one, "A body is gainin' hame."

Then one said "It tolls for the dead;
We are living. Drive away."
Far to windward the good ball sped,
Ever the sand-lark sang overhead.

Years are gone, and, one by one,
Three of us passed to the tolling bell;
Still on the links the caddies run
And the rushes bend to the wind and sun.

H. B.

INNERLEVEN CLUB.—A foursome competition, under handicap, in connection with this club took place at Leven on 14th and 15th inst., the couples and foursomes being arranged by ballot. The following is the result of the competition, the figures being the odds received by each couple:—First round: Messrs. W. Henderson and Balfour S. Adamson (3) beat Sheriff Lees and Mr. S. M. Murray (7) by 2 up and 1 to play; Colonel S. Adamson and Mr. G. R. Fortune (4) beat Messrs. James Forgan and T. E. Keyden (18) by 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. J. M'Gibbon and H. R. Balfour (8) beat Mr. W. H. Dalrymple and Rev. A. Mackenzie (9) by 1 hole; Messrs. S. W. Johnston and John Adamson (10) beat Rev. W. Milne and Mr. Percy Balfour (5) by 2 holes; Mr. R. M'Gowan and Dr. A. E. Watson (4) had a walk over, Messrs. W. Shepherd and J. S. Scott (5) not having appeared. Byes:—Messrs. J. G. Carr Lees and C. F. Balfour (3), Messrs. R. W. B. Creeke and James H. Smith (7), Dr. A. F. Crole and Mr. D. Edgar Keyden (7). Second round: Messrs. J. G. Carr Lees and C. F. Balfour beat Messrs. R. W. B. Creeke and Jas. H. Smith by 7 up and 5 to play; Messrs. W. Henderson and Balfour S. Adamson beat Dr. A. F. Crole and Mr. T. Edgar Keyden by 2 holes; Colonel D. Adamson and Mr. G. R. Fortune beat Messrs. J. M'Gibbon and H. R. Balfour by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. R. M'Gowan and Dr. A. E. Watson beat Messrs. S. W. Johnston and John Adamson by 4 up and 3 to play. Third round: Messrs. J. G. Carr Lees and C. F. Balfour beat Messrs. W. Henderson and Balfour S. Adamson by 3 up and 1 to play; Colonel D. Adamson and Mr. G. R. Fortune beat Mr. R. M'Gowan and Dr. A. E. Watson by 3 up and 1 to play. Final round: Colonel D. Adamson and Mr. G. R. Fortune beat Messrs. J. G. Carr Lees and C. F. Balfour by 4 up and 2 to play.

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It will be observed from our advertising columns that there is to be a Golf tournament at Musselburgh on September 7th. Our readers will remember that last year the Musselburgh people rather surprised the golfing world by the spirited opposition which they raised to the removal of the Championship meeting from their green. The tournament then held was a complete success, and it is understood that this result has prompted the competition now being advertised. Hopes are expressed freely that the competition may become an annual one, and we should be glad indeed to see this resolved on. This year the tournament is under different management; it is being held under the auspices of the Town Council and the Golf clubs in the town. The competition is to be open to all amateur and professional golfers. The prizes amount to £40, the first prize being £12, and the second £8, and five others of diminishing amount. The money prizes are open to professionals only, but amateurs are entitled to compete along with the professionals for the first and second prizes, and, in the event of their winning, will receive silver plate of the value. A silver cup and gold medal are also open to competition by amateurs only.

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Professional golfers can hardly complain of want of competitions this year. There is a tournament at Kilmalcolm, near Glasgow, on August 26th, the Championship meeting is at Prestwick on August 31st and September 1st, and the tournament at Musselburgh on September 7th—all within a fortnight. The aggregate prize money at these competitions amounts to about £150. There is no doubt that these meetings are being conducted on the right principle, viz., the one immediately following the other, as this enables players to go from the one competition to the other at very little expense. It is to be hoped that players will respond heartily. We should like to see more competitions conducted in this way.

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By the way, neither of the two great English cracks, Messrs. Ball and Hilton, have ever played over Musselburgh Links in a competition. We understand, however, that Mr. Ball had a round there last year. It would be interesting to see how these gentlemen would play on a historic green like Musselburgh, and we should like to hear that they are going.

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The time for the Championship competition at Prestwick is now near; but after the series of startling surprises on the same ground at the Amateur meeting, when Mr. Hilton fell before Mr. Tait, and the young student-stripling from St. Andrews ousted Mr. Laidlay in the final, it would be rash to speculate as to the probable winner. Messrs. Tait and Anderson will no doubt both enter, and their names may now be ranked among the leading amateurs as likely men. Mr. Stuart Anderson, from his performances recently at North Berwick and Luffness, seems to be forcing more attention than he has hitherto received. Andrew Kirkaldy, they say, among professionals, is in splendid form, and Willie Fernie, with his facility for practising on the links, and fresh from victory over Willie Campbell, will no doubt have many supporters. Prestwick's,

like other places, is now crowded with players, but the course is in the pink of condition, and Mr. Hart, the secretary, will have everything in perfect order for the competition.

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Golfers will have good reason to remember the heat of this month of August, which on several days sent the thermometer up to and above 80° in the shade. What a time of sweating, browning, and scarifying it has been for parties who have left town for summer exercise on the links. One humorous player on the links of a Northern Golf course, was heard to blame the loose skin that hung about his nose and face, for his missing the ball, a reef or two having come between his eyes and the globe, just as he was in the act of striking. The same player's neck would have led one to infer that he had narrowly escaped a hanging.

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General Lord Roberts must have caught the Golf fever, for he has been residing part of the season at Dunbar, where he has been presented with the honorary freedom of the burgh. In opening a bazaar in aid of the enlarging and improving of the Dunbar bowling green, Lord Roberts said that he felt he was entitled to speak on this occasion after the interesting event. People might be inclined to ask him what sort of a place Dunbar was. He would reply by telling them that it possessed everything that was desirable for outdoor amusement. It had its Golf, bowling, and tennis greens, and their business that day was to promote the interests of the bowlers. The General is to be presented with the freedom of Edinburgh in October, when he opens the Session of the Scottish Geographical Society.

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Rothsay is just now simply crowded with summer visitors, and its Golf course proves an outlet for many who formerly felt its atmosphere rather stifling. Mr. D. Munro has again lowered the record, his score for two rounds of the green, in playing in a recent competition, being 77, made up thus:—4 5 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 3 6 3 4 4 5.

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The Rev. R. Barclay, M.A., the editor of "A Batch of Golfing Papers," a most readable little volume, is on the short list for Greenock West Kirk, recently made vacant by the death of his father, the Rev. John Barclay.

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With the great progress of the game of Golf, it has been suggested by a correspondent that a golfers' map of Great Britain and Ireland should be prepared, or perhaps better, that we should have separate maps for Great Britain, Ireland, and Scotland. Such maps would be most useful, and it is hoped that Messrs. Bartholomew and Co., Messrs. W. and A. K. Johnston, or some other eminent firm, will have their attention drawn to the matter.

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Mr. D. Micara, the eminent stationer, of Cockburn Street, Edinburgh, has given an album of fine Highland views, to be competed for by the Comrie Golf Club, which is a great boon to visitors in the Crieff district. Members and strangers who are temporary members are both to be allowed to compete.

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The links at Machrie, Islay, have been well patronised during the present month, and the White Hart Hotel, from which the golfers drive to the course, has had quite a number of golfing parties on its lists, who have engaged in various competitions on the course, with which all have expressed their delight. In a sweepstake contest Mr. L. Robertson was first with 91, the Rev. John Kerr following with 93, both scratch. In another of the same the prizes were won by Mr. Andrew Robertson and Mr. H. M. Bell, who on Saturday compiled a score of 90, though not in a competition. A "Bogey" fight was got up, the "Colonel" being at par, viz., 81, which happens to be the amateurs' record of the green. In this case Mr. A. Robertson and the Rev. J. Kerr tied for first place, both having saved a moiety of the eighteen holes from falling to "Bogey." Mr. Fitz Herbert, a member of the Lytham and St. Anne's

Club, has had several rounds of Machrie, where he is spending a shooting holiday with a friend, and among other players that have been on the green were Dr. Hector Cameron, Dr. Pitcairn, Messrs. Sansome, Turner, and Gordon of "Ye Monks," Mr. W. Croal, and Mr. Veitch. Machrie House has been occupied by Mr. Robertson, Glasgow, whose sons are all good players, and fond of the game.

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A revised version of the proverb about the bliss of ignorance has, we believe, now become the maxim of the duffer golfer "Ignorance of the rules of the game is worth a stroke a hole."

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A match was played on Friday, the 18th inst., over the links of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, between A. Tingey, the Brancaster professional, and J. Hughes, the green-keeper of the Hunstanton Club, resulting in a win for the latter by 3 up and 1 to play. The scores were:—Hughes, out, 40, home 50=90; Tingey, out, 45, home 48=93. The day was intensely hot, with a strong south wind, which militated against low scoring, though, as the course was entirely strange to Hughes, his score was a very creditable one. The return match, over the Hunstanton course, will be played shortly.

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Playing against the best of Mr. W. Bazalgette's and Mr. J. D. Charington's balls, Tom Dunn went round the Tooting Bec course at Furzedown, on August 21st, in 75, as follows: Out, 4 5 5 3 3 4 3 5 5=37; in, 4 5 6 5 5 4 2 4 3=38. He won the match by 5 up and 4 to play, and the bye by one.

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A Scotsman who plays Golf at Singapore has made a joke. It appears that he was playing with, and was beaten by, the Chief Justice, and that he explained to sympathetic friends that it was no wonder the Chief Justice had beaten him because it was always "His Honour."

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Peter Paxton, who has been so long the club-maker and professional to the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, has severed his connection with Eastbourne. Several clubs have endeavoured to secure the services of this excellent green-keeper and club-maker, and we understand that Peter has decided to go to the recently-formed club at Hastings, which Mr. Harry Furniss did so much to establish. Though the green is new, and will be all the better for a good deal of play, it has all the capabilities of a splendid seaside course. The hazards are all admirably placed, and consist of whins, cops, and ponds; and Tom Dunn, who laid out the course, in conjunction with Mr. Harry Furniss, has certainly made the best of the ground at his disposal. The course is quite close to the sea, and ten minutes' walk from the railway station, and though the club is not many months formed, it already numbers 160 members. Paxton takes with him four skilled workmen, a large stock of finely-made clubs and balls, and, under his energetic and painstaking supervision, we have no doubt that the Hastings course will be made one of the most enjoyable greens for resident members and visitors in Sussex. Peter is an old hand at the game, and knows a good few things of value about green-keeping and club-making.

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It is also pleasing to note that the directors of the Crystal Palace Company have rewarded Paxton for his fine exhibit of Golf clubs and balls at the recent Sports and Pastimes Exhibition held there, and which has just been closed. A medal, accompanied by a flattering recommendation, has been awarded to Paxton for his show of clubs and balls. In addition to this, Royalty has smiled upon Peter as a club-maker, and he is now branding his club-heads with a crown—in this respect being equal with Fergans, the well-known makers at St. Andrews.

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At a large meeting of gentlemen in the Court Hall, Helensburgh, last week it was agreed to form a Golf Club, and a committee was appointed to draw up a report and submit to a future meeting. It is proposed to acquire forty acres of ground at Kirkmichael Farm, at an annual rental of 35s. per acre for three years, and afterwards at 30s. per acre. The initial expense is calculated to be £400, and the annual upkeep at £160.



ABERDEEN.

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—The members of this club competed on Saturday for Mr. Hill's prize. On cards being compared, Messrs. A. Smart and G. Middleton were found equal for the first place, with the respective scores of 84, less 6, and 96, less 18=78. Next in order were Messrs. D. Hutchison, 84; J. W. Murray, 85; J. Greig, sen., 89; H. Glass, 90; C. Smith, 91; J. Florence, 92; C. Ward, J. Cameron, and J. Ogilvie, 93 each; J. Rattray, J. Fraser, and A. Jaffray, 94 each; J. Anderson and G. Simpson, 95 each; F. Watt, R. Reid, and W. Gellatly, 96 each; J. Greig, jun., 97; and J. Falconer, 98.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' competition (third round) for Mr. George H. Garrett's cup was played on these links on Saturday. Great interest was taken in this competition, and the cup was won by Mrs. Ernest V. Longstaffe with the excellent score of 119, less 12=107. Mrs. Longstaffe, whose handicap was recently reduced from 20 to 12, evidently must soon take scratch rank, and having won the cup on a previous occasion, now becomes the owner of the same. The scores were:—Mrs. Ernest V. Longstaffe, 119, less 12=107; Miss R. C. Garrett, 137, less 20=117; Miss Klugh, 148, less 30=118; Miss N. Martyn, 132, less 12=120; Miss A. Klugh, 135, less 15=120; Miss Pettit (scratch), 121; Miss Salmon, 154, less 30=124; Mrs. Marson, 163, less 30=133; Mrs. Ingram Walker, 166, less 25=141; Miss J. A. Martyn, 167, less 25=142; Miss Hale, 180, less 30=150.

A return match was played on August 12th between the Aldeburgh Golf Club and the Southwold Golf Club at Southwold, when Aldeburgh succeeded in winning a well-contested game. The scores were:—

ALDEBURGH.		SOUTHWOLD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. B. Pettit	... 2	Mr. W. Whytoch	... 0
Mr. A. F. Stewart	... 4	Mr. A. Hannay	... 0
Mr. W. F. Gorton	... 1	Mr. A. R. Grubbe	... 0
Mr. Gilbert Spurling	... 0	Mr. Taylor	... 0
Mr. W. H. Warner	... 2	Mr. J. B. Gooding	... 0
Mr. W. F. Thompson	... 0	Mr. S. W. Woollett	... 0
	9		0

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING GOLF CLUB.

A handicap match of eighteen holes was played on Monday, the 14th, by the members of this club for the monthly badge, which was won by Mr. R. R. Stephenson with a net score of 76. Mr. R. R. Stephenson, 116, less 40=76; Mr. J. A. Unett, 102, less 20=82; Mr. R. S. Stevelly, 108, less 26=82; Mr. G. A. Robinson, 98, less 14=84; Mr. W. Stephenson, 105, less 20=85; Mr. F. Bond, 113, less 25=88; Captain Whittle, 104, less 14=90; Mr. A. B. Reckitt, 108, less 18=90.

BORTH GOLF CLUB.

The course at Borth has recently been altered, three of the old holes the "Bunkers," "Warren," and "Deil's Own" having been abandoned, owing to difficulties with the ground owners, and replaced by new ones on the west side of the road. The reopening of the green and the formation of the club was marked by two handicap competitions for prizes, played for by the visitors on August 16th and 19th. It is to be hoped that the Borth links will never again be permitted to fall into the unsatisfactory condition complained of from time to time by correspondents of GOLF, and that under the care of Dr. J. Harden Jones, the honorary secretary and treasurer, the green may again become the first green in Wales. The new holes, the 10th, 11th and 12th are all good sporting holes. The teeing ground for the 10th is on the top of Moel Ynys, about fifty feet higher than the hole. A

straight drive over bents, bunker, and road, will put the player's ball on the green, but it must be straight, or it is sure to be in difficulties. At the 11th, a drive over a bunker and sand-hill, places the ball within an easy iron shot of the hole; a pulled ball will lie badly among bents, with which the green is protected in the rear. The 12th is a much longer hole. A good drive over a sand-hill will give the player a good lie, from which another good straight drive will put the ball within a cleek shot of the hole. It lies in a hollow guarded, on each side, and in the rear. It should be done in 5. Visitors to Borth should seek information about the links from Dr. Jones, the Hon. Secretary.

August 16th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. Rogers	... 119	21 98	Mr. Lesley..	... 114	3 111
†Mr. Morton	... 102	scr. 102	Mr. Cobbett	... 118	5 113
Mr. Addy	... 121	17 104	Mr. Lovelin	... 122	8 114
Dr. J. H. Jones	... 137	30 107	Mr. H. C. Holmes	... 126	5 121
Mr. Perry	... 109	scr. 109	Mr. Pardoe...	... 164	40 124
Mr. E. C. Holmes..	122	12 110	Mr. Abbott...	... 185	50 135
Rev. E. O. Jones	... 144	34 110	Rev. F. R. Burnside	198	35 163

* First prize. † Second prize.

The others made no returns.

August 19th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Master J. A. Rowlands	... 141	40 101	Mr. Rogers	... 123	14 109
†Mr. H. C. Holmes	108	5 103	Mr. C. W. Johnson	115	5 110
Mr. Morton	... 105	scr. 106	Mr. Lesley	... 116	5 111
Dr. J. H. Jones	... 139	33 106	Rev. A. E. Daldy	... 130	16 114
Mr. A. H. Griffiths	111	5 106	Mr. E. C. Holmes	132	18 114
			Mr. Aslett	... 157	31 126

* First prize. † Second prize.

Messrs. Abbott, Rowlands, Shirreff, and Addy broke their rounds on account of the heavy thunderstorm, and retired.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

BOROUGH OF DEAL CHALLENGE CUP.

The first competition for the handsome challenge cup presented to the club by the Borough of Deal, was played for on Tuesday last, the 15th inst., and two following days. The weather all through was most brilliant, perhaps rather too hot for the game to be played in comfort. In every way it was a most successful meeting, although next year, when it will be competed for in Whitsun-week, the entries will no doubt be much larger; on this occasion thirty-two competitors entered. The course was in capital order, some of the greens being simply perfect. The play was of a most interesting nature, some of the matches being very keenly contested.

First Heat.—Result.—Mr. Robertson Luxford (8) beat Mr. J. D. Matthew (8) 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. J. B. Wood (8) beat Mr. A. J. W. Long (8) by 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell (3) beat Captain Austin (7) by 6 up and 5 to play; Rev. H. W. Hussey (8) beat Mr. Percy Fox (8) by 1 hole; Mr. W. P. Matthews (8) beat Mr. G. Gardner (8) by 1 hole; Captain Urmston (5) beat Mr. F. Tarver (8) 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. T. Welman (2) beat Mr. R. Moxon (8) 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. R. Anderson (8) beat Hon. R. C. Grosvenor (8) by 1 hole; Mr. J. C. Wadham (8) beat Mr. T. Winch (7) 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. M. Tomson (8) beat Mr. B. C. Manly (8) 4 up and 5 to play; Captain Tattersall (5) beat Mr. E. J. Hunt (8) 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. P. Barlow (8) beat Mr. H. A. Richardson (8), scratched; Mr. T. R. Mills (5) beat Colonel Lloyd (8) by 5 up and 4 to play; Rev. G. Hyde-Smith (8) beat Captain Cummings (8) by 2 up and 1 to play; Captain Eccles (8) beat Mr. E. O. Dunn (8) by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. C. Lake (8) beat Major Wilkinson (8) by 7 up and 6 to play.

Second Heat.—Mr. Luxford beat Mr. Wood 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Mitchell beat Mr. Hussey 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Matthews beat Mr. Urmston 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Welman beat Mr. Anderson 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Tomson beat Mr. Wadham 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Tattersall beat Mr. Barlow 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Mills beat Mr. Hyde-Smith by 1 hole; Mr. Lake beat Captain Eccles (retired).

Third Heat.—Mr. Mitchell beat Mr. Luxford 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Matthews beat Mr. Welman 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Tomson beat Mr. Tattersall by 1 hole; Mr. Mills beat Mr. Lake 2 up and 1 to play.

Fourth Heat.—Mr. Mitchell beat Mr. Matthews by 1 hole; Mr. Mills beat Mr. Tomson 2 up and 1 to play.

Final Heat.—Mr. Mills beat Mr. Mitchell by 2 holes.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly gold trophy, which resulted in favour of Mr. R. S. Thomson, with a score of 92, less 14=78. Six teen players started.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

A competition by holes (nine) under handicap was played on the 17th inst. at Newcastle, when Mr. A. Duffin won a very exciting match by a putt.

First Round.—Mr. A. Doig (3) beat Mr. Mathews (9) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. N. Stone (8) beat Mr. A. H. Cleaver (9) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. F. W. Hodges (3) beat Mr. W. E. Cleaver by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. P. Trowsdale (8) beat Dr. Graves (9) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. C. H. Duffin (3) beat Mr. Potts (4) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. E. W. Garrett (9) beat Mr. Parry (9) by 1 up; Mr. J. MacCormac (5) beat Mr. C. G. Watson (9) by 3 up and 2 to play. Byes:—Mr. H. Gregg (scratch); Mr. T. E. Barkworth (7); Mr. B. Magill (2); Mr. F. Hoey (7); Mr. Holyoake (7); Mr. Astbury (8); Mr. R. Magill (5); Mr. Ferguson (4); Mr. A. Duffin (7).

Second Round.—Mr. Doig beat Mr. Stone by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Hodges beat Mr. Trowsdale by 2 up; Mr. C. H. Duffin beat Mr. Garrett by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. B. Magill beat Mr. Barkworth by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Hoey beat Mr. Holyoake by 1 up; Mr. Astbury beat Mr. R. Magill by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. Duffin beat Mr. Ferguson by 3 up and 2 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. Doig beat Mr. Hodges by 1 up; Mr. Gregg beat Mr. C. H. Duffin by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. B. Magill beat Mr. Hoey by 2 up; Mr. A. Duffin beat Mr. Astbury by 1 up after a tie.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Gregg beat Mr. Doig by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. Duffin beat Mr. B. Magill by 1 up.

Final.—Mr. A. Duffin beat Mr. Gregg by 1 up.

The competition for the club monthly prize was played at Newcastle, on the 19th inst. A strong south-easterly breeze prevailed during the day, but for which the scores would have been better. The recent rains have greatly improved the greens, which will be in splendid order for the Championship meeting next month. As will be seen from the details, the first class prize was won by Mr. B. Magill, the prize for the second class being tied for by Messrs. W. L. Wheeler and F. Hoey. The following are the net scores of under 100 returned. Mr. B. Magill, 87, less 6=81; Mr. W. L. Wheeler, 101, less 18=83; Mr. F. Hoey, 105, less 22=83; Mr. J. Bell, 94, less 10=84; Mr. D. J. Lindsay, 108, less 24=84; Mr. J. MacCormac, 101, less 14=87; Mr. J. F. W. Hodges, 102, less 9=93; Mr. A. Doig, 104, less 8=96; Mr. F. L. Heyn, 122, less 25=97.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

Owing to the holidays there was only a small muster of members for the fourth summer handicap, on Saturday. The putting-greens were in perfect condition, but occasional violent storms of wind and rain spoilt a good many scores, several of the players having to shelter before they were able to complete their rounds. Mr. Bell won pretty easily with a net score of 78. The following were the best returns:—Mr. W. Bell, 83, less 5=78; Mr. A. N. Monkhouse, 89, less 8=81; Mr. G. N. Cameron, 92, less 11=81; Mr. T. C. Norris, 92, less 11=81; Mr. J. N. Hutton, 94, less 9=85; Mr. G. Hicks, 101, less 15=86; Mr. G. H. Norris, 101, less 15=86; Mr. A. B. Scholfield, 90, less 2=88; Mr. E. Redfern, 104, less 14=90; Mr. E. C. Hutton, 98, less 7=91; Rev. H. D. Tonge, 99, less 7=92; Mr. T. C. Midwood, 105, less 12=93.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, August 19th:—Mr. J. R. Phillips, 99, less 22=77; Mr. W. F. Currey, 103, less 22=81; Mr. A. Hart, 105, less 24=81; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (disqualified, having inadvertently infringed the rule as to playing out of a spinney), 102, less 20=82; Mr. Cyril Plummer (scratch), 84; Mr. J. Pritchard, 104, less 20=84; Mr. W. B. Skinner, 104, less 20=84; Mr. W. Hern, 104, less 20=84; Mr. H. Hall, 107, less 22=85; Mr. M. G. Peckell, 112, less 24=88; Mr. W. Jackson, 99, less 9=90; Rev. E. H. Hay, 114, less 22=92.

ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday last in splendid weather, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. H. Richardson	79	2	77	Mr. P. F. G. Lord	103	13	90
Mr. E. H. Absalom	91	13	78	Col. Needham	110	20	90
*Mr. W. A. Adam	103	20	83	Mr. A. B. Hutchings	105	13	92
†Mr. C. W. Harrison	95	11	84	Mr. T. J. Baillie	106	13	93
Mr. G. A. Meredith	94	10	84	Mr. T. A. F. Hog...	111	18	93
†Mr. W. McArthur	97	13	84	Mr. W. Bower	115	20	95
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	97	10	87	Mr. J. J. Allen	117	20	97
Mr. R. McCracken...	108	20	88	Mr. C. G. Allan	118	20	98
Mr. C. Teesdale	105	16	89	Mr. C. A. Hutton	118	20	98
Mr. H. T. Lindley	101	12	89				

* First sweepstake. † Divided second.

There were several other competitors who made over 100.

FORFARSHIRE.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., the members of the Carnoustie Ladies' Club held a competition on the links at Carnoustie, when the silver challenge medal and other prizes were played for. There was a large field of competitors, no fewer than forty taking part in the match. The course was very keen owing to the dry weather, and in holing out the greatest care had to be exercised. The play, however, was above the average, and several very fine scores were returned. Miss M. Morton, the present holder of the medal, again headed the list with the excellent total of 109 for the thirty-six holes, and carried off the trophy and first prize. The second prize, given to the member making the lowest score not having previously gained a prize, was won by Miss Smith, with the most creditable score of 116 strokes. At the close of the match, Mr. D. Scroggie made a few remarks of a congratulatory nature, and Mrs. Scroggie handed over the prizes to the successful competitors. The best scores were as follows:—Miss M. Morton, 109; Miss Fletcher and Miss H. Freeland, 110 each; Miss H. Stewart, 111; Miss Burnett, Miss E. Stewart, and Miss E. Fullerton, 114 each; Mrs. Gibson, 115; Miss Stewart, Miss Smith, and Miss Rae, 116 each; Miss Ramsay, 117; Miss D. Nicol and Miss Anderson, 118 each; and Miss Robertson, Miss Thompson, and Miss Morton, 119 each.

The fifteenth competition for the Arbroath Shopkeepers' gold badge was played at Elliot on Wednesday afternoon. The following was the result:—1st, Mr. George Douglas, 4 points; 2nd, Mr. A. Scott, 3 points; 3rd, Mr. J. Doig, 2 points. The greens just now are in grand order, but the course all over is very heavy.

The monthly competition for the Montrose Mercantile Club badge and money prizes took place on Saturday. The badge was won by Mr. James Fullerton at 102, 1 below his number, while the special prize for the lowest score on the green was gained by Mr. George M'Intosh at 82, 2 above his number. The other prize-winners were:—First class: Mr. J. A. Hendry, 87, 1 above; Mr. A. Patterson, 91, and Mr. C. Foreman, 94, each 4 above; Mr. T. Robertson, 93, and Mr. G. M. Smith, 84, each 5 above. Second class: Mr. William Douglas, 94, at number; Mr. William Forbes, 98, 4 above; Mr. A. R. M'Leod, 97, 6 above; Mr. William Towns, 101, 8 above. Third class: Mr. George Davidson, 112, 7 above.

The twelfth of the series of competitions for the Arbroath presentation badge was played at Elliot on Saturday, and resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. R. Guthrie, 1 above, 4 points; 2nd, Mr. Watson Baird, 6 above, 3 points; 3rd, Mr. A. Coutts, 7 above, 2 points. The undecided tie for the Bruce medal for July month between the above three was also played. Mr. Guthrie proved victorious.

HARROGATE v. DEWSBURY.

A match was played over these links on Saturday, the 12th, between the Dewsbury and Harrogate Clubs. After a well-contested game the result was in favour of the home team by 2 holes. The weather was brilliant, the course in good order, and the greens running very keen.

DEWSBURY.		Holes.	HARROGATE.		Holes.
Mr. A. L. Woodhead...	...	3	Mr. H. R. Smith	...	0
Mr. H. M. Woodhead	...	8	Mr. E. B. Cook	...	0
Mr. E. B. Wilson	...	3	Mr. W. Johnson	...	0
Mr. T. G. Beaumont	...	0	Rev. R. Browning	...	5
Mr. T. L. Chadwick	...	0	Mr. E. H. Kitchin	...	3
Mr. J. W. Kaye	...	0	Dr. Solly	...	8
		14			16

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

The sixth monthly competition for the gold medal presented by the president (Mr. P. J. Ramsey) was played on Saturday. There was also the usual sweepstake, which was divided between the first and second players in two-thirds and a third shares respectively. There was a smaller attendance of members than on any previous occasion, which was owing to so large a number being away for the holidays, some playing at Newcastle and Portrush, and others on the Scotch links. The occasional heavy showers varied the condition of the greens throughout the afternoon, and made good putting out of the question. Twelve members competed, and the following were the scores returned under 100:—Mr. W. J. Hunt, 95, less 20=75; Mr. R. Scholes, 96, less 15=81; Mr. A. W. Reynolds, 98, less 15=83; Mr. S. I. Thomson, 98, less 15=83; Mr. J. F. Walker, 101, less 18=83; Mr. J. Stirling, 100, less 15=85; Mr. J. Spilbury, 99, less 10=89; Mr. W. R. Thorburn, 116, less 25=91; Mr. E. Thorp, 125, less 30=95. Two cards were not returned.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the Braids on the 16th, and was won by Mr. J. Murdoch with the score of 88, less 7=81. Mr. H. Nielson (88, less 5=83) and Mr. A. Hamilton (89, less 6=83) tied for second place.

MERIONETHSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The summer tournament of the above club, which extended over three days, took place last week under favourable conditions. Seldom has the magnificent scenery surrounding the sporting little links at Barmouth been seen to greater advantage, while the course itself was in excellent condition, and reflected great credit on the club professional, W. Elder. Three cups were competed for on handicap lines, the entrance-money in each case going to the second player.

August 8th.—Competition for a silver cup, presented by Mr. W. N. Griffith, open to members of the club only; iron clubs only to be used:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. J. Kerr ...	92 2 90	Mr. R. Jones ...	146 45 101
Mr. C. E. J. Owen ...	113 20 93	Mr. W. N. Griffith ...	114 9 105
Mr. H. Wright ...	123 30 93	Mr. W. Lowson ...	114 7 107
Rev. W. Thomas ...	131 37 94	Capt. A. A. Corder ...	137 30 107
Mr. E. Buckley ...	131 33 98	Mr. E. O. Watkin-	
Mr. C. L. Carson ...	102 3 99	Davies ...	144 37 107
Mr. J. R. S. Furlong ...	123 24 99	Sir R. Dashwood ...	148 35 113
Mr. A. O. Williams ...	100 scr. 100	Mr. H. S. Wayne ...	159 23 136

Mr. C. P. Wood made no return. This cup was won by Mr. W. J. Kerr, who went round each time in 46. Messrs. C. E. J. Owen and H. Wright divided the sweepstakes.

August 9th.—The silver cup given by the club, open both to members and visitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. E. J. Owen ...	107 20 87	Mr. Crowe ...	105 scr. 105
Capt. A. A. Corder ...	122 30 92	Mr. E. Buckley ...	139 33 106
Rev. W. Thomas ...	131 37 94	Mr. A. O. Williams ...	107 scr. 107
Mr. C. L. Carson ...	100 3 97	Mr. W. Lowson ...	116 7 109
Mr. C. P. Wood ...	107 7 100	Mr. L. S. Pawle ...	109 +2 111
Mr. W. J. Kerr ...	102 scr. 102	Mr. J. R. S. Furlong ...	140 24 116
Mr. W. N. Griffith ...	112 9 103	Sir R. Dashwood ...	157 35 122
Mr. G. Lees ...	113 9 104	Mr. H. B. Weatheral ...	141 12 129

Mr. C. E. J. Owen was the winner of this cup, his score of 87 being a most creditable performance, more especially as a high and fitful wind prevailed during the day. The sweepstakes fell to Captain A. A. Corder.

August 10th.—The challenge cup presented by Mr. J. Leigh Taylor, open to members of the club only; the winner to hold it for one year, unless won three times in succession, when it becomes the holder's property:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. W. Thomas ...	119 37 82	Sir R. Dashwood ...	130 40 99
Mr. W. Lowson ...	100 14 86	Mr. C. P. Wood ...	110 7 103
Mr. Watkin-Davies ...	128 40 88	Mr. W. N. Griffith ...	112 9 103
Mr. J. R. S. Furlong ...	116 24 92	Capt. A. A. Corder ...	134 25 109
Mr. Crowe ...	94 scr. 94	Mr. E. Buckley ...	142 33 109
Mr. C. E. J. Owen ...	108 13 95	Mr. Grundy ...	105 +7 112
Mr. A. O. Williams ...	98 scr. 98	Mr. Parker ...	128 14 114
Mr. C. L. Carson ...	101 3 98		

Mr. W. J. Kerr made no return. The Rev. W. Thomas is the holder of this valuable cup for the ensuing year, while the sweepstakes fell to Mr. Lowson. The proceedings on this day were unfortunately somewhat marred towards the close of the afternoon by a heavy storm of rain, which burst whilst the competition was at its height; otherwise the weather was all that could have been desired. The success of the tournament was due in no small measure to the untiring energy of the hon. secretary, Major Best, and, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Kerr, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him at the close of the proceedings.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, August 19th.—

Senior—Mr. W. L. Pattison, 86, less 4=82, winner of medal, gross score prize, and first sweepstakes; Mr. G. Reeves Smith, 101, less 15=86; Mr. C. A. Gosnell, 95, less 9=86; Mr. A. J. Eames, 93, less 6=87; Mr. E. L. Evans, 106, less 18=88; Mr. A. L. Jockel, 91, less 2=89; Mr. W. P. Bowyer, 103, less 14=89; Mr. W. T. Hughes, 103, less 14=89; Mr. C. N. Cobbett, 100, less 10=90; Mr. A. Puzey, 111, less 18=93.

Junior—Mr. H. Boteler, 114, less 30=84; Mr. F. J. L. Ogilvy, 115, less 27=88, winner of second sweepstake; Mr. H. Tomlinson, 121, less 27=94; Mr. A. Nicoll, 123, less 30=93; Mr. C. C. Sutch, 133, less 33=100; Mr. H. S. Thompson, 134, less 33=101; Mr. T. A. Southwell Keely, 132, less 30=102.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal meeting of this club, on Saturday, 12th, attracted an exceptionally large number of players. There was a strong wind blowing across the links, but otherwise the weather was favourable to the players. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. H. Playne ...	94 17 77	Mr. R. A. Wood-Seys ...	114 25 89
†Mr. R. Brodie ...	98 18 80	Mr. A. R. Grieve ...	114 25 89
Rev. H. Summer-		Mr. C. F. Chamber-	
hayes ...	99 18 81	lain ...	112 22 90
Mr. W. J. Ruegg ...	102 20 82	Mr. A. B. Davies ...	112 21 91
Mr. W. P. Niblett ...	105 23 82	Mr. A. E. Smith ...	115 23 92
Mr. E. N. Witchell ...	105 22 83	Mr. F. W. Storry ...	118 25 93
Mr. A. W. Waller ...	98 14 84	Capt. F. W. Stanton ...	112 18 94
Mr. W. H. Bishop ...	111 25 86	Mr. J. Ryan ...	111 13 98
Mr. G. J. Holloway ...	105 18 87	Mr. W. Davies ...	114 16 98
Mr. E. Jenner		Mr. J. Bryan ...	120 20 100
Davies ...	109 20 89	Mr. P. J. Trouncer ...	125 25 100

* Senior medal.

† Junior Medal.

No returns from Messrs. R. Prentice, W. T. R. Boyce, C. Davis, G. Sotheron Estcourt, J. Norton, L. Grist, R. L. Grist, F. G. Yeo, Col. Lewes, and Hon. H. A. Lawrence.

Ladies:—Mrs. Storry, 91, less 12=79 (senior medal and Taylor prize); Miss E. Stanton, 107, less 25=82 (junior medal); Miss Johnstone, 110, less 23=87; Miss M. Margetson, 113, 25=88; Mrs. Henry, 114, less 16=98.

No returns from Mrs. Wood-Seys, Miss Blenkin, Miss E. Gwynne, and Miss M. Stanton.

NEUBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the club prize was played on Saturday, 22nd July. Scores:—Mr. Brumell, 108, less 16=92; Mr. Bourn, 102, less 9=93; Mr. Pape, 102, less 9=93; Mr. Tate, 108, less 15=93; Mr. Beck, 109, less 16=93; Mr. Rosser, 113, less 13=100. Three players made no return.

The fourth competition for the club prize was played on Saturday, 5th August:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Tennant ...	90 2 88	Mr. Beck ...	112 16 96
Mr. Tate ...	104 15 89	Mr. Brown ...	132 36 96
Mr. Brumell ...	107 16 91	Mr. Hutton ...	108 11 97
Mr. Ismay ...	101 9 92	Mr. Bourn ...	112 9 103
Mr. Pape ...	102 9 93	Mr. Hodge ...	148 25 123
Mr. C. Bell ...	106 12 94		

The third competition for the prize presented by the captain; Mr. J. W. Wood, was decided on Monday, 7th August:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Tate ...	100 15 85	Mr. Wilkinson ...	108 13 95
Mr. Bell ...	103 12 91	Mr. Ismay ...	105 9 96
Mr. Pape ...	102 9 93	Mr. Bourn ...	111 9 102
Mr. Hutton ...	104 11 93	Mr. Aynsley ...	143 36 107
Mr. Brumell ...	109 16 93	Mr. Brown ...	143 36 107
Mr. Tennant ...	95 1 94	Mr. Holge ...	147 25 122

Mr. Marmion retired.

The seventh gold medal competition was played on Thursday, 10th August.—Mr. Wood, 92, less 2=90; Mr. Marmion, 99, less 7=92; Mr. Brown, 128, less 36=92; Mr. Pape, 103, less 9=94; Mr. Brumell, 110, less 16=94; Mr. Tate, 114, less 12=102. Messrs. Hodge and Risdon made no returns.

ROYAL COUNTY CLUB, PORTRUSH.

On Friday and Saturday last, in excessively sultry weather, the monthly competitions in connection with the Royal County Golf Club were held at Portrush. At the ladies' competition on the former day Miss M. Creighton, who has come well to the front during the present summer, carried off the honours, while at the gentlemen's monthly on the following day Professor Macmaster and Mr. J. S. Moore tied for first place, and decided to play off the tie on a subsequent occasion. Scores:—

Ladies.—Miss M. Creighton, 95, less 14=81; Miss Brooks, 99, less 7=92; Miss E. Hamilton, 111, less 16=95; Miss Hamilton, 104, less 2=102; Mrs. J. N. Hamilton, 144, less 28=116.

Gentlemen.—Professor Macmaster, 98, less 15=83; Mr. J. S. Moore, 111, less 28=83; Mr. J. R. McDonald, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. M'Keown, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. Bell, 101, less 14=87; Mr. T. Stewart, 101, less 14=87; Mr. A. B. Stuart, 102, less 14=88; Mr. W. J. MacGeagh, 108, less 20=88; Mr. J. S. G. Usher, 108, less 14=94. The tie between Professor Macmaster and Mr. Moore was played off, when the former won.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores in the monthly competition for the club medal, which took place on Saturday, the 19th inst. Mr. H. C. Bond, with a handicap of 25, proved an easy winner with 80 net—the scratch score for the green—this being 6 strokes better than his nearest competitor. Mr. J. C. Warren took first priz: in the optional sweepstake, Messrs. R. Lodge and R. S. Clouston dividing the second. Mr. H. C. Bond, 105, less 25=80; Mr. J. C. Warren, 92, less 6=86; Mr. R. S. Clouston, 94, less 7=87; Mr. R. Lodge, 94, less 7=87; Mr. G. Emmet, 100, less 12=88; Mr. A. H. Worrall, 99, less 10=89; Mr. H. Forbes Eden, 106, less 13=93; Capt. H. Stopford, 112, less 18=94. The following made no return:—Messrs. R. Winch, A. Lyle, J. Godwin, J. J. W. Deuchar, and Major Archdale. A prize competition under handicap, will take place on the 30th August, open to visitors only, who must be members of a recognised Golf club.

RAMSEY (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The summer open handicap of the Ramsey Golf Club was played on Wednesday, the 9th, on the Milntown Links. A large number of Insular golfers and visitors competed, the tournament resulting in a victory for Mr. John C. Crellin, of Ramsey Golf Club, who made the capital score of 99, less 22=77. Details:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. J. C. Crellin, Ramsey Golf Club ...	99	22	77
†Mr. F. M. Lamothe, Ramsey Golf Club ...	99	19	80
Mr. C. Lamothe, Ramsey Golf Club ...	103	21	82
Dr. Gell, Ramsey Golf Club ...	104	20	84
Mr. J. J. Corlett, Ramsey Golf Club ...	93	8	85
Mr. W. J. Drevitt, Birkdale Golf Club ...	106	20	86
Mr. Geo. McNeil, Selkirk Golf Club ...	97	10	87
Mr. J. R. Fergusson, Ramsey Golf Club ...	115	28	87
Mr. Jno. Wilson, Douglas Golf Club ...	100	12	88
Mr. R. Harper, West Lancashire Golf Club ...	106	18	88
Mr. E. L. Craigie, Ramsey Golf Club ...	107	18	89
Mr. G. H. Wadsworth, Urmston Golf Club ...	117	28	89
Mr. J. H. Quine, Douglas Golf Club ...	104	14	90
Mr. S. Fernyhough, Cheadle Golf Club ...	110	20	90
Mr. D. Johnson, Ramsey Golf Club... ..	107	14	93
Mr. T. Kneen, Douglas Golf Club ...	107	14	93
Mr. E. H. Dawson, Ramsey Golf Club ...	106	12	94
Rev. R. B. Baron, Douglas Golf Club ...	108	14	94
Mr. R. L. Taylor, Manchester Golf Club ...	112	12	100
Mr. J. A. Pain, London Golf Club ...	124	24	100
Mr. W. A. Stevenson, Castletown Golf Club ...	130	28	102
Mr. W. T. Wicksey, Castletown Golf Club... ..	128	22	106
Mr. H. S. Christopher, Castletown Golf Club ...	—	10	No returns.
Mr. J. C. R. Milns, Ramsey Golf Club ...	—	15	
Mr. A. W. Crooks, Royal L'pool Golf Club ...	—	18	
Mr. S. Wilson, Ramsey Golf Club ...	—	20	
Mr. J. M. Cruickshank, Ramsey Golf Club... ..	—	22	
Mr. W. D. Rouse, Ramsey Golf Club ...	—	28	
Mr. J. B. Thomson, Royal L'pool Golf Club ...	—	28	

Players receiving 30 strokes and over:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
†Mr. R. Stowell, Ramsey Golf Club... ..	126	35	91
Mr. A. Priestland, Ramsey Golf Club ...	126	30	96
Mr. P. R. Court, Ramsey Golf Club ...	129	30	99
Mr. W. H. Kneale, Ramsey Golf Club ...	134	35	99
Rev. E. Faber, Ramsey Golf Club ...	138	35	103
Mr. H. Lamothe, Ramsey Golf Club ...	136	30	106
Mr. R. Brereton, Ramsey Golf Club... ..	142	35	107
Mr. J. Yeoward, Ramsey Golf Club (30) no return.			

- * Winner of 1st prize, value six guineas.
- † Winner of 2nd prize, value three guineas.
- ‡ Winner of 3rd prize, value one guinea.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 12th August, a prize competition was begun, for which there was a fair number of entries. Medal play was the style adopted, and the day's contest resulted in a tie between Mr. H. Tanner, jun., and Mr. P. S. Lee, which was played on Monday, 14th, with the further result that Mr. Tanner beat Mr. Lee, who resigned at the seventeenth hole. The winner's score was 96, less 12=84. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. P. S. Lee ...	190	30	160	Mr. W. J. Crook ...	205	28	177
Mr. H. Tanner, jun. ...	184	24	160	Mr. P. C. Anderson ...	209	32	177
Mr. Norman Fowlie ...	189	24	165	Mr. H. Tanner, sen. ...	200	18	182
Mr. A. P. White ...	197	28	169	Mr. C. A. S. Legatt			
Mr. F. Easterbrook ...	198	28	170	(captain)... ..	193	10	183
Mr. F. G. Bamfylde ...	183	10	173	Mr. F. Harding			
Mr. E. Bedford ...	203	30	173	Browne ...	232	36	196
Mr. J. Moody Stuart ...	214	38	176	Mr. C. Bartlett, visitor ...	192	36	156

Monthly medal competition, Saturday, August 19th.—In perfect golfing weather. Greens very keen:—Mr. Norman Fowlie, 83, less 12=71; Mr. A. W. Good, 95, less 16=79; Mr. F. G. Bamfylde, 86, less 5=81; Mr. W. J. Crook, 95, less 14=81; Mr. G. C. Tyler Smith, 101, less 14=87; Mr. A. Borwick, 113, less 25=88; Mr. J. Moody Stuart, 108, less 19=89; Mr. C. Winslow, 111, less 20=91; Captain J. B. O'Reilly, 110, less 18=92; Mr. W. Pearce, 116, less 20=96.

Several players made no returns, or were over 100 net.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal handicap, Saturday, July 1st.—The above handicap was played off under conditions that were all to be desired from a golfing point of view. The rain in the morning put the links in good condition, the greens being excellent. Thirteen couples started, and when all scores were handed in it was found that Mr. J. B. Robertson from scratch had won with a fine score of 82.†

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. B. Robertson ...	82	scr.	82	Surg.-Capt. Smith... ..	118	24	94
Mr. J. W. Bonser ...	101	16	85	Mr. J. W. B. Mac-			
Mr. J. S. Kerr ...	86	scr.	86	laren ...	108	12	96
Mr. A. Mackay ...	93	6	87	Mr. J. MacRitchie... ..	117	20	97
Mr. A. W. Stevens ...	97	8	89	Mr. R. Dunman ...	107	10	97
Mr. R. W. Crichton ...	99	10	89	Mr. J. B. Elcum ...	113	12	101
Mr. J. C. D. Jones... ..	108	18	90	Mr. W. J. Napier ...	127	24	103
Mr. J. M. Allinson... ..	103	10	93	Mr. E. H. Haig ...	115	10	105
Mr. P. A. Gillespie... ..	103	10	93	Mr. E. J. Nanson ...	122	12	110
Capt. Hawkins ...	97	4	93				

The following played but did not hand in their cards:—Messrs. A. E. Somerville, W. H. Shelford, A. Reid, W. Grigor Trylor, J. Finlayson, J. Miller, A. Gentle, and Dr. Hight.

Messrs. Fraser and Thomson's cup, Saturday, 22nd July:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. W. B. Mac-				Mr. J. B. Elcum ...	112	16	96
laren ...	94	15	79	Dr. Ellis ...	119	22	97
Surg.-Capt. Hinde... ..	99	15	84	Dr. Hoad ...	123	26	97
Capt. Barter ...	98	10	88	Hon. J. W. Bonser... ..	118	20	98
Mr. A. W. Stiven ...	99	8	91	Mr. W. Hutton ...	119	20	99
Mr. J. C. D. Jones... ..	110	18	92	Mr. A. J. Macdonald ...	122	22	100
Mr. A. J. R. Greene ...	114	22	92	Mr. C. Stringer ...	119	18	101
Mr. W. Grigor Taylor ...	116	24	92	Mr. R. W. Bland ...	121	20	101
Mr. J. M. Allinson... ..	105	12	93	Mr. F. J. Robinson ...	116	14	102
Mr. J. L. Jenkins ...	109	16	93	Mr. E. J. Robertson ...	116	14	102
Mr. R. Dunman ...	106	12	94	Mr. J. Graham ...	125	22	103
Mr. A. Mackay ...	101	6	95	Mr. R. H. Paddy... ..	131	22	109
Mr. R. W. Crichton ...	105	10	95	Mr. T. D. Taylor ...	130	18	112
Mr. J. Miller ...	119	24	95	Mr. W. H. Shelford ...	134	20	114
Mr. P. A. Gillespie... ..	106	10	96				

The Gentle and Kerr cup:—

First Round.—Mr. J. C. Jones beat Dr. Mugliston, 6 up and 5; Captain Barter beat Mr. E. Broad, 7 and 6; Mr. C. Stringer beat Dr. Kerr, 4 and 2; Mr. G. H. Bourne beat Mr. J. Graham, 6 and 4; Mr. J. D. Taylor beat Mr. J. MacRitchie, 4 and 3; Capt. Wellesley beat Capt. Hawkins (scratched); Mr. J. H. Drysdale beat Mr. W. G. Taylor, 2 up; Mr. A. W. Stiven beat Mr. A. Reid, 5 and 3; Mr. A. Greene beat Dr. Ellis, 1 up; Mr. A. Mackay beat Mr. W. E. Hooper; Mr. E. H. Haig beat Mr. J. Jenkins, 6 and 5; Mr. R. Dunman beat Mr. C. McArthur, 7 and 5; Dr. Hoad beat Dr. Hight (scratched); Mr. J. B. Robertson beat Mr. T. E. Earle (scratched).

Second Round.—Mr. Drysdale beat Mr. Stiven, 4 and 3; Mr. Mackay beat Mr. Greene by 1; Mr. Haig beat Mr. Dunman, 4 and 3; Mr. Robertson beat Dr. Hoad, 3 and 2; Mr. Crichton beat Mr. J. Miller, 1 up; Dr. Hinde beat Mr. P. A. Gillespie, 1 up; Mr. Allinson beat Mr. Somerville, 4 and 3; Judge Bonser beat Mr. Maclaren, 1 up; Mr. Elcum beat Mr. Nanson, 2 and 1; Mr. Macdonald beat Mr. Shelford, 5 and 4.

Third Round.—Mr. Jones beat Captain Barter, 2 and 1; Mr. Bourne beat Mr. Stringer, 1 up; Mr. Taylor beat Capt. Wellesley, 6 and 4; Mr. Mackay beat Mr. Drysdale, 7 and 5; Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Haig, 2 and 1; Mr. Crichton beat Dr. Hinde, 3 and 2; Mr. Allinson beat Judge Bonser, 6 and 5; Mr. Macdonald beat Mr. Elcum, 4 and 2.

Fourth Round.—Mr. Jones beat Mr. Bourne, 6 and 5; Mr. Taylor beat Mr. Mackay, 2 and 1; Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Crichton, 4 and 3; Mr. Allinson beat Mr. Macdonald, 3 and 2.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Taylor beat Mr. Jones, 2 and 1; Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Allinson, 2 and 1.

Final.—Mr. Robertson beat Mr. Taylor, 7 and 5.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

August monthly medal:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. T. Parsons	94 16 78	Hon. A. Grosvenor	94 5 89
Capt. J. C. Tattersall	85 5 80	Mr. R. Clutton	103 14 89
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	88 5 83	Mr. M. Tomson	98 9 89
Mr. E. Field	90 7 83	Mr. J. W. Saunders	101 11 90
Mr. H. A. Richardson	98 14 84	Mr. G. G. Kennedy	116 24 92
Mr. W. P. Matthews	93 9 84	Mr. O. R. Luxford	108 11 97
Hon. R. C. Grosvenor	96 10 86		

Other returns were over 100.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

A tournament of mixed foursomes was played off on the short course of twelve holes of the Lelant Links on Tuesday, the 15th inst., with the following results:—

First Heat.—Miss Bodilly and Mr. Mudge beat Miss Banfield and Mr. Maitland by 2 up; Miss Boase and Mr. Robert Fox beat Mrs. Tyacke and Mr. Tyacke by 1 up; Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Rowe beat Miss Vivian and Mr. Bassett by 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Chads and Mr. Matheson beat Miss E. Read and Mr. C. Smith by 5 up and 3 to play; Miss Holmes and Mr. Valpy beat Mrs. Batten and Mr. Batten by 5 up and 4 to play.

Second Heat.—Miss Bodilly and Mr. Mudge beat Miss Boase and Mr. R. Fox by 3 up and 2 to play; Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Rowe beat Miss Chads and Mr. Matheson by 3 up and 2 to play; Miss Holmes and Mr. Valpy, a bye.

Third Heat.—Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Rowe beat Miss Holmes and Mr. Valpy by 3 up and 1 to play; Miss Bodilly and Mr. Mudge, a bye.

Final.—Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Rowe beat Miss Bodilly and Mr. Mudge by 5 up and 4 to play.

The weather was very warm, but a gentle breeze enabled the players to thoroughly enjoy the game.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly competition (Class II.) was played over the links at Hall Road, on Saturday, and resulted in Mr. J. N. P. Newton scoring a win for the prize. Appended are the returns under 100:—Mr. J. N. P. Newton, 98, less 15=83; Mr. W. R. Gardner, 101, less 16=85; Mr. D. Inglis, 104, less 18=86; Mr. G. A. Thomson, 105, less 18=87; Mr. G. Seger, 113, less 25=88; Mr. G. Edgecombe, 111, less 18=93; Mr. A. M. Sing, 128, less 30=98.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The club monthly medal was played for on the 19th inst., when Mr. W. F. Mapleston (the hon. secretary) won with 84, less 7=77; Mr. Franklin Ross with 82, plus 1=83, was second, and Mr. C. J. Simpson, 97, less 11=86, third. The other scores were not good, and several members made no return. As expected, the number of competitors was not so large as usual.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, August 19th.—Miss H. Frere, 91, less 15=76 (first medal and brooch); Miss Hassard Short, 90, less 8=82; Mrs. Cameron, 93, less 11=82; Mrs. N. R. Foster, 97, less 15=82; Mrs. Bell, 110, less 26=84; Miss L. Clapham, 110, less 26=84, and Miss Ethel Carver, 111, less 27=84 (tied for second medal); Miss Issette Pearson, scratch, 85; Miss Nellie Muir, 93, less 7=86; Mrs. Meates, 101, less 15=86; Mrs. Alex. King, 104, less 16=88; Miss M. Clapham, 113, less 25=88; Miss Emily Carver, 109, less 18=91; Miss Turner, 126, less 30=96.

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of the above club was played on Saturday last for the medals presented by the president, Mr. Z. A. Ward. Scores:—Mr. A. Clegg, 87, less 8=79; Mr. H. F. Warden, 96, less 15=81; Mr. G. Barton, 94, less 10=84; Mr. A. Ritson, 98, less 10=88; Mr. A. Dessauer, 108, less 20=88; Mr. Z. A. Ward, 99, less 10=89; Mr. J. M. Eaton (scratch) 90; Mr. H. Davies, 103, less 12=91; Mr. J. Allen, 114, less 20=94; Mr. J. A. Brewis, 105, less 10=95; Mr. E. Bayley, 109, less 10=99.

CRAWFORD.—On Saturday, in a four-ball match, Messrs. J. King and A. J. G. Barclay beat Messrs. E. King and A. R. Anderson, when Mr. J. King completed the round in 74 strokes, lowering the previous record for the green by 4 strokes. The details of this fine score were:—Out, 5 4 4 5 3 3 5 5 6=40; in, 5 5 4 4 3 3 3 4=34; total, 74.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—This club held its first open tournament for the season on Saturday. The players were favoured with a most glorious day. Eighteen couples started in the ladies' and gentlemen's singles, and twenty-seven couples in the mixed foursomes. The challenge medal of the club was won by Miss Pearson with a record medal score of 65 for the eighteen holes. Miss Pearson also won the first scratch and the first handicap prize in the open competition, Mrs. Gowans winning the second prize in each case with the score of 67. In the gentlemen's open singles, Mr. James Ferguson won the first scratch prize with the score of 67, and the first handicap with 67, less 4=63; Dr. K. M. Ferguson being second with 69, less 4=65. In the mixed foursomes, Mr. Cowrie and Miss Garvie took the first prize, and Mr. R. A. Taylor and Miss Orr Paterson the second. At the close of the competition Lady Anstruther, of Balcaskie, presented the prizes to the successful competitors, congratulating them on the beautiful day they had had for their tournament, and complimenting them upon their good play. Dr. Ferguson, in moving a vote of thanks to Lady Anstruther for her presence, referred to Elie as the St. Andrews of ladies' Golf, and congratulated the club and the Recreation Park Committee upon having secured so excellent a ladies' course.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—The members of this club played on Saturday for prizes presented by Mr. J. H. Roger, the winners with the lowest score in playing four balls to a hole distant forty yards from the teeing-green, on which the balls had been dropped over the head of the player. A net was fixed twenty-five yards from the hole, and balls fouling the net or going under it entailed the penalty of a stroke to the player. The competition was largely patronised, and some fair scores were made by the "duffers," the results showing the following scores:—1st, Mr. W. A. Kennedy, 10 (after two ties at 12); 2nd, Mr. J. E. Macfarlane, 11; 3rd, Mr. D. H. Crawford, 12; 4th, Mr. W. J. Templeton, 12; 5th, Mr. H. E. Peattie, 12; 6th, Mr. G. M. M. Rennie, 13; 7th, Mr. W. Macfarlane, 13; 8th, Mr. A. Boon, 14. The weather was favourable, and a large number of members were present, who were delighted to see the father of the club, Mr. W. Hutchison, now in his eighty-fifth year, taking part in the competition, and making a good score of 14 for the four balls. The following is the result of the third tie in the Marshall Wane competition:—Mr. D. Templeton ($\frac{3}{4}$) beat Mr. W. E. Giles ($\frac{1}{4}$) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. D. H. Crawford ($\frac{1}{4}$) beat Mr. J. Davidson ($\frac{1}{4}$) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. M. M. Rennie ($\frac{1}{4}$) beat Mr. H. G. Peattie ($\frac{1}{4}$) by 2 holes; Mr. M. Smith ($\frac{3}{4}$) beat Mr. W. J. Templeton ($\frac{3}{4}$) by 4 up and 3 to play.

ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.—A tournament among the members of the St. Andrews Golf Club has been proceeding for some weeks, the first round having seen thirty couples engaged. On Saturday the final stage was reached, when Mr. D. Simson and Mr. J. Anderson were the opponents. After a close match Mr. Anderson won at the last hole by 2.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' CLUB.—The annual tournament among the members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club for the Queen Victoria Jubilee Plate, the gift of the late Captain D. S. Stewart, was played on Monday, the 14th, over the ladies' green in auspicious weather, the day being exceedingly warm. Sixty-six players entered, the play being by heats, and it was well on in the evening before the conclusion was arrived at. The final took place between Miss K. N. M'Neill, Glasgow, and Miss Boyd, London. The first result was a tie, and another round was played, when Miss K. N. M'Neill became the winner by 5 up and 4 to play. A large number of spectators witnessed the play.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.—On Wednesday afternoon, 16th, the seventh day's play in the senior competition, and also in the junior competition for the Cross cup, were decided. Results:—Senior competition: Mr. J. Milton, 90, less 6=84; Mr. A. Richardson, 101, less 16=85; Mr. C. Beale, 104, less 15=89; Mr. F. Smith, 98, less 8=90; Mr. A. Hedley, 105, less 8=97; Mr. J. R. Bolton, 108, less 8=100. The junior competition resulted:—Mr. H. Armstrong, 115, less 24=91; Mr. T. S. Williamson, 113, less 21=92; Mr. A. J. Robinson, 129, less 36=93; Mr. T. J. Morpeth, 124, less 30=94; Mr. H. P. Bailey, 129, less 25=104. In the senior competition Captain Stewart, Col. Campbell, Mr. H. Simms, and Mr. J. Lockie made no returns.

WAKEFIELD CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of this club was held on Saturday, at Heath Common, under favourable conditions. Messrs. Mackie and Lee tied for possession, and will play off during the week. Result:—Mr. J. L. Lee, 111, less 28=83; Mr. H. R. Mackie, 99, less 16=83; Mr. J. F. Warrington, 121, less 36=85; Mr. D. L. Mackie, 113, less 25=88; Mr. J. Murray, 101, less 12=89; Mr. W. Creswick, 103, less 10=93.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The fifth of this season's competitions in connection with the Cox medal was played over the Braids course on Saturday. The winner was Mr. J. W. Caithness, with a score of 84, less 9=75. The following were the next best scores:—Mr. J. Scott, 90, less 14=76; Mr. T. Nisbet, 106, less 27=79; Mr. A. Tait, 90, less 6=84; Mr. R. Coutts, 96, less 11=85, and Mr. W. M'Currah, 100, less 15=85 (equal); Mr. W. M'Q. Smith, 86 (scratch).

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SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—In the extreme heat very few ladies appeared to compete for the monthly medal, which was won by Mrs. J. G. Dill. Scores:—Mrs. Dill, 84, less 14=70; Miss M. Crunden (scratch), 79; Mrs. Sanderson, 89, less 7=82; Miss Cleaver, 89, less 7=82. No returns from several players.
WEST LINTON.—Lewis medal, played over course in fine order. Winner, Mr. R. Alexander, who gained therewith a pretty seascape, presented by Mr. M'Clymont, with a score of 82, less 4=78. He gained also a club, given by Mr. Frier. Mr. Mackie, with 92, less 10=82, won a club given by Mr. John Alexander.
FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.—The annual foursome tournament was held on the 17th and 18th inst., and resulted in Mr. W. O. S. Pell and Mr. J. H. Driver defeating in the final heat Mr. C. Colbeck and Mr. C. L. Bushell by 2 up and 1 to play, the former giving a half. On Saturday the fifth heat of the captain's prize was competed for. Scores:—Mr. J. F. Abercromby, 86, less 2=84; Mr. J. M. Henderson, 90, less 3=87; Mr. J. G. Wylie, 94, less 6=88; and Mr. W. J. R. Watson, 99, less 10=89. The remainder were over 90 net or returned no scores.

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CROMER AND LOWESTOFT (East Coast).—For Furnished Houses and Apartments near these celebrated Golf Links.—Apply **LIMMER & Co., Estate Agents, Lowestoft and Cromer.** State exact requirements.

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THE

IRISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

PROMOTED BY

THE GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND.

Royal Belfast	Agnacloy.	Killymoon.
Royal County Antrim.	Dungannon	North West.
Portsalon.	Ballycastle.	Royal Dublin.
Otway.	County Down.	Lisburn.

THE above Meeting will be held on the Links of the County Down Golf Club, at Newcastle, on Tuesday, September 12th, and following days.

EVENTS.

September 12th.—Competition by Strokes under Handicap.—Open to all *bonâ fide* Amateurs. 1st Prize, Gold Medal value £4; 2nd Prize, Silver Medal value £2. Presented by the County Down Golf Club. Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d.

September 13th, 14th, 15th.—IRISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.—Open to all *bonâ fide* Amateurs. 1st Prize, Championship Challenge Vase, and Gold Medal value £5; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Prizes, Silver Medals. Entrance Fee, 10s.

This Competition will be played in heats of 18 holes; and the final will be a 36-hole match.

September 16th.—Competition by Holes (9) under Handicap.—Open to all *bonâ fide* Amateurs. 1st Prize, Gold Medal value £4; 2nd Prize, Silver Medal value £2. Presented by County Down Golf Club. Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d.

Entrance Fees payable on or before Saturday, September 9th, to G. COMBE, 3, High Street, Belfast.

REGULATIONS.—The Competitions will be played under the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and the usual rules governing Championship Meetings. All disputes to be referred to the Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland, whose decision shall be final.

The Winner of the Irish Championship will retain the Gold Medal, but the Challenge Vase will become the property of the Club from which he entered, for one year.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE Challenge Trophy for the Championship, open to all Golfers, will be played for on Thursday, August 31st, and Friday, September 1st, by strokes, over four rounds of the Links.

Additional Prizes amounting to £100 will be given.

Entrance Fee, 10s., and with name of competitor must be received by the Secretary not later than Tuesday, August 29th.

Play to commence each day at 10.30 a.m., and 2 p.m.

By Order,

August 1st, 1893.

HARRY HART, Hon. Sec.

WESTGATE-ON-SEA GOLF Club.—Six holes on these Links are now open. Terms of membership on application to A. K. JARDINE, ESQ., Hon. Secretary, Sterndale House, Westgate-on-Sea.

GOLF CLUB NOW FORMING.—Twenty Minutes from London. For Terms of Original Membership, apply to the Hon. Secretary, ERNEST HEATHFIELD, Esq., 45, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

A GOLF TOURNAMENT, under the auspices of the Musselburgh Town Council and the Golf Clubs in Musselburgh, open to all Amateur and Professional Golfers, is to be held over Musselburgh Links, on Thursday, 7th September.

Prizes to the value of upwards of £40 will be given.

First Prize, £12, or Plate of that value. Second Prize, £8, or Plate of that value. Third Prize, £5; Fourth Prize, £4; Fifth Prize, £3; Sixth Prize, £2; Seventh Prize, £1. The first two Prizes are open to both Amateur and Professional Golfers, and the others to Professionals only.

A Silver Cup and a Gold Medal will also be presented for Competition by Amateurs not winning either the First or the Second Prize.

Four rounds of Musselburgh Links, or thirty-six holes, will be played.

Entry-money.—Amateurs 10s. each; Professionals 5s. each. Entries must be made on or before Tuesday, 5th September, with WM. PARK, Clubmaker, Musselburgh; or with J. ANDERSON, Solicitor, Musselburgh.

Hotel Notices.

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EASTBOURNE GOLF LINKS.—THE CLIFTON HOTEL is the nearest to these Links and to all places of public amusement. Accommodation first-class; charges moderate. Private rooms, billiards, smoking-room, and every convenience.

DOVER.—GRAND HOTEL.—This High-class Family Hotel, on the Sea Front, is now open. 100 handsomely-furnished apartments, including spacious Public Rooms, Hydraulic Lifts. *Table d'Hôte* at separate tables, open to non-residents. Perfect *cuisine*. Choice wines. Moderate tariff.—Applications to the MANAGERESS.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—The principal Hotel in the Town. Close to the Railway Station. By appointment Head-quarters of the Golf Club. Every accommodation for Visitors. Billiards, Hot and Cold Salt Water Baths, &c. Special terms to Golfers.—C. A. NICHOLLS, Proprietor.

HAYLING ISLAND.—The Saint Andrews of the South.—Accommodation for Golfers at the ROYAL HOTEL.—Members of the Hayling Golf Club boarded for 10s. a day during the winter season. New management. First-class cuisine, and wines at moderate price.—For further particulars, apply to DOYLE, Manager, Royal Hotel, Hayling Island.

Trains to Havant from Waterloo (one hour and three-quarters), Victoria, or London Bridge, thence to Hayling by rail or road (half-an-hour to Royal Hotel. Conveyances waiting).

STORRS HALL HOTEL, WINDERMERE.—Splendid Golf Links; eighteen holes, which do not cross the course, about three miles; two minutes' walk from the Hotel. No charge to visitors at the Hotel.