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DECEMBER.

- Dec. 16.—Eltham : Score.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : "Bogey" Competition.
Worlington and Newmarket : Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Monthly Medal.
Scuthend-on-Sea : Monthly Medal (Junior and Senior).
- Dec. 16 to 30.—Guildford : Pinkerton Cup.
Dec. 19.—Kempton, Brighton : First Monthly Medal.
Dec. 20.—Canterbury : Monthly Medal.
Dec. 21.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competitions.
Dec. 23.—Felixstowe : Christmas Meeting.
Notts : Monthly Medal Competition.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Optional Subscription Prize.
Wilmslow : "Bogey" Competition.
Aldeburgh : Christmas Meeting.
- Dec. 23, 25 & 26.—Ilkley : Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 23 to 26.—Melbourne : "Bogey" Handicap ; Mr. J. Finlay's Prize.

- Dec. 26.—Cheadle : Christmas Meeting.
Manchester : Christmas Club Prizes.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Warminster : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Boxing Day Sweep.
Woodford : Club Handicap.
Royal Dublin : Sweepstake.
Royal Isle of Wight : Christmas Meeting.
Holmes Chapel v. Macclesfield.
Aldeburgh : Mr. Newson Garrett's Cup.
Burnham (Somerset) : Gold and Silver Medals.
Birkdale : Mr. Hayes' Prize.
- Dec. 26, 27, & 28.—Royal Jersey : Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 27.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
Dec. 28.—Notts : Monthly Medal Competition.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 28 & 30.—Alfreton : Bronze Medal.
Dec. 30.—Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Winter "Bogey."
Royal Eastbourne : Club Prizes and Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize (Final).
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : Silver Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Cup.
Weston-Super-Mare : Gentlemen's Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; and Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Handicap.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.

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JANUARY.

- Jan. 1.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : New Year's Meeting.
Melbourne : Aggregate Handicap ; Mr. J. Patterson's Prize.
- Jan. 2.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Handicap.
Jan. 3.—Lyme Regis : Monthly Meeting.
Jan. 4.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
Jan. 5.—Royal Cornwall : Gentlemen ; Monthly Medal.
Jan. 6.—Birkdale : Gentlemen ; Medal Competition.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Prize.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
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"T E E,"

BY DRIVER SMACKHARD.

CHAPTER I.—THE DAY BEFORE.

The sunset was fast dying out, and the vast expanse of the Western 'Mlinks was abandoned to solitude. All the warriors who had been practising their warlike exercises in preparation for the coming combat, were now grouped in and around the great Kraal, the Umpavillyun. I say the coming combat, for it was the eve of the great periodical struggle, the Meddul Oueke, when each man's hand was turned against every man, and the coming day would witness a scene of contest and cursing, of fighting and phoozling, of wailing and ouisky-drinking. Nor, to those who could read them, were wanting signs of the approaching battle. Many Impis were gathered together, and the toughened warriors and the young recruits, alike were looking to their weapons. Here, sitting grim and gloomy, was the war-worn chieftain, 'Oraas Utshinsungogo (He-who-oweth-eight), before whom the noblest Gophaas had bowed in the dust. Well might his heart be sad, for no longer for him were spread the glittering spoils of war. 'Tis true that he had but to stretch out his hand to grasp the once honoured "Skratsh Meddul," but what attraction did that offer to him, satiated by such barren honours, in comparison with the "Joobilli Pott," and the "Foosum Fier-iuns," all of which were "sklmbshgzy!" (to-be-played-for-under-handicap), and the only honours now at all respected or coveted by the Gophaas. Near him stood "Ngasser" (he-who-boasteth), gesticulating and posturing before a group of "Begginnahs" (those-who-know-but-little), as he told marvellous and incredible tales of his own amazing dexterity. Farther off, amidst some aged warriors, was "Mk-Pawkie" (he-who-goeth-round-the-hazard), busy plotting a future raid upon the evasive "Arfkrouns." In the foreground the indomitable "'MDuffa" (he-who-cannot-play-a-d—n, was furtively polishing the great war-club 'Nlbblik (the sand-scatterer).

CHAPTER II.—THE CUNNING OF UMSNIPYGAAS.

In the inner chamber of the Umpavillyun, secluded from the din and bustle of preparation, were seated the great mysterious council, the "Andeekapp Kummitti" (they-who-jack-plane-the-improving-player). Cold, compassionless, and impenetrable, they went through their mystic rites; yet, all unknown to them, their dark sayings were overheard, and their weird proceedings were observed.

Crouched down, with ear to the ground, and eye to the crack of the door, lay the dark form of the subtle "Umsnipygaas" (he-who-playeth-dark), and carefully he committed to memory their decisions. Not until the Council was dissolved did he move, but then he crawled away to the outskirts of the Kraal, and, rising to his feet, he sped over the ground to the wild and desolate region of the "Phiphth Bunka." Here he stood and listened for a space, as though in fear of pursuit, but, finding such apprehensions groundless, he stooped and drew from concealment a quiver of weapons. Selecting one from the quiver, he poised it in his hands, and, after a few preliminary flourishes, drew it back, and struck a swashing blow. Thrice he repeated this action; then, apparently satisfied with the result, he replaced it in the quiver, muttering "Goodoldriva," and drew forth another weapon, the glittering head of which shone like silver in the moonlight. And now he changed his attitude. No longer erect, colossal, death-dealing, he bent down, and, swaying gently from his knees, he moved the club softly, and caressingly along the ground. For a short time he continued these strange movements, then he carefully replaced the quiver of weapons in their concealment, and drawing himself up to his full height, he raised his arms above his head, and shouted—

THE WAR SONG OF UMSNIPYGAAS.

"Ai! Ai! but I hear the tramp of the Impis coming from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South. Full of hope do they come, but full of sorrow shall they return. Mighty men are they in their own estimation, but humbled shall they be, for they have not known "Umsnipygaas."

Let them come! Let them come! as the ox to the slaughterer, as the beetle to the flat boot of the house-maiden. Awake! oh war-clubs of "Umsnipygaas! Awake N'Drivur! thou who smackest far and sure! Awake oh Loftur! thou who laughest at rushes and stijnees! Awake oh Matchless in Approach! Awake oh Puttur! thou who crawlest into the pit! Awake oh Brasse! scorner of skelps and bad'is! Awake! Awake! for there cometh rich harvest of glittering Kwidds and modest Arjkrouns! Ai! Ai! Have I not heard with mine own ears the awful "Andeekapp Kummitti" award me twenty-five strokes? Wow! Wow! but has not dust been thrown in their eyes? and is not Umsnipygaas a jumpinsurt? Wahee! Wahee! but Umsnipygaas has them "ontozst," in the hollow of his hand."—And flinging himself on the ground, he rolled to and fro in a frazzled ecstasy. But this mood did not last long, for, even as he lay, it came into his mind that he would need a warrior by his side in the coming fight. Now the heart of Umsnipygaas was covetous, and he cared not for honour as a warrior, but only for the spoils of the battle, and he determined that the great "Joobilli Pott" should be his either by force or by cunning. Now he knew that the eyes of 'MDuffa were failing, and that his ears were deaf and his memory fleeting. And he knew, moreover, that 'MDuffa knew not the "Rools," and that whatsoever he told him that would he believe. So Umsnipygaas arose and returned unto the Kraal, and spoke 'MDuffa with cunning words, saying "Oh Inkosi! Umsnipygaas is but a youthful warrior and unskilled in war, and greatly would he wish that thou would'st march by his side into the battle, that he may know from thy example how he should fight." And the heart of 'MDuffa was gratified by this flattery, for never had man so spoken to him before, and he made promise that it should be so. Yet out of this thing arose great trouble, and 'MDuffa escaped not without blame, though he meant no harm in the matter, but was led astray by the honied words of Umsnipygaas.

CHAPTER III.—THE BATTLE.

Now on the morning of the battle Umsnipygaas and 'MDuffa arose and went down together to the "Furzti," or place of combat; and Umsnipygaas said to 'MDuffa, "Go thou first, my brother, that I may see what I should do." And 'MDuffa replied: "Truly thou shalt see what I will do. Here before me is a Troophlite warrior, and with five strokes will I lay him dead before me, and then will I put him into the pit, and naught shall remain of his memory save the name "Ferztol." And 'MDuffa raised his war-club and smote at the Troophlite; but his eyes and his arms failed him, so that he smote but the air. Now the foe of Umsnipygaas was one of the "Blakguttis," who are swift in flight; and when Umsnipygaas swung his great war-club, 'N'Drivur, the Blakgutti fled before him; but Umsnipygaas sped after him, without waiting for 'MDuffa, and smote him again. Five times did the war-club swing, and four times did the Blakgutti flee before it; but at the fifth blow the Blakgutti lay dead, and Umsnipygaas pushed him into the pit, and stood to take breath. In the meantime it had fared badly with 'MDuffa, for the failure of his first blow had brought down a storm of derision from the surrounding warriors, and so he struck again hurriedly, and the war-club merely grazed the head of the Troophlite, who ran and plunged into the river "N'goosi," and was no more seen. So the heart of 'MDuffa was sore, and he bewailed his evil fortune as he drew near to Umsnipygaas, who consoled him, saying that better fortune might befall him in the land of the "Sekundarf." Then the two prepared themselves again for the fight, and 'MDuffa said to Umsnipygaas, "Oh, my brother, it were better that thou should'st make the first onslaught, for I am yet sore from the last struggle." Then Umsnipygaas went up against another Blakgutti, and again 'N'Drivur was aloft, and the Blakgutti fled before it, even to the Grin; but Umsnipygaas was upon him, and smote him dead, and pushed him into the pit. Then 'MDuffa chose out another enemy, a Troophlite, and fell upon him, and smote him on the heel, and the Troophlite fled from him into the land of Whinze, and hid himself, and was no more seen. Then 'MDuffa waxed wroth for that he could not smite him again, and he would have returned to his kraal had not Umsnipygaas by fair words persuaded him to remain. And in the next encounter it chanced that Umsnipygaas smote his

enemy dead in three strokes; but 'MDuffa smote his dead in two, and the heart of 'MDuffa was comforted, and he said that his old cunning had returned. Then they turned again into the battle, smiting blow for blow, and their foes lay dead before them at the edge of the pit, and they pushed them in, saying, "Arvedinsiks! Truly it is well with us!" Now by this time the breast of 'MDuffa was puffed out with vanity of his own valour, and he called out to Umsnipygaas, "Stand aside, my brother, till I drive this Troophlite across the great desert, the Phiphth Bunka, even into the land of promise beyond, where I will lay him dead!" Now this was the last of the Troophlites, and when he heard the words of 'MDuffa he determined that he would flee into the great desert, and remain there. Then 'MDuffa raised his war-club, and shouted the battle-cry, "Foa!" and struck a swashing blow; but the Troophlite swerved to one side, and fled into the great desert, "Phiphth Bunka," even to the place called "Unplauble," and the war-club of 'MDuffa was shattered in his hands; but 'MDuffa caught up 'Nibblik, the sand-scatterer, and followed hotly in pursuit. Long afterwards Umsnipygaas remembered that 'MDuffa now no longer pecked lightly with 'Nibblik, but that he struck with his full force down upon his foe; and ever through a cloud of sand Umsnipygaas saw 'Nibblik rise and fall, flashing like the lightning on the veldt. And now a strange thing happened, for, even while Umsnipygaas stood wondering on the verge of the "Phiphth Bunka," 'MDuffa came back towards him, staggering, spent, and weary, and holding a strange object in his hands. Then a great awe fell upon Umsnipygaas, for he knew he was looking on the "Potsherd of Slazenger," and that no more would 'MDuffa fight that day. So Umsnipygaas fought on alone, and, by reason of age and weariness, 'MDuffa could not number his blows, but he trusted only in the words of Umsnipygaas. And when the battle was over, and they returned unto the Umpavillyun, 'MDuffa shouted to the assembled warriors, "Victory! victory!—yet not for me, but for my brother Umsnipygaas! for in the net called Sikstisiks hath he enmeshed the spoil!" Then a great hush fell upon the assembly, for the thing seemed miraculous. And all dispersed unto their huts to make ready for the Great Feast.

CHAPTER IV.—OF THE GREAT FEAST, AND WHAT FOLLOWED AFTER.

At the hour of sunset all the Impis were gathered for the great feast of "Gophdinnah," and Umsnipygaas saw that every man brought his 'Nibblik with him. Then the heart of Umsnipygaas became as water, because he feared what they might do. Nevertheless, he walked firmly to the place of honour pointed out to him by the "Kummitti," where the spoils of war were placed before him. Then the feast proceeded merrily, but no man held converse with Umsnipygaas. But at the close of the feast 'MkPawkie rose unsteadily to his feet and held out his right hand to command silence, and a great hush fell upon the assembled Impis, for they wished to hear what he would say. Then the "Onn Sekk" (chief scribe) took up the great "Joobilli Pott" with both hands, and walked round till he stood behind Umsnipygaas and halted there. Then 'MkPawkie, who came from the far North, cried out, "Ahoots! Ahoots! But we hae fa'en on awfu' times. Man and boy hae I been a gowphaa for forty year, yet never saw I the like of this. Are the chieftains wee bit bairns that they should be hirstled to ane side by the Hunters of Potts, and the Snatchaas of Kwidds? Wha amang ye hath warstled like Oraas Utshinsungogo (he-who-oweth-eight); yet what reward hath he? Wha giveth honour the noo to the Skratshman? Joost naebody. A tell ye the like of yon is na Gowph." Then the hearts of the people were incensed, and they murmured against Umsnipygaas, for he had robbed them also; but 'MkPawkie stayed them yet, saying, "Bide a wee! Bide a wee! We maun gie him the spoil the noo, but ah'm thenkin' he'll no come bock agen." Then he made a sign to the Onn Sekk who jammed the great Joobilli Pott down upon the head of Umsnipygaas, and at this the whole multitude rose to their feet and made at Umsnipygaas, brandishing their 'Nibbliks. But Umsnipygaas caught up the "Foasum Fier-iuns," and warding off their blows he leapt through the window and fled, and none could catch him, for, that once he ran straight, but they were overcome by the feast, and reeled from side to side.

CHAPTER V.—THE FATE OF UMSNIPYGAAS.—THE POT-SHERD OF SLAZENGER.

Now when Umsnipygaas fled from the feast, the great Joobilli Pott was still upon his head, and a random blow from a 'Nibblik had so fixed it, that it pressed hard upon his brain, and his mind left him, so that he knew not whither he went. And he sped on through the night into the mysterious land, "Rieteroph Theekorse," and there he fell exhausted, and no more was known of him for many moons, until he was found by a wandering "Hookahand Sliseea" (erratic-long-driver). And the state of Umsnipygaas was then pitiable, for he had taken, it will be remembered, the "Foasum Fier-iuns" with him, and he spent his whole time playing "Thriborl Matchez" with the "Pokah" against the "Bestborl" of the Shuvell and Tonggs for a hundred Kwidds a side, and could come to no decision, for his reason had not come back to him, and he could only count up twenty-three for each Hól, which was not enough, and the Joobilli Pott was still upon his head. So he was taken back to the great Medicine Man, who took off the Joobilli Pott, and said that Umsnipygaas would require an operation, and would always need watching. Then he was jack-planed in the Oddze and carefully watched, but he never took any spoil again. And the Potsherd of Slazenger was placed in a crystal casket in the Umpavillyun, and whenever 'MDuffa would boast of his dexterity or essay to describe in detail his prowess, the Potsherd of Slazenger would be shown to him, and a great peace would come upon the assembly, for there was no other such Potsherd even among all the tribes.

Now this is the story of "Tee" and all things I have set down here are true, as the Potsherd of Slazenger will bear testimony, but of the Great "Joobilli Pott" I know no more, for it was never seen again; but when the great Medicine Man took it off the head of Umsnipygaas, those who were near heard him say that it would be of use to him in his practice for making White Soup, and I know that he now keeps a carriage.

RYE GOLF CLUB.

The attention of golfers is called to a new club just started under the presidency of Mr. F. A. Inderwick, Q.C., near the picturesque old town of Rye, on the eastern borders of Sussex. The Camber Sandhills have been acquired on a lease at a moderate rent by the committee of the club. Some sixty members, mostly local, have been enrolled at the preliminary meeting, and a professional custodian has been engaged at once. The new Golf Links are situated close to Rye Harbour, about twenty minutes' drive from Rye Station.

The course, which is an eighteen-hole one, has been inspected and laid out by Hunter, of Sandwich, and Peter Paxton, of Hastings, late of Eastbourne Golf Links. Alexander, the Littlestone professional and custodian, has also been over the ground twice, and formed a very high opinion of it. Most of the turf is of the finest quality. The hazards are all natural ones. High sandhills, loose sand bunkers, and bents and rough ground. A road and a boundary ditch are amongst the obstacles, and the approaches to the putting-greens are generally well guarded. Most of the putting-greens, being on the fine natural turf, require nothing more than rolling to render them fit for play, and the links will always be perfectly dry. The whole course is fairly sheltered by a double range of sandhills from the prevailing south and south-west winds. For the present a small public-house can be utilised for a shelter until proper arrangements for either a temporary or permanent club-house can be made. The committee have fixed the subscription at one guinea, with an entrance fee of one guinea for the first 150 members, a single payment of ten guineas constituting life membership up to a certain number to be decided by the committee.

We shall be glad to receive the names of gentlemen, members of recognised Golf Clubs or suitably introduced, who may wish to become members, and we would gladly furnish further particulars if required. For the information of strangers we may add that Rye is a station on the South-Eastern Railway, between Hastings and Ashford, twelve miles from the former and sixteen miles from the latter, and not many miles from the well-known Littlestone Links, which the Camber Sandhills in some ways resemble. Subscriptions should be paid to the Rev. Guy L. Bates, The Parsonage, Iden, Sussex.

The first subscriptions will entitle members to play up to December 31st, 1894, at which date the annual subscriptions will be due for the coming years. All members sending in their names and subscriptions before December 31st, 1893, will be termed original members. The joint honorary secretaries are the Rev. Guy L. Bates and Mr. Claude H. C. Hinde.

GOLF IN HOLLAND.

Of Golf in Holland it may truly be said, in the phrase of Cæsar, *Veni, vidi, vici*. Taking into account the short time that has elapsed since the game was introduced into the country, it is simply marvellous to note the progress that has been made. Of course it must be understood that the Dutch have lately gone in for all sports with the one exception—boxing. Last year, as we all know to our regret, we saw the diamond sculls go over to Amsterdam, and some of our best cyclists are Dutchmen. On Sunday afternoons cricket or football are in full swing, according to the season, and one of the finest racecourses I have ever seen is at Clingendael, near the Hague. The Golf course of the Hague Golf Club is on the racecourse, and comprises nine of as sporting holes as could be had anywhere. At first sight the links remind one of Musselburgh. The surrounding landscape is charming, and not at all what one would expect in Holland, the scenery of which mostly consists of cows, windmills and ditches. The Golf course is surrounded on three sides by trees, above which can be seen the domes of the Queen's Palace and the spires of the Hague. On the fourth side are the sand dunes; beautiful green hills extending as far as one can see. From the distance one would think this ought to be the golfers' Utopia, but on close inspection one finds the grass to be of that coarse nature that grows on barren, sandy soil, and is totally unfit for Golf or anything else except rifle-shooting. A short description of the course may be useful to golfers, as I have no doubt there will be plenty of Golf now at the Hague, since the journey from London has been reduced to eight hours going by the new route, *viâ* the Hook of Holland.

The links are about twenty minutes' drive from the Hague. A bus runs on club days right up to within three or four yards from the first tee, and the club-house is close by. The drive to the first hole must be a good one, as it is over a paling, and between two broad ditches about sixteen feet wide, called in Holland "sloes." A long brassie shot for the second will take one up to the green, which is guarded on the right by a sloe. This hole is a good one in 5. The second hole is a good cleek shot over a sloe about 100 yards from the tee, and one should be down in 4. The drive to the next hole is over a sloe about forty yards from the tee, into a very pretty hollow like a punch-bowl, in the face of a hill. This hole should be another 4. The fourth hole is a three-quarter iron shot from a hill on to a putting-green surrounded on three sides by a paling, while it is well guarded at the back by a bank, a bunker, and clump of trees. Three is perfect play. The drive to No. 5 is from an opening in the trees, and a sliced ball gets landed in a ditch. The second shot is a full one, and on the right is a broad sloe and some gardens. An iron shot lands one on the green, and 5 should be "Bogey" for this hole. The sixth is a full iron shot over some trees in an enclosure, and an approach and two putts should place the ball in the hole. The next drive must be a long raking shot over a large natural sand bunker; in fact, a Dutch edition of "Pandy." A brassie shot for the second, over a ditch, should be hole high. At the back of the hole is a small plantation. This hole is a 5. We now walk through a clump of trees and tee on a mound for Hole 8. The drive is over a pot bunker in the face of a hill, and leaves the hole within brassie range over a sloe, and guarded at the back of the green by another. This is another 5. The ninth and last hole is two full drives and an approach over a sloe. Five here makes the score 40, which is about the "Bogey" score.

The turf throughout is very good, and I have no hesitation in recommending the course even to first-class golfers. Before going further I feel it my duty to mention that I know of some absolutely perfect ground at Scheveningen, the well-known seaside resort near the Hague. The ground, which is at the back of the Hôtel Continental, is at present used by fishermen to dry their nets on, and they want rather a large sum for it, as they would have to go some distance to find other ground. It is partly for this reason that the Hague Golf Club, which has barely one hundred members, has not selected Scheveningen for their links. I went over the ground with one of the best players of the Pau Golf Club, and we were both of the same opinion, namely, that there could not possibly be a better place for a Golf course. Trams run to and from the Hague every few

minutes, stopping at the Hôtel Continental, in front of which would be the first tee and last hole. There is ample room for eighteen holes; and such variety too! What more could a golfer wish for than Scheveningen? A perfect Golf course near first-rate hotels; good bathing, and within ten minutes tram ride from a large and beautiful town like the Hague, in which, during the season, there is plenty of amusement—theatres, operas, picture gallery of some of the finest paintings in the world; Zoological Gardens—in fact every diversion that is to be found at continental health resorts. Both Scheveningen and the Hague are perfect as health resorts, as they are noted for their cleanliness; in addition there is such a change of scene, air and diet to a Briton. There is a fortune for the person who starts a Golf Club at Scheveningen, if it is gone about in the right way. First of all the services of a person conversant with the language and ways of the Dutch would be essential to make the arrangements, and to represent to the authorities, the manifest advantage the introduction of the game would be to Scheveningen, in order to ensure their support. It would be necessary to explain to them that the majority of Britons are now golfers, and, of course, they naturally go to such places as have Golf links. I know, as a fact, that there has been a great falling-off lately in the number of British visitors to the Hague and Scheveningen.

Any golfer who is a member of a recognised Golf Club can play at the Hague on sending his name, and the name of his club, to the honorary secretary, 8, Buitenhof, The Hague.

There are three private Golf courses in Holland; one at Velsen, near Haarlem, one at Duinrell, Wassenaer, and another at Oostduin, near the Hague. I may state that it is quite unnecessary for visitors to Holland to learn even one word of Dutch, as everybody in Holland, even the poorest classes, learn some other language (chiefly English or French) besides their own. Probably the reason is that, owing to the smallness of the country, it would be useless for a foreigner to learn Dutch, and unless the Dutch themselves learnt one of the principal European languages there might be a danger of the people dying out as a commercial nation. A Scotchman visiting Holland will be considerably surprised to hear many words with exactly the same pronunciation and meaning as he will hear in the "Land o' Cakes."

JOHN D. DUNN.

A GOLF BALL'S VIEW.

The player who thinks,
As he plays on the links,
That a ball
Can have nothing to say
With regard to the play,
But must fall
Just where it is hit,
Shows a sad want of wit.
I'm a ball,
A Golf-ball.

I'm a bad-tempered ball;
If I can I will fall
Where I know,
On his way to the green,
The man didn't mean
Me to go.
If a rut I can find
With some pebbles behind
In a row,
I lie low.

It is his place to find me and niblick me out,
And his agonized murmur of anguish and doubt
Cheers me so.

If you come to reflect,
You could hardly expect
That a bang
From a horrible club,
That a golfer may dub,
In his slang,
Iron or cleek, can instil
Any ball with goodwill.

As I wait for the blow
That is coming, I know,
Sure to be,
On the top of my head,
Till I wish I was dead
(So does he),
How I chuckle unseen
If he misses me clean
On the tee ;
How I chortle with glee
On the tee.

I await it with dread
On the top of my head,
I could faint ;
And they think I don't feel,
As the coating they peel
Of my paint.
When with niblick I'm spun
They imagine it's fun,
But it ain't ;
Any saint
Would consider that he was entitled to say
All the things that a Golf-ball would say if it may,
But it mayn't.

You might think that at last,
When the troubles are past
Of my lot,
When my deep scars abound,
And I'm no longer round,
From being bumped on the ground
Like a blot,
That I might be allowed
Just a grave and a shroud,
But I'm not.

For there ! When I think there's an end to my toil
I'm sent off to the maker's to bubble and boil
In a pot
That is hot,
I'm reduced to a pulpiness, soft and untold
I'm fished out with a spoon and I'm squeezed in a mould,
And they call me *re-made*, and for sixpence I'm sold
On the spot.

I would go out on strike (like the driver and cleek),
If I knew where to hide where in vain they might seek.
Do you think I would care if they looked for a week ?
Not a jot !

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.

MOFFAT.—On Saturday afternoon a competition for four prizes took place. Play was by foursomes, and despite the cold weather there was a good turn-out. Results were, the four winning couples receiving equal prizes :—Mr. H. C. Pearse, Limetree House, and Miss Waugh, Granton, beat Mr. Charles Stewart, Oaktree Cottage, and Mrs. E. Greene, The Hope, by 53 to 59 ; Mr. W. F. Gardiner, St. Ninians, and Miss Pearse, Limetree House, beat Mr. W. H. Mariette, St. Ninians, and Miss Greene, The Hope, by 59 to 77 ; Mr. James Salmons, Springwood House, and Mr. Saunders, Moffat, beat Mr. John Duncan, Academy House, and Mr. James R. MacGibbon, Union Bank, by 52 to 54 ; Mr. Pollock, Bank of Scotland, and Mr. William G. Johnstone, Archbank, beat Mr. E. Ewart, Ellerslie, and Miss S. Greene, The Hope, by 47 to 60.

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THE LADIES' GOLF UNION

The question of the practical use of the Ladies' Golf Union is so constantly raised, that it may be of interest to many if a few of the principal objects of the Union be placed before the golfing public. There are five objects which the Ladies' Golf Union publishes as the basis of its existence, but beyond these primary objects other good results may be evolved by the hearty co-operation of the principal ladies' clubs, and by the energy and interest of individual lady-golfers. The five primary objects of the Union, then, are briefly these :—

I. To promote the interests of the game of Golf.—This will be done by establishing inter-club competitions, at which members of the various clubs will meet to try their skill in Golf contests proper, and not in that hybrid medal play of which England has been blamed for being the chief supporter.

II. To establish a uniformity in the rules of the game by establishing a representative legislative authority.—This is a very important object, and constitutes a desirable consummation. With the growth of Golf Clubs in various parts of the country, there has also cropped up a noxious growth of "local rules," which, if suffered to increase, will cause the game of Golf to lose every trace of its original nature ; and, owing to their variety, no two clubs will be playing the same order of Golf.

In cases of doubt and difficulty, such as occur frequently in inter-club matches, the council of the Golf Union, which will be a representative body, will be an impartial authority to whom appeal will be satisfactory, inasmuch as all such differences and doubts will be settled according to the Royal and Ancient laws of Golf.

III. To establish a uniform system of handicapping.—The chief benefit of such a uniform system will be the arranging of teams in interclub matches. At present there is no relation between the handicaps of two opponent clubs, especially where one club handicaps below scratch, while the other handicaps to scratch, and has no players who owe strokes. I have known cases, but for the honour of Golf I must say they have not been many, where a good player has been placed lower than her rightful place in a team, and has therefore met an opponent weaker than should have been the case, and by this means has secured an undue number of holes for her side. By a registered table of handicaps kept by the Golf Union a fairer arrangement of players in interclub matches, as well as a fair system of handicapping in open competitions could be secured.

IV. To act as a tribunal and court of reference on points of uncertainty.—I have already touched upon this point, and its use is too obvious to require further comment.

V. To arrange the Annual Championship competition, and to obtain the funds necessary for that purpose.—It is far better that the Annual Championship should be arranged by a qualified and representative association of golfers than that it should be the undertaking of one club only. Under the care of the Union the Championship will be likely to be more representative, better established, and a wider interest will be felt in the result.

The expenses of the Union fall lightly enough upon individual lady golfers, inasmuch as there is a very reasonable table of the subscriptions and entrance fees required from clubs joining the Union, as follows :—

Entrance fees.—For clubs consisting of 50, and under 100 members, £2 2s. ; for 100, and under 200 members, £3 3s. ; for 200 members and upwards, £5 5s.

Annual subscriptions.—For 50, and under 100 members, £1 1s. ; for 100, and under 200 members, £2 2s. ; for 200 and upwards, £3 3s.

The fund thus formed shall pay for the printing, advertising, and incidental expenses of the Union ; and shall furnish prizes to be played for, under the auspices of the Union, as well as defraying other expenses which the council shall recommend to the Union, and have been sanctioned by the Union.

In addition to these primary objects, it seems to me that in course of time other advantages will accrue to clubs which shall join in establishing the Union. It would be possible to set aside a sum of money to assist the smaller clubs in the necessary expenses attending the first laying-out of their links,

and in building or improving their club-houses. Such sums could be lent at moderate interest after a first grant had been made, if these were required. It would also become possible to establish a really first-class ladies' links in some well-known golfing centre, where the Championship might be played once in every two years at least, and where ladies belonging to the clubs in the Union should have the rights of local membership for a private subscription of a few shillings annually. A residential club-house might be established in London under a carefully chosen committee, where lady golfers, for a small subscription, might be able to secure rooms when visiting London, and where they could get tea, lunch and dinner, when passing through town on a day's shopping. That such a club would succeed, there is, I think, little doubt, judging by the success of such institutions as the Alexandra and the Albermarle Clubs. Much would depend, of course, on a select committee, and a well-chosen convenient site for a club-house.

The suggestion of establishing a Championship links, as well as a residential ladies' club in London, is due entirely to a private source. The scheme has not been yet laid before the council of the Union for sanction or approval, and it has merely been suggested as a possible further development of the Union should the majority of ladies' clubs unite in subscribing. The main use and objects of the Union are set forth under the five headings which have been discussed.

These suggestions may seem at first sight to be too extensive and ambitious, but if all the leading ladies' clubs in the United Kingdom would join the Union on the scale of charges given above, it would be possible to carry out the scheme effectively, and there is little doubt that it would be the means of introducing many lady golfers to each other, who now are merely acquainted by hearsay, and of establishing that sociability and *esprit de corps* which the detractors of the game say, so wrongly, are the great want of Golf.

All inquiries for rules and other particulars relating to the Union should be made to Miss Issette Pearson, hon. secretary, Ladies' Golf Union, 10, Northumberland Avenue, Putney, S.W.

B.

WARMINSTER GOLF CLUB.

A lady's walking-stick was offered for competition by Mrs. Hickin, to be played for during the month of November, with the following result:—

Qualifying Round (medal play).—Miss E. B. Smith, 152, less 45=107; Miss M. Bleeck, 123, less 13=110; Mrs. Bleeck, 156, less 45=111; Miss B. M. Alcock, 129, less 15=114; Mrs. Hickin, 136, less 15=121; Mrs. Whitehead, 157, less 33=124; Miss G. E. Alcock, 173, less 45=128; Miss N. Gillett, 178, less 50=128; Miss K. Gillett, 182, less 50=132; Miss Wakeman, 188, less 50=138. Miss Bleeck scratched. The first eight qualified for the second round, but Mrs. Hickin retired.

Second Round.—Miss B. M. Alcock (scratch) beat Miss G. E. Alcock (23) by 5 up and 4 to play; Miss E. B. Smith (scratch) beat Miss K. Gillett (4) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Whitehead (scratch) beat Mrs. Bleeck (9) by 3 up and 1 to play; Miss M. Bleeck (scratch) beat Miss N. Gillett (28) by 2 up.

Third Round.—Miss B. M. Alcock (2) beat Miss Bleeck (scratch) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mrs. Whitehead (scratch) beat Miss E. B. Smith (9) by 2 up.

Final.—Miss B. M. Alcock (scratch) beat Mrs. Whitehead (14) by 4 up and 3 to play.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The Hordern medal.—Good weather favoured the play for this medal, which is offered by Mr. J. Hordern, for competition by players receiving from 19 to 36 strokes in their handicap. Twenty-two took out cards, but very few made any returns, and only those at the top of the list could show anything very creditable. The winning score of Mr. Ainley was good, but the other returns were somewhat straggling:—Mr. J. S. Ainley, 110, 28=82; Mr. F. K. Adcock, 104, less 19=85; Mr. R. A. Barnicot, 114, less 29=85; Mr. R. Nelson, 107, less 19=88; Dr. W. R. Carter, 111, less 21=90; Mr. L. Middlemost, 111, less 21=90; Mr. J. J. Booth, 125, less 34=91; Mr. T. Heron, 126, less 34=92; Mr. G. D. Moxon, 137, less 36=101; Mr. M. Woolger (not handicapped), 138.

WRINGING THE NOSE.

Up to the date of a particular nasal demonstration, we had imagined that the expression "to wring the nose" must be more or less metaphorical; partly because it seemed to us a very ineffective way of taking one's revenge; partly because we should ourselves have scarcely known what to do with a man's nose if we could have brought ourselves to seize hold of it; and partly because it seemed a difficult thing to lay hold of a resisting man's nose at all, unless he were of the race of Nasoni—a descendant of the old Neapolitan king. But certainly King Solomon would appear to be speaking seriously enough when he says (just as if he had tried it) "The wringing of a man's nose bringeth forth blood"; Shakespeare, too, seems to have considered the method efficacious, for he puts into Somerset's mouth, "Wring him by the nose," in order to restore animation to his sacred Majesty, King Henry VI.; and, more recently, our Law Courts have testified on two occasions to the survival of this singular mode of revenge:—Question: "What did you do when you met him?" Answer: "I walked up to him and wrung his nose"—a somewhat mild way, be it noted, of avenging oneself on a man who, as in this case, has seduced your wife. We could understand a man's nose being "tweaked," but how a free man could allow his nose to be wrung (if by that be meant the dictionary interpretation, "wrenching and twisting so as to draw blood") passed our comprehension. And yet history has shown this to be a favourite method of punishing an enemy from King Solomon's time to our own day! But *experientia docuit*; and when we placed our difficulty before a friend the other day, he gave us such a practical demonstration of the efficacy of the method that the mere recital of it makes the injured member tingle.

"But what's he to Hecuba?" we think we hear the golfer exclaim. Just this: that having discovered that wringing a man's nose is still an effective, and by no means an obsolete, measure of retort, it occurred to us that it might, perhaps, be applied as a safety-valve where a niblick would otherwise be requisitioned. Thus, if the player behind drives into you as you are putting out for the match, and causes you to lose it, you doubtless wish to take summary vengeance on him. You would kill him on the spot if at the moment he were within reach; but a minute's reflection causes you to leave your niblick with your caddie, and to preserve the appearance of being cool and indifferent. Then, just as you imagine the useless apology is about to issue from the offender's mouth, you quietly insert the back of your first two fingers at the second joint on either side of his proboscis, give a sharp twist, and the writer is prepared to lay a box of Ramsay Hunter's best Golf balls to a dozen made-up ones that the offender will never so offend again. And the punishment carries with it this advantage, that, whereas a blow would infallibly extort a blow in return, the surprise is so great and the pain so exquisite, that you would have time to retire behind your niblick before the offender has recovered from either the one or the other.

Nor is this the only case in which these tactics might be employed advantageously. We remember sitting at luncheon on medal day when a notorious "boulder" stalked into the club-house with all his swagger standing thick upon him. "What sort of a round?" we asked. "Round!" he replied; "how could anyone play with a d—d Jew crawling in front of one the whole time!" We looked across the table and noticed the offending member, and that the thrust went home. But why didn't he get up and wring the brute's nose? It would have taught him a lesson in manners that would have benefited the whole club, and left an impression, were it only that of an uncomfortable memory, that would have lasted for life. Yes, it is a splendid measure of retort, quiet, effective, and excruciating, and may be recommended to the golfer as useful on occasions.

H. I.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.—The quarterly competition of the club was held on Saturday, December 9th, and resulted as follows:—Mr. W. A. W. Scott, 100, less 15=85; Mr. F. Richardson, 109, less 18=91; Mr. R. Welwood-Ker, 108, less 15=93; Mr. A. L. Tate, 111, less 15=96; Mr. E. Sheppy, 122, less 25=97.



The Corporation of Musselburgh are not finding "plain sailing" in their laudable efforts to regulate Golf on the links. Mr. Almond, of Loretto (from which school Mr. J. E. Laidlay came equipped with his golfing genius), appears among the objectors. Sheriff Blair has been hearing parties in regard to the confirmation of the by-laws recently enacted by the magistrates for regulating the use of the links, and also the conduct of porters and caddies. Among the questions suggested in the arguments of counsel for Mr. Almond and others were whether the general public, apart from the inhabitants of the burgh, had the right to play Golf on Musselburgh Links; and whether the magistrates had the power, under the Burgh Police Act of 1892, to exact such charges as they now proposed to levy upon golfers. The discussion was ultimately adjourned.

The discussion in the Edinburgh Court might with advantage be read by the people of Gullane, who have recently, in silence, allowed parties to go further with Gullane Links than is proposed at Musselburgh in the way of restrictions.

In Scotland, long ago, Golf balls appear to have been more precious even than life. In Mr. Clark's "Golf" (new edition) we are told that on September 9th, 1637, "Francis Broune, son to John Broune, wabster in Banff," was convicted by the Borrow (Burgh) Court of breaking into the "buithe" of Patrick Shand, and stealing therefrom "sume Golf ballis"; and the judges "ordaint the said Francis to be presentlie tackin and carriet to the Gallowehill of this burghe, and hangit on the gallows thereof to the death." Modern legislation has to advance much before golfers have such protection; but such a measure, being non-contentious, might easily pass Parliament before Christmas. M.P. golfers, please note!

The Hawick Club have set a good example to Golf Clubs in the way of encouraging the game among shop-keepers and their assistants. These have a half-holiday on each Tuesday, and on Saturdays they cannot compete for the medals played for on that day. The club has, therefore, decided to institute a weekly medal to be played for on Tuesday afternoons. This kind of encouragement to a class who are sure to benefit by Golf is very praiseworthy.

Among Lytham golfers the recent ravages of influenza, and the curious pronunciation of their game, have led to the following stanza being written by one of the candidates for the Laureateship:—

A gentleman partial to Golf,
While at play secured a bad colf;
So to speak, in the breeze,
Contracted a sneeze,
Through taking his overcoat off.

In that golfing region, where 500 devotees are found suffering from the epidemic (not influenza, but the other) it is not to be wondered at that the members *mustered* largely to compete recently for the Captain's cup, nor that Mr. Joe Eccles, the well-known cricketer, who won the same, should have had presented to him as a memento a silver *mustard*-pot. We are not responsible for this!

The game seems to have caught on at Fleetwood in the same witty district. About forty members have joined the club, and Mr. Scott, the enthusiastic honorary secretary, hopes soon to see the century reached. The Preston professional has reported that a good nine-hole course can be made, and he has been asked to lay out the same. Rules are being prepared, and a general meeting is soon to be held to discuss the same.

Mr. T. A. Begbie, the well-known East Lothian golfer, has now joined his brother in business in London.

The death is announced of the Rev. M. Campbell, minister of the parish of Kildalton, Islay, who has fallen a victim to influenza. He was a County Councillor for the parish, and he took an interest in all that was for the good of the district, and was one of those who were present at the opening of the Golf course at Machrie, when Fernie and Campbell played their famous match over the new links.

Recently on a famous Golf green near the ancient city of Edinburgh, a couple were playing in a Golf match. One of the players was a very "paunchy" gentleman. The couple behind, not getting on as fast as they wished, the caddie remarked, "That gentleman takes up a great deal of the green." His player replied that till recently the gentleman in front was very thin, and a great football player. "What!" retorted the caddie, "Then he must have swallowed the foot-ball."

On 1st October last, a new club was formed at Brighton called the Kemp Town Golf Club. The membership now numbers upwards of 100. The Marquis of Abergavenny is the president, and the vice-presidents are:—Mr. Gerald Loder, M.P., and Alderman H. Abbey. The committee of management are:—Mr. Duncan Furner, (captain), Mr. D. C. Wickham, Mr. A. T. Hay, Rev. W. H. Orton, Mr. H. Heath, Mr. A. C. Watheo, Dr. Bruce Goff, Mr. W. H. Abbey, Mr. Percy Willett; Captain J. Bernard O'Reilly and Mr. H. Lawrence Swinburne, joint hon. secretaries, and Mr. H. Taylor, hon. treasurer. The vice-presidents have each given a cup to be competed for, and the captain, Mr. Duncan Furner, has presented gold, silver, and bronze medals, these prizes to be competed for at the spring meeting.

Mr. Herbert Strutt, J.P., of Makeney, near Derby, one of the vice-presidents of the Derbyshire Golf Club, has just made some very cheap and efficient Golf flags for the private course in his park, by taking cocoanuts, costing 3d. or 4d. each, drilling them out top and bottom, inserting the flag-iron, and fastening the nut to it with wire to prevent it slipping down the iron, and painting the nut white. This style of flag might be too tempting a "cock-shy" on open links, but on private courses it is quite as valuable as many of the more expensive "patents."

Through the kindness of the Littlestone Golf Club, the Ladies' Golf Championship will take place over their links in May or June, 1894.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Civil Service Golf Club in Edinburgh was held in the Café Royal Hotel on Saturday, 9th inst. When the proposal to form a club among the civil servants was first mooted some months ago, a circular was sent round the various departments with the object of ascertaining how far the scheme was likely to succeed, the result being such as to warrant the promoters in deciding to go on with the matter. The stormy weather which prevailed unfortunately had the effect of preventing many who would otherwise have been present from attending the meeting. There was, however, a fairly good attendance, including representatives from the Inland Revenue office, the Register House, the accountant's and telegraph branches of the General Post Office and the Lunacy Board. Mr. James McDonald, of the General Post Office, who has throughout taken an active part in promoting the interests of the new club, presided, and briefly explained the object of the meeting. It was stated that as a

result of the circular which had been sent to the various offices, sixty-five gentlemen had signified their intention of becoming members. This was considered highly satisfactory, and a resolution, proposed by Mr. James Davidson, seconded by Mr. H. M. Knight, to the effect that a club be constituted open to all civil servants, and to be known as "The Civil Service Golf Club," was unanimously agreed to. Thereafter a committee was appointed, with instructions to draw up rules and arrange other preliminaries, and report to a general meeting to be called at an early date.

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There is no doubt that the club, when once started, will be a great success. Golfers in the Civil Service in Edinburgh are a numerous body, and many of them possess golfing ability of a high order. The Viewforth team, which this year won the *Dispatch* trophy, was entirely composed of players employed in the Civil Service, two of them being drawn from the major establishment of the Post Office, one from the Telegraph Department, and one from the Register House. There is a strong club in connection with each of the three last-mentioned offices, and it is probable that one or more of these will be dissolved, the members going over *en masse* to the new organisation. Should this be the case, the latter will undoubtedly be one of the strongest clubs in the city.

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On account of the limited accommodation for the present membership of Prestwick Golf Club, and to meet the requirements of coming years, it has been resolved to increase the number of rooms, and extensive alterations and additions are now in progress for that purpose. These comprise a new general room, committee-room, bar, box-rooms, and entrance halls and porch. The general room is a handsome apartment measuring 36 feet by 25 feet 6 inches, with two large bay windows in addition. The main bay window measures about 22 feet across inside, and gives a commanding view northwards over the whole links. The second and smaller looks westward towards the fourteenth hole. The old general room is now to be used solely as a dining-room, and will be lighted by a large three-light window at its west end. The new committee-room occupies the north-east corner of the extension, overlooking the links and the entrance from the station. This room is about 19 by 14, and may be used as a card or tea room when not required as a committee-room. The links entrance and porch occupy a central position on the north front between the general and committee rooms. The second entrance is behind the committee-room, close to Charlie Hunter's shop, and directly facing the footpath from the station. Between this entrance and the existing main building are placed a small telephone-room and a large new box-room, while the present committee-room is to be fitted up as an additional box room.

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"Another Indignant Pro." writes:—"In regard to 'Indignant Pro.'s' assertion in last week's 'Tee Shots' I should like to know by what process of reasoning he arrives at the conclusion that 'we cannot deny that Rolland is the best Golfer in the world.' It is surely rather rash to base such a contention on any grounds other than those of his performances in the shape of Open and Championship tournaments and big stake matches. Now, in this respect can his performances outshine or even compare with those of say Willie Park, Willie Fernie, or Ben Sayers? Again, one cannot envy 'Indignant Pro.'s' assurance when he says that Rolland 'has proved himself to be better than the first-named amateur,' (Mr. Ball), especially with the double Championships of Mr. Ball a matter of recent history. Rolland is doubtless an excellent player; but why should the comparatively untried be so confidently elevated to the very head?"

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QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly give your opinion, and perhaps some of your readers may also feel disposed to state theirs on the following point:—

A player misses his tee-shot entirely. The wind blows his ball off the tee. Can he re-tee it? My opinion was asked, and I at once said "yes." I founded my opinion on rules (1) which allow a player to replace a moved ball on the tee, and (2) to replace a ball moved by an agency outside the match. I refer to Rules XXV. and XXII. of Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Rightly or wrongly, I have always translated the rules, that it is intended a player shall get the fullest possible advantage for his tee-shot, and, on this assumption, it would be manifestly unfair he should lose that advantage from a cause completely beyond his control.

The point however, is an interesting one, and I should be pleased to hear what would be your ruling under the circumstances.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. ROSS COUBROUGH.

Manchester, 4th December.

[We do not think that the ball can be re-teeed. The first point to note is that the ball was in play after the first, and, in this case, abortive stroke. It would be an exceedingly difficult thing to determine that the ball was not moved off the tee by the disturbing influence of the club in its rapid passage through the air, and the consequent effect which the rush of air would have on a ball perhaps imperfectly poised on the tee. Wind, rain, snow, sleet or ice, are not agencies outside a match; the elements constitute, in a very real sense the intimate governing conditions of every match, and naturally, therefore, they have not been legislated for. The agencies contemplated by the rules quoted by our correspondent, are such accidents as happen from ignorant spectators "fielding" one's finest tee or approach shot, and running back with the ball in an enthusiastic fit of mistaken kindness to the player; or a crow which swoops down on the putting green, and carries the ball to its young, clamouring for food in a neighbouring tree; or a frisky dog, on gambols and mischief bent; or a cow with a partiality for indigestibles; or a sliced ball driven into a cart which is being driven by the side of the links (such an accident has often happened in playing the Linkfield holes at Musselburgh). These are the agencies outside the match; but a ball moved off the tee in the circumstances described above, is to all intents and purposes a tee shot, and must be played where it has fallen.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Kindly give me your opinion on the following facts:—

(1) A and B play a foursome against C and D. C and D win the seventh hole. A drives off from the next tee, in breach of Rule VII. C claims the hole, and A concedes it, under a misapprehension of the rule, all four being in a hurry to finish the game, as darkness was coming on, and no one referring to the rule until afterwards.

(2) Thereupon all the parties proceed to the next teeing-ground, and D strikes off for the ninth hole. Then A claims that hole, on the ground that it was C's turn to strike, D having

struck off from the tee to the seventh hole, and C not having struck off from the tee to the eighth hole.

(3) Rule V. says, "The partners shall strike off alternately from the tees." Is this an absolute rule, or is C to be taken (as he contends) to have struck off for the eighth hole, although, as a fact, he never teed a ball for that hole?

If the rule is absolute, and means what it says, viz., "The partners shall strike off alternately," and if C ought to have struck off, which of his opponents ought to have played against him, A or B? A had played against him up to that point, and Rule V. goes on to say, "The players . . . shall continue in the same order during the match." But A had just previously struck off for the eighth hole, and "the partners shall strike off alternately."

(4) As if this was not enough, the sublime possibilities of young golfers were further exemplified at the ninth hole, which was played out, after all. A's caddie, in handing him his putter, accidentally kicked his ball, and moved it about a foot. This case is clearly provided for by Rule XXV., except that the rule does not say whether the ball is to be replaced or not.

Rule XXVIII. says, "A ball must be played wherever it lies." Query, where it lies before, or after, the kick?

I shall be much obliged if you will answer these questions in your next issue.

I am, Sir, &c.

T. L. CHADWICK.

Dewsbury, December 2nd.

[That Scottish delicacy, the haggis, has been described by a would-be humourist as fine, confused eating, and on the same principle the above letter may be described as containing a fine, confused medley of heterodox penalty and counter-penalty. (1) The penalty in this case is not the loss of the hole; the tee shot may be recalled at the option of the opponent. (2) A is entirely wrong, because A plays against C, and B against D, this order to be maintained throughout. It was the turn of D and B to tee off. (3) The rule and the practice are clear to all intelligences who wish to understand them. The order of A against C, and B against D is kept up from beginning to end, penalties notwithstanding. C and A are to be taken as having teed off to the eighth hole, and D and B follow the order to the ninth. (4) The ball ought to be replaced, on the ground that no advantage of position should be derived from culpable carelessness.—ED.]

GRIP FOR THE CLEEK AND IRON.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be glad if one of your many competent correspondents could say which is the proper way to grip a cleek and driving iron. Should the right hand grip the club tightly or loosely, as in the case of a driver or brassie (assuming the player to be right handed)?

Some professionals, as well as amateurs, say the latter, while others aver that the cleek and driving iron should be held tight with both hands. One professional informed me that at St. Andrews, where he learned his Golf, this was the method adopted by all the players trained there.

I am, Sir, &c.,

PUZZLED.

SHOWING A BLIND HOLE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For Mr. B. Hall Blyth, and Mr. Mure Fergusson, I entertain all the respect due to such eminent authorities; still I fail to see that they have shaken the position I have taken up, that is to say, with respect to the custom and practice on *St. Andrews Links*, for it was in reference to that green that I wrote, as being most familiar with it. I admit that it would have been better and more explicit, had I expressly mentioned it. I wrote of what was absolutely within my own knowledge, and since my letter was written, I have consulted Tom Morris, who entirely agrees with every word I said; and many people consider him no mean authority. As to Sandwich, never having seen it, "not presume to dictate"; all that Mr. Mure Fergusson proves is, that custom there and at *St. Andrews*, are diametri-

cally opposed, as I can believe, from what he has himself told me. I am not aware whether Mr. Labouchere is accepted as an authority among English golfers, but it is not a little remarkable that in the current issue of *Truth* he quotes, practically, what I said, almost word for word, as thus:—

"Of course he may give the direct line, but his master should tell him to move before playing his stroke. If his master does not do so, he is guilty of a gross breach of etiquette, and the only course is not to play with that man again."

Of course, as Mr. Blyth says, I quoted no rule, for there is none; in that case the only thing to do is to abide by the custom and practice of the links you play on; and that the custom on the links of *St. Andrews* is as I have stated, I am still prepared to maintain.

I am Sir, &c.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

MR. HUTCHINSON ON "STANCE."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have just read Mr. Horace Hutchinson's admirable article in to-day's *GOLF*, and I should be very much obliged to him if he would, through the columns of *GOLF*, inform many of his puzzled admirers what, in his opinion, is the best position for the stance when addressing the ball for the drive. In "Badminton," which was published in 1892, Mr. Hutchinson, on page 77, gives a diagram showing the right foot in rear of the left, and in the text he says, "The right toe should be some three inches in rear (farther away from the ball) of this imaginary line," this imaginary line being parallel to the line drawn from the ball to the hole. On the other hand, in his book called "Golfing," published in 1893, page 24, Mr. Hutchinson says, "A line drawn from the toes of one foot to the toes of the other should be, roughly speaking, parallel to this imaginary line of the intended flight of the ball." It would be very interesting to know if Mr. Hutchinson, since he wrote the article in "Badminton," has changed his views as to the right position. Sir Walter Simpson, if I remember correctly, does not advocate the right foot being placed in rear of the left.

I am, Sir, &c.,

G. E. S. F.

HOW LADIES PLAY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of December 8th an extremely irate lady-golfer takes it upon her to offer an "inadequate defence" to a fancied attack upon her sex contained in an article which appeared under the above heading in *GOLF* for December 1st. Very naturally she begins by garbling some statements made in the offending article. I did *not* say that ladies "could not drive, approach, putt, or make any distinction in their own shots." What I did say was that "the most outstanding feature in feminine Golf is the absence of light and shade," and I see no reason in your irate lady-golfer's letter for changing an opinion which is shared by every man with whom I have taken the liberty of discussing the subject. The statement was not made disparagingly. Because a lady has less strength than a man, it follows that it is harder in her case to detect the difference in length between her drive and her full iron shot.

The affecting particulars about the gentleman who considered Golf as a "pastime," and consequently disregarded the rules, are interesting, but do not prove anything. If old gentlemen or young ladies choose to regard Golf as a "pastime," by all means let them play in whatever way they please. Golf is not a pastime; it is a religion.

"Lady-Golfer" directly traverses my statement that 80 is about an average score over a nine-hole course, and, somewhat rashly, offers proof. As requested, I turned up back numbers of *GOLF* to test her statement that 80 to 90, gross, over an eighteen-hole course, is nearer the truth. I found that the best lady-golfers at *Eltham* confirmed her statement, though several returns varied between 110 and 138, and those "over 118 net"

were not given. The apparent conclusion is, that the better players among English ladies show the same skill as a scratch man at St. Andrews. However, the explanation is given in "Lady-Golfer's" own letter. English eighteen-hole courses are "are at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles round." Pro-dig-i-ous! They have actually, in England, Golf courses where the holes average 150 yards in length. Perhaps it may surprise "Lady-Golfer" to learn that Scottish eighteen-hole courses are usually not much short of 3 miles round, measuring directly from hole to hole. Troon and Prestwick are within a few yards of that length; Machrihanish is 3 miles 272 yards; and St. Andrews rather longer. So 80 on Eltham would probably represent 150 on a real Golf course, and as a real nine-hole course should be (and is) at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles round, 80 is not too liberal an allowance for the *average* lady-golfer. We are not accustomed in Scotland to toy Golf courses. I have never seen one, except in the Burlington Arcade. Hence the misunderstanding.

"Lady-Golfer" is "a member of one of the largest ladies' Golf courses in the kingdom." I congratulate both. I have never "visited Ashdown Forest." Has anyone but a member of Ashdown Forest, or the compiler of a Golf Annual ever heard of Ashdown Forest? St. Andrews I know, Prestwick I know, Hoylake, Sandwich—even Wimbledon—but where and what in the name of divine Andreas, is Ashdown Forest? It has not even a line in the "Book of the Chronicles of the Son of Hutchi."

Lastly, if a writer chooses to treat in a spirit of caricature, a subject which appeals strongly to his sense of the ludicrous, is the blame wholly his when well-meaning but misguided enthusiasts read him in deep seriousness and deadly earnest?

I am, Sir, &c.,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

TOILE D'ARAIGNÉE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I was peculiarly gratified to find from Mr. Hutchinson's article (December 8th) that he agrees with me in the main; has, in fact, enmeshed himself.

For, of course, what Mr. Hutchinson thinks to-day the great majority of golfers will think (or, at least, feel bound to profess to think) to-morrow.

The little discrepancies which he detects between his ideas and mine, and produces with a hesitation most charmingly overdone, are in great part non-existent.

I am not able at present to do more than prescribe, for his careful perusal, two short articles of mine, both published in this Journal, viz., "Hammering and Driving" (February 19th 1892), and "Carry and Run" (29th September, 1893). He will find in them a good deal about the cause of "hissing and hurtling" (noises most carefully to be distinguished from the sort of "cat-call" produced by a really well-struck ball), "high tees," and "measured amount of spin."

I am, Sir, &c.,

P. G. TAIT.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of November 10th, there appears a letter under the above head, signed by "R. E. Cherrill," New York. As the statements made therein are very misleading and unjust to myself, I feel in duty bound to explain the situation through your valuable paper.

The idea of starting a Golf Club in Newport, R.I., was first suggested by Mr. Lorillard Spencer, and Mr. H. Mortimer Brooks, one year ago. Mr. Spencer wrote me about the game, and requested that I should come to Newport and look for suitable ground for a links. I came to Newport, November 10th, 1892, and in company with several gentlemen, looked over all available ground, finally selecting a place on Brentin's

Point, about three-and-a-half miles from Newport, on the shores of the Atlantic. The club was organised on January 12th, 1893. Mr. Theo. A. Havemeyer was elected president, Mr. R. Goelet, vice-president, Mr. R. J. Gammell, secretary, and Mr. Lorillard Spencer, treasurer. At the same meeting I was engaged as club-maker and instructor, and entered on my duties on March 1st following. I laid out a course of nine holes, and the club opened on June 15th. There were four handsome cups competed for during the summer and much interest taken in the game. To show that my services have been appreciated by the members they have already engaged me for another year, from March 1st next, with a substantial increase to my salary. Before coming to Newport I was engaged with the Royal Montreal Golf Club, Canada, to which club I went out from Hoylake, in 1881. There was never any game played for the Championship of Canada; consequently I have no claim to that title. The first heard of W. Dunn in Newport, was a letter received by a member asking if they wanted a man to lay out links, and supply clubs and balls. Dunn was then engaged by the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. The letter was handed to me, and I wrote him for his prices, offering to give him what trade I could. He came on a visit to Newport, July 26th, and the club subscribed a purse of \$80 to be divided, to play an exhibition game. Dunn declined to play the first day, which was fine; the second day was a rough stormy day, and Dunn found that he must go home that night, so we played the game, with four gentlemen and one lady for spectators. Dunn won the first three holes and held them to the end of the first round, and finally won by 5 and 3 to play. We then ran home out of the rain. The caddies refused to go more than one round, and two of the members kindly carried our clubs for the remainder of the match. Scores:—Dunn—Out, 5 4 4 5 8 5 4 4 6 =45; in, 6 4 4 5 7 4=30; total, 75. Davis—Out, 6 5 5 3 5 5 5 6 6 =46; in, 7 5 6 4 5 6=33; total, 79. I may mention that Dunn is the first professional I have seen for over twelve years, and that my time is so much taken up in workshop and giving lessons that I have no time to practise the game. As for the statement that Dunn found three clubs in existence and left forty, it is a false statement. The Newport Club have purchased a fine property and intend putting up a handsome club-house for next season, particulars of which I will send when plans are complete. Trusting you will find room for this in your valuable paper,

I am Sir, &c.

W. F. DAVIS.

(Professional, Newport Golf Club).

Newport, R.I., November, 26th.

IN the competition of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club recorded in last week's issue we are asked to state that in the first class the score of Mr. James Cullen should have been 94, less 4=90, not 90, less 4=86; Mr. T. L. Ferguson, 100, less 13=87, and thirteen competitors made no return, instead of fourteen.

COTON HILL GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the bronze monthly medal took place on December 9th, when the following scores were returned:—Attendant H. Horton, 103, less 3=100; Dr. R. W. Hewson (scratch), 105; Mr. D. H. —, 117, less 10=107; Attendant A. Robinson, 118, less 7=111; Dr. L. H. Liston (scratch), 115; Miss D. —, 195, less 75=120; Mr. Redfern, 130, less 10=120; Miss D. Hewson, 192, less 70=122.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on the 9th inst., sixteen competitors entered, but only six made returns. The best net score was again made by Mr. Glenday, who was so unlucky last month, when he was disqualified through inadvertently breaking a rule. Scores:—Mr. A. A. Glenday, 101, less 22=79, winner of medal and sweepstakes; Mr. T. G. Griffiths, 96, less 15=81; Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, 99, less 15=84; Mr. S. H. Knyvett, 107, less 20=87; Mr. A. Godlee, 115, less 27=88; Mr. H. M. Eddowes, 107, less 9=98.

CRAWFORD CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday. The weather was favourable, and the course in excellent condition. The medal was won by Mr. William Noble with a score of 103, less 12=91.



ABERDEEN.

At the autumn general meeting of the Aberdeen Club, the council were authorised to acquire an additional portion of the Balgowrie Links for the purpose of extending the course. This ground has been acquired, and for the past month a squad of men have been engaged making it fit for play. The whins have now been cleared out and the bents cut to such an extent as to permit a portion of the ground being played over. There is still some further ground to be cleared, and when this is done the course will be one of the finest in the country, and will afford such variety of play as very few courses can show. It will besides possess a feature which, so far as we know, is unique, namely, that the ground available will permit of such a rearrangement of the holes and tees as will enable the home-coming players to complete the round of the course without at any point crossing or even coming near to the out-going players. This will do away with that element of danger which has been felt to be present on the existing course, and has on many courses been found to some extent to interfere with the enjoyment of the game. In October, 1892, Mrs. Pickop presented a cup to be played for by members under the following conditions:—The cup to be played for under handicap by holes on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month for the year commencing 8th October, 1892. Each member winning six matches during the year to be entitled to play in the final competition at the end of the year. Eighteen players qualified to compete in this competition, and in the semi-final Mr. W. R. Reid defeated Mr. T. Todd, and Mr. W. F. Orr defeated Mr. R. D. Leslie. The final between Mr. Orr and Mr. Reid was played off last week, Mr. Reid being in receipt of 3 holes. The first four holes were halved, and matters looked well for the handicapped player. Mr. Orr, however, playing a very strong game, and getting the benefit of a stimie, reduced Mr. Reid's lead, and the players turned all square. From this point Mr. Orr gradually drew away, and after playing the sixteenth hole, was in the pleasant position of dormy 2. The seventeenth hole falling to the same player, Mr. Orr became the possessor of the cup. The members competed for the monthly medal (scratch), and the Pickop-Dutton handicap cup over the extended course at Balgowrie links on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of competitors, the day being exceedingly favourable for play. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that both prizes were won by Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, with the exceedingly fine score of 79, plus 3=82. Amongst the cards handed in were the following:—Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, 79, plus 3=82; Mr. M. Duncan, 89, less 5=84; Mr. James Williams, 89, less 5=84; Mr. W. D. Davidson, 91, less 5=86; Mr. David Littlejohn, 94, less 7=87; Captain H. V. Brooke, 93, less 2=91; Dr. Joseph Ogilvie, 99, less 7=92; Mr. J. M. Duncan (scratch), 94.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The first competition by the members of this club for the scratch and handicap prizes took place on Wednesday and Saturday last over the links course. There was a fairly large turn-out of competitors, and some very good cards were returned. On comparing these, it was found that the scratch prize for the month had been won by Mr. A. Mitchell with the excellent score of 82, and the handicap prize for first-class players (presented by Mr. James Williams), tied for by Mr. Mitchell with 82, less 2=80, and Mr. D. B. Leslie with 84, less 4=80. The handicap prize for second-class players (presented by Mr. A. Chivas's executors) was also tied for by Messrs. P. Macdonald and C. Stewart, the first-named coming in with 102, less 6=96; and the latter with 106, less 10=96. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures:—Mr. L. Anderson, 83; Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, 85; Mr. A. Cooper, 89; Mr. W. H. Reid, 93; Mr. C. Robertson, 94; Mr. A. McConnachie, 95; Mr. G. Souter, 96; and Mr. J. A. Ross, Mr. D. Walker, and Mr. W. Duncan, 98.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, November 15th, the members who had won the medal during the past twelve months, competed for a prize given by the

club. Three of the ladies having won the medal twice, reduced the number of competitors to nine, and of these only six were able to play on the day appointed. Miss Alice Richardson was the winner. Scores:—Miss A. Richardson, 86, less 13=73; Mrs. Meredith, scratch, 79; Miss H. Bidwell, 98, less 12=86; Mrs. W. C. Johnson, 108, less 16=92; Miss Knapping, 106, less 12=94; Miss Fossett, 116, less 22=94.

Twenty-two members played for the monthly medal, on Wednesday December 6th, which was won by Miss M. Sillar. Mrs. Mackern holds the scratch prize for the third month in succession. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss M. Sillar	86	16	70	Miss M. Smyth	90	6	84
Miss M. Richardson	84	9	75	Miss Loveless	94	7	87
Miss A. Richardson	89	12	77	Mrs. Poland	95	8	87
Mrs. Mackern	78	scr.	78	Miss Knapping	99	12	87
Miss Swinton	94	16	78	Miss Hutchinson	104	16	88
Mrs. Penrose	86	7	79	Miss F. Paine	96	7	89
Mrs. J. G. Gibson	93	12	81	Miss Chrestien	113	24	89
Mrs. McArthur	97	16	81	Miss A. Martin	118	24	94
Mrs. Laird	95	12	83	Mrs. Charles	118	17	101
Mrs. Alfred Schacht	103	20	83				

Provisional handicaps.—Miss Fraser, 101, less 20=81; Mrs. Triscott, 109, less 24=85; Miss Dunn, 121, less 20=101.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, November 30th. Gentlemen:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Col. H. W. Parker	82	2	80	Capt. J. C. Tattersall	88	scr.	88
Mr. C. Edwards	93	10	83	Rev. G. Hyde Smith	92	4	88
Mr. M. G. E. Bell	106	23	83	Capt. Frith	114	23	91
Capt. G. L. Austin	89	3	86	Mr. H. D. Hirst	102	10	92
Mr. J. W. Jeffery	93	7	86	Mr. R. Andrews	120	25	95
Col. Jee	99	12	87	Rev. T. Field	112	15	97
Gen. Sir B. Edwards	93	6	87	Rev. G. Gray	123	25	98

Four others made no return.

Ladies.—Miss N. Ramsay, 92, less 2=90; Miss Jeffery, 103, less 12=91; Miss E. Ramsay, 88, plus 3=91; Miss Edwards, 93, less 2=91; Miss Hamilton, 112, less 18=94; Miss B. Borrow, 101, less 7=94; Mrs. Parker, 118, less 18=100. Four others made no return.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition took place on Saturday, in rough weather, which caused the scoring to be high. Mr. H. Steel was the winner, with a scratch score of 90. Details as under:—Mr. H. Steel (scratch), 90; Mr. E. R. Wethey (scratch), 94; Dr. Macvie (scratch), 95; Mr. W. M. Barwick, 109, less 13=96; Mr. J. N. Nicholson, 107, less 8=99; Mr. W. B. Crichton, 108, less 8=100; Mr. G. H. Blackburn, 122, less 15=107; Dr. Dunlop, 121, less 13=108; Mr. W. J. Leeming, 115, less 6=109; Mr. H. Brook, 150, less 36=114. Several members did not give returns.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

Played on December 9th. Fourth day of winter competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. W. Robson	98	11	87	Mr. A. Wilson	104	6	98
Mr. R. T. Thomson	87	+2	89	Mr. H. P. Bailey	116	18	98
Mr. R. Howden	100	7	93	Mr. W. G. Black	101	3	98
Mr. W. J. Nimmo	118	25	93	Mr. J. Limont	101	3	98
Mr. H. H. Blair	102	8	94	Mr. A. Gregory	115	16	99
Mr. A. W. White	104	10	94	Mr. A. Muir	129	30	99
Mr. A. M. Carswell	101	7	94	Mr. R. S. Ferguson	100	1	99
Mr. C. A. H. Todd	120	25	95	Mr. A. Richardson	114	14	100
Mr. S. F. Bates	104	9	95	Mr. F. Smith	111	8	103
Mr. R. Dunlop	121	25	96	Mr. H. Armstrong	122	18	104
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	95	+1	96	Mr. J. L. Owen	134	30	104
Mr. W. Cross	117	20	97	Mr. J. R. Bolton	109	5	104
Mr. A. G. Ridout	115	18	97				

Messrs. J. W. Knox, G. F. Charlton, A. H. Marsh, W. G. Richardson, T. G. Morpeth, H. Simms, and A. H. Dickinson, retired.

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly sweepstakes competition in connection with the Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie, took place on Saturday. The game was played under the "Bogey" system, and the following were the prize-winners:—1st, Mr. H. M. Robinson (3), 1 hole down; 2nd, Mr. R. B. Sharp (scratch), 3 holes down; and 3rd, tied for by Mr. William Ballinghall (2) and Mr. J. D. Grimond (9), each 6 holes down.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, and sweepstakes were played for, Wednesday, December 6th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
* Captain Heneage...	109	25	84	Mr. Jeffery ...	100	7	93
† Captain Eccles ..	93	8	85	Mr. Reece ...	111	16	95
Mr. Campbell ...	104	18	86	Captain Lyon ...	98	2	96
Mr. Corbet Edwards	96	9	87	Colonel Jee... ..	108	12	96
Colonel Parker ...	92	3	89	Mr. Leigh ..	112	16	96
Major Burton ...	108	18	90	Mr. R. Clerk ...	111	14	97
General Williams ...	111	20	91	Mr. Longfield ...	114	12	102
Captain Tattersall...	91	+1	92				

Ten others made no return.

* Won sweepstakes.

† Won medal.

At the conclusion of the medal competition on Wednesday, an interesting event in connection with the club took place in the presence of a large number of members, when General Williams, on behalf of the members, presented the captain of the club, Captain W. H. Eccles, with a magnificent silver loving cup, in recognition of the great interest he has always taken in the welfare of the club.

Ladies' handicap, thirteen holes:—Miss Eccles, 87, less 9=78; Miss Edwards, (scratch) 79; Miss Wood, 92, less 12=80; Mrs. Parker, 98, less 18=80; Miss K. Ritchie, 97, less 16=81; Miss B. Wood, 84, less 2=82; Miss H. Sentance, 109, less 25=84; Miss P. Jeffery, 113, less 25=88; Miss L. Wood, 104, less 10=94; Miss Sentance, 119, less 25=94. Four others made no return.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal z. "Bogey," December 9th:—Mr. A. H. Mathison (8), 1 down; Mr. H. Davenport (5), 4 down; Mr. H. L. Forbes (5), 6 down; Mr. W. M. Corrie (5), 7 down; Mr. J. A. Ross (2), 8; Mr. C. E. Nesham (2), 9 down; Mr. W. H. Du Buisson (8), 10 down; Mr. W. P. Trench (8), 12 down; Colonel Sykes (11), 13 down.

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The postponed November monthly medal competition in connection with this club was played on Saturday, in windy and showery weather. The medal was won by Mr. F. W. Bedford with a net score of 76. The complete scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. W. Bedford.	112	36	76	Mr. H. C. Joscelyne	101	10	91
Mr. H. M. Munby..	101	24	77	Mr. J. M. S. Lister.	107	16	91
Mr. F. W. Walbrand-				Mr. H. Oxley ...	107	16	91
Evans ...	113	30	83	Mr. C. Kirkby ...	127	34	93
Mr. H. J. Palmer ...	119	36	83	Mr. G. Clemons ...	128	34	94
Mr. R. G. Emsley...	108	24	84	Mr. H. S. Baines ...	116	20	96
Mr. A. Smithells ...	109	24	85	Mr. J. Ingleby ...	129	32	97
Mr. J. R. Bower ...	106	20	86	Mr. J. Hollis ...	107	10	97
Mr. H. E. O'Dwyer	107	20	87	Mr. W. A. Lucas... 131	32	99	
Mr. C. E. Dawson..	99	12	87	Mr. T. Riach ...	121	22	99
Mr. H. T. Eddison.	104	16	88				

Six other players returned no score, or net scores over 100.

KETTERING v. NOTTINGHAM.

Played on Saturday, December 8th, on the new eighteen-hole course at Kettering, the home team being 7 up:—

NOTTS.			KETTERING.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. J. Hall ...	0	Mr. N. Dawson ...	1		
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	3	Dr. Allison ..	0		
Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	0	Mr. C. Saunders ...	3		
Mr. J. Johnstone ...	0	Mr. T. G. Bulger ...	2		
Mr. A. C. Beckton ...	0	Mr. W. F. Neilson ...	6		
Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	3	Mr. W. C. Henderson ...	0		
Mr. A. N. Bromley ...	0	Mr. A. C. Simmons ...	0		
Mr. J. Bowes ...	2	Mr. W. Meadows ...	0		
Mr. C. F. Dobson ...	0	Mr. F. Mobbs ...	4		
Mr. W. P. N. Webb ...	2	Mr. H. A. Cooper ...	0		
Mr. W. F. Green ...	0	Mr. R. Abbott... ..	4		
Mr. C. L. Hulbert ...	0	Mr. A. H. Bryan ...	2		
Mr. W. H. Hutton ...	4	Mr. G. Abbott... ..	0		
Mr. W. Lydney ...	0	Mr. E. P. Toller ...	0		
Mr. L. Margetson ...	1	Mr. C. W. Stringer ...	0		
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BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, December 2nd.—Mr. A. H. Cooper, 99, less 18=81; Mr. H. Sladen, 107, less 16=91; Mr. A. Pontifex, 105, less 12=93; Col. Galloway, 124, less 30=94; Mr. H. F. Harvey, 112, less 15=97; Rev. G. S. Rogers, 116, less 20=96; Mr. P. Donald, 111, less 14=97. Many others made no returns.

LADIES' COVENTRY GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, 11th, the monthly silver cup and gold medal, for lowest scratch score, were played for. The following were some of the scores below 100:—Miss N. Verrall (scratch), 89; Miss L. Seymour, 129, less 40=89; Miss Rotherham, 113, less 20=93; Mrs. E. Blackburne, 101, less 3=98; Mrs. Wyley, 118, less 18=100. Ten other persons made no returns.

LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.

A match between the married and single of Leicester Golf Club was played on Saturday, December 2nd, with the following results:—

MARRIED.		Holes.	SINGLE.		Holes.
Mr. H. N. B. Richardson	0		Mr. A. Lorrimer	9	
Mr. J. A. Corah	0		Mr. B. Lorrimer	1	
Mr. C. J. Billson	0		Mr. E. Beale ..	6	
Mr. C. E. Hare	0		Mr. H. L. Goddard	5	
Mr. W. Reynolds	0		Mr. E. A. Thompson	7	
Mr. W. Russell	2		Mr. C. Richardson	0	
Mr. S. Anderson	5		Mr. P. Richardson	0	
Mr. W. N. Toller	0		Mr. W. G. Turner	2	
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	7			30	

The single won by 23 holes.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Gentlemen. December 2nd:—Mr. Clement Leveson Gower, 94, less 17=77; Mr. Charles Leveson Gower, 98, less 16=82; Mr. Denny Watney, 93, less 11=82; Mr. C. N. Watney, 100, less 14=86; Mr. W. W. Rashleigh, 106, less 20=86; Mr. Ashley Gibbing, 113, less 20=93.

Ladies, December 5th:—Mrs. Urmson, 82, less 12=70; Miss Tabor, 101, less 22=79; Miss A. Stewart, 92, less 12=80; Mrs. Parsons, 85, less 3=82; Mrs. Rooke, 93, less 9=84; Miss Thompson, (scratch) 88.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 9th.—Mr. A. Hicks, 100, less 14=86, winner; Mr. C. Igglesden, 112, less 24=88; Mr. A. J. Stanley, 96, less 5=91; Mr. W. F. Richmond, 102, less 11=91; Mr. A. M. Dorman, 121, less 24=97; Mr. P. B. Tubbs, 110, less 12=98; Mr. H. E. Johnson, 111, less 12=99. Others over 100 net, or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 9th.—Miss N. South (scratch), 101; Miss M. Stringer, 101, plus 2=103; Miss W. Rowlandson, 118, less 14=104; Miss C. South, 124, less 20=104; Miss M. Cobb, 121, less 6=115; Miss E. Cobb, 128, less 12=116; Miss H. Stringer, 140, less 14=126.

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Tuesday last, the winning card being that of Miss M. Woodd with the excellent return of 117, less 36=81. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss M. Woodd ...	117	36	81	Miss M. Bowyer ...	129	24	105
Miss A. Roberts ...	112	24	88	Miss E. L. Ravenshaw	141	36	105
Miss Bowyer ...	109	18	91	Miss K. Evans ...	145	40	105
Miss F. Ravenshaw	131	40	91	Mrs. Higgins ...	143	36	107
Mrs. Ridley Prentice	119	27	92	Mrs. Coote ...	144	36	108
Miss K. A. Burke ...	136	40	96	Mrs. Woodd ...	149	40	109
Miss Aylmer ...	128	30	98	Miss G. Roberts ...	154	40	114
Miss Peache ...	123	22	101				

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The December medal meeting on Saturday, December 2nd, was only moderately attended. A sharp frost had made the ground very hard, and good play was therefore rather difficult. The scores are as follows:—Rev. H. Summerhayes, 100, less 17=83, (senior medal); Mr. P. J. Trouncer, 110, less 25=85, (junior medal); Mr. E. Northam Witchell, 108, less 22=86; Mr. P. Edmunds, 109, less 22=87; Mr. W. H. Bishop, 112, less 25=87; Mr. J. Ritchie, 115, less 25=90; Mr. G. Sotheron-Estcourt, 109, less 18=91; Mr. Lawrence Grist, 99, less 8=91; Mr. J. H. Bryan, 117, less 25=92; Mr. E. P. Little, 112, less 18=94; Mr. C. F. Chamberlain, 116, less 20=96. No return, Mr. R. Lewis Grist.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the handsome gold medal presented by Mr. Duncan Mackintosh, vice-captain of the club, took place at Millport on Saturday. The weather was very disagreeable, and consequently there was a small turn-out of competitors. When the cards were handed in, the winner was found to be Mr. John Houston with a score of 99, less 5=94.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE FOURSOMES.

The entry for this competition was large this year, and produced some most interesting matches. It will be seen that Balliol, whose representatives won last year, were again successful, though Magdalen and Brasenose were perhaps rather more fancied.

The feature of the first round was the exciting match between Magdalen and Queen's, the latter only succumbing at the last hole, New College and Merton also played a close game. In the second round Brasenose easily beat Oriol, while Magdalen, who holed out in 75, had a hollow victory over New College; but Balliol were hard put to it by Wadhams. In the semi-finals Magdalen beat Trinity after a pleasant game, and Balliol just put out Brasenose, one of whose players, Mr. Pearson, was unfortunately suffering from a bad eye. For the final, played on Wednesday, December 6th, Magdalen were the favourites, but both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Boger were badly off their game, the former's short game being very feeble, while Mr. Boger drove through-out with anything but his usual precision. Their opponents were little, if any, better, and the match was halved, neither side being under 85. Playing right out Mr. Stewart's drive to the nineteenth hole resulted in an almost unplayable lie, and Balliol secured the hole and the Silver Iron. Magdalen were distinctly unlucky at the tenth hole, where their ball, when lying on the lip of the hole, was lifted at the request of the Balliol pair by Mr. Stewart, who, on replacing it, carelessly knocked it into the hole, when Balliol claimed the hole, because he had played twice running. The weather was fine, and the course in very fair order, while the players were accompanied by a considerable number of spectators. The full results are appended:—

First Round.—Messrs. F. H. Stewart and A. J. Boger, Magdalen, beat Messrs. R. B. Mair and G. M. T. Smyth, Queen's; Messrs. A. B. Sanders and J. Robson, Trinity, beat Messrs. H. R. Wansey and R. P. Lewis, University; Messrs. R. L. Proudfoot and R. H. Mitchell, Balliol, beat Messrs. H. E. Atkinson and H. F. Pelham, Exeter; Mr. E. G. M. Carmichael and Rev. F. H. Hall, Oriol, beat Messrs. C. W. W. Surridge and F. G. Morgan, Hertford; Messrs. F. H. Campion and C. S. C. F. Ridgway, New College, beat Messrs. T. M. Winch and J. Johnstone, Merton; Messrs. O. T. P. Nelson and R. H. Ferard, Keble, beat Messrs. R. B. Pearson and R. Lodge, Brasenose; Mr. H. Nicholls and Rev. P. Henderson, Wadhams, byes.

Second Round.—Magdalen beat New College; Brasenose beat Oriol; Trinity beat Keble; Balliol beat Wadhams.

Third Round.—Magdalen beat Trinity by 3 up and 2; Balliol beat Brasenose by 2 holes.

Final.—Balliol beat Magdalen by 1 hole after a tie.

Weekly handicap, played on Friday, December 8th:—Mr. A. E. Taylor, 87, less 18=69; Mr. A. J. Boger, 82, less 4=78; Mr. C. R. Jelf, 102, less 22=80; Mr. P. A. Lushington, 86, less 5=81. Eleven entries. No returns from the rest.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The Photographic Society's medal (scratch) and the Calcutta cup (handicap) were played for on Tuesday, December 5th, in very pleasant weather. Mr. J. G. Gibson, an ex-captain, swept the board, carrying off not only these prizes, but the monthly medal.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	114 +1 115	Mr. W. E. Hughes..	134 5 129
Mr. W. O. S. Pell... 116	scr. 116	Dr. A. A. Common.	141 12 129
Mr. C. M. Baker ... 137	21 116	Mr. W. Morris ...	143 14 129
Mr. G. F. Sanders.. 129	11 118	Mr. W. Murray ...	152 23 129
Mr. F. S. Ireland... 116	+3 119	Mr. R. Winch ...	143 13 130
Mr. T. A. Raynes... 130	10 120	Col. Harman ...	146 16 130
Mr. M. Richardson.. 132	12 120	Mr. W. C. Johnson.	151 21 130
Mr. G. Spurling ... 133	12 121	Mr. G. H. Frean ...	155 25 130
Capt. H. Gillon ... 122	scr. 122	Mr. H. H. Turner... 136	5 131
Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 134	12 122	Mr. H. Burton ...	145 14 131
Mr. W. K. Graham. 132	9 123	Mr. E. W. Sampson	149 18 131
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	130 6 124	Mr. R. M. Richard-	son ... 148 16 132
Mr. D. Christopher-	son ... 145 21 124	Mr. E. W. D.	Walthall... 158 25 133
Major Wilkinson ... 147	21 126	Mr. C. Bell ...	161 21 140
Mr. F. J. Lawrence 148	21 127	Mr. S. Castle ...	161 18 143
Mr. R. Whyte ... 129	scr. 129		

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. J. W. Barker's prize, Saturday, December 9th:—Mr. H. P. H. Spencer, 96, less 7=89, and Mr. H. G. H. Spencer, 95, less 5=90, divided sweepstakes; Mr. A. Critchley Salmonson, 103, less 12=91; Dr. Hodder, 105, less 17=88; Mr. E. Lehmann (scratch), 92; Col. Mayne, 96, less 4=92; Mr. A. F. G. Brown, 109, less 15=94; Capt. T. S. Robin, 100, less 2=98; Col. Mackenzie, 101, less 2=99; Dr. Labe, 123, less 18=105. Eighteen players made no return.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

The following were the only returns handed in for the December medal, the severe frost making the putting very difficult and uncertain. A number of players made no returns:—

SENIOR MEDAL.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. R. E. Yerburgh	102	14	88	Mr. D. C. Millar ..	106	13	93
Mr. P. R. Don ...	93	4	89	Mr. C. V. Godby ...	108	15	93
Mr. S. F. Higgins...	97	8	89	Mr. E. O. Drabble..	104	10	94
Mr. A. D. Hill ...	98	8	90	Mr. Cyril Routh ...	99	5	94
Mr. C. B. Virtue ...	106	14	92	Mr. F. E. Badham	104	9	95
Mr. J. Chambertain	104	11	93	Capt. H. Gillon ...	99	2	97

JUNIOR MEDAL.				Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Sedgwick ...	105	24	81	Mr. A. H. Beard ...	113	23	90	
Dr. Coles ...	103	21	82	Mr. H. M. Cundall.	112	19	93	
Mr. A. Leycester-	Penrhyn ...	106	21	85	Mr. J. M. Whitmore	121	27	94
Mr. R. G. Warner..	112	27	85	Mr. G. Harrison ...	116	19	97	
				Mr. E. E. Boehemer	118	21	97	

A match was played at Sudbrook Park, on Thursday, between a team of fourteen members of the Richmond and Royal Epping Forest Golf Clubs, Richmond winning by 19 holes. Scores:—

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.		RICHMOND.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	... 0	Dr. Williamson ...	... 6
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	... 2	Mr. Walter Carr ...	... 0
Captain Cowper-Coles..	... 0	Mr. A. T. Jockel ...	... 9
Mr. A. Anderson ...	... 1	Mr. R. R. Don ...	... 0
Mr. J. Gould Smith ...	... 5	Mr. Cyril Routh ...	... 0
Mr. F. W. Robertson ...	... 0	Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	... 3
Mr. J. W. Gregg ...	... 2	Mr. S. T. Higgins ...	... 0
Mr. C. C. Gregg ...	... 0	Mr. H. Knight ...	... 2
Mr. R. Redwood ...	... 1	Mr. F. E. Badham ...	... 0
Mr. W. W. Rhodes ...	... 0	Mr. E. Leese ...	... 6
Mr. G. H. Swinstead...	... 0	Mr. J. D. Charrington	... 2
Mr. E. Flint ...	... 0	Mr. H. Davenport ...	... 4
Mr. J. James ...	... 0	Mr. A. St. G. Sargeant	... 2
Captain Peskett ...	... 5	Mr. A. D. Hill... ..	... 0
	16		35

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played on December 1st. The weather being cold and stormy, scores ruled high:—Mr. H. Mansel, 115, less 21=94; Mr. C. H. Hext, 105, less 8=97; Mr. Wilson Fox, 124, less 26=98; Mr. R. Pease, 132, less 32=100; Mr. E. Drewe, 139, less 37=102; Major H. V. Hext, 135, less 32=103; Mr. Robert Fox, 128, less 24=104; Mr. Matthews, 131, less 21=110; Lient. Goldfinch, R.N. (scratch), 111; Mr. Yonng-Jamieson, 116, less 5=111; Mr. Melvill Sandys, 124, less 12=112. Brigade-Surgeon Elliot and Mr. B. Edyvean retired.

ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' CLUB.

Monthly medal. Played on Tuesday, December 5th. Miss A. Barnett, 83, less 4=79; Miss Alms, 103, less 14=89; Mrs. Edyvean, 104, less 14=90; Mrs. Simpson, 100, less 6=94; Mrs. C. Hext, 109, less 12=97; Miss Page, 103, plus 3=106; Mrs. Fox, 149, less 36=113.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 7th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. Hon. A. Hewitt	84 7 77	Sir H. Freeling ...	109 20 89
Capt. Stevenson ...	94 16 78	Rev. G. Richardson	111 22 89
Rev. H. L. Porter...	96 14 82	Capt. F. Stephens...	115 25 90
Mr. J. G. Wood ...	97 15 82	Mr. L. Garbutt ...	114 20 94
Capt. Russell ...	91 7 84	Col. Hunt... ..	113 19 94
Mr. H. C. Steel ...	95 10 85	Mr. W. D. Gibb ...	119 24 95
Rev. J. H. Hodgson	100 14 86	Mr. C. F. Wood ...	115 20 95
Mr. W. S. Brockley	102 15 87	Col. Twemlow ...	118 20 98
Mr. H. Brooking ...	89 1 88		

The tie for the Fairbairn cup between Messrs. Porter, J. G. Wood, and Brockley was played off, and after a second tie between the two first, resulted in a win for Mr. Porter.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was held at Conway on Tuesday, December 5th. Scores as under:—Mr. A. Evill, 98, less 22=76; Mr. J. G. Frost, 100, less 17=83; Canon Rees, 118, less 25=93; Mr. R. S. Chamberlain, 120, less 24=96; Capt. Lempiere, 118, less 22=96; Mr. C. J. Wallace, 116, less 20=96. Mr. A. S. Wood and Mr. J. E. Fincham made no return.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the links at Churchtown on Saturday, in rather stormy weather. Consequently, only a small number of players turned out. Mr. J. Morrison, 101, less 10=91; Mr. S. A. Ashington, 105, less 10=95; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 99, less 2=97; Mr. H. Sidebottom, 101, less 1=100; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 108, less 8=100; Mr. J. H. Knowles, 129, less 20=109. No returns from Messrs. H. B. Barlow, G. F. Smith, A. W. Taylor, and W. Tinsley. The first sweepstake was taken by Mr. S. A. Ashington, the second by Mr. J. E. Pearson, and Messrs. H. Sidebottom and W. T. Rowley halved the third.

STEVENAGE GOLF CLUB.

November medal competition, played on December 2nd, on frosty and treacherous greens:—Mr. C. Standing, 119, less 12=107; Rev. W. Mills, 120, less 12=108; Mr. P. H. Dunn, 124, less 12=112; Mr. G. S. Ward, 132, less 20=112; Mr. A. Delmé Radcliffe, 135, less 20=115; Rev. W. Jowitt, 130, less 12=118; Mr. H. N. Barclay, 131, less 12=119; Rev. W. Aston, 154, less 27=127.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' handicap, Monday, December 4th. Miss E. M. Wood, 71, less 7=64; Miss Clifton, 67, less 2=65; Miss E. Vachell, 73, less 3=70; Miss A. G. Voyle, 83, less 5=78.

Gentlemen's handicap, December 6th. Mr. J. A. Unett, 103, less 17=86; Mr. O. W. Span, 120, less 30=90; Mr. M. M. Thomas, 116, less 24=92; Mr. R. C. Walcott, 117, less 24=93; Mr. A. C. Evans, 110, less 9=101. Mr. H. J. Allen, Mr. T. A. Rees, Colonel Lloyd, Mr. H. T. Smyth, Mr. O. H. Fisher, and Mr. J. S. Morley retired.

TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

A mixed double handicap competition was held on the ladies' links (twelve holes) for a sweepstake, on November 29th, with the following result:—Mr. W. Winter and Miss Le Fleming, 68, less 7½=60½ (winner of sweepstake); Mr. L. Prissick and Miss E. Armstrong, 74, less 11½=62½; Mr. W. J. N. Griffith and Miss F. Beeching, 76, less 8=68. The following also competed:—Rev. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. J. Le Fleming, jun., and Miss M. Hall, Mr. W. Marchant and Mrs. I. Le Fleming, jun., Mr. A. L. Bickmore and Mrs. G. Furley, Mr. F. Collins and Miss M. Beeching, Mr. A. H. Sharman and Miss Armstrong, Mr. G. A. Floyd and Miss Wood, Mr. J. W. Little and Mrs. Armstrong, and Mr. C. F. Armstrong and Miss M. Prissick. A "Bogey" handicap competition for a prize given by Mr. G. A. Floyd was also held on December 2nd and 6th. Mr. J. W. Little (12), 2 down (nine holes); Mr. J. Le Fleming, jun. (5) 3 down; Mr. W. Winter (10), 4 down; Mr. H. R. Stokoe (11), 4 down; Rev. A. Lucas (10), 4 down; Mr. A. L. Bickmore (6), 5 down.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the fifth bi-monthly competition for the winter handicap prize, played on Thursday, 7th December, at Ryton-on-Tyne:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. T. Thomson	85 +2 87	Mr. M. P. Ismay	99 4 95
Mr. J. Tennant	95 4 91	Mr. J. A. Hutton	112 16 96
Mr. W. E. Stephenson	104 13 91	Mr. J. Hansell	109 13 96
Mr. W. Douglass	109 17 92	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	96 +2 98
Mr. F. T. Ridley	97 4 93	Mr. J. W. Carr	105 7 98
Mr. J. Hiddleston	103 8 95		

The rest were over 100 net, or made no returns.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the usual monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Bushey. Scoring ruled very high. Out of forty players only the following returned their cards:—

Handicaps of 12 and under:—Mr. A. G. Bradley, 100, less 11=89; Mr. C. L. M. Pearson, 99, less 10=89; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 97, less 7=90; Mr. B. M. Barton, 95, less 4=91; Mr. J. T. Crawford, 102, less 10=92; Mr. Howard Williams, 103, less 11=92; Mr. W. Wilson, 106, less 10=96; Mr. W. E. Whitehorn, 108, less 11=97.

Handicaps exceeding 12:—Mr. E. T. Jackson, 109, less 15=94; Mr. W. Tierney, 114, less 19=95; Mr. E. A. Horne, 115, less 20=95; Mr. C. Davis, 111, less 15=96; Mr. E. A. Ferry, 117, less 19=98; Mr. C. David, 115, less 16=99; Mr. J. T. Huggins, 124, less 24=100.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.—Monthly medal, played on 9th December:—Mr. R. H. Hedderwick, 98, less 12=86; Mr. A. Gray, 96, less 9=87; Col. H. W. Parker, 96, less 8=88; Hon. T. W. Legh, 101, less 11=90; Capt. G. L. Austin, 97, less 7=90; Mr. J. Abernethy, 109, less 18=91; Mr. F. W. Fison, 116, less 20=96. All other returns were over 100.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Inaugural Bowl (Burn cup).—The fourth half-yearly competition for the above has resulted in a win for Dr. Murray (second time). The entries on this occasion were less numerous than usual, owing to the committee having fixed a weekly time limit to each round. The matches were on the Calcutta system of "holes' start." Results:—

First Round.—Dr. J. Murray (4 holes) beat Mr. W. Creswick (3 holes) 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. F. B. Lott (10) a bye; Mr. W. J. Pring (10) retired; Mr. J. L. Lee (7) beat Mr. J. T. Hall (6), 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. M. H. Peacock (5) beat Mr. C. Roberts (7), 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. F. Badely (2) beat Mr. J. A. Bean (8), 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. H. Roberts (7) beat Mr. B. Waterhouse (10), 2 up.

Second Round.—Dr. Murray beat Mr. Lott, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. Peacock beat Mr. Lee, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. Roberts beat Mr. Badely, 7 up and 6 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. Peacock a bye; Mr. Roberts scratched.

Final Round.—Dr. Murray beat Mr. Peacock, 3 up and 2 to play.

WAKEFIELD v. MALTBY.

Played at Heath Common on Saturday, November 9th. Results:—

MALTBY.		WAKEFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. Maitland Heriot	... 5	Mr. C. F. Badeley	... 0
Mr. C. Brown	... 3	Mr. W. Creswick	... 0
Mr. B. Waterhouse	... 2	Mr. M. H. Peacock	... 0
Mr. N. Nugent	... 1	Mr. J. T. Hall	... 0
Mr. H. Morris	... 0	Mr. J. L. Lee	... 0
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	11		0

WAKEFIELD v. ROYAL SCOTS.

On Wednesday, 6th inst., a match between representatives of these clubs took place on the links of the Wakefield Club at Heath Common. Wakefield won the singles, but were defeated in the foursomes. Results:—

ROYAL SCOTS.		WAKEFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. Gostling	... 3	Mr. C. F. Badeley	... 0
Major Ross	... 4	Mr. Claude Leatham	... 0
Mr. Gordon	... 0	Mr. Creswick	... 0
Mr. Baird-Smith	... 0	Dr. Murray	... 10
	—		—
	7		10

In the foursomes Captain Gostling and Major Ross beat Messrs. Badeley and Leatham, 13 up. Messrs. Gordon and Baird-Smith beat Mr. Creswick and Dr. Murray, 1 up.

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The third winter competition took place on Saturday, December 9th. Thirty-eight competitors turned out, of whom twenty-seven returned cards. Mr. J. A. Tweedale won the Boddington cup (limited to fifteen strokes) and memento and the first sweepstakes, and Mr. J. B. Parkinson won the Haworth cup (16 handicap and over) and memento, and divided the second and third sweepstakes with Mr. A. H. Dixon. The following were the scores under 100 net:—

Boddington cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	90 5 85	Mr. W. W. Barlow	101 10 91
Mr. A. H. Dixon	96 10 86	Mr. C. D. Milne	100 7 93
Mr. A. N. Cumming	92 5 87	Mr. H. Hughes	103 10 93
Mr. J. D. Holkirk	97 10 87	Mr. R. A. Bradley	99 5 94
Mr. J. H. Milne	98 10 88	Mr. W. H. Welsh	105 10 95
Mr. H. H. Maudslay	94 5 89	Mr. P. Swanwick	106 10 96
Mr. C. Hervey	99 10 89	Mr. W. Wood	110 14 96
Mr. J. Kent Ford	100 11 89		

Haworth cup.—Mr. J. B. Parkinson, 104, less 18=86; Mr. T. S. Beaumont, 114, less 25=89; Mr. W. P. Cobbett, 109, less 18=91; Mr. C. W. Stoehr, 113, less 16=97; Mr. W. R. R. Gemmell, 116 less 18=98.

At a special general meeting of the club, held at the club-house on Saturday, November 25th, 1893, it was resolved to raise the entrance fee from three guineas to five guineas.

WILMSLOW LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

During the month of November a competition took place for three prizes given by Messrs. W. R. R. Gemmell, J. A. Tweedale, and R. A. Bradley. Competitors had to play twice round the ladies' nine-hole course in each of the first three weeks of November, the best two out of the three scores to count. The ladies' course consists of the third, fourth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth holes of the Wilmslow Golf Club links. Miss

A. Burn won Mr. Gemmell's prize, Miss Gemmell won Mr. Tweedale's prize, and Mrs. Tweedale won Mr. Bradley's prize. The following were the best scores returned:—Miss A. Burn, 231, less 12=219; Miss Gemmell, 262, less 40=222; Mrs. Tweedale, 245, less 14=231; Miss M. Burn, 266, less 32=234; Miss W. Gemmell, 267, less 32=235; Miss Ford, 282, less 32=250; Miss Beaumont, 289, less 36=253; Miss E. Burn, 274, less 12=262. The monthly medal was played for on Thursday, December 7th, and was won by Miss Gemmell.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The Fox medal for the six best gross scores made at the monthly handicap competition has been won by Mr. T. Mudge, whose total for 108 holes was 630. The result was doubtful to the very last competition, but Mr. R. Fox's 111, and Mr. R. F. Tyacke's 119 left these gentlemen respectively 640 and 653. The winners of the monthly medal competitions played for the half-yearly cup on Saturday, December 2nd, with the following result:—Mr. H. E. West, 122, less 32=90; Mr. M. Norsworthy, 122, less 27=95; Mr. T. A. Lang, 112, less 15=97; Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 113, less 16=97; Mr. W. L. Fox, 126, less 28=98; Captain Lanage, 130, less 32=98. Messrs. H. Mansel, John Rogers, C. E. Smith and T. Mudge did not play, or made no returns. The ground was frost-bound, and the greens not quite so good as usual, but wind and weather were almost perfect for golfing. A large number of players were on the links, and the ladies' round was also well patronised. It was difficult to realise that on that very day fortnight the sands below had been the scene of three shipwrecks and the loss of seven lives.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A tournament for a brooch, kindly given by Mrs. Alfred Peat, has just been concluded. Miss K. MacFarlan, the winner, played a good game all through, and though Miss Issette Pearson, in the final, was in excellent form, she found she could not give her the stroke a hole Miss MacFarlan was entitled to on her handicap.

Miss Pearson was dorny at the seventeenth hole, but lost the eighteenth, the next two were halved, and Miss K. MacFarlan won at the twenty-first hole. There were fifty-two entries, making twelve byes, viz:—Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake (8); Mrs. Trollope (26); Mrs. Hannaford (20); Miss E. Martyn (23); Miss L. Thomson (3); Mrs. Dakin (20); Mrs. Field (30); Miss Issette Pearson (scratch); Mrs. Banbury (16); Miss Phillips (9); Mrs. A. King (15); Miss M. C. Faithfull (30).

First heat.—Miss Horne (17) beat Miss Nicol (8); Miss Freda Kenyon Stow (9) walked over, Miss Frere (12) scratched; Miss A. MacFarlan (23) beat Mrs. R. Browne (28); Mrs. A. Pollock (20) beat Mrs. Cundell (30); Mrs. N. R. Foster (14) beat Mrs. Fraser (6); Miss A. A. Tyrwhitt Drake (11) beat Miss Gedge (16); Miss Carver (15) walked over, Mrs. Bell (24) scratched; Mrs. Meates (15) walked over, Miss M. Schwann (20) scratched; Mrs. J. Peat (14) beat Mrs. Willock (8); Miss K. MacFarlan (24) beat Miss Hassard Short (8); Miss H. MacFarlan (15) beat Mrs. Dowson (16); Miss Tee (15) beat Miss L. Eveleigh (24); Miss E. Scott (12) beat Miss A. Kenyon-Stow (3); Miss Want (17) beat Mrs. Nicol (30); Miss N. Martyn (9) walked over, Miss Jacob (20) scratched; Miss B. Thomson (14) beat Mrs. Tanner (28); Miss L. Field (24) walked over, Miss N. Forde (24) scratched; Miss A. E. Faithfull (23) walked over, Miss Wayne (10) scratched; Miss E. R. Faithfull (17) beat Mrs. Horne (27); Mrs. Cameron (8) beat Miss Lewis (17).

Second heat.—Mrs. Trollope beat Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake; Mrs. Guy Hannaford walked over, Miss B. Martyn scratched; Miss Lena Thomson walked over, Mrs. Dakin, scratched; Miss Issette Pearson beat Mrs. Ernest Field; Miss Phillips walked over, Mrs. Banbury scratched; Mrs. A. King beat Miss M. Faithfull; Miss Horne beat Miss Freda Kenyon-Stow; Mrs. Pollock beat Miss A. MacFarlan; Miss A. A. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. Foster; Mrs. Meates beat Miss Carver; Miss K. MacFarlan beat Mrs. J. Peat; Miss Tee beat Miss H. MacFarlan; Miss Want beat Miss Scott; Miss N. Martyn beat Miss Bertha Thomson; Miss L. Field beat Miss A. E. Faithfull; Mrs. Cameron beat Miss E. R. Faithfull.

Third heat.—Mrs. Hannaford beat Mrs. Trollope; Miss Issette Pearson beat Miss Lena Thomson; Miss M. E. Phillips beat Mrs. A. King; Miss Horne beat Mrs. Pollock; Miss A. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. Meates; Miss K. MacFarlan beat Miss Tee; Miss N. Martyn beat Miss Want; Miss L. Field beat Mrs. Cameron.

Fourth heat.—Miss Issette Pearson beat Mrs. Hannaford; Miss Horne beat Miss Phillips; Miss K. MacFarlan beat Miss A. Tyrwhitt-Drake; Miss L. Field beat Miss N. Martyn.

Semi-final.—Miss Issette Pearson beat Miss Horne; Miss K. MacFarlan beat Miss L. Field.

Final.—Miss K. MacFarlan beat Miss Pearson after a tie at the twenty-first hole.

ARDEER.—The monthly medal competitions took place on Saturday. The weather was unfavourable, a high wind, with showers, prevailing. There was a fair turn-out of members. The following are the best scores:—Hey's medal—Mr. W. C. Cunningham, 87, less 6=81; Mr. Mr. W. Allan, 96, less 12=84; Mr. R. R. Main, 102, less 10=92. Robertson medal—Mr. W. Tulloch, 102, less 14=88; Mr. Jas. Mackintosh, 104, less 13=91. Mr. Tulloch having already won the medal, it goes to Mr. Mackintosh.

CAMBUSLANG.—The usual monthly competition for the Barns-Graham (president's) medal took place on Westburn green on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the stormy weather the greens were in a heavy condition, the number of players were limited, and the scores were much below the average. The winner for the month was Mr. James G. Jenkins, with a score of 101, less 5=96. The next highest scores were Mr. D. Newlands (Rutherglen), 107, less 10=97; and Mr. James Dowie (Glasgow), 119, less 12=107.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charms and medals was won over Musselburgh links on Saturday. Forty-four members took part in the competition, which resulted as follows:—First division—Mr. W. Maclean, 95, less 10=85. Second division—Mr. W. Young, 96, less 16=80, and Mr. J. Robb, 95, less 15=80, tie.

CARLISLE CLUB.—The final round for the club gold medal was played on Saturday, when Mr. C. Todd (scratch) won with a score of 79. Weather was not favourable for low scoring. A series of six handicap competitions played during the season brought out only two winners to take part in the above final round, as Mr. W. P. Story was successful in the first and Mr. C. Tod won the other five, the latter playing a scratch game in the fifth and sixth competitions. Scores:—Mr. C. Tod (scratch), 79; Mr. W. P. Story, 97, less 12=85.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.—The ladies' competition for the monthly medal, presented by Mrs. Tyrer, was played for on Tuesday, December 5th, with the following result:—Miss Hills, 101, less 24=77; Mrs. J. G. Frost, 106, less 22=84; Miss A. L. Frost, 112, less 22=90; Miss G. Cogswell, 100, less 8=92; Miss H. F. Kelsall, 124, less 24=100; Miss Cogswell, 135, less 18=117. Miss F. Shand, winner of last month, Mrs. Tyrer, Mrs. Swetenham, and Mrs. Ould, made no return.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.—Dr. Fenner was the winner of the club medal in the monthly competition, held on Thursday, November 30th, his score being 100, less 13=87, the same net score as was made by the winner the previous month, Mr. T. Aveston. Dr. Fenner also took first prize in the optional sweepstake, and Mr. P. M. Lucas second. Other scores returned were as follow:—Mr. T. Aveston, 104, less 14=90; Mr. P. M. Lucas, 89, plus 2=91; Mr. J. W. Scott, 108, less 16=92; Mr. G. L. Charlesworth, 106, less 11=95; Mr. H. Broadhurst, 104, less 8=96; Mr. W. T. Hartcup, 115, less 18=97.

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