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Worlington and Newmarket : Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Monthly Medal.
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- Dec. 26.—Cheadle : Christmas Meeting.
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HOW LADIES PLAY GOLF.

If this title be regarded as a question, the answer of the man who prefers truth to politeness must be "Very badly." Golf seems more antipathetic to feminine nature than almost any other form of sport. The girl who rides well, and whose tennis is above reproach, is often a hopeless failure on the links, and the young lady who golfs is second only to the young lady who cycles in respect of ungraceful movement. Of the elderly lady who golfs or cycles we shall preserve a holy silence. What Golf demands in the beginner is patience, and ladies, perhaps wisely, decline to waste that quality on a mere game. They are very particular about style, but the "slow-back" is usually cultivated at the expense of the "quick forward" required to give the ball any distance; in fact, though the average girl certainly has all the strength required to drive a fair-length ball, she seems totally unable to exert it at the proper psychological moment. One occasionally sees brilliant exceptions. There are ladies who can do a course like Troon or Prestwick in 90, in which respect they are objects of envy to that unknown quantity the "average man." Such a score by a person whose driving powers are limited, implies an accuracy in the short game and on the green of which any man might be proud, but this degree of proficiency is only too rare. But the average girl, though she play never so badly, is undeniably keen. One young lady will inform you with charming modesty, that she can give another young lady four strokes. To realise the extent of the other young lady's incompetence, one has merely to remember that a first-class professional could not give the weakest male amateur one-half of that handicap without being hopelessly beaten. Yet the lady who does a nine-hole course in 80 can usually find an opponent of her own sex in whose judgment any score short of 150 comes nigh a record. The most outstanding feature of feminine Golf is the absence of light and shade, if one may so express it, in the quality of stroke. There is nothing which corresponds to the drive, the brassy or cleek shot, and the iron approach whose different values the male tyro can appreciate. The lady plays every stroke for all she is worth until the green is reached, where in the nature of things she cannot use her full strength. Still she enjoys the game, and the more ambitious are ever athirst for the wide scope and ampler air of "big links." But the man who consents to go round with them in the hope of "showing off," is foredoomed to disappointment. A big drive they appreciate, but to the finer points of the game they turn a blind eye; the mashie approach which clears the yawning bunker to drop dead on the green, and the artful putt which traverses sloping ground on an arc of many inches, are alike beyond their ken. The unwritten laws which ladies formulate fill the male mind with wonder. Suppose you are playing in a foursome with two ladies, and your partner is about to play the odd unnecessarily, you will probably say, "I think you'd better let them play first." And the lady, checking her club disappointedly, will ask "Why?" "Because they are further away from the hole." "Oh, we never play that way on *our* links. We just go ahead till we hole out, and then count our strokes." You are so much struck by the possibilities of this method that probably your partner has her own way. Clearly ladies have no idea of the moral effect upon your opponent of obliging him to play two more in a bunker when you are lying safe within a wrist shot of the green. But supposing when the round is finished you ask your fair partner how they do about stummies on the ladies' links, she will probably gaze at you open-eyed. Perhaps instead of dropping the subject you are foolish enough to explain that the object of laying a stumie is to prevent your opponent holing out if you are uncertain of getting your own ball down. You will find your supposed pupil not only ungrateful for the lesson, but probably indignant as well. "Horrid; awfully mean; *just like a dog in the manger*" are fair criticisms of such a wretched practice.

The lady golfer confounds the jargon of the game in wondrous wise. She claims that she is "two up" when she has played two more, and "like as we lie" suggests to her mind two balls (new ones preferred) neatly teed on the driving-ground. Her method of recovering from a bunker is to pick the ball out, tee it carefully on the safe side, and, as a con-

cession to that mystic entity "The Rules," count one. This, as she explains, is the same for both sides, which, if the players are all equally bad, is undeniable.

The lady on the links, as elsewhere, is ever a law unto herself, and the amusement derived from the contemplation of her innocent gambols is ample compensation for the remarks of male friends who have been playing round behind your party.

RIX.

ON DRIVING.

I hope that the golfer who reads this title will not expect a learned discourse on stance, or grip, for he will be grievously mistaken and disappointed. Let him turn to the "Hints for Beginners," and leave my remarks alone, for I am no scientist, only a poor player, who struts a little hour at a time on the Golf links most available, breaks a club or two, destroys the turf, and then is seen on those same links no more. Albeit, I know two things. There is no pleasure more true, while it lasts, than to drive the ball clean and sharp from the tee a goodly distance towards its appointed place; and that, again, a golfer's crown of sorrow is to see his adversary distinguished by a splendid drive when he has himself fozzled ignominiously. The number of yards in a good drive is an elastic quantity; the driver is generally of opinion that the onlookers diminish the distance, whereas they are inclined for their part to regard his calculations askance, and to deduct something in order to be on the safe side. Such is Golf. Well, we are all taught by experience that one brilliant drive does not constitute a golfer, and we are led to learn that it is better to be able to drive steadily a hundred yards each time than to fozzle five times and drive a quarter of a mile the sixth time. That quarter of a mile, were it a possibility, would give us a glimpse of heaven, but it would probably occur at a point where the green lay some two hundred yards a-head of us, and the less wonderful drive would win the hole. A good drive is unlike any other good deed; it is so much less exertion than a bad drive. I have felt sometimes as if I had moved the round world on the face of my club, so great was the strain, and yet that small white globe has only flown a few feet, whereas, when I have driven almost to the green, I have felt as if I had only been playing at a "bubble light as air." Most successful actions take a great deal of exertion, whereas, the mistakes come by nature. This is not a real mystery, but to explain it is out of my province.

I often hear it said that driving is the rougher part of Golf; nevertheless there is much virtue in a fine drive from the first tee. It gives a feeling of self-satisfaction and security that lasts for six or seven holes with ordinary luck. To start with a fozzle is to be handicapped with depression at the outset, a very serious handicap to some players. Some golfers are bad starters, they fidget at the tee, shift their position constantly, worry their caddies, tire their opponent's patience, and finally drive off blindly. They are like some horses in a race, too eager for the start which they delay by their eagerness. Easy does it, and to be excited is certain ruin. I like to watch a good player, he is so quiet and so certain. There is no flurry, no pressing, no apparent exertion, and the ball flies so far and sure. There is nothing more graceful than a free, long swing, and a far-flying ball. Many of the golfer's attitudes are the reverse of graceful, but an easy swing is as pretty to see as any stroke in tennis or racquets.

Hitherto I have spoken of the striker as the "driver." The same name applies to his club, a frail weapon, powerful in good hands, but all too easily broken if misused. The loss of a favourite driver can only be appreciated by the owner. An iron may be replaced, and a mended putter retains its glory, but the loss of a trusty driver leaves a cruel blank hard to fill up, and at every poor drive another regret is added for its loss. Its faults are forgotten, the virtues only linger in the memory. I have lost many drivers, more or less favourites, one way and another, but in my long list of crimes and sorrows this is not recorded, that I have broken a friend's driver. When I have this guilt to carry to my disgrace, may I have the strength of mind to bid farewell to every mortal link, and drag out the span of my allotted time on a croquet ground with a mallet of cast iron.

B.

DEATH OF A SCOTTISH GOLFER.

We have to announce the death of Mr. Robert Tait who, for some years, was proprietor and occupier of Old Aberlady Inn, in which house he was born, but which name he afterwards changed to that of the Golf Hotel. He was the second son of John Tait, who, for a period of sixty years, was proprietor and innkeeper, and joint-proprietor with Mr. John Croall, of Edinburgh, of the stage coach which ran between North Berwick and Edinburgh. The Tait's have for more than a century and a-half been well-known in East Lothian, and as far back as can be traced appear all to have been golfers. Mr. Tait's first experience of Golf was in carrying his father's clubs at Gullane Hill on Handsel Mondays, about the year 1823; while his father had a similar experience in carrying his father's clubs—Mr. John Tait of Meadowmill, born 1729, and who played Golf on the links at Prestonpans, when the links extended half way up the village to Ringan's Hole. Mr. Tait was one of the players who took part in the Great Bruntsfield Tournament, somewhere about thirty-five years ago, on which occasion, James Ballantine, the poet, was present. He was one of the original members of the Thorntree Golf Club, Prestonpans; the Dirleton Castle Golf Club, Gullane; and also of the Luffness Golf Club. He was a medal-holder in each, and was the first winner of the Tait silver club.

In his youthful days, Mr. Tait was a great pedestrian, and walked twice to London and once back. At that time his father and George Dawson of the Whim used to walk into Edinburgh, a distance of fifteen miles, to see any new play acted in the theatre, and back again.

Mr. Tait was one of the good old school of golfers who never carried more than two clubs—a long spoon with a leather face and a cleek, with which he was seldom beaten. A steady and most encouraging partner, Mr. Tait never found fault, but had always either a word of praise or encouragement to give at all times. If he could not keep up his partner's spirits with his own good play, he never failed to do so with his droll and clever remarks. If his partner missed his ball, he would say, "Never mind, it's a good line." Apart from Golf, he was exceedingly kind and good to poor people and little children, and was the best of company. Many a golfing dinner he has enlivened with his capital rendering of the "Cruiskeen Lawn," in those days when Peter Brodie used to sing "John Barleycorn," and John Begbie, of Queenstonbank, "Old Towler."

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Tait passed away on Saturday morning the 18th ult., aged 80 years. He is survived by his wife and two children; of whom our occasional contributor, Mr. R. J. B. Tait, is one.

WE are requested to announce that the Ealing Golf Club have been able to secure some charming ground for their new links, in the parish of Southall, distant less than a mile by road, and within a pleasant walk of about half a mile from Hanwell Station on the Great Western Railway, to and from which station there are frequent trains in direct communication with Paddington, Victoria, and Willesden. A new and commodious pavilion is in course of erection by the Wire Wove Roofing Company, of 108, Queen Victoria Street, from designs specially prepared by the club's honorary architect, Mr. Henry Hall, of 17, Southampton Street, Bloomsbury. The pavilion will comprise large luncheon and club rooms, dressing room and lavatory, drying room, kitchen, and scullery; living rooms for the steward and his wife; workshop for the professional, and cleaning room for clubs. It is charmingly situated on a gravel soil, with a very extensive view of the pretty sloping lands lying between Hanwell Church and the railway, with Harrow and its contiguous hill country in the distance. The links are all on gravel, and abound in natural hazards. They are being rapidly got into order, and the committee hope they will be ready to be opened for play, and the pavilion for occupation, by January 1st. There has been a large increase in the number of members, which is now limited to three hundred, and from January 1st the entrance-fee will be £5 5s., and the subscription £3 3s. After that date the club will be called "The West Middlesex Golf Club."

Review.

FROM PADDINGTON TO PENZANCE. With 104 drawings by the Author, Charles G. Harper. 1 Vol. 16s. London: Chatto and Windus.

This is a very conspicuous book among the new publications of the month. It is written and illustrated by an ardent admirer of the beauties of Nature in woods, meadows, and on river, mountain, and ocean. The dedication of the book to General Hawkes, C.B., reveals the fact that this lover of wild nature is doomed by circumstances, which he regards in the gloomy light of a certain punishment for uncertain sins, to live in the midst of a crowded, noisy city, and that he can only find consolation for his uncongenial surroundings in treasuring up and recording happier moments spent in pleasanter places. The summer tramp recorded in this instance is a lazy stroll undertaken for enjoyment and recreation, and no attempt is made to enter into any archaeological arguments or learned disquisitions; and whatever may be the author's failings in commission, his omissions in this respect will be hailed as virtues. He has resolved wisely to endeavour to convey his "personal impressions in two media, pictures and prose." In the matter of pictures the book is, indeed, rich. There is scarcely a page which is not adorned with an exquisitely finished gem of river, church, or character sketch, while the full-sized etchings are executed with an elaborate and delicate art, the very perfection of pen-and-ink drawing. Both from a literary and artistic point of view the book is infinitely superior to its predecessor, "On the Brighton Road," a remark which will be duly appreciated by the admirers of that work, of which we gave a notice some months ago.

It must be confessed that the introduction of Mr. Harper's companion-tramp, known as "The Wreck," produces a shock. The sensitive reader instantly detects a faint spirit of the New Humour, and dreads that a "funny man" will constantly interrupt the harmony with paltry practical jokes, and annoying pleasantries; but the fear is not justified, and "The Wreck" subsequently turns out to be a harmless and even useful appendage, who goes ahead to order refreshments whilst his friend sketches, and who allows others to sleep and dream peacefully, though he is forced to smoke cigarettes to while away the long hours of a sleepless night. He is not at all an obtrusive "Wreck," and even inspires regard for his quiet behaviour before we close the book. Mr. Harper has a fund of quiet humour, and while we find ourselves enjoying his *bon-mots* and good stories, we are grateful that no hysterical mirth is expected of us. There is an especially amusing incident when the American is cut short in his boasting by a very telling sally on the part of the author, but it is an incident which should be read in its proper place, and not as an extract.

From Paddington to Penzance is a long cry, but the way is never weary under such guidance, and there is an abundance of good solid information of the interesting order, as well as of lighter gossip to beguile all sorts and conditions of readers. Regarded in the light of a purchase, the illustrations alone are worth the price of the book, which is bound in a neat cover resembling brown holland, adorned with a drawing of St. James-the-Less, from Exminster Church, a figure which, as the author justly remarks, "takes the palm for eccentricity of appearance." It is a book which should prove a welcome Christmas gift in many households.

IN a notice of the sixth half-yearly volume of GOLF, the *Scotsman* draws special attention to the Raphael drawing unearthed by Mr. Horace Hutchinson, at Venice, and says:—"This remarkable drawing is worthy of being framed and hung in every club-house in the country. It would teach the novice the beauty of a free, unrestrained, natural swing. The one disappointing thing in connection with it is that Mr. Horace Hutchinson has not been able to throw much light upon its origin."

A CHANGE OF VIEW.

A FEW years ago if a man told us he played Golf, we wrote him down a fool at once. Now we've come to find out it was we who were the fools, not to have been playing all the while." This does not express it so very badly—the change of view that has come to the cricketer in regarding Golf; for it was a well-known cricketer who made the remark above quoted.

We may look at the change of view from another point, and illustrate it by another anecdote. Somewhere in the Dark Ages, when Westward Ho! was the only place in England where Golf was played, and no substitute for the game found a footing anywhere but on Blackheath, a certain golfer came down to Westward Ho! and expressed much scorn of the clubs which he found men playing with. "You fellows don't know where to get your clubs," he said, with that kindly pity which is akin to love. "You should get them at the stores. Look here"—he produced a very ordinary-looking cleek—"only ten and sixpence!" So they returned that golfer scorn for scorn, for he was but a very newly-hatched golfer then, and did not know the proper price of a cleek. He knows much better now.

But the point to observe is that neither did the stores know any better at that date. He explained, on finding that his club was not regarded as a marvel of cheapness, how they came to charge him ten and sixpence for it. He had gone to the stores, which then were a new institution, like English Golf, and asked for Golf clubs. They had never heard of such things. But one of the gentlemen with the ribbon of the Legion of Honour, or some similar distinction, in his button-hole, volunteered to say that he thought he knew what the would-be purchaser meant, and, moreover, that he thought there were some weapons, so-called, which had lain for years in a forgotten and neglected corner.

They were produced, and the gentleman identified them (he knew just enough for that) as Golf clubs. "Yes," he said, "that one will do; and now what is the price?"

Nobody knew. The purchaser had no idea of the proper value of a cleek. It was so long since anybody had asked for a Golf club that they had entirely forgotten the price which they had paid to the maker. But they were quite amicable about it. They looked the club over, saw that it was neatly made, and showed signs of skilled workmanship. Eventually, to the satisfaction of all parties, they sold the cleek for ten and sixpence, and the purchaser proudly produced it at Westward Ho!

Last year the number of clubs sold by the stores was somewhere about forty thousand.

Now, this denotes a considerable change in the supply, and illustrates well the changed conditions of the demand, to which it is the response. They know the price of a cleek at the stores now. They did not sell the forty thousand at ten and sixpence each. The cricketers of to-day, and many who are not cricketers, play at Golf. As a rule they play; but of course there are exceptions. None of them, however, speak now with that scorn of the game which was referred to by the cricketer whose observation is quoted above. They look on Golf at all events with respect, however distant. They even try to play with consideration for its rules, and with appreciation of the grand old manner. It is not to be wondered at that they do not always succeed.

The attitude, however, of the Grand Old Golfer towards these neophytes of the cricket field fails a little of its due conciliatoriness. He is not very kind to the over-exuberance

of "blazers," of spirits, of conversation, and of activity, which the newly-converted one generally strives his best to suppress. He forgets that it is not cricketing nature to hit a ball far afield and stand still and watch it go. The cricketer's natural instinct is to run when he has hit the ball—he is indeed rather to be congratulated if he does not shout. And if mischances happen, as mischances do in course of the game of Golf, it is hardly to be expected of him that he shall do a thing so opposed to his natural instincts as to keep silence and bear with them. Not only is this not in his education, but it is not in his inheritance. He is English. He has not, by nature, that wonderful long-suffering patience of the Scot, which is so remarkably exhibited in awaiting the long over-due train on the Highland line, or the long-overdue point of a compatriot's story; life moves more quickly for him, and it is abhorrent to him to stand still upon his adversary's stroke. The Grand Old Golfer is slow in recognising these little differences of temperament which make these things, which are matters of course to himself, matters of painful study and observation to the lately-reformed cricketer.

All through Scottish Golf we see this suspicion of the "New Golf," as it is becoming a fashion to call it; and this, in spite of the significant fact that the only two amateurs who have ever won the Open Championship are Englishmen. So that the scorn which the Englishman used to bestow upon the golfer is now returned to him, to add to the bitterness of his remorse, in the scorn with which the Scotsman of the old type views his golfing efforts.

Meanwhile, cricket makes no very decided way in Scotland. Scotland prefers her Golf and football—those old delights of the Scot which were to be so "utterly cry-it-down and abolished" in favour of the martial exercise of archery. Doubtless, climate has something to say to this disregard of cricket by the Scot. Wickets, other than "mud-wickets" or "moss-wickets" are hard to find north of the Tweed. But, underlying this, there is the effect of national temperament, which makes the cheery game of England less suited to the strenuous, more serious nature of the Scot. Golf is the game which has been matured on oatcakes—with occasional whisky in abnormal quantities, but not in that constant flow of the ale which has washed down the beef of merrie, cricketing England. Golf is the game of a patient race, which walks; cricket of a more headstrong race, which runs.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

RICHMOND (YORKSHIRE) GOLF CLUB.—The change of the golfing ground from the West Field to the Racecourse seems to be very much approved by the members of this flourishing club, of which the Marquis of Zetland is president. W. L. Mitcheson, the local professional, has arranged the greens in such a manner as not to interfere with the galloping tracks in any way, and has kept them nicely out of the bounds of the encampment ground. Therefore the links, which are being put into perfect trim, will in no way be objectionable; in fact, when the racehorses are training, they will not be used.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.—A hole-tournament, for a set of clubs presented by Mr. Brand, of Carnoustie, has been recently concluded. The winner was Mr. A. N. Bromley, Mr. J. Johnstone being the runner-up. A foursome tournament is now in progress, and is exciting much interest.

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THE LINKS AT WELLINGBOROUGH.

A Golf Club has just been formed at Wellingborough. About sixty gentlemen and twenty ladies are on the secretary's list. The links are within a mile of the town, and promise to be of rather a sporting order. Several small iron-stone pits, ditches, thorn trees, hedge, and tree hazards are in the course; patches of whins dotted here and there may be fatal to the long driver. On Thursday morning, the 16th inst., Tom Morris, who had come from St. Andrews the night before, laid out the links. He expressed his approval of the site, noting to the secretary that the turf was of a very fine nature to make good greens without much trouble, and as the land lay high it would always be dry underfoot. In the afternoon Tom Morris and three amateurs, Messrs. Allison, Simmonds, and Fraser, of the Kettering Club, played a foursome, for the edification of the members who followed round, numbering about thirty ladies and gentlemen. Owing to the greens being in their natural rough state, the putting was, of course, very uncertain; but the veteran of St. Andrews made several clever putts, while some of his approach shots with his patent cleek were masterpieces. The other gentlemen hardly played up to their form at the beginning, no doubt being handicapped by the moving, talking crowd of onlookers. The last three holes were negotiated in better style, Tom and his partner winning comfortably, as might be imagined.

The following is a brief description of the holes:—Hole No. 1 (275 yards). The country, with the exception of a few tussocks, ant-banks, and furrows, is plain sailing, with a general good lie. Hole No. 2 (250 yards). A drive of 150 yards will clear a lot of small whins. If you slice badly you will fuzzle your ball on to the Midland Railway line, or into a high hedge. The next stroke requires care, or you will drop into a hazard, as the green is placed on a small triangular piece of turf, with whins, briars, paths, hedges, stunted trees, and a dry ditch surrounding it. Hole No. 3 (500 yards). As you tee off you find, about fifteen yards in front of you, a double hazard, consisting of two pollard trees, with a whitethorn bullfinch behind them. If you get a drive between 160 and 200 yards your ball will be among some young whins about two feet high. In the other 300 yards the lie is none too good, but there are no large hazards. Hole 4 (250 yards). This will require a few artificial bunkers. Hole 5 (300 yards). This finishes up with a hedge and tree hazard, the hole lying about twenty yards on the other side. Hole 6 (350 yards). If you pull you get on to a bridle road, among some old grass-grown cart-ruts. If you slice ever so little you go into a hedge, as the ground hangs that way very much. Straight ahead are dry ditches, high bushy thorn trees, iron-stone pits dotted about, which pleased old Tom immensely. This and the next are the two most sporting holes on the links. Hole 7 (300 yards). This is up a steep hill, the green being well guarded on the approach side by a ring of thorn trees, with a long deep pit to the right; to the left is a smaller one. This will be known as the Nest Hole. Hole 8 (500 yards). This stretches away over hedge, dry ditch, and tree hazards, down to a green in a corner, well guarded on two sides of a triangle by a small pond, ditch, and hedges. Hole No. 9 (250 yards). There is a hedge and tree hazard to cross. If you slice you are liable to get among some farm buildings, where it is proposed to make a temporary club-house.

THE NEEDLES GOLF LINKS.

The Isle of Wight boasts of two Golf links, one the celebrated course at Bembridge, the other that of the less renowned Needles Golf Club. Bembridge is too familiar to golfers to need description here; on the other hand, too little is really known of its neighbour. The links are situated on the Downs, not far from Alum Bay Hotel, and about a mile from Totland. The views from the course, whether landward or seaward, are of exceptional beauty. The round is only nine holes; the hazards consist of gorse bushes, cart-ruts, ditches, banks, a huge chalk-pit, and the slope of the Downs. The greens are good, especially the first, fifth, and ninth. The first hole is a very sporting one, and the dread of all long handicap men. The player must carry the chalk pit; it is only a cleek shot, but the shot must be a good one, an over-driven ball is very lucky if it escapes the cart-ruts. The second hole should be reached with a drive and a short pitch with the iron; a topped ball cannot escape the dense gorse in front of the tee. The green, which is a raised plateau, is rather small, but very level. The third hole is the long hole, and it requires two long drives and an iron; but each drive must measure two hundred yards, or it will take three drives to reach the green. This green is also on a plateau. It is a good hole in 5, and a very excellent 4. Most players are contented with 6, especially against the wind. The fourth hole is of no special interest; a drive will reach the green. The fifth hole requires a drive and a cleek; a topped ball is lucky if it is not caught by the whins. The second shot is difficult, as the green is guarded with ditches, and gorse. The sixth hole is a drive, and then an easy shot with the cleek will reach the

green; if the drive is short it will be in trouble in the ruts. The seventh hole is the first towards home; this hole appears easy at first, but it is the most treacherous in the course, a very straight drive, followed by an equally straight brassie, will take you to the green, and then one should hole out in 4, but if the drive is pulled, the ball will disappear over the side of the Downs, where it is almost certain to be unplayable. A sliced ball here is sure to be punished, by the ruts or chalk patches. The eighth hole is the short hole. The green can be reached with an easy iron, but although this hole has been frequently done in 2, it requires careful play, a topped ball is caught in a large whin if it runs the ruts; an over-driven ball is found at the foot of the Downs. This hole on two occasions has been done in 1 stroke, but the other day it cost a player 12 strokes in playing off a tie. This is probably the record anywhere for a hole of ninety yards. The ninth and last hole is perhaps as difficult as any on the links. A straight drive and an easy iron will land the player in the punch-bowl, which forms the green, but a bad drive is sure to be punished. For the top there are ruts and gorse bushes, a pulled ball will be buried in the chalk-pit, and a sliced ball, if it is fortunate enough not to be in a rut, makes the second shot most difficult, as there are whins in any quantity to be carried.

"Bogey" is 38, and very few players have beaten him level. The record of the links for a long time was 78 for the double round, by Alfred Toogood, of Bembridge, but it has since been broken by Mr. F. Willoughby Weiss-Graham with 72 as follows:—3 4 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 =36; 4 4 5 4 4 5 4 2 4 =36. This splendid score has never yet been approached by anybody. The professional, Edward Newberry, is a native of Freshwater. He is to be congratulated on the quick way he has picked up the game. He has a very free swing, and on his own green would be a match for most scratch players.

About three miles from the present links, there is a stretch of ground which would make a splendid nine-hole course; in fact some holes have already been made upon it. It is to be hoped that the committee of the Needles Golf Club will see their way to take over this land, and form another club in conjunction with their own. This might be done, and visitors to the neighbourhood would have the privilege of playing over two courses.

One special advantage to be mentioned is the excellence of accommodation to be obtained at Alum Bay House. Mrs. Dore, the manageress of the establishment, spares no pains to make the comfort of her visitors as complete as possible. The house is situated within a cleek shot of the first tee, and golfers can be supplied with luncheons and teas at most moderate rates.

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NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The second annual general meeting of this club was held at the Swan Hotel, Biggleswade, on Saturday, the 18th inst., Mr. Horace Mann, the hon. secretary presiding. At last year's meeting it was decided to extend the course from nine to eighteen holes, and as Biggleswade Common contains something like 300 acres, abounding with all kinds of hazards, it was only a question of expense to enable the club to have as fine an inland course as any in the Kingdom. Though the year's accounts show a slight debit balance, the club may be congratulated upon having a beautiful eighteen-hole course, with large greens which have been universally praised, and which will compare favourably with those of any of our leading links. There is also a small though comfortable club-house. The honorary treasurer's accounts having been passed, some discussion arose as to the desirableness of having an entrance fee, and also raising the annual subscription. It was ultimately decided to impose the entrance fee upon new members (the club already numbering 150) on and after the 1st January, 1894, when the entrance fee will be £1 1s. for gentlemen, and 10s. 6d. for ladies, and the annual subscription 25s. and 12s. 6d. respectively, the existing members paying as heretofore, or those joining before the 1st January next.

The Marquis of Granby, M.P., having kindly signified his consent to become Captain for the ensuing year was unanimously elected in the place of Mr. S. H. Whitbread, M.P., who has served for the past two years. Captain Kinloch's name was added to the committee.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. S. H. Whitbread, M.P., the late captain, to Mr. A. K. Lindsell the hon. treasurer, and to the hon. secretary.

For the information of any wishing to join the club, it may be mentioned that Biggleswade is on the main Great Northern line, a little over one hour's journey from King's Cross. Any further particulars may be had by applying to the hon. secretary, North Bedfordshire Golf Club, Biggleswade.

GLASGOW CLUB.—On Saturday, over the Alexandra Park course, Messrs. C. B. McFarlane and W. Martin (2) of the Glasgow Club competed for the captain's prize, when the former won by 8 up and 6 to play



The storm which swept across the country on Friday and Saturday week last, causing great destruction and loss of life, made its effect severely felt on many Golf courses. North Berwick was half covered with sand; St. Andrews in some places was made unplayable; and in the town the gale did much damage. Greenkeepers will have difficulty in restoring the landmarks in many cases. On the other hand, the covering of sand blown over some places will do a great amount of good, and bring the ground into condition for next year's play. In certain conditions of the surface no medicine is better than a layer of sand for bringing the turf into fine condition.

The gale of wind, accompanied as it was by intense cold, gave a *quietus* to Golf for the time being, ordinary scoring in all the circumstances being quite out of the question. In such storms the inland courses have an advantage over those by the sea, but even they, from the *débris* of branches, &c., suffered much. At Blairgowrie and many other places of the same kind, play was in this way rendered out of the question. On no kind of green has it been a time for making "records," except on the part of the wind, which gave the ordinary golfer a stroke a hole, and came off victorious.

The Marquis of Bute, on his installation as Lord Rector of St. Andrews University, on Wednesday last, treated his constituents, the students, to an interesting historical retrospect of St. Andrews. It was, he said, the only place in Scotland whose appearance could boast any kinship with that of Oxford. If the buildings of St. Andrews were comparatively few, the glorious surroundings of nature there rose above any comparison with those of Oxford. He looked upon St. Andrews as especially precious as a continual expression of, and witness to, the spirit of the Scottish nationality in the higher spheres of thought and activity; and he regarded St. Andrews as a singularly pure type—the presentiment and symbol of the distinctive genius of the Scottish race, energising in the highest field of thought. The noble marquis's statements were received with loud applause, for though he did not directly mention it, his hearers well knew that "the higher sphere of activity" referred to was none other than Golf.

The Innerleven Golf Club, finding, like many others, that their old club-house was insufficient, their membership being now over 200, have set about building a new one. The site is first-rate, and gives a capital view of the Golf course, Largo Bay and the Firth of Forth. The house is very handsome from an architectural point of view, and will be a great ornament to Leven, which is a dull-looking place. Mr. James Gillespie, St. Andrews, is the architect. The building is to be of red brick with Lochaberbrigs freestone facings, and will have a warm appearance. The Innerleven Club goes back to 1820, and is the inheritor of old Dubbieside and its traditions, the present green being, however, a great improvement on the ancient one which lay on the other side of Leven.

Mr. R. G. Laidlaw of Hazlewood, in recognition of his services as captain during the past year, has been presented by the Hawick Golf Club with a handsome silver-mounted ram's

horn snuff-box. The mull has on the lid a figure of a golfer in the act of putting, while in front is a deer's head with a suitable inscription.

Haddington has now got a Ladies' Golf Club, no doubt owing to the enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ferme, a keen golfing couple. The question is where is to be the ladies' green; for if it be made at Garleton, the gentlemen would be apt to lose sight of them in summer in the long grass.

A NEW VERB.—Referring to recent attempts to depreciate Golf as not being a first-class game, the word now applicable to such attempts is *Be-lytteltonise*.

A student in the class of Professor Tait, the great authority on the dynamics of Golf, was asked by the learned Professor how he should place the two wires of an electric machine. Sparks of laughter were heard all over the place when the student replied, "*Tête-à-tête*."

A kindly critic in the *Dundee Advertiser* of Friday last, reviewing Vol. VI. of GOLF (for what he said we are more than indebted), says:—"Mr. Everard and others—amateurs, of course—in their articles, express the opinion here and there that the amateurs are in skill equal to the professionals. Will any of the writers point to any important contests which support their theory?" And then he suggests that a team match of picked amateurs and professionals should be arranged. Mr. Everard is not likely to have expressed the opinion at random and without some basis of fact to go upon, for no writer on the game keeps closer in touch with the players of both classes, and watches their private and public performances more keenly than he. Surely it is notorious how amateurs have in very recent years trod closely on the heels of the best professionals in all open competitions, and particularly in the Open Championship. In earlier years the professionals had it all their own way in such competitions; since Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton have appeared the professionals have in a number of instances been outstripped.

That is a fact that "winna' ding." Messrs. Ball, Hilton, Laidlaw, Hutchinson, Mure Ferguson, and Balfour-Melville are as good as any half-dozen professionals that can be named. But our critic asks for proof. At the Amateur Championship held at Sandwich in May, 1892, Mr. John Ball, at the end of one of the hardest week's Golf any player ever endured, played with Mr. Hilton against Douglas Rolland and Hugh Kirkaldy a thirty-six hole match. It will not be gainsaid that these two professionals are as good as can be produced. Messrs. Ball and Hilton won a splendid match by 2 and 1 to play. We should like to see a match "Gentlemen *v.* Players," and we have suggested this long ago, as well as an international one. But money is needed for both, and there is no authority at present existing disposed to take the question up and to arrange the details.

Our critic also returns to the point of next year's Championship being held at Sandwich, putting in a plea at the same time for the claims of Carnoustie or Montrose being considered in fixing the rotation of greens. As we said before in some earlier "Tee Shots," there is no particular reason why Carnoustie or Montrose should not be chosen, provided there is something like local initiative. The clubs which originally instituted the competition, and have borne the expense of it, have the ultimate right to say where, and under what conditions, the Championship shall be played. The two prime requisites for rearrangement are (1) the character of the green; (2) the amount of financial support which the club asking for admission is prepared to afford. But, even with these requisites satisfactorily established, the clubs which inaugurated the competition have yet the power to refuse any outside application for rearrangement. We are far from saying that this is a desirable state of things; but it is the position of affairs as they exist. What Forfarshire golfers have to do is to organise themselves for this purpose; to put their hands in their pockets as freely as Sandwich and Hoylake golfers do; to memorialise the existing large clubs who control the Championship arrangements to

grant an opportunity for the claims of Carnoustie and Montrose to be heard; and, generally, to show themselves as alert and energetic in furthering the interests of the game as Southern clubs of far less standing have done. Carnoustie and Montrose golfers may rest assured that the Championship will never come to their doors unbidden and without effort on their part.

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The same critic puts the boot on the wrong leg when he urges that the claims of Carnoustie and Montrose ought to be considered because those greens are public, and not private like Prestwick, Muirfield, Hoylake, and Sandwich; and, in consequence, professionals and amateurs alike have an equal chance of practising over such greens. This is verily to misread the signs of the times. The days of large public Golf greens are numbered.

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Prestwick has long been in advance of the times; Hoylake followed later; Sandwich started from the outset as a private green, because the founders of it being players on a public green like Wimbledon, foresaw under what irritating disadvantages the game was soon likely to be carried on; and Muirfield was established by the flower of Scottish golfing ability and tradition, by a band of players who forsook one of the classic public links of the country owing to the crowd and the difficulty of regulating play. Even St. Andrews is making a move in this direction; and, if we mistake not, the pious wish has been not infrequently breathed at Carnoustie: "Oh! that our green could be made private!" The private Golf green, therefore, is the green of the future, because in these days it affords the only method of regulating play and players in conformity with the truest interests of the game, the highest skill of players, the comfort, enjoyment, and absence from distraction of those who participate in it.

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It is surely a most fallacious and erroneous argument to urge that because the Championship greens are private, therefore professionals are handicapped in competing with amateurs owing to the probably more intimate knowledge of the latter with the peculiarities of the green (the critic is speaking evidently of Sandwich). Every blade of grass on Prestwick has been known to a long generation of professionals; yet Mr. John Ball, jun., carried off the Championship there over the heads of them all, though the green was quite unfamiliar to him. Mr. Hilton won at Muirfield, and nearly beat Mr. Laidlay at St. Andrews, though both greens were quite new to him; and Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, after two or three days' play, nearly beat Mr. John Ball at Sandwich, though the last-named had played for years there, and was as familiar with Sandwich as with his home green. All the best professionals now playing know both Hoylake and Sandwich well, and the result of all these big matches seems to show that victory rests precisely in inverse ratio to knowledge of the green. Besides, the course is always thrown open for practice a short time before these competitions begin.

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Another new Golf Club has been added to the long list of London clubs. The Neasden Golf Club, Neasden House, Neasden, N.W., has just been founded, and *mirabile dictu!* The Honourable Alfred Lyttelton is the president. The vice-presidents are:—Lord Ribblesdale, the Honourable Chandos Leigh, the Honourable Robert C. Devereux, and Baron Halkett. The committee are:—Messrs. Isidore Clifford, William Hayward, Walter Ketley, George Neale, William A. South, and Edwin Wilding, with power to add to their number. The hon. secretary is Captain Stanley Clifford. The advantages of this club are—that it is situated within five minutes' walk of Neasden Station on the Metropolitan Railway, eighteen minutes by train from Baker Street (arrangements have been made with the Metropolitan Railway for a special reduced rate from Baker Street Station, tickets to be had at the club); it is six minutes' walk from Dudding Hill Station, on the Midland Railway, and five miles by road from the Marble Arch, *via* Edgware Road.

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The club consists of a first-class mansion and grounds, besides private Golf course, with eighteen good sporting holes, none of which cross. The links are situated on high ground,

very undulating, with charming views; the turf is excellent, and there are some first-class natural hazards besides artificial sand bunkers. The number of members is strictly limited to 250. A certain number of ladies (if relatives of members) will be elected as associates. The club will be open on the 9th December, and caddies in attendance every day. The house contains large hall lounge, billiard-room, card-room, smoking-room, bath-rooms, dressing-rooms, bedrooms for members, besides a large Golf pavilion, with luncheon-room, drying-room, lavatories, lockers, professionals' room, and caddies' shelter. There are charmingly laid-out grounds (attached to the house) with tennis lawns, large pond suitable for skating and curling in the winter, and excellent stabling for twenty-five horses. More ground than is used belongs to the club, and may, if desired, be laid out as a ladies' course. The entrance fee for the first fifty members is £1 1s.; for the second fifty members £3 3s.; for the next one hundred members £5 5s.; and for the remaining fifty members £10 10s. Subscription £6 6s. per annum, which covers any liability of members. Lady associates £2 2s. per annum, without entrance fee. The professional is David Cuthbert.

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Andrew Kirkaldy has been engaged as professional to the Royston Golf Club, Herts, and on 23rd inst., playing round for the first time, he beat H. Hurry's previous record of 80—Out, 4 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 5=38; in, 3 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 4=37; total, 75. There was a strong north wind blowing across the links, and the putting-greens were frozen hard, which made them run bad. The Great Northern Railway will now issue return tickets at a reduced fare to members of this club between Cambridge and Hitchin when travelling for the purpose of playing on these links. The club house, which will cost upwards of £300, has now been begun, and, it is hoped, will be completed before Christmas.

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The Golf clubs in the neighbourhood of London are becoming very close corporations indeed. The entrance-fee for nearly every well-established institution of the sort is fifteen or twenty guineas. Under these conditions the lessees of good links are realising very handsome sums, though the time must come when the landlords will raise the rent. It is, of course, possible to play on many of the public commons, notably Wimbledon, without belonging to a club, but here it is imperative for every golfer to wear a red coat. Still, the inconvenience of being without a club-house and of depending on chance for one's caddie are by no means inconsiderable, though they are faced by one or two enthusiasts. However, the more orthodox golfers think otherwise, and hence it is that the London devotees of the game are becoming yearly more inclined to look for their amusement during holidays spent on the Continent.

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We are very glad to hear that "at last" the ladies of Westward Ho! are to have links of their own (nearly twenty years ago they had a short course, but the Golf, as played by the ladies in those days, was very different from the present style). An energetic resident golfer, who has been trying for years to get a course for the ladies, has succeeded in arranging matters satisfactorily with the "Potwhollopers," or Commoners, and a course is now being marked out, and will shortly be ready for play. If the Royal North Devon Golf Club will only encourage the Ladies' Club there is no reason why the Ladies' Championship should not be played for at Westward Ho! before long.

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H. Hurry, the professional of the Burghley Park Golf Club (Stamford) made the following record for the nine holes when playing with Mr. O. Edmonds:—5 4 3 4 3 4 4 5 4=36.

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The season was formally inaugurated at the Cannes Golf Club's links on Wednesday last, by a *dejeuner*, at which forty members were present. The Grand Duke Michael of Russia, president of the club, presided at the lunch, which had been postponed owing to his slight indisposition. The catering, which this season is in the able hands of M. Cauvin, of the Faisan Doré and the Hotel de Paris, gave general satisfaction, M. Georges Begel acting, as last year, as *maitre d'hotel*. The

links are now in excellent order, having been constantly rolled by a heavy roller, and, thanks to the drainage operations which have been effected during the past summer, perfectly dry.

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There has been quite a large exodus of professionals from North Berwick lately. A few weeks since Willie Thomson left for Penarth, and subsequently John White and John Forrest also crossed the Border, the former being appointed to Chesterford Park and the latter to Shireoaks, near Sheffield. Jack Johnstone, a young professional, is also about to leave for South Africa.

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The Bass Rock Club will feel very heavily the loss of Mr. John Forrest, who has just become a professional. For many years he held the scratch medal of the club, and in county, club, and other competitions he was for long regarded as almost its mainstay. Mr. Forrest was one of the four who successfully represented the Bass Rock Club in the county cup competition on the last occasion.

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The new Provost of North Berwick, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, is a well-known golfer, his career having been given in connection with our series of articles on Eminent Golfers. In his prime he was in the front rank of players, and in this connection it might just be mentioned that he has won the scratch medal of the Tantallon Club on as many as thirteen occasions, of these nine wins being recorded thrice three times in succession.

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Ex-Provost Brodie, who has been Provost of North Berwick within a year of a quarter of a century, and who some time since was the recipient of a testimonial from the Scottish Burghs for services rendered in connection with the Police Bill, is also widely known as a golfer. Mr. Brodie was quite a first-rate player in his "palmy" days, and time was when he and Mr. Whitecross were almost invincible as partners in a foursome. Mr. Brodie still takes the keenest interest in all golfing matters connected with the Burgh.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.
THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

"It will blow up fine at tide-time" was the hopeful expression of a good many members who waited for fair weather all forenoon in the club room of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday, when the second competition for the cup presented by the captain, Mr. J. Marcus Rea, was fixed to take place. Tide-time, however, unfortunately only brought, if anything, a decided change for the worse—rain fell more persistently than ever, and consequently many members did not play at all. Thirty-three cards were taken out, but only about a dozen were returned, the best four gross scores being:—Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby, 83; Mr. J. Eccles, Ashton, Preston, 93; Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's, 98; Mr. A. B. Scholfield, Disley, 99; and the best net scores, those under 100, being as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Eccles, Ashton, Preston	93	3	90
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby	83	+9	92
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's	98	2	96
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham	104	8	96
Mr. James Mellor, St. Anne's	104	7	97
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton	110	13	97
Mr. Somner Fisher, South Shore	111	14	97
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, Disley	99	1	98

Mr. J. Eccles therefore put in the win for the cup and obtained the silver memento given by the club. The first optional sweepstake was won by Mr. H. H. Hilton, and the second and third were divided between Mr. S. A. Hermon and Mr. W. H. Harrison. It was the wettest day, and accompanied by a strong westerly breeze, that has occurred at any competition, and all the players returned to the club-room after their rounds thoroughly wet through. The details of Mr. Hilton's fine gross score of 83 were as follows: Out, 4 3 5 5 7 4 5 4 5=42; home, 5 4 4 5 4 6 4 5=41; total 83.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.—Monthly challenge cup. Eighth competition. The following are the two principal scores returned:—Mr. C. G. Tunks, 96, less 8=88; Mr. W. O. S. Pell, 92, less 2=90.



SHOWING A BLIND HOLE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As I have been appealed to to give my views on the subject of a caddie giving the line to a blind hole, they are these:—

(i.) A caddie is sent on to stand on a hill, between his master and the hole; having thus given the line, the caddie's business is to get out of the way, and I have never seen an instance where he has not done so; but if

(ii.) The master requests him to stay, he does so in breach of the usual custom and spirit of Golf (as pointed out by H. M. B., October 20th), in other words of etiquette, which is made up of established customs.

If therefore, after gentle remonstrance, the player still continues to act in defiance of this well-known and well-understood etiquette, we all know the usual remedy.

I am, Sir, &c.,

St. Andrews,

H. S. C. EVERARD.

November 28th, 1893.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am indeed surprised that such a controversy should ever have arisen in your paper, and also to see men, who, from the time they appear to have played Golf ought to know something, one would think, of the spirit of the game, backing up a point to which it is quite contrary.

One would have quite as much right to put down a mark on the putting-green. There, he takes his line from a daisy leaf, a brown straw of grass, or any natural mark on the green. Why then should he have a mark placed when he is approaching? Though he does not see the hole himself his caddie does, and gives the exact line by standing as a mark for him to play at. The cases are, to my mind, exactly the same, only in the one the player does not see the hole. The caddie goes forward, points out the line to the hole, and retires, as when on the putting-green he would point it out with the shaft of a club. If a mark can be left in the one case, why not in the other? And every one (that is, every golfer) knows that a mark is not allowed to be placed to indicate the line to the hole. That is the point.

For Mr. Tait's father or grandfather to consider it sharp practice for an opponent to claim the hole because he left his caddie as a mark to show him the line to the hole, savours very much of a story I heard at North Berwick this summer. The story is a fact.

Two old gentlemen—and old players too—were having a round. One got bunkered, and taking his niblick scooped a quantity of sand from behind his ball, upon which his opponent exclaimed, "Come, come, that's not allowed; I must claim the hole." "You're surely getting very particular about the rules, Mr. So-and-So," the bunkered one replied. A friend of mine remarked to me the other day that a deficient knowledge of the rules was worth a stroke a hole.

I do not think that "Move Off" will have to stump up, as I am sure the veterans he asks for a decision, know how to play

Golf, as Golf has always been played in Scotland, before that hybrid English game, with scoring cards and "Colonel Bogey," was ever in existence.

I am Sir &c.
SCLAAFGOFF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In giving my support to the editor's footnote, I am certain that I had no intention of giving offence to the gentleman who writes under the *nom-de-plume* of "Move Off," but merely with the view of giving an expression of opinion. What I said, was not directed against "Move Off" personally, as I do not know the gentleman, but only what I thought not unnecessary towards the understanding of the argument.

It is a pity that "Move Off" does not adhere to the point under discussion and allow his fancies to take flight away to Rome and Alexandria. Besides, there is not one spark of analogy between a blind hole and an *Æcumenical* Council, unless he means that the Pope and his delegates have lost their sight. And also, "Move Off" might allow poor *Athanasius* (*ultra mundum*) to remain where he is.

The question being discussed at present, has nothing whatever to do with the opinions of certain players, as whatever decision might be arrived at by the best of them it must go for nothing if no printed rule is found.

Any reasonable golfer would tell his caddie to move out of the way after the caddie has given the line, and the caddie must do so if he is told. But as to a rule—and without a printed rule there can be no penalty for the infringement of what does not exist—I shall continue to hold that there is none, until "Move Off" can produce one, when he may find I am not so completely composed of cock-sureness acerbity, and infallibility as not to acknowledge my error if I am wrong.

The quotation, although wrong, was not so far from the mark as to prevent "Move Off" from understanding it.

I am Sir, &c.,
R. J. B. TAIT.

Edinburgh, November 27th.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—"Move Off" says that the question he has raised is of vital importance; so I suppose it must be, though, up to this time, I am afraid the bulk of the fraternity of golfers have missed the importance of it.

Does "Move Off" contend that, if a player is in a pit, or anything of that sort, his caddie may not hold the flag up so that he can see whereabouts the hole is?

If so, under what law of Golf does he make this—ridiculous claim? If he does not find a rule to help him, does he find it in the etiquette of Golf?

I expect he will have a rule on the question when he gets his wished-for Council of Golfers. Why does he not join a ladies' club? He might be elected ruling councillor straight off.

I am, Sir, &c.,
"LINE TO THE HOLE."

GOLF AT VENTNOR.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Allow me to thank you as Editor, and Mr. Marcus B. Huish as writer, for the very amusing, interesting, and appreciative description of our links which appeared in your valuable paper of the 17th inst., and to add a few particulars as to the immediate programme of our young club.

We have decided to formally open the links on Friday, December 1st next, at 10.30, when members' foursomes will be played for prizes given by the club, without any handicapping for this competition. On the same evening, about five o'clock, the first regular general meeting will be held for the adoption of the rules, which are now being considered by a committee, and for the election of president, vice-presidents, committee, captain, and other officers.

It is proposed to arrange for about five handicap tournament meetings during each year, and members' monthly medal competitions.

We shall probably have a dinner about Easter in each year, at which season there are generally many players and other visitors on the Island.

Nearly one hundred members have joined already, the subscription being one guinea per annum. There is no entrance-fee at present, and visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, are welcomed to play, on payment of a small weekly subscription.

The links are on "down" land, occupying an exceedingly bracing position, 600 feet above the sea-level.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN G. LIVESAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Ventnor Golf Club, Ventnor, Nov. 21st.

MUD ON THE BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to "T. T. A. A.'s" letter in answer to my suggestion of an alteration of rule 38, I wish to claim, that my proposal does not interfere with the spirit of the rule at all, and that a ball covered with mud is quite as unplayable, as one which is cracked. If the cracked ball may be changed by the rule, why not the mud-covered one? I should not have answered "T. T. A. A.'s" letter, which he might have had courage to sign (I suppose he was ashamed of its uncourteous tone), but that the change is important to those who play on inland greens in the winter. I may add that my proposal has already been adopted as a by-law by several clubs.

I am Sir, &c.
J. R. HUTCHISON.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I think Mr. Hutchison's suggestion a very valuable one, especially for inland greens in such weather as at present. Since reading his letter I have made a private arrangement with my opponents to lift a ball having a large piece of mud adhering to it, to remove the mud, and to replace the ball. The privilege of cleaning the ball, particularly after a lofted shot on to the putting green, was found to work satisfactorily to both parties, and made putting at the hole something like an enjoyment. There was nothing like an attempt at abuse, though scoffers say that the ball will invariably be teed. Notice on each side had to be given of the intention to lift the ball and to remove the mud. The rule might be abused in medal play, especially among long handicappers, but in ordinary private matches it works admirably.

I am Sir, &c.
NO MUD.

MR. LYTTTELTON AND GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am certain that everyone who has read Mr. Lehmann's article in your paper, in reply to Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, will have been struck by the able and masterly manner in which he confutes that gentleman's arguments. I hope he won't mind me correcting one point, which I think considerably strengthens his case. Under Heading VI. he remarks:—"Because it is not played in the English public schools, is it on that account not a first class game?" I maintain that it is played in "the English public schools," and in those in which it is not played it is in most cases because of inability to procure a sufficient space of down or common. At Eton and Winchester it is played, our two greatest public schools; more at the latter than at the former, but this may be accounted for by the fact that the Winchester links are a good deal better than the Eton ones. Hoping you will insert this in your next,

I am, Sir, &c.,
A PUBLIC SCHOOL GOLFER.

Winchester, November 26th.

THE FRITH PARK LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should like to thank an unknown friend through the medium of your excellent little paper. A few weeks ago a letter appeared in GOLF, signed "Golfer," describing and praising the Frith Park Golf Links, East Grinstead.

In consequence of that letter I joined the club, and last Saturday spent a most enjoyable day there in playing for the half-yearly challenge cup and two other valuable prizes, which I tried my best to win, but failed. The competition produced some exciting play between Captain Vincent and the secretary, which resulted in a tie. Captain Vincent's score was—First round, 51; second round, 52=103, which minus 14 (handicap), gave a result of 89. The secretary's score was—First round, 55; second round, 49=103; less 15 (handicap), making a total of 89.

The links were all "Golfer" described them to be, and the greens were in perfect condition.

Although the club has only been in existence a few weeks, I hear that members are flocking in, and it surprises me that the limit number has not been already reached, considering what sporting links these are.

No doubt "Golfer" was present on Saturday, for he said he would be, if alive and well; and I hope that neither death nor illness has befallen him, for it was entirely through his letter that I was there. I hope he enjoyed his game as much I did; and, if I only knew his unassumed name, I would like to shake him by the hand and personally thank him.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HANDICAPPED.

November 27th, 1893.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

POINT GARRY.—No; it is simply a private bet, and nothing more. Such matches are common enough, though out of kindness to the professional the *quid pro quo* is usually taken in balls; but the passing of money would not in the least alter the *status*. Mr. Arthur Molesworth played Young Tom Morris for £100 a-side many years ago. A professional is a golfer who lives by the sale of Golf clubs or balls, who carries clubs for hire, who gives lessons in the game for money, and who in an open match, where amateurs and professionals mingle, always receives money as the equivalent reward of his victory. In such a match an amateur may not receive money, but only its value in plate or some other article.

T. S. ROBIN.—The stone cannot be removed; it is a portion of the hazard, and in no way comes under the ordinary description of "break club" found on the green itself.

AN IRISH GOLFER.—There is no penalty in medal play; in match play there would have been the loss of two holes. There seems to have been a good deal of carelessness about the game.

MARINER.—No; the score is invalid, first, because, one member does not constitute a competition, and, second, because, a professional is debarred from scoring.

THISTLE.—The ball is brought back, or another placed in the same position, and played by the rightful owner without penalty; the other player loses a stroke.

A CONSTANT READER.—There is no danger of the balls deteriorating if they are kept in a fairly equable temperature, but they may in all probability need re-painting.

R. G. EMSLEY.—It is within the power of the committee to annul the competition if the circumstances seem to them to merit this step. Considering the weather and the state of the green, together with the fact that only two couples returned scores, we should be disposed to advise the fixing of another day for the competition. Any day may be chosen by the committee most convenient to the majority of members. A member who does not compete is not thereby debarred from entering a protest if he thinks it right to do so.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, November 11th.—Mr. W. P. Trench, 96, less 13=83; Mr. H. Davenport, 93, less 6=87; Mr. A. H. Mathison, 99, less 10=89; Mr. H. H. Playford, 96, less 3=93; Mr. F. Broome, 110, less 15=95. A fair number of players were out, but the majority were not pleased with their cards. So far as the course was concerned there was no excuse for high returns, but a strong east wind made the first half more difficult than usual.



ABERDEEN CLUB v. VICTORIA CLUB.

A match between teams of twenty-six men a-side representing these clubs was played on Saturday over the former club's private course at Balgowrie Links. The weather was favourable in the early part of the day, but broke down afterwards, a drizzling rain making play anything but agreeable. The match was decided by holes, and ended in a decisive victory for the Aberdeen Club, whose representatives scored 64 holes as against 8 registered by the Victoria, the Aberdeen Club thus winning by no less than 56 holes. Full score:—

ABERDEEN		Holes.	VICTORIA.		Holes.
Mr. L. S. Anderson	...	5	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	...	0
Mr. J. M. Ferguson	...	4	Mr. A. M'Connachie	...	0
Mr. W. F. Orr	...	2	Mr. A. Mitchell	...	0
Captain Brooke	...	0	Mr. L. Anderson	...	1
Mr. J. M. Duncan	...	0	Mr. J. Innes	...	2
Mr. T. Todd	...	1	Mr. D. B. Leslie	...	0
Colonel Boyes	...	1	Mr. R. Anderson	...	0
Mr. M. M. Duncan	...	3	Mr. J. B. Banks	...	0
Mr. W. R. Reid	...	3	Mr. W. H. Reid	...	0
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	...	2	Mr. D. J. Innes	...	0
Major Kevill-Davies	...	3	Mr. J. Russell	...	0
Mr. J. Williams	...	3	Mr. G. Barron	...	0
Mr. J. Davidson	...	2	Mr. D. Jessiman	...	0
Mr. J. H. Craigie	...	0	Mr. G. Mortimer	...	1
Mr. Fred. M'Cræe	...	0	Mr. T. MacLennan	...	0
Mr. H. C. Hadden	...	5	Mr. J. Stewart	...	0
Dr. J. Moir	...	7	Mr. A. D. Leiper	...	0
Mr. J. A. Adamson	...	4	Mr. J. A. Ross	...	0
Mr. H. J. Jopp	...	5	Mr. G. Anderson (1)	...	0
Mr. M. H. Mackie	...	0	Mr. B. Nicholls	...	2
Captain G. D. Elsmie	...	4	Mr. J. Hazelwood	...	0
Mr. J. S. Butchart	...	0	Mr. T. Crighton	...	1
Mr. D. S. Rose	...	1	Mr. J. Grant	...	0
Mr. R. M. Williamson	...	7	Mr. A. Mackay	...	0
Mr. J. G. Paull	...	2	Mr. G. Anderson (2)	...	1
Mr. G. A. Simpson	...	0	Mr. A. M. Scott	...	0
		64			8

Majority for Aberdeen, 56 holes.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

Arden v. Barton.—This match was played at Barton-under-Needwood, and, after a most enjoyable game, ended in a win for the visiting team by 12 holes.

ARDEN.		Holes.	BARTON.		Holes.
Mr. H. W. Bainbridge (capt.)	...	3	Mr. C. Palmer	...	0
Mr. O. Airy	...	0	Mr. F. J. Jennings	...	0
Mr. E. P. Wright	...	0	Mr. A. H. Palmer	...	1
Mr. T. F. Wright	...	1	Mr. P. S. White	...	0
Mr. M. C. Lord	...	2	Mr. A. R. White	...	0
Mr. H. H. Wright	...	5	Mr. B. Lorrimer	...	0
Mr. W. P. Wilson Browne	...	1	Mr. A. Maxwell Todd	...	0
Mr. J. A. Marigold	...	1	Dr. T. Dixon	...	0
		13			1

Majority for Arden, 12 holes.

ALFRETON GOLF CLUB.—The first handicap competition for the ladies' bronze medal took place on the 22nd November, when Miss Lucy M. Bingham won with a net score of 27. The monthly medal (handicap) was won on November 25th by Dr. Corkery with a net score of 70.

BECKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the club was held at Woodside on Saturday, November 25th, when the handsome silver trophy presented by the president, the gold medal (scratch) presented by the captain, and the club prize for members whose handicaps exceed 18, were competed for. A considerable number competed, but owing to the unfavourable weather the scoring was high and many made no returns. The following were the results:—

For the trophy and scratch medal:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the trophy and scratch medal.

* Winner of the captain's scratch medal and the president's trophy.

For the club prize:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the club prize.

* Winner of club prize.

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, November 11th:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the monthly medal.

All others over 100 net or no return. On playing off Mr. Tyson won.

Ladies' monthly medal, November 4th:—Mrs. Buck, 68, less 20=48; Mrs. Broughton, 66, less 8=58; Miss Slator, 72, less 12=60; Miss Dasent, 82, less 20=62; Miss E. Jackson, 72, less 8=64; Miss Sharpin, 72, less 10=62. No returns from Mrs. Hutton, Miss E. Hadley, Mrs. Macdona, and Miss Verey.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The Barrow medal is played for under the "Bogey" system, the score for the eighteen holes being as follows:—Out, 5 4 4 6 6 5 4 5=43; in, 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 5=38; total, 81. Each player takes two-thirds of his ordinary handicap. Scores:—Mr. W. B. Knobel (9), all square; Mr. W. Watson (5), 1 down; Mr. W. Waterhouse (10), 1 down; Mr. A. P. Whitwell (7), 2 down; Mr. E. E. Eddowes (11), 4 down; Mr. R. A. Nicholson (scratch), 5 down; Mr. W. Lovett (9), 6 down; Mr. K. M. Marshall (3), 8 down; Mr. H. Pigg (11), 8 down. Twenty players made no return. Day cold and wet, greens in fine playing order.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

November 25th, third day of the winter competition. Scores:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the winter competition.

Messrs. W. G. Richardson and R. Dunlop retired.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The Golf season was opened on Saturday, November 4th, on the Calcutta Maidan, when an unusually large number of the members sat down to luncheon at two o'clock. A handicap Golf match was afterwards played over the new round, while a Duffers' cup was competed for over the old round. The ground has been greatly cut up, owing to the excessive rains this season, but the long grass had been almost all cut down through the green, and the putting-greens were found to be little short of perfection. A large number entered for each event, and in the end Mr. Mitchell-Innes was found to have won the open handicap with an excellent score of 45 (scratch), while Mr. R. T. Denne secured the Duffers' prize with a net score of 50. An interesting feature in the afternoon's sport was a match at bowls played between four of the Calcutta Club and four representatives of the Howrah Bowling Club, in which Howrah came out victorious. The following are the scores in the Golf competitions:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the Calcutta Golf Club competitions.

For the Duffers' competition the following scores were handed in:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross, Hcp, Net. Lists winners and scores for the Duffers' competition.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, November 25th.—Mr. F. T. Welman, 86, less 2=84; Sir Bevan Edwards, 107, less 15=92; Col. E. Jee, 110, less 18=92; Capt. G. Austin, 100, less 7=93; Mr. Martin Tomson, 101, less 8=93; Mr. J. H. Ward, 105, less 12=93; Capt. Cochran, 118, less 24=94; Mr. H. M. Leggett, 110, less 15=95; Major Hungerford, 110, less 13=97; Mr. R. M. Collier, 124, less 24=100; Mr. J. D. Pattullo, 118, less 18=100. Twenty others made no return or were over 100 net.

COVENTRY v. KENILWORTH.

On Friday, November 24th, the two Coventry Clubs played a return match (in foursomes) v. Kenilworth, at Coventry, which resulted in an easy win for the home team by 28 holes.

Table comparing scores between Coventry and Kenilworth clubs across various players.

DUMFRIES.—The monthly medal of the Dumfries and Galloway Club was won on Saturday by the Rev. Maxwell Hutchison, Kirkmahoe, with a net score of 94, less 18=76.

EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBERS GOLF CLUB.—This club played their last monthly competition for the season over the Craid Hills on Saturday afternoon. A dozen balls, presented by Mr. Jamieson, treasurer of the High Constables, were played for, and were won by:—1st, Mr. A. Grierson; 2nd, Mr. John K. Fenton; and 3rd, Mr. Don. Cameron. Mr. David Lumsden, having the lowest six scores out of the nine competitions played during the season, was declared the winner of the Skinner medal and gold badge.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

Medal Play, Saturday, November 18th.—The result of this competition altogether baffled the handicapping committee, Mr. Jaques, who played in the morning before the gale and blizzard, coming in with a net score of 70. Competitors who played in the afternoon were in most cases unable to finish their rounds, in consequence of the boisterous weather. The following is the score, but quite half made no returns :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Percival S. Jaques	90	20	70	Mr. E. Bird	102	13	89
Mr. A. R. Hill	90	15	75	Mr. H. Hall	110	20	90
Mr. J. Lilley	93	18	75	Rev. E. H. Hay	112	22	90
Mr. R. H. Woodhouse	84	8	76	Mr. H. Pegg	105	14	91
Mr. S. Chick	92	14	78	Mr. W. Carver	105	12	93
Mr. J. Ryan	89	8	81	Mr. A. G. Low	117	24	93
Mr. J. Moody Stewart	99	18	81	Mr. F. Carver	95	2	93
Mr. G. Rumsey	100	18	82	Mr. W. Bartlett	110	16	94
Mr. J. R. Phillips	97	14	83	Mr. J. Hardie	112	18	94
Mr. R. Shortrede	100	16	84	Mr. H. P. Gordon	102	not	hepd.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, played for on November 25th, was won by Mrs. Keen, with a net score of 79. The links, having been again altered, the scores returned were higher than usual. The day was all that could be desired, and the greens much improved. The scores were as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Keen	88	9	79	Miss Richardson	101	6	95
Miss A. Richardson	92	11	81	Mrs. Richardson	105	9	96
Mrs. Laird	96	13	83	Miss A. Floxam	110	14	96
Mrs. Lord	95	10	85	Mrs. McCracken	112	13	99
Miss Maud Richardson	94	8	86	Mrs. Schacht	116	16	100
Mrs. Stokes	96	6	90	Mrs. Tasker	117	16	101
Mrs. Poland	99	8	91	Miss Knapping	115	13	102
Mrs. Fraser	108	17	91	Miss Hunter	120	12	108
				Mrs. Page	138	20	118

Others made no returns, or were over 118 net.

FORFARSHIRE.

The medal competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club was played on Monifeth Links on Saturday forenoon. The following players came in under the century :—Mr. Arthur Forsyth, 88; Mr. James Clark, 91; Mr. John Inglis, 91; Mr. B. Alexander, 92; Mr. Thomas Knox, 95; Mr. William Duguid, 96; Mr. Andrew Caird, 96; Mr. J. U. Wallace, 97; Mr. Peter Wallace, 97; Mr. John D. Brown, 98. The prize-winners were :—Honeyman medal, Mr. Arthur Forsyth; first and second handicap, Mr. Arthur Forsyth and Mr. James Clark, a tie; third, Mr. Peter Wallace; fourth and fifth (tie) Mr. John Inglis, Mr. Andrew Caird, and Mr. James U. Wallace. Second class—first and Leng medal, Mr. David Bannerman; second, Mr. John Clark. Third class—first and club cross, Mr. Finlay Currie.

HOOKE (HANTS) v. HARTLEY WINTNEY.

The return match between these two clubs was played on November 22nd at Hook. The foursomes had to be abandoned owing to want of time. The result of the singles was a victory for Hook by 11 holes.

HOOK (HANTS).		HARTLEY WINTNEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Scott	5	Mr. F. G. Duck	0
Mr. J. H. Driver	3	Mr. H. Hollings	0
Mr. E. H. Morton	4	Mr. H. Bourdillon	0
Mr. F. D. Hessey	0	Rev. W. Claxton	1
Mr. A. L. Secretan	0	Mr. E. P. Branfoot	4
Mr. P. F. Morton	4	Mr. C. P. Hastings	0
	16		5

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition.—Considering that the weather was so bad on Saturday, twenty-three was a large entry, and the returns were good. Fifteen took out cards in the first class, and eight in the second, and the following returns were made :—

First class.—Mr. R. Holliday, 93, less 11=82; Mr. A. L. Woodhead, 89, less 6=83; Mr. E. T. Woodhead, 99, less 12=87; Mr. F. E. Woodhead (scratch), 89; Mr. A. E. Learoyd, 92, less 3=89; Rev. E. N. Langham, 105, less 16=89; Mr. H. M. Woodhead, 97, less 7=90; Mr. E. B. Wilson, 104, less 13=91; Mr. O. L. Anders, 108, less 15=93; Mr. G. B. Edgumbe, 112, less 17=95.

Second class.—Mr. F. V. Adcock, 104, less 20=84; Mr. T. B. Keighley, 104, less 19=85; Dr. Carter, 113, less 21=92; Mr. H. Terry, jun., 118, less 23=95; Mr. J. Hurst, 136, less 36=100.

MID-SURREY v. CIVIL SERVICE.

In the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on Saturday, this inter-club game was decided. It was the first match played by the Civil Service team, who were beaten by Mid-Surrey by 1 hole only. Scores :—

MID-SURREY.		CIVIL SERVICE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. R. Gairdner	0	Mr. Franklin Ross, G.P.O.	0
Dr. Williamson	0	Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Pratt, War Office	2
Mr. A. Anderson	2	Mr. W. D. Bovill, Supreme Court...	0
Mr. J. G. Wylie	2	Mr. Felix Skene, House of Lords	0
Mr. H. S. Gairdner	1	Mr. A. J. Eames, G.P.O.	0
Mr. T. C. Last	0	Mr. H. H. Turner, Royal Observatory	6
Mr. C. A. Gosnell	3	Mr. H. W. St. John, House of Lords	0
Dr. C. N. Cobbett	1	Mr. H. H. Batten, Charity Commission	0
	9		8

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB

Monthly silver medal competition, November 3rd.—Miss Darlington, 76, less 4=72; Miss Middleton, 82, less 6=76; Miss Chambers, 88, less 12=76; Miss Stanger-Leathes, 91, less 12=79; Miss E. A. Whieldon, 81, less 1=80; Miss Matheson, 109, less 26=83; Miss Humphreys, 104, less 16=88; Miss Edlmann, 103, less 11=92.

Fourth competition for the photograph album, November 24th.—Miss Matheson, 102, less 26=76; Miss E. A. Whieldon, 78, less 1=77; Miss Middleton, 92, less 6=86; Miss A. Dawkins, 86, plus 1=87; Miss Chambers, 101, less 12=89.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for the silver challenge cup (scratch), and the Davidson cross (handicap limited to 18) took place over the Hincksey course on Friday, November 24th. There was a large entry, but owing, perhaps, to the difficult putting the returns were not very good. The cup was won by Mr. F. H. Stewart, captain of the club, and the cross by Mr. P. Scoones, while the sweep was divided proportionately by Messrs. Scoones, Surridge, and Macan. It is to be hoped that in future more people will find themselves able to make a return. The scores handed were as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. P. Scoones	93	18	75	Mr. R. B. R. Mair	81	2	79
Mr. C. W. W. Surridge	84	8	76	Mr. A. J. Poger	83	4	79
Mr. R. W. Macan	86	10	76	Mr. R. H. Mitchell	82	2	80
Mr. E. G. Carmichael	85	8	77	Mr. H. G. B. Ellis	85	4	81
Mr. A. E. Taylor	95	18	77	Mr. A. B. Sanders	88	5	83
Mr. T. M. Winch	86	8	78	Mr. R. Lodge	90	6	84
Mr. A. C. Livingstone	91	13	78	Mr. L. D'Oyly Carte	95	11	84
†Mr. F. H. Stewart	79	scr.	79	Mr. J. A. F. Moncrieff	86	scr.	86
				Mr. J. B. Wood	99	9	90

No return from twenty players.

RICHMOND v. ASHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB.

This match was played at Walton-on-Thames on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, Ashley Park winning by 34 holes. Mr. H. Playford went round in 79, which ties with the record of the green. Scores :—

RICHMOND.		ASHLEY PARK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. P. R. Don	0	Mr. W. Carr	5
Mr. J. G. Wylie	0	Mr. H. Playford	8
Mr. Cyril Routh	0	Mr. D. Kirke	0
Mr. H. Knight	0	Mr. A. Read	0
Mr. S. J. Higgins	0	Mr. W. M. Corrie	4
Mr. A. St. G. Sargeant	0	Mr. N. Rushworth	8
Mr. J. R. Dunlop Hill	0	Mr. R. Kirke	5
Mr. A. Peache	0	Mr. E. T. Troncker	6
Mr. F. E. Badham	2	Mr. J. Bush	0
	2		36

STAINES GOLF CLUB.—The Sanger cup was played for on Saturday, 25th ult., and resulted in a tie between Mr. M. W. Mossop and Mr. Geo. Struthers. The following are the best scores returned :—Mr. M. W. Mossop, 89, less 12=77; Mr. Geo. Struthers, 92, less 15=77; Mr. G. J. Hunter, 91, less 12=79; Capt. F. R. Harrison, 93, less 12=81; Mr. A. Somervail, 101, less 12=89.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The entries for the monthly medal and sweepstakes on Saturday were smaller than usual, owing to the match which was played between the club and the Northam Club, and which had been postponed from the previous Saturday on account of the gale. There was a very strong north-west wind blowing, which tried the capabilities of all the players out for medal and match, forty-eight in number. The match was a most pleasant one throughout, and improved still further the good feeling already existing between the club and the Potwallopers, as the Commoners are styled in this part of Devonshire. When Golf was first started at Westward Ho, an idea existed that it was a game for the "gentry" only, but the establishment of the Northam Club, and the right hand of friendship extended to it by the Royal North Devon Club soon proved that Golf was as well calculated as cricket to draw together in one harmonious whole all classes of society, and to promote that good feeling of fellowship which should always exist amongst neighbours. The medal scores:—Col. Stanley Scott, 99, less 12=87; Mr. E. R. Gordon, 98, less 7=91; Mr. J. Lillie, 107, less 14=93. The rest over 100, or no returns.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON V. NORTHAM.

Holes,		Holes.	
Mr. J. C. McLaren (capt.) ... 6	Mr. A. Hearn 0	Mr. St. C. Stobart 0	Mr. W. Hoare... .. 4
Mr. W. E. Dunsford 4	Mr. P. Andrews (capt.) ... 0	Mr. T. G. J. Heathcote ... 0	Mr. J. Hearn 5
Mr. J. J. Harding 4	Mr. W. Fulford 0	Mr. P. Winterscale 0	Mr. G. Cawsey 7
Mr. A. H. Boyd 0	Mr. G. Cann 4	Mr. A. H. Boyd 0	Mr. H. Puncher 2
Dr. Siddall 0	Mr. H. Hutchings 1	Mr. C. S. Carnegie 0	Mr. J. Hutchings 1
Mr. E. R. Gordon 7	Mr. W. Adams 0	Dr. Roberts Law 3	Mr. W. Jeffery... .. 0
Col. Winterscale (hon. sec.) ... 3	Mr. L. Chapple (hon. sec.) ... 0		
27	23		

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

November 25th.—Monthly handicap challenge medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. L. Tweedie... 94 10 84	Mr. F. S. Creswell... 104 12 92	Mr. A. Davidson... 95 10 85	Mr. A. Hughes... 105 13 92
Mr. W. J. Cundell... 96 11 85	Mr. H. W. Bradford 107 15 92	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig 103 18 85	Mr. N. R. Foster ... 91 +2 93
Mr. J. H. Henderson 90 4 86	Mr. W. L. Purves... 93 scr. 93	Hon. Ivo Bligh ... 89 2 87	Mr. H. W. Horne... 101 8 93
Mr. J. S. Russel ... 91 4 87	Sir W. Style ... 113 20 93	Mr. D. Forde ... 99 12 87	Mr. A. Adams ... 97 3 94
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron 92 4 88	Mr. W. Bazalgette.. 98 3 95	Mr. J. H. Mudie ... 92 4 88	Mr. J. A. Burrell ... 105 10 95
Mr. H. T. Wright... 94 5 89	Mr. N. Lubbock ... 105 10 95	Mr. G. Humphreys.. 104 15 89	Mr. W. W. Branston 110 15 95
Mr. H. Blake ... 107 18 89	Major J. Alexander. 113 18 95	Mr. F. J. Walker ... 95 5 90	Mr. J. A. C. Tanner 113 18 95
Col. G. Farie ... 97 7 90	Mr. G. Nicol ... 100 4 96	Mr. G. F. Muir ... 102 12 90	Mr. J. J. Cater ... 114 18 96
Mr. A. E. Peat ... 98 7 91	Mr. F. E. Faithfull.. 100 3 97	Mr. M. Tabuteau ... 100 9 91	Mr. A. Fell ... 119 18 101
Mr. W. F. Lyon ... 108 17 91			

No returns from thirty-six players.

PRESTWICK.—The members competed on Saturday for the November handicap gold medal, when, with unfavourable golfing weather, there were very few players. The cards showed that the medal had been won by Mr. R. Niven with a score of 85, after deducting 20 of odds. The following were the other best scores:—Mr. C. K. Aitken, 91, less 2=89; Mr. T. R. J. Logan, 119, less 30=89; Mr. A. Birrell, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. N. Scott, 97, less 4=93; Mr. J. Harvey, 111, less 15=96.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, November 25th:—Sir W. Russell, 87, less 7=80; Dr. J. Lynes, 94, less 13=81; Mr. W. H. Miller, 96, less 8=88; Sir H. G. Bergne, 107, less 18=89; Mr. A. R. Kenyon Stow, 98, less 6=92; Mr. H. R. Payne, 106, less 14=92; Mr. A. E. Bateman, 112, less 20=92; Mr. Norman Salmond, 105, less 12=93; Dr. E. J. Lewis, 110, less 16=94; Mr. C. Wintle, 115, less 20=95; Mr. W. Evans, 115, less 20=95; Mr. W. Jackson, 108, less 10=98.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal of the club was held on Saturday, November 25th, and resulted as follows:—Mr. E. Sheppy, 110, less 25=85; Mr. A. L. Tate, 101, less 15=86; Mr. W. A. Scott, 103, less 15=88; Mr. R. W. Ker, 109, less 15=94. Several others made no returns.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY v. MONTROSE VICTORIA.

A match between teams of thirteen men a-side, representing these clubs, was played over the Montrose course on Saturday. The weather was dull and foggy, with little wind, and the greens were in good order. Montrose won by 5 holes, as will be seen from the annexed details:—

ST. ANDREWS.		MONTROSE.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. P. C. Anderson 0	Mr. L. S. Smith 2	Mr. T. Carmichael 1	Mr. W. Reid 0
Mr. R. Johnston 4	Mr. A. Wilkie... .. 0	Mr. W. Anderson 1	Mr. R. R. Balfour 0
Mr. F. Douglas 8	Mr. J. Thow 0	Mr. W. Douglas 8	Mr. J. Thow 0
Mr. W. Wilson 0	Mr. A. Oliphant 4	Mr. G. Oswald 0	Mr. D. Murison 2
Mr. R. Cansh 0	Mr. W. Edward 5	Mr. H. Birrel 0	Mr. A. B. Kydd 0
Mr. J. Thompson 0	Mr. J. Sim 9	Mr. W. Morrison 0	Mr. D. M'Kenzie 4
Mr. A. C. Mitchell 0	Mr. W. Mitchell 0	Mr. D. W. Rusack 7	Mr. J. R. Pullar 0
	21		26

The lowest scores were:—Mr. T. Carmichael, 80; Mr. W. Reid, 81; Mr. P. Douglas, 82; Messrs. L. S. Smith and R. Johnston, 84 each; Mr. P. C. Anderson, 85; Mr. W. Edward, 88; Messrs. H. Birrel and J. Sim, each 89. The match between Messrs. Carmichael and Reid was a very close one, being decided only at the last hole. The play of both was almost faultless. Mr. Peter Anderson, the Amateur Champion, was not playing his best game.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

Handicap played November 20th. Scores:—Mr. M. M. Thomas, 114, less 24=90; Col. M. Lloyd, 109, less 17=92; Col. Voyle, 114, less 20=94; Mr. O. W. Span, 128, less 30=98; Mr. H. Garnett, 117, less 17=100; Mr. T. A. Rees, 114, less 10=104. Messrs. H. Allen and A. C. F. Evans retired.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the winter meeting was held over the club course at Bushey. The scores ruled rather high, without any apparent reason, the greens being in good condition. About eighty of the members and their friends dined together afterwards at The Hall, where a merry and pleasant evening was passed, under the presidency of Captain Alex. B. Chalmers. The club poet greatly enhanced the enjoyment by reciting a clever original parody on "The seven ages of man," as applied to Golf, and followed this with a novel entertainment in which the wizard "Merlin," by incantations over and ingredients added to the mystic cauldron, produced a full-fledged golfer. The Burchell-Herne challenge cup competition was completed on the Wednesday previous, and resulted in a win for Mr. J. S. Clark.

Handicaps 12 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. D. Walker.. 92 10 82	Mr. W. Wilson ... 103 10 93	Mr. A. H. Wallace.. 92 8 84	Mr. Thomson/Glover 99 2 97
Mr. G. F. Pearson.. 93 9 84	Mr. R. S. Clouston. 103 6 97	Mr. E. G. Jackson... 98 12 86	Mr. H. J. Cottam ... 108 11 97
Mr. O. W. F. Hill.. 94 7 87	Mr. Howard Williams 108 11 97	Mr. A. F. Denniston 96 8 88	Mr. F. Carver ... 108 9 99
Mr. C. L. M. Pearson 99 10 89	Mr. J. H. Whitehorn 108 8 100	Mr. B. M. Barton... 94 4 90	Mr. D. Scholes ... 109 9 100
Mr. A. J. Bradley.. 102 11 91	Mr. J. H. Simson... 111 11 100	Mr. A. B. Chalmers 99 7 92	Mr. W. E. Whitehorn 112 11 101

Handicaps over 12:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. Schofield ... 102 19 83	Mr. J. S. Clark ... 107 13 94	Mr. A. E. Huggins. 103 20 83	Mr. F. J. Burr ... 114 18 96
Mr. W. J. Hetley... 105 20 85	Mr. S. E. Clifford... 118 22 96	Mr. J. Harding/Brown 107 19 88	Mr. T. Orr... .. 118 22 96
Mr. W. Webster ... 103 13 90	Rev. Dr. Cockrem... 116 18 98	Mr. H. S. Whittaker 103 13 90	Mr. Albert Roberts 113 15 98
Mr. A. J. Nowell... 107 17 90	Mr. W. R. Carter ... 116 15 101	Mr. C. David ... 107 16 91	Mr. E. Kingham ... 130 22 108
Mr. I. Clifford ... 105 13 92	Mr. H. M. Taylor.. 139 25 114	Mr. E. R. Harby ... 109 17 92	Col. Coyne... .. 139 23 116

Club scratch silver medal.—Mr. A. D. Walker, 92; Mr. A. H. Wallace, 92.

"Bogey" competition.—Mr. G. F. Pearson, 2 down; Mr. A. D. Walker, 2 down.

Best score last nine holes under handicap.—Mr. G. F. Pearson, 42½. Handicaps under twelve.—Mr. A. D. Walker, 92, less 10=82. First prize, Mr. A. H. Wallace, 92, less 8=84; Mr. G. F. Pearson,

93, less 9=84. Second prize, Mr. E. G. Jackson, 98, less 12=86. Third prize, Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 94, less 7=87.

Handicaps over twelve.—First prize, Mr. B. Schofield, 102, less 19=83. Second prize, Mr. A. E. Huggins, 103, less 20=83. Third prize, Mr. W. J. Ketley, 105, less 20=85.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played on Saturday, November 25th, postponed from the 18th on account of the tempestuous weather, which made Golf impossible. The day was not favourable, rain falling most of the afternoon, and the greens were heavy. Results:—Mr. B. Waterhouse, 111, less 36=75; Mr. W. J. Pring, 108, less 30=78; Mr. R. Rowand, 110, less 28=82; Mr. C. F. Badeley, 89, less 6=83; Mr. J. F. Warrington, 115, less 28=87; Mr. W. Creswick, 102, less 10=92. Twelve others made no return, or over 100 net.

Ladies' medal, played on Thursday, November 23rd.—The following cards were returned, all net:—Mrs. Hurst 95, Miss Nora Haigh 106, Miss Ethelwyn Mackie 108, Miss Hilda Mackie 109, Miss Elsie Mackie 116.

WEST WRATTING PARK v. CHESTERFORD PARK.

Played on Saturday, Nov. 25th, on the West Wrattling Park Links, and resulted as below. Unfortunately heavy rain prevented the full round being played. The result of nine holes was as follows:—

CHESTERFORD.		WEST WRATTING.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Waterhouse ...	0	Mr. H. S. Cobbold ...	0
Mr. J. C. T. Smith ...	0	Mr. W. L. B. Hayter ...	1
Mr. A. N. Stanley ...	0	Mr. W. R. Gray ...	3
Rev. T. F. Williams ...	0	Mr. H. Puckle ...	2
Mr. A. Pickersgill Cunliffe ...	0	Mr. W. N. Cobbold ...	4
Rev. E. Edgerley ...	0	Mr. A. Henderson ...	2
	0		12

WEST WRATTING PARK GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the gold medal (thirty-six holes) took place on Nov. 18th and 22nd, and resulted as follows:—Mr. W. N. Cobbold, 208; Mr. H. S. Cobbold, 210; Mr. W. L. B. Hayter, 210; Mr. W. R. Gray, 213; Mr. H. Puckle, 217; Mr. R. Hole, 221; Mr. A. Henderson, 227. No returns from Messrs. H. Forster, G. Wedgwood, and H. Marsden.

Golf handicap (foursomes). Played off on November 21st and 23rd, and resulted as below:—Messrs. H. Marsden and H. Gould, 212; Messrs. H. Puckle and W. Arbuthnot-Leslie, 225; Messrs. A. Hole and B. Cartland, 225; Messrs. W. N. Cobbold and L. Heathcote, 234; Messrs. G. Wedgwood and H. Tringham, 234; Messrs. A. Henderson and A. Schilizzi, 239; Messrs. R. Clapham and M. Haggard, 240; Messrs. H. S. Cobbold and G. Nugent-Bankes, 264; Messrs. W. R. Gray and R. Austin Leigh, 266; Messrs. H. Forster and N. Morris, 283; Messrs. W. L. B. Hayter and C. Wreford Brown, 284.

WORLINGTON AND NEWMARKET GOLF CLUB.

Some interesting games were played at Worlington on Friday, November 17th, Mr. Linskill and a party of seven other members of the Cambridge University Golf Club, including Mr. A. M. Chance, the captain, driving from Newmarket to play with some of the members of this new club. The most interesting games were between Mr. Chance and Mr. A. C. Sealy; Mr. F. R. Upcher and Captain W. St. G. Ord; Mr. Latham and Mr. C. E. Salmon; and Mr. W. T. Linskill and the Rev. L. R. Tuttielt. Mr. Upcher was in fine form, doing the eighteen holes in 81. The greens were in good order and the day a model one for golfing—very different from the following day, when the club monthly medal was played for. It was won by Mr. A. C. Sealy, with a score of 96, less 7=89, in a terrible gale of wind and rain.

WICK GOLF CLUB.—The Wick Golf Club competed on Saturday, November 18th, for a prize, consisting of a little casket in the shape of Golf balls, presented by the secretary, Major Henderson. The match was played on the "Bogey" system. This was the first competition of the kind played here, and it was entered into with such spirit and enthusiasm by the nineteen players who turned out, that it gives promise of being the more popular game for the future. On the cards being handed in it was found that Mr. C. Fletcher (scratch) was winner of the prize, Mr. Lobban (plus 5) was second, Mr. Geo. Sinclair (18) was third, and Mr. Andrew Miller (5) was fourth. The winner intimated his intention of presenting a prize for a similar purpose next year.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—For the Members' Cup, on Saturday, Mr. W. T. Burman, 95, less 13=82, was first; and the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, 92, less 3=89, tied for second place with Mr. M. T. Brown, 98, less 9=89.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was held on Tuesday, November 7th:—Mr. E. A. Young, 88, less 6=82; Mr. A. Evill, 108, less 22=86; Mr. Sydney Platt, 101, less 10=91; Mr. G. H. Healey, 115, less 14=101; Mr. C. J. Wallace, 122, less 20=102; Mr. W. L. Southwell, 136, less 30=106. Mr. R. G. Venables, Mr. J. E. Fincham, Capt. Carden, and Mr. H. B. Southwell, no returns.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.—The second Winter monthly competition of this club was held on Saturday, in pouring rain, making good scores impossible. Only nine players ventured out, and Mr. J. H. Milne put in a win for the silver medal and took the second sweepstake with a score of 101, less 9=92, and Mr. A. Ramm put in a win for the bronze medal, and took the first sweepstake with a score of 100, less 19=81.

FRITH PARK GOLF CLUB, EAST GRINSTEAD.—The competition for the half-yearly ten-guinea challenge cup and two other prizes took place on the 25th ult. The links are very good ones, and the greens were in perfect order; some very good scores were made, and resulted, after a spirited contest, in a tie between Capt. Vincent and the Secretary:—Capt. Vincent, 103, less 14=89; Mr. G. S. Head, 104, less 15=89.

GLASGOW THISTLE CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Thistle Golf Club took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park, when Mr. W. Latta (scratch), came in first with 77, followed by Mr. R. Boyle (also scratch), with 79.

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal competition, played November 25th. Scores:—Dr. G. H. Hart, 105, less 18=87 (winner second time); Mr. Shirley Baldwin, 98, less 10=88; Mr. J. J. Tomson, 97, less 8=89; Mr. C. J. Hart, 120, less 27=93; Mr. T. Townsend, 117, less 20=97; Mr. W. A. Baldwin, 121, less 24=97; Mr. A. D. Charles, 128, less 27=101; Mr. B. A. E. Hart, 128, less 27=101. Six other players made no returns.

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.—In consequence of heavy incessant rain there were only six competitors for the monthly gold medal, with the following scores:—Mr. R. S. Boddington, 106, less 6=100; Mr. J. B. Southern, 109, less 9=100; Mr. F. R. Hesse, 110, less 9=101; Mr. James Bryant, 111, less 9=102; Mr. M. S. Bles, 112, less 9=103; Mr. Chas. Southern, 119, less 9=110.

PERTH LICENSED VICTUALLERS' CLUB.—The hole competition for the silver cup was finished on Thursday, 23rd. The players in the final round were Messrs. George Veitch and James Eason (5). Mr. Eason won by a hole, thus becoming the holder of the trophy for the ensuing year. The best score in the competition was that of Mr. P. Stewart in the third round—out, 39; in, 35; total, 74. This is only 1 stroke above the record for the North Inch course.

STIRLING GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the handicap medal took place over the King's Park course on Saturday afternoon, the medal being won by Mr. R. A. Smith with a score of 87, plus 2=89.

TROON.—The final tie for the handsome cup presented to the club by ex Captain Anderson was played off on Saturday afternoon. This cup has been competed for during the season, thirty couples having entered at the start. The final tie lay between Messrs. Paul Goudie and Andrew Macmurray, who each had a handicap of 1 hole. The competition being by holes. Mr. Goudie won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. Mr. Adam Wood, captain of the club, declared Mr. Goudie the winner of the cup for 1893, and presented him with a gold badge, the gift of the club. The monthly competition for the Sandhills medal took place on Saturday. On account of the weather, there were not many entries. Mr. Thomas H. Walker proved again to be the winner, with a score of 87, less 8=79.

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