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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 25.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies: Club Prize Competition.
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Sidecup: Monthly Medal.
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Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
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Taplow: Monthly Medal.
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Huddersfield: Monthly Competition.
Warwickshire: Monthly Cup.
West Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
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Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
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Burnham (Somerset): Monthly Medal.

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Leicester: Monthly Medal.
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Aldeburgh: Monthly Medal.
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Mar. 7.—Oxford v. Cambridge (at Wimbledon).
Royal Cornwall Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Miss Burton's Prize.
Mar. 8.—Oxford University: President's Gold Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Aggregate Competition.
Newhaven: Monthly Medal.
Durham: Nine Winners' Cup.
Mar. 9.—Kenilworth v. Coventry (at Coventry).
Mar. 11.—Sutton Coldfield: Monthly Medal.
Richmond v. Ashley Park (at Walton).
Warwickshire: Two Challenge Cups.
Royal Isle of Wight: Monthly Medal.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: "Bogey" Competition.
Guildford: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Mr. Crowther's Prize.
Wilmslow: Monthly Medal.
Cambrae: Monthly Competition.
Manchester: Monthly Medal.
Leasowe: Monthly Medal.
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LEAVES FROM MR. ROBERT CHAMBERS'S SCRAP BOOK.

I.

The following memoranda from my father's scrap books may be of some little interest to the readers of GOLF. It was his custom to preserve anything relating to his favourite pastime, and I have selected only such scraps of information as I believe to be now least easy of access. In a copy of the Rules of the Game of Golf, adopted by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, 1839, the first paragraph relates to the order of play:—

At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not, as he or they please. If the party not entitled to it play first at any hole, the ball must either be taken back and played in its proper order, or it may be held as the regular teed stroke, in the adversary's option.

JOHN MANSFIELD, Captain.

The above is the earliest printed copy of the rules of Golf I have yet seen. Mr. John Mansfield (who died before 1845) was an uncle of the well-known Edinburgh golfer, Mr. James Mansfield, whose death, under such lamentable circumstances (he was thrown from his horse), occurred about three years ago.

The following letter from a niece (aged twelve) in the country, to her aunt in town was afterwards printed in the form of a pamphlet, dated St. Andrews, November 24th, 1842:—

My dear Aunt Janet (the late Mrs. W. H. Wills).

As I believe I am in your debt a very long letter, I shall now endeavour to repay it, and begin by telling you what sort of a place St. Andrews is. . . . St. Andrews, you must know, is a most interesting old city, with many fine old ruined edifices When papa (the late Robert Chambers LL.D.) and mamma were in Edinburgh, in attendance upon Her Most Gracious Majesty, aunt Mary and I took a quiet walk round the town, visiting all the places of any note, and really enjoying it greatly . . . I send you a view of myself and my dear friend Mary Playfair and her brother Fred, done by Major Playfair, our new Provost. I hear every one saying what a capital Provost he will make. He is a very clever, active man, and whatever he takes in hand he does well. . . .

I cannot end this without telling you about the Golf. Papa goes out at two o'clock every fine day to enjoy the exercise; he is not yet a very good player, but promises well. Mamma says that Colonel Holcroft told her that he was two years before he became a proficient, and now he is one of the best players on the links. I suppose papa must also go through his apprenticeship. There is a dinner and annual ball given by members of the Golf Club, and as papa was a member he was at both. The ball this year was not so well attended as usual; but mamma says it was very pleasant; the music remarkably good (Mackenzie's band from Edinburgh), and the ladies so well dressed. The gentlemen also looked so well in their red coats and club buttons. This last about the ball is all from mamma's account to me. I daresay I have tired you with this long description, but you have written me such long letters in the journal (*Chamber's Journal*), that I owed you some trifle in return. Give my love to grandmamma. . . .

Your very affectionate Niece.

THE FIRST GRAND NATIONAL GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The following resolutions were agreed to by the committee of the Grand National Golf Club Tournament of 1857, and may be interesting as compared with the system under which the Amateur Championship is now played. Copies of the original circular issued by the committee are now very scarce. This first Championship was gained by Mr. Robert Chambers, who, with Mr. Majoribanks, was chosen to represent the Musselburgh Golf Club, and the trophy presented to the winner is still in the possession of his family. A detailed account of

this Championship meeting is to be found in Mr. Everard's article on Robert Chambers, published in GOLF, July 29th, 1892:—

“Edinburgh, 10th June, 1857.

“The committee appointed to take the management of the details of a Grand National Golf Club Tournament, met this day and agreed to the following resolutions:—

- 1.—“That the tournament shall take place at St. Andrews on Wednesday, the 29th July, and following days. Play to commence each day at 12 o'clock.
- 2.—“All Golf clubs shall have the right of competing, on payment of £4; and notice of their intention to enter the lists must be sent to the convener of the committee on or before the 10th July, the subscription to be paid at the same time.
- 3.—“The prize shall be a handsome piece of silver plate with golfing device.
- 4.—“Each competing club shall elect two representative members, who shall play throughout as partners, and whose names must be posted in the Union Club House, St. Andrews, by 4 o'clock on the evening of the 28th July; after which no change can be made.
- 5.—“Opponents shall be drawn by lot before each start, club against club.
- 6.—“The winners of the first set of matches shall be drawn in the same manner for the second set, and so on, till the winning couple is left. In the event of an odd number of competing couples for any of the sets, the odd couple, as drawn by lot, shall play in the following set.
- 7.—“The club represented by the winning couple shall be considered the champion club till the next tournament, and be entitled to the prize.
- 8.—“The matches shall be the best of thirty holes, being one round of the links and six holes out and home. If any matches are halved both couples shall be drawn again in the next set; and if the final set is halved, a match of eighteen holes shall be played till the prize is won.
- 9.—“An umpire to be appointed by the majority of the competing clubs present, whose decision in all cases shall be final. He shall be guided by the rules of the St. Andrews Golf Club, and may take advice if he chooses.

J. WHYTE MELVILLE, Convener.
J. O. FAIRLIE.
O. G. CAMPBELL.
R. HAY.

“P.S.—All communications to be addressed to the Convener, J. Whyte Melville, Esq., Mount Melville, St. Andrews.”

The following incomplete narrative in verse, now first published, must have been inspired by the important golfing events of 1857:—

THE GOLFING TOURNAMENT.

My dear Sir Hugh (Playfair), accept a line
Frae one you've often teased,
Wha kent ye in the days lang syne,
Wha noo is muckle pleased.
Wi' what has lately taken place,
I'm sure we're baith content,
For, faith! there's been a well-run race
At the Gowfin' Tournament.

'Twas on the Tuesday afternoon
I said unto my wife,
“Noo, Nancy, I maun leave ye sune,
An' tak' the road to Fife.”
“Oh, Sandy man, ye mauna gang!”
“Gude wife, for me they've sent;
An', Nancy, I am no' the man
To stick the Tournament.”

I took my stick into my hand,
Put bawbees in my pouch,
An' at the station took my stand,
For that, Sir Hugh, I'll vouch.
I carried a' my clubs mysel',
In me each nerve was bent
To do my best, whate'er befell,
To gain the Tournament.

Hech, man, it was a cheerfu' sicht,
When landed on the green,
To see the gentry a' sae bricht,
The like is rarely seen.
The le'ldies, too, assembled sune;
Their lovely presence lent
Fresh courage to the gowfers in
That fearfu' Tournament.

The lots were drawn, the balls they tee,
Majoribanks strikes first,
He gau'd the gutta percha flee;
Frae me a sigh did burst.
Thinks I, "Noo, Sandy, ye're snuffed oot;
Your strokes were never meant
For sic a green as this is—hoot!
I'll try the Tournament."

The club from Musselburgh sent
Twa stalwart men to play;
An' weel these chields did represent
The honest toun that day.
But though they focht wi' might and main,
And a' their efforts lent,
The Leven folk by two did gain
The first day's Tournament.

There was Dun and Clark frae Bruntfield links,
There was Williamson and Martin,
Who struck the ba's wi' fearsome clink;
For me 'twas gie disheartnin'.
The sweat broke ower me wi' despair
When I saw such battle meant;
When this is ower I'll try nae mair
Yer Gowfin' Tournament.

St. Andrews lent its stoutest men,
Captain Maitland Dougal showing,
That by his play he weel did ken
Some wrinkles worth the knowing.
And Thomson's play upon that day,
In bunker or in bent,
Was what his followers all did say,
Wad win the Tournament.

North Berwick sent yin' Robert Hay,
And certainly they did well;
The other man, who missed his way,
Came after all—Ord Campbell.
S. Thomson from Montrose appeared,
And Cowie too was sent;
But for them naebody was feared
At St. Andrews Tournament.

Frae Panmure Club George Condie cam'
And Captain Boothby too,
And on their green there's no' a man
Can play like they can do.
But yet, Sir Hugh, I'm sure ye saw,
Their ba's the bunkers kent,
So they didna win, and gaed awa'
Hame frae the Tournament.

Bertram and Carse, when on their green
At Dirliton, they say,
Are the best that's ever yet been seen,
Upon that ground to play.
But like mysel' when far frae hame,
An' from their wives absent;
Their golfing game appeared but tame,
At the kittle Tournament.

Wallace and Marshall—just the same—
When on the links of Leven,
For golfing they have got sich fame,
No two will play them even.
But St. Andrews bunkers try us a',
And if there's no' weel kent;
Our chances there are unco sma',
At least at a Tournament.

Extract from the Minutes of the Bruntfield Links Golf Club.

Bruntfield Links, 9th October, 1858.

It was suggested by Captain Greenhill that it would be very desirable that the club should have a special meeting to rejoice with our member Mr. Robert Chambers, as the Champion Golfer of Great Britain; and it was unanimously carried that Mr. Chambers should be invited to a dinner for that purpose, and that the council should be entrusted with the arrangements.

W. COTTON, Sec.

(To be continued.)



HE (*instructing*).—Now we'll have a spoon.
SHE (*misunderstanding*).—We'll have nothing of the sort, thank you.



Portrait of the man who promised to bring home the medal to his wife, contemplating his sixteenth bunker.

THE NEW COURSE AT LUFFNESS.

Good progress is being made with the laying out of the new course at Luffness, the formation of which, as indicated some time ago, has been undertaken by Mr. Hope, the proprietor. The idea of a second course at Luffness has often suggested itself. Better ground for the purpose in view could not be found anywhere. It was in 1863 that the green which serves so admirably the purposes of the Luffness Club was first laid out. Mr. Hope met the expense of forming the green, as he is meeting the expense of laying out the new course, and for many years—till circumstances made a change in the arrangement desirable—Luffness was open to all players without fee or charge. In the case of the new green, Mr. Hope intends to proceed on lines different from those which have been followed in regard to Luffness. The green will not be private in the sense that Luffness is private. It will be open to all golfers to avail themselves of the course on payment of a daily, weekly, or monthly charge, the only condition being that the players are able to handle a club, after a fashion not altogether that of the hopeless "duffer." On the other hand, Mr. Hope will be entirely responsible for the upkeep of the green, and in his hands will the management rest. It is expected that play may begin about six weeks hence, and during the months of April and May the course will be thrown open to all comers without charge. The new green possesses all the characteristics of the present course, and of Gullane. There is abundant variety in the play, and there are difficulties calculated to bring out all the niceties of the game. The turf is excellent, if in the meantime it is a bit rough, and old Tom Morris, who laid out Luffness originally, has excelled himself in laying down the holes.

The first teeing-ground of the new course is hard by the public road leading to Gullane. It is on the east side of the road, a short distance from Luffness Mill, and in the first instance the line of play is towards Gullane. If at the first three holes the player keeps Saltcoats tower in his eye, he will not go wrong in the matter of line. It now strikes off in a north-westerly line with a long hole—the length is 450 yards—which brings the player to the side of the quarry at the corner of the Gullane Road. The green is dangerously near the quarry, and if too much is put into the approach, woe betide the score. The fifth hole is delightfully sporting. In the quarry it possesses an ample hazard. The drive is directly across the quarry, and with a strong west wind blowing the "carry" is far from easy. But if a good ball be got away from the tee, the hole should not be more than a 4, according to "par." To the sixth hole the player to some extent retraces his steps. By an easy ascent he passes the quarry on his right, and reaches the south shoulder of Gullane Hill immediately above it. From this—the sixth green—a magnificent view is obtained of the Firth of Forth, with the Fife coast beyond, of the south coast-line of the estuary, and of the fertile plain of East Lothian stretching from the Forth to the Lammermoors. Leaving this point of vantage, the player again turns his face towards Aberlady Bay, and proceeding downhill in this westward direction he finds the next two holes. Their principal hazards are ditches which run parallel with and across the course, and have been cut partly for the drainage of the ground, and partly to give zest to the game. At the eighth green the player strikes to the right, and the line of play is parallel with the fifth hole at Luffness. With the turn the course doubles in a south-easterly direction. The homeward journey opens with a short, tricky hole, but there is more scope for the long game at the next, which is within a few club-lengths of the usual third hole at Luffness—a ditch separating the greens. This is possibly the roughest part of the course, but there is Tom Morris' authority for saying that Luffness originally was quite as rough, and that the present fourth hole of that green when first opened was a good deal rougher. The twelfth hole lies almost direct east and west. It is altogether a nice hole, having for "traps" two cart tracks crossing the links, and intersected also by the footpath forming the "short cut" from Aberlady to Gullane. From the next tee the line is almost direct on Luffness House, and at this, the thirteenth, hole the course diverges in order that advantage may be taken of a formidable bunker, which affords a magnificent hazard for the fifth last hole, placed some distance south of the third hole at Luffness. A long hole brings one from this point to the fifteenth green, 200 yards from the first tee at Luffness; and the last three holes of a round which is fully three miles in length lie along the south boundary wall of the links, the home green being near the Gullane Road, where the start was made. The lengths of the holes are as follows:—1st, Mill Hole, 330 yards; 2nd, Saltcoats Hole, 215 yards; 3rd, Castle Hole, 250 yards; 4th, Long Hole out, 450 yards; 5th, Quarry Hole, 336 yards; 6th, Hill Hole, 330 yards; 7th, Short Hole out, 160 yards; 8th, March Hole, 270 yards; 9th, Inchkeith Hole, 330 yards; 10th, Short Hole in, 170 yards; 11th, Pentontower Hole, 286 yards; 12th, North Berwick Law Hole, 290 yards; 13th, Road Hole, 280 yards; 14th, Teapot Hole, 320 yards; 15th, Aberlady Hole, 430 yards; 16th, Luffness Hole, 176 yards; 17th, Plantation Hole, 250 yards; 18th, Home Hole, 462 yards.

THE BANEFUL INFLUENCE OF IMITATION;
OR, THE WEARING OF THE RED.

An article which appeared in these pages not long ago, on the "Gentle Art of Swaggering," suggests a train of thought which it may be well to follow, if not to its final limit, at least for a short distance. The writer showed very clearly how large is the influence of even the smallest among us, while the influence of the great ones—our heroes, our "uncrowned kings"—is almost incalculable. It has been felt and seen throughout all ages. Every circle has its uncrowned king; the larger and wider the circle, the greater is the man who controls the units composing it, and it will be seen that each unit reflects and imitates some peculiarity in dress, manner, or opinion of his hero. It is humiliating to great men that it should be so, and few of them can remain ignorant of this state of things; it must be bitter to a degree, to a really great man, to live among a crowd of satellites who fawn round him in abjectly fulsome admiration, and caricature his once unconscious mannerism and natural attitude. All men in public positions pass through this painful and degrading experience—it is, perhaps, a providential corrective to human greatness.

We have all seen base imitations of Mr. Balfour, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Irving, the Prince of Wales, and others of lesser note, meant in every way to be highly complimentary, for there is a grain of truth in the axiom that "imitation is sincerest flattery."

Genuine caricatures are, of course, outside the pale of this discourse.

There is no circle in the world, even in the political, social, and artistic spheres, where there are so many "uncrowned kings" as in the golfing circle. Every club has its hero, and rightly so, for thus is maintained an *esprit de corps*, and the reputation of the club and the neighbourhood is enhanced thereby. Is it necessary, however, that each insignificant member should endeavour servilely to adopt the dress, manner, and attitude of the club king? If Mr. H. H. or Captain S. discards, for example, his red coat, is this a reason why every moderate player should do the same? Or, again, if the same player arranges himself in some elaborate putting attitude, which may suit his own muscles and line of vision, why should others change an easy posture to contort themselves into poor and unsuccessful imitations of a model that is, after all, only correct so far as it enables one player in a thousand to putt well? If the "uncrowned king" enter the club-house with his cap wrong side before—by accident—all his admirers must needs deliberately alter their head-gear to match; and by a mere accident a set fashion springs into existence. It may all arise from a laudable admiration and emulation of superior genius, but it can be carried to a baleful and ridiculous extent. To be great in imitation only is to be very small indeed.

To return to the subject of the red coat. Was it not a custom instituted on sound common-sense principles, with a view to protect both players and spectators of the royal and ancient game? The red coat should not be regarded so much in the light of a badge of honour as in the light of a shield of defence, which officers and men in the ranks are all alike commanded to wear.

It seems to be rather hard that, from a subversion of custom, a bad player should be more exposed to danger from the rear than is a good player. But I suppose until some of the "uncrowned kings" of our Golf Clubs shall be induced to "set the fashion" (an occupation by no means confined to dressmakers and modistes), the red coats will hang on their nails and be eyed sily by those who would wear them if only they had a little more moral courage. Alas! we follow one another like a flock of sheep, one the counterpart of another, as if man's

Whole vocation
Were endless imitation.

B.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met at the Braid Hills on Saturday, to play for their monthly gold trophy, this being the first competition of the season in which the full round is played. There was a good turn-out of members, twenty-eight starting. The trophy was won by Mr. J. R. Duncan (for the third time) with a score of 97, less 18=79.

MARCO POLO.

PROLOGUE.

YE Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Knights and Barons, and all others who would hear about divers strange customs, know ye that Messer Marco Polo, a wise and noble citizen of Venice, writes truthfully, and states what things he saw, and what things he heard from others—who, having oftentimes been told of the marvellous virtues of a kind of game practised by certain barbarians in a far country between West and North, himself determined to make exploration thereof. For the benefit, therefore, of those who have not seen these things with their own eyes, he caused them to be written down by Master Rustainilo, a citizen of Pisa, who was with him as an inmate of the same prison at Khu Pah.

Let it be known to the reader that Messer Nicolas Polo, the father of my Lord Mark, and Messer Maffeo Polo, the brother of Messer Nicolas, were at the city of Dondè, whither they had gone with gunnies, byrlapps, hessians, and divers of their merchants' wares. Now, being singularly wise, they took counsel together, and set forth, crossing the bay to a neighbouring kingdom, wherein is Standraia. This city standeth toward the North, as it were, upon a sharp angle or point over against the sea, and thitherwards doe all who yearne after the strange game of Gophe journey in the summer, to play, and traffique with the natives for clubbes, whenas returning again to their own countries they boast themselves amain over such as have not made this pilgrimage.

Now, the inhabitants of this cite by some are called Buljars, and there reigned over them Moris Khan, who is the chief Pontiff of all the gophers. He, learning that the strangers were in his cite, caused them to be brought before him, and entertained them with a thousand and one stories of this Gophe, admonishing them with divers hortations that they should learn its mysteries. Who also said to them, "Gentlemen, if ye will take our counsel, ye will find great honour and profit shall come thereof." Soe they replied, that they would be right glad to learn. When the Prince had thus charged them, he caused to be supplied unto them their furniture of clubbes, which were dryvers, klyques, and putteres; he also gave them balls, and ordered that certain of the tribe of Khadiz should accompany them, to instruct them in the needful methods. He also delivered to them a tablet, some pencils, a knife, and a whetstone, whereof the manner of use was as follows:—They were to employ the pencils in marking the number of their strokes upon the tablet, until, from frequent writing and hebetation of the pencils, they could no longer be used, soe then would they point them with the knives, which in their turn they were to make serviceable with the whetstone, when blunted with much cutting. These things, therefore, the Emperor explained to the travellers. Being well instructed, and withal marvellous discreet men, they made obeisance to the Khan, and withdrew.

Now it is right that you should know that this same Gophe is played on the Lynkes, which is a desolate tract, and, albeit wells have been dug therein, and water found, yet it is salsuginous, and bitter of taste. They use clubbes of divers fashions, both iron and wood, and a ball, which they smite lustily, far into the air, wishing ever to drive it into holes, which they make at distances far apart from

each other, and of the size of a twopenny bun (*paine da due denari*). Yet will the unwary encounter many pitfalls or ever he reach these holes, for there be sandy chasms with cliffs spear-high, and thorny bushes ready to attrap his ball, if he strike it not well, but otherwise. Such are the excessive troubles and dangers that must unavoidably be encountered in the passage of this Lynkes. But as soon as one has driven his ball into one of these holes in fewer strokes than the other he is gainer of that hole, and when after this manner he has won more holes than doe remain for to be played, soe he wins in that strife, receiving as reward therefor a besant, a sequin, or even belike a gold dinar, which is a testimony to his skill. The order and regularity observed by all ought not to pass unnoticed, for when one showeth by the strangeness of his vagaries that he hath intention to strike, the people show their respect by assuming a placid and quiet demeanour, insomuch that not the least noise, nor movement, no, nor the voice of any person calling out, or even speaking aloud, is suffered to be heard. After such fashion therefore doe they play.

When the travellers left the presence of the Lord, they got them ready for their task, and fared forth; but returned not until the evening, being wearied with their labours, for they had had troubles withal, and had been sore let by the forming of imposthumes upon their hands, as happeneth to such as be not inured to this toyle. Furthermore they had spent the day in searching for their balls, all of which they had now lost in the waste places neighbouring upon the Lynkes. But I have been told that the Khadiz of a verity knew where these could be found, and that they would find them again, and sell them for Mowntindu, which is the wine of the country. This liquor is brewed from barley, in such fashion that it makes a better drink than any other kind of wine. It is clear, bright, and pleasant to the taste, and being very hot stuff, makes one drunk sooner than any other, and is therefore much to be desired. Also it is of excellent effect in minishing the vapours, its virtues being beyond hippocras, or other bever any whatsoever. Now it came to pass that Marco sped wondrously in learning the customs of this people, as well as their language and manner of writing; wherefore he found them to be for the most part idolaters, worshipping their idol, which is Goph. They are all subject to the Great Khan; but there are also Eupi Christians and others who are permitted to live under their own laws, and to have their own temples. You should know that the Buljars compute their years by the names of the victors in the annual games, who are the foremost players, or champions: thus the sign of one year is the Strath, of another the Park, of a third the Kid, of a fourth the Ball, and so on; so that when one is asked the year of his birth, he answers that it was in the year of, let us say, the Kid, on such a day, at such an hour, and such a moment. It should be observed also that the twelve Zodiactal signs are known to their astrologers under the names of the Spooone, the Baffy, the Klyque, the Nyblycke, the Puttere, the Mashie, the Lofter, the Brassie, the Dryvere, the Sandyron, the Eclipse, and the Ryneckie. When a childe is borne, the leech pricks with a needle on the child's arm a pattern of the planetary sign corresponding to its birth; thus the whole of the people are ornamented with the device of a baffy, a sandyron, and so forth; which cunning work they look upon as tokens of elegance. No other circumstances presenting themselves as worthy of remark, I shall now quit this subject.

It is right that I should tell you that, in the winter-time and spring, the cold is often so severe that a man may with

difficulty defend himself against it by wearing many garments and pelisses; for which reason some betake themselves to other countries, returning again in the summer. Yet at that season the city is often subjected to incursions of the wandering Footlah tribes, who arrive in vast numbers. The inhabitants, therefore, being sore beset, are put to it to defend themselves against the Footlahs, who scour the country, and devastate the Lynkes—howbeit the spies of Moris Khan hang ever on their footsteps. In the language of the country the appellation Footlah means* “void of skill,” and these are the people who are given to the practice of vastation, not only in this country, but in every other to which they have access. Of this tribe there is not anything further that is worthy of observation.

As I have already told you, the inhabitants are many of them idolaters, and for deities (besides the Universal, or All-Goph) each person has a tablet fixed up in his chamber, upon which is written the name of the divinity under whose auspicious year he was born. Of this divinity they fashion an eikon, or image, which is fixed above the tablet, and in their chambers they perform adoration before it in this manner: Lifting up their hands and striking their faces against the floor three times, they implore from him the blessings of long driving, good approaching, and infallible putting; these things they ask without any further petition. They believe the soul to be immortal, in this sense: that immediately upon the death of a man it enters into another body, and accordingly as he has played zealously and well, or otherwise, during his life, his future state will become progressively better or worse. Thus if he has played unworthily he will be re-born, in the first instance as a champion, in the next states an ever inferior grade of professional, and so through the gentlemen or amateur classes, till at length he comes to be a professor; ever descending to a condition more vile than the preceding. But, on the other hand, if he has acted worthily, he begins at the last grade, ever ascending higher and higher, until he becomes united to his divinity, who, as I have said, may be the Tommy, the Kid, the Strath, or some other. Having disclosed what was necessary on this subject, we shall now proceed to tell you about the Khadiz. These are another race, speaking, as one may say, a language of their own, which language I learnt, remaining long in that citie. I was told that they are subject to a chief of their tribe, Loni Khan, the son of Tin Khan, whose portrait, that of their chief, I myself saw, and it was cunningly limned midmost in a picture in the principal temple of the idolaters, as it were to do him honour in the chief places. It is the mission of the Khadiz to carry clubbes for the idolaters when these go a playing; for this they receive hire to the value of a saggio of silver. The Khadiz themselves are adepts in this game, and in all pertaining to it, wherefore the idolaters, who often play badly, pay them to exorcise the demons by whom they are (as they conceive) possessed; for, of a truth, they are subject to frequent obsession. And you must understand that the deeds ascribed to these demons are such a parcel of devilries as it is best not to tell. Some among the Khadiz are of higher repute than others in these necromantic arts, and the name of one, Yok Li, was specially mentioned to me by a traveller from the Ponent, who frequently visited this citie. Howbeit,

* The German text of Von Buchwürmer translates this word by “Unspieler,” upon which Lehtesel remarks (*Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der Kolbesprache*) that it bears the same relation (*gleichbedeutende Verhältniss*) to “Spieler” as “Unkraut” to “Kraut,” i.e., that the “Unkraut” or weed has somehow failed in its mission, and is a sort of abortive “Kraut” or vegetable proper.

there are among the idolaters some who are no less skilled in play than the Khadiz themselves, who regard them, therefore, not with contempt but reverence. Of such, I was told, is Makh Fi, surnamed the Un-Khan, or, in the language of the natives, “uncanny,” forasmuch as he is crafy in necromancy, and well read in Hermes Trismegistus his works (who is also called Thoth, as Lactantius saith; of whom also Augustine (*De Civit. Dei*) will further acquaint you); also his skill and mastery over the arts of putting are diabolic, as indeed I was informed by the Grand Khan, the Emperor himself.

We shall here cease to treat further of the province and city of Standraia.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

THE PLACE WHERE MY OLD CLEEK BROKE!

(With apologies to MAJOR WHYTE-MELVILLE.)

Life is hollow to the golfer, of however high his rank,
If the dock-leaf and the nettle grow too free,
If a bramble bar his progress, if he's bunkered by a bank,
If his Golf ball jerks and wobbles off the tee.
There's a ditch I never pass, full of stones and broken glass,
And I'd sooner lift my ball and count a stroke,
For my "language is that 'ot" when I see the fatal spot,
'Tis the place where my old cleek broke!

2.

There's his haft upon the table, there's his head upon a chair,
A better never felt the summer rain;
I may curse and I may swear, my umbrel'a-stand is bare,
I shall never use my gallant cleek again!
With what unaccustomed speed would he strike the Golf ball
teed!
How it sounded on his metal at each stroke!
Not a flyer in the game such parabolos could claim,
At the place where the old cleek broke!

3.

Was he cracked? I hardly think it. Did he slip? I do not
know.
He had struck the ball for forty yards or more;
He was driving smooth and even just as hard as he could go,
I had never seen him striking so before.
But I hardly can complain, for there must have been a strain—
I had forced beyond the compass of a joke—
And no club, however strong, could have lasted over long
At the place where the old cleek broke!

4.

In an hour and three-quarters I had gathered up the bits,
And he moved not, tho' I kicked him as he lay,
And if e'er he'd been alive it would have sent him into fits,
For he'd never felt my boot until that day.
I arranged him with my hand in his cheerless bed of sand,
Rendered useless as a wheel without a spoke;
'Twas a sad and bitter loss, and I suffered it (of course)
At the place where my old cleek broke.

5.

There are men both staid and sound, who hold that only joy
unique—
(And to prove it they will talk your head right off)—
Can be reached but by the aid of tee, of niblick, spoon, and
cleek,
And that life is not worth living without Golf.
Well, I hope it may be so; for myself, I only know
That I never more shall try another stroke.
Yes, I've tired of the sport, since a lesson I was taught
At the place where the old cleek broke!



Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, will be the new captain of the Tooting Bec Golf Club. His year of office will begin in April.

Last week we cried "Fore!" for some "Tee Shots" on Golf balls. A friend suggests that the subjects of tee shots should always be Golf balls. Of course, he is right from the ordinary stand-point; but "the exception proves the rule," and our readers must remember that we are the exception.

Which is the best Golf ball in the world? We answered the question not long ago in the only peaceable way it could be answered, by saying, "John Ball, jun.," Now, Johnnie, as every golfer knows, is a tough enough subject to tackle, but had he been made of gutta-percha both his head and our own would have been severed from our respective bodies there and then. Talk of the consequences of the Judgment of Paris! Why, they would be a flea-bite to what would follow if we decided for this, that, or the other as the best among the thousands of Golf balls now before the public. A Zulu walking on broken glass is very much our position when we pass a few observations on Golf balls.

Let us put aside for a beginning all the balls that are made of patent compositions and confine ourselves to those of the ordinary gutta-percha, of which we gave an account in last week's GOLF. The general estimate is, we believe, that a pound of gutta-percha, value 7s. 6d. or 7s., may be held sufficient for the formation of ten balls. According to this, each ball costs the maker 9d. to begin with, and, if so, his profit, as we pointed out last week, cannot be great. If golfers are anxious to have a good gutta-percha ball they should not grudge 1s. for it—they cannot expect to have it for less—and they may have their doubts about the quality of the gutta-percha in balls that are put into the market at a lower price. Our experience is that from a great many reliable firms we can at present secure as good gutta-percha balls as we desire to play with at 1s. each. Such firms do not sell them before they are duly seasoned, and when they manufacture the genuine article and see that it is fully matured, they may all be sure of large patronage with the present enormous demand. No one, not even a golfer, has any idea of the enormous sale that is now annually made of shilling Golf balls. The profits may be small, but the turn-over is very great, and makers of the "real Mackay" in Golf balls may depend on a rich reward.

What then is our opinion of balls that are now in the market at a guinea a dozen? We have tried the "A 1 Special," noticed in this paper only last week, and have pronounced on its capabilities, and we have tried the splendid ball made by Slazenger, and the Silvertown at that price (the former is now 17s. 6d. a dozen). Now we have not the slightest doubt that great care is taken with these balls, that the refining process on gutta-percha, of which we gave an account last week, is improved upon, and further, from experience, the balls drive splendidly

and last well. Some players are disposed to assert that when they use the iron and the putter the doubly-refined nature of the ball makes it inclined to be jumpy, and for the minor game they would as soon, perhaps sooner, choose a good ordinary ball. The price of the gutta fluctuates greatly, and it is by no means certain that golfers may not ere long have to pay more; but at present many table their shilling, and protest that at that price they can, *ceteris paribus*, play as good a game as their guinea-paying partner. At the same time, there is undoubted wisdom, in the case of important matches, in paying more for a really good ball; it is quality that tells in the end, and we hope to see the dearer quality having many patrons.

An inquiry among those who retail balls, but do not themselves make them, brings out the fact that the Silvertown balls command a large sale, especially the No. 4 ball, sizes 27 and 27½. The fish at Girvan, noticed last week, was, therefore, not quite at sea in setting the stamp of its approval on this pattern. The Gutta Percha Company's A1 ball has also large patronage among retail dealers, and Anderson, Edinburgh, tells us that he sends a great number of these abroad, the Calcutta Club using them chiefly because the members have to play over reservoirs and tanks, and, as the balls float, they can recover them. They are also largely used on English inland greens where water-hazards abound on the course. This floating virtue of the ball is also one which attaches to the "Slazenger," as well as to the new special ball now being sent out by the Gutta Percha Company. The defect of the A1 ball used to be that the paint did not adhere well; but this defect has been remedied, and we believe that those who use it greatly favour the A1 for its many good qualities. In the notice of the Special A1 ball last week, we were in error in stating that the retail price was 1s. 6d. each; the price is 1s. 3d., and the ball is made in all sizes.

Coming to well-known makers of balls in Scotland, there is no doubt that the "Match Ball" of Messrs. Thornton and Co. has an immense sale. The best material is used in its manufacture, and the plant for its production has been trebled since it was started. The making is also entrusted to Sayers, Buchanan, and other outsiders. The ball lies unpainted for four months until it is thoroughly seasoned, and, after painting, it remains at least another two months in stock. An idea of the extent to which this ball is manufactured may be given in the statement of Thornton and Co. that at present they have more than 2,000 dozens of this ball ready for sale. They also make a ball of a patent composite, viz., "The Flying Scotchman," which is sold at 9s. a dozen, and of this 900 dozens are ready for the market.

Messrs. Goudie and Co., Princes Street, Edinburgh, have before the public several excellent specimens of balls. Chief of these is "The Champion," of which the sale is enormous, as many as 500 gross having been disposed of in one season, and sent to all parts of the world. Their No. 1 is a good, true, lasting ball, and they have also a speciality called the "Hand-Hammer Marked," which we have tried, and find to fly well. The painting of these balls is done immediately after the making of them, but the balls are kept six months before being placed in the market.

The North British Rubber Company are also very busily engaged supplying the great demand for balls caused by the development of the game. Their "Edinburgh" ball has an enormous sale, and an improved edition, to be called the "Vulcan," has now appeared, for which it is claimed that the paint being vulcanised on to the gutta, will not rub off, and that the ball does not chip. This Company have 500 gross of these balls now in stock.

It is pleasing to hear that Tom Morris, the veteran professional, still keeps up his fame as a maker. Willie Campbell, we believe, plays with Tom's only, and at the Muirfield Championship we know that a great many of the professionals swore by Morris, in spite of all new inventions. Willie Park

also makes a great supply of balls, though his trade in clubs is on a larger scale. In his Edinburgh office he offers the Silvertown as well as his own for sale.

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For some time we have not heard much about the celluloid ball, which Mr. Brand of the North British Rubber Company, Princes-street, Edinburgh, was some time ago supposed to have brought to perfection. It seems that, while with irons the ball was playable enough, yet its unyielding nature was too much for wood, and we heard of several golfers who lost their (club) heads in trying to drive with the celluloid. Mr. Brand, after considerable toil, has now, however, got a celluloid club-head manufactured which he thinks will overcome the defect, and having got the ball softened a little in composition, he intends the club and ball to go together and to be successful. Mr. Hew Morrison and some members of the Corporation Club have recently given this new invention a good trial and pronounced very favourably of it. The celluloid head, like the celluloid ball, can certainly bid for the patronage of economical players, for it will require no repairs. The head is one block, and the shaft is neatly dovetailed into it. Whatever future is in store for the celluloid club and ball there can be no doubt that Brand's patent celluloid facings, manufactured by the above company, are becoming more and more popular. A good many makers have dispensed altogether with the horn facings in the manufacture of clubs, and use nothing but the celluloid, which are more lasting and grip the ball better than the horn. They are also supplied to manufacturers a shade cheaper than the older material.

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"I wonder," writes "Amphion," "what golfers generally esteem the right charge for making up balls in a thoroughly efficient manner. The general charge by ordinary firms is 4d. for each ball, but this seems rather high. Three-pence I think, should pay well enough, as surely four balls can be re-made in an hour, and that is is., not a bad wage for a good workman. 'Cheap and nasty,' however, still holds good. I sent a lot to one who advertised to do them for 1s. 6d. a dozen; and I regret it, for they are useless, or nearly so, and poorly done. I see one advertising to do them for 2s. 6d. a dozen; but I hesitate after my experience to try him. By the way, those who send balls should insist on having their own back. This is not always done by parties who take balls to repair them."

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WHY ARE GOLFERS UNLIKE THE EDITOR OF "GOLF"?—Because they like *long* tee shots.

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SHORT COMMONS.—Those which do not admit of eighteen holes being formed.

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THE COMMON GOOD.—Golf.

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THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT.—Driving and Putting.

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On Wednesday of last week a special meeting of the Felixstowe Golf Club was called, at the instance of several members, to consider whether or not additional building should be undertaken in connection with the club-house. The committee had sent out a circular explaining what was being done. The surrender of the existing lease of the club-house was to be carried out, and a fresh lease entered upon, the landlord undertaking to do the repairs, and to make certain alterations and additions to the club-house, for which he was to charge the club interest on the money expended. The meeting, which was numerously attended, approved the action of the committee as explained in the circular.

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The annual Inter-university Golf match will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, over the Wimbledon links, by permission of the Royal Wimbledon and London Scottish Golf Clubs. Play will begin about 12.30.

Mr. Charles H. Wade writes:—It may interest you to have the enclosed card of the score made by Douglas Rolland, when playing with me on Thursday last, February 9th, at Limsfield, and which lowered the record of those links:—Out, 4 4 5 3 4 3 3 4 4=34; In, 4 3 4 4 4 3 5 4=35; total, 69.

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A match of thirty-six holes took place at Sandwich on Monday of last week, between Ramsay Hunter, of Sandwich, and Willie Tucker, of Redhill and Reigate Golf Club. The match, which was a very exciting one throughout, ended by Tucker playing a good finish, and winning the match by 2 up and 1 to play. Tucker won the last hole.

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The Grand Duke Michael of Russia on Sunday morning inaugurated a new railway station at La Napoule, near Cannes, which he has been instrumental in obtaining mainly for the use of members of the Cannes Golf Club, to the links of which it is in close proximity. The inhabitants of the district, who are also benefited, are very grateful to his Imperial Highness, for they have been endeavouring to get a station at La Napoule for thirty years, but hitherto without success. They therefore gave the Grand Duke a very cordial reception. The station was decorated, the Russian hymn was played, an address was presented, and a schoolboy and schoolgirl offered bread and salt in accordance with the Russian custom. The Grand Duke returned thanks, and drove to the Golf ground amidst cries of "Vive la Russie!" The new club in Cannes is a great success, thanks to the efforts of the Grand Duke, Colonel Woodward, the secretary, and Colonel Craggs, the captain.

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The prize offered to the Pau Ladies' Golf Club by Mr MacNab (a pretty bracelet), has been won by Mrs. R. Boreel. The Pau Ladies have sent a challenge to the lady-golfers at Biarritz, and the match is expected to take place this week.

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On Saturday, 18th inst., Lord Carnegie of Crimonmogate, playing over the Craigewan course of the Peterhead Golf Club, completed the round in 81, made up as follows:—Out, 3 5 6 3 4 4 5 5 4=39; in, 4 6 6 3 4 4 5 5 5=42; total, 81. His Lordship thus beats the amateur record for the green, which formerly stood at 83, and equals the professional record made in September last by Mearns, Aberdeen.

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A REMINISCENCE.—When Leslie Balfour was at the Edinburgh Academy he did not play Golf at Bruntsfield; but to show how strong was his passion for the game, "Korunephoros" well remembers one afternoon, while diligently practising in his own quiet way on the upper, or short round of Bruntsfield Links, hearing a voice behind him saying, "Hallo, — is that you? Let's have a shy." It was the voice of L. M. Balfour, the rising athlete of the school. A ball was gladly put down, and a club lent. Away went the globe swiftly through the air with a real St. Andrew's whiz, crackling and hissing, and away went Balfour homewards with a smile of satisfaction on his ever-pleasant face.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club charm took place at Musselburgh on Saturday. Mr. Craig proved the winner with a net score of 93.

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



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly give an opinion as to whether a competition ("Bogey") card should be accepted or rejected, the circumstances being as follows:—The competition is extending all through the winter, the three best scores to win. On November 12th, 1892, a player made a good score against "Col. Bogey," but did not then return his card. In February, the secretary, hearing of the existence of this card, and that the player intended to return it at the end of the competition, wrote to him, saying that he thought the card could not be accepted, as though no definite rule has been made, the general custom was to return a card as soon as the course was completed, and that Rule IV. of the special rules for medal competitions would naturally apply as far as the return of a card is concerned. The card was finally handed in on February 11th, 1893.

The committee of the club would be glad if you would give an opinion on the point.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. BERESFORD KNOX.

[The secretary was quite right in rejecting the card. If a card is not handed in within a reasonable time (say half an hour) after a player has completed his round, he subjects himself to disqualification; and it is entirely out of the question for a player to expect that his score, however good, or however supported by all the elements of good faith, should be accepted two months after the round took place.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly give me your opinion in the following case? A and B, drawn together in a tie for a cup which is being played for under the ordinary St. Andrews Rules, decided to play off their match to-day. This happened to be the day fixed for the usual monthly medal competition of the club. B did not compete for the medal, but A decided to combine his round for the medal with his match with B in the cup tie. B being late, A started his medal round with another member, and it was not till six holes had been played that B turned up. Knowing that by returning to the first tee he would have to sacrifice his medal round, A asked B to begin their cup match at the next, the seventh, hole. B consented, and took over A's card, the score for the first six holes being vouched for by the members who had marked for A during those holes.

A completed his medal round, and his score proved to be the winning one. He and B went on after the eighteenth hole, and played the first six, this being necessary to finish their match and complete the round of eighteen holes.

Now I presume that A's medal round is not affected, and that his winning the medal stands good, under the above circumstances. What I wish to ask you is this: Can members combine medal and match play, and is it allowable for them to play a cup tie beginning at the seventh hole, or indeed any hole except the first?

In this particular match, no stymie occurred, but as stymies are a fundamental part of match play, can golfers play a medal

round, in which stymies by a special medal rule are obviated at the same time as a match for a cup?

To put it concisely, can two players in a cup tie, by common agreement waive the stymie rule, or (to take a wider view) any rule of Golf? Are they merely responsible to each other, or are they responsible to the whole body of competitors for the cup, and bound, under pain of disqualification, to conform to the rules? Further, can they, without notice to or leave from the committee, commence their match at any hole other than the first? If not, how in your view should A and B, who did so, be dealt with?

The rules governing the matter would appear to be the 5th, 9th, and 31st, of the ordinary St. Andrew's rules, and the 9th of the special rules for medal play.

The club I am speaking of plays under the St. Andrews rules.

I am, Sir, &c.,
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[We do not think that there is any irregularity in combining match and medal play, provided that an arrangement of some kind is made between partners. Nor do we think that it affects the validity of a cup tie if the play begins at the seventh hole instead of the first, as in the circumstances described above, so long as the round is legally completed. The medal round, as described above, certainly stands good; and as the cup tie is only a case in which two players are principally concerned, and not the whole field, there is nothing to prevent them from making any arrangement they choose to decide the event. In cases where a combination of two events is being decided it is not unusual for the players to make an arrangement to contract themselves out of the stymie rule, as the medal round, from the fact that each player is competing against the whole field of competitors, must be carried on under stricter conditions of observance of the rules than a mere private match, which was the nature of the cup tie. The two players were thus responsible only to each other in the cup tie; in the medal round they were responsible to the whole field. The committee is primarily interested in knowing the result of the tie, and not in taking cognisance of the conditions under which the match was decided. If we are asked to say whether both events were legally decided we should undoubtedly say "Yes."—ED.]

MR. TAIT'S DRIVE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of the 10th two points in connection with Mr. Tait's drive are specified by "Q. E. D." as being to his mind unsatisfactory:—(1.) The ball being lost for a time; (2.) The fact that Mr. Tait, as an old golfer, had not marked the ball. "Q. E. D." then suggests the intervention of crows, caddies, or dogs as being possibly accountable for the abnormal length of this particular shot.

(1.) As to the first point, I would say, first, that any player might very conceivably fail to look for his ball in such an unwonted place as that in which it was eventually found; secondly, that it lay in a small, deep depression, in such a position that the searcher might be within seven or eight yards of it, and yet fail to see it, owing to the conformation of the ground. Of this I have since satisfied myself by actual experiment.

(2.) I would suggest that a person to see a Golf ball on the ground at a distance of 341 yards, even if the ground were level plain, would require somewhat exceptional length of sight; further, that in the case in point, his eyes would have to be, in the words of Mr. Weller, "patent double million magnifyin' gas microscopes of hextra power," to enable him to see through the intervening Walkinshaw's table-land, and, ninety yards or so further on, the deep depression where the ball rested. Obviously, no amount of crows, caddies, or dogs could affect the length of the carry, which is the main point, and, as I have stated, sufficiently authenticated. The subsequent run, though decidedly worthy of remark, being readily accounted for, as Mr. Alfred Lubbock well points out, by the condition of the ground.

I note my friend Mr. Lubbock's letter with interest. It has always appeared to me that Professor Tait must have somewhat overstated the extreme carry of a cricket ball. Usually there is considerable difficulty in measuring these hits, but Mr. Lubbock's specified instances appear to favour my opinion;

still, I do not take it that he asserts as a fact that nobody has ever hit 170 yards, or more. I should like to ask Mr. Lubbock his estimate of these distances:—

(1) From the nursery wicket at Lords, over the bowler's head, over the pavilion and road, well into the garden behind?

(2) From the nursery wicket to square leg, over the tennis-court, into the road?

(3) At the Oval, from the pavilion wicket, out of the ground, in a direction about mid-on?

These hits I have seen by Mr. C. J. Thornton, by (I think) the Hon. C. G. Lyttelton (now Lord Lyttelton), and by Mr. G. J. Bonnor respectively. Possibly others may have equalled them. Also, there used to be a trooper, whose name I do not at the moment recall, who had a hitting reputation at least equal to that of Mr. Thornton.

What golfers these gentlemen would have made, if, like Mr. Tait, they could have holed the putts!

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. S. C. EVERARD.

A HARD CASE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Surely your judgment in this case was based upon a definition of the term "fore caddie" evolved out of your own editorial inner consciousness, and not derived from that book of conundrums which does duty for the Rules of Golf! Hence my letter.

I fear, however, to break another lance with so eminent an authority, and I will, therefore, let my argument rest where it is. But I cannot refrain from putting another conundrum, which naturally suggests itself in this connection, more particularly as the point has not yet been raised.

The player's caddie is at the hole, and the putt has to be made against a strong wind. Directly the player has struck the ball the caddie jumps on one side, thereby exposing the ball to the full force of the wind, whereupon the opponent claims the hole (*vide* Rule XXXIII). On the next occasion, with the fear of this rule before his eyes, the caddie stands like a rock, and the ball strikes him, whereupon the opponent again claims the hole (*vide* Rule XXIV). What, in the name of fortune, is the wretched caddie to do?

I am, Sir, &c.,

BRANCASTRIAN.

[(1.) No; the definition of "fore caddie" is not due to any arbitrary or fanciful idea of that individual's functions on our part, but is according to the name and the accepted practice. Take the fore caddies at Blackheath as an example, or the caddies employed to go ahead in misty weather, and mark the fall of both balls. He is an individual who is employed, *plus* the two club carriers, to act indiscriminately for both players. (2.) This is an ingenious horn of a dilemma on which to impale an opponent. We strongly objected to this rule when it appeared, on the ground that it would be a fruitful source of bickering; but we think "common-sense" would be against the contention of our correspondent. The rule was meant to check the practice of caddies, while a ball was moving on the green towards the hole, falling down on the ground and rolling their bodies so as to shelter the ball from the wind—that is to say, to punish conduct which was glaringly designed to assist a player's ball, and about which neither of the players had any doubt as to the intention. We do not think that this principle would fit the case cited by our correspondent, because obviously the framers of the rules were not unconscious humorists enough to seek to create a parallel in Golf to the proverbial ass between two bundles of hay—ED.]

INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With the annual Oxford and Cambridge match about to take place, and so many proposals to have national and county matches, I think that it would be well for golfers to consider whether such contests should be decided in the manner they are at present, *viz.*, by holes, or by matches. You

record in GOLF now and again, cases where a club is defeated by the utter collapse of one man, for we must suppose that there was sound judgment shown at the pitting of the players against each other. It may happen that the non-appearance of some player compels the captain of the team to substitute a player whose form is recognised as so much inferior to his opponent's, that the result of the contest, if decided in the usual way, is almost a foregone conclusion.

*It is a question which would have formed a fair subject of discussion for a Golf Union, but as I cannot bring it before such a much to be desired tribunal, it will give me pleasure if you will allow your columns to be the media of obtaining the opinions of golfers thereon.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

P.S.—A combination of the two methods might be better, or, failing of a decision by one method, the other determines it.
21st February, 1893.

PERTH PLAYERS IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your sketch of Mr. T. Gilroy you mention a Golf match in 1886 as the first club Golf match played in Ireland. In 1884 a team from the King James VI. Golf Club, Perth, played the Royal Belfast on the Kinnegar. On that occasion Mr. T. Gilroy played for the Royal Belfast, and was defeated by one hole. This, I think, is the first international Golf match ever played.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A PERTH PLAYER.

THE GOLF CLUB "HOLDER."

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CUMBRAE CLUB.—The monthly competition took place on Saturday, 11th inst. The ground, considering the recent heavy rainfall, was in very fair condition. Results:—William Martin medal: Mr. W. C. Sharpe, 98, less 4=94 (winner); Mr. John Houston, 101, less 6=95; Mr. A. Cameron, 103, less 8=95; Mr. R. F. Watson, 106, less 10=96; Mr. John Allen, 116, less 18=98; Mr. John Reid, 108, less 5=103; Mr. Wm. Barclay, 132, less 18=114. G. Y. Hendry medal: Mr. John Allen (winner), 116, less 11=105; Mr. W. Barclay, 132, less 12=120. The monthly competition, confined to ladies, for the handsome gold medal presented by Bailie William Allan, took place last week in very unfavourable weather. The following were the best scores:—Miss Henry (winner), 96, less 3=93; Miss Ross, 100, less 2=98; Miss Harley, 129, less 10=119; Miss Barclay, 141, less 20=121.

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ABERDEEN.

The first of the matches engaged in by the Aberdeen club this season, to which I called attention in a former number, duly came off on Saturday over the Balgownie course. The visitors were the Victoria club from over the water, and the large field of twenty-six players on each side started. The weather was simply delightful, and the putting-greens and other conditions favourable for good play. Both clubs put their best teams into the field, and a close contest was anticipated. The result, however, hardly came up to expectations, the Victoria players being rather badly beaten by no less than 45 holes, the respective totals being, Aberdeen, 64 holes; Victoria, 19 holes. The exceptionally fine rounds of late played by Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, of the Aberdeen club, caused a great amount of interest to be taken in the game played by him, and Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, the Victoria "crack." A large gathering of golfers followed them round the course, and were rewarded by witnessing one of the most exciting matches ever played. The two men ran a neck-and-neck race all through, and after a grand exhibition of Golf, succeeded in coming in all square, amid the loud cheers of the spectators. Messrs. Orr and Lewis Anderson—the second pair—had also a most stubbornly contested game, and it was only a long putt by Mr. Orr at the last hole that gave him a half, the respective scores being—Mr. Anderson, 82; Mr. Orr, 83. Good games were also played by Messrs. Pearson and Flett and McCrae and Still, but in the majority of cases the Victoria representatives were hopelessly overmatched. The game, however, was a most enjoyable one all through, and the Victoria representatives, though badly beaten, were well pleased with their day's outing. The members of the Aberdeen Club entertained their opponents to luncheon after the game, and afterwards several foursomes were engaged in. Full scores are as follows:—

ABERDEEN.		VICTORIA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. L. Stuart Anderson	0	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	0
Mr. W. F. Orr	0	Mr. L. Anderson	0
Captain H. V. Brooke	8	Mr. A. Cooper	0
Mr. F. C. Diack	4	Mr. A. R. Williams	0
Mr. D. Pearson	0	Mr. G. Flett	2
Mr. J. B. Craigie	5	Mr. A. Mitchell	0
Mr. F. M'Cræ	0	Mr. W. Still	1
Mr. M. M. Duncan	4	Mr. J. B. Banks	0
Mr. W. R. Reid	4	Mr. J. Russell	0
Mr. T. Todd	0	Mr. W. H. Reid	3
Mr. J. M. Duncan	4	Mr. D. J. Innes	0
Mr. W. Moir	0	Mr. Robert Anderson (2)	2
Mr. A. W. Mitchell	3	Mr. D. B. Leslie	0
Sheriff Robertson	5	Mr. G. Barron	0
Mr. James Williams	4	Mr. T. MacLennan	0
Dr. J. Moir	2	Mr. G. Mortimer	0
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	0	Mr. J. Rennie	1
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	5	Mr. J. Stewart	0
Mr. R. D. Leslie	3	Mr. M. H. Mackie	0
Mr. H. C. Hadden	0	Mr. W. Pollock	2
Mr. W. Mackenzie	6	Mr. J. Grant	0
Mr. G. Carmichael	0	Mr. J. A. Ross	1
Mr. W. C. Good	0	Mr. A. Milne	4
Mr. A. J. W. Storie	0	Mr. George Anderson (1)	3
Mr. A. Martineau	5	Mr. B. Nicholls	0
Mr. J. A. Montgomerie	2	Mr. J. Hazelwood	0
	64		19

Majority for Aberdeen Club, 45 holes.

The scratch and handicap medals of the Bon-Accord Club here were competed for on Saturday over the nine-hole course, on Aberdeen links, two rounds of which were played. On cards being compared, Mr. William Smart was found first for the scratch medal with a score of 77, and Mr. John Twigg first for the handicap medal with a score of

83, less 6=77. The following were next in order:—Mr. G. Dunn, 87; Mr. J. W. Murray, 89; Mr. J. Greig, sen., Mr. J. Ogilvie, and Mr. G. Thomson, 90 each; Mr. J. A. Jaffray, 91; Mr. J. Fraser and Mr. G. Simpson, 92 each; Mr. J. Florence, 94; Mr. R. Reid, 96; Mr. J. Ratray and Mr. G. Came ron, 97 each; Mr. C. Smith, 98; and Mr. C. Ward, 99.

In the report of the Bon-Accord Golf Club competition for Mr. Mills' prize, held on Saturday, 11th inst., a mistake was made in returning Mr. W. Smart's score. The correct score is 78, plus 3=81, not 81 plus 3=84, as reported.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

Club cup.—The January competition was played off on Saturday February 11th, having been postponed owing to snow, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. L. Wright	113	24	89	Bev. G. W. Barnard	98	6	92
Mr. H. H. Wright	115	24	91	Dr. J. D. Ballance	110	18	92
Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieffe	92	scr.	92	Mr. J. A. Marigold	115	23	92
				Mr. A. G. Tonks	111	12	99

Messrs. W. J. Burman and E. P. Wright, made no return.

ARDEN V. SUTTON COLDFIELD.

This match was played on Wednesday, February 15th, on the links of the former club, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 32 holes.

ARDEN.		SUTTON COLDFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, (capt.)	3	Mr. G. S. Allbright	0
Mr. O. Airy	2	Mr. H. S. Eddowes	0
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	0	Mr. P. Bourke	2
Mr. A. G. Tonks	6	Col. Lockyer, (captain)	0
Mr. E. P. Wright	3	Mr. G. A. Lamb	0
Mr. J. F. Wright	6	Mr. F. Rathbone	0
Mr. M. C. Lord	3	Mr. J. Chevasse	0
Mr. J. D. Ballance	11	Mr. T. G. Griffiths	0
	34		2

Majority for the Arden Golf Club, 32 holes.

"BOGEY."

The February competition was played off on Saturday, February 18th, when Mr. O. Airy went round in the very fine score of 88, made up as follows:—

5	4	6	5	5	6	5	4	5=45	} 88
4	6	5	5	3	6	4	4	6=43	

This is the record score for the green in competitions, but as Mr. Airy was two down against the gallant "Colonel" it would seem that his score is almost too fine a one:—

	Handi- cap.	Holes down.	Handi- cap.	Holes down.	
Mr. O. Airy	5	2	Mr. A. G. Tonks	9	8
Rev. G. W. Barnard	5	4	Mr. J. F. Wright	10	8
Mr. H. H. Wright	18	4	Mr. J. D. Ballance	14	8

Two other players made no returns.

ASHLEY PARK v. EPSOM.

Played at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, February 11th, with the following result:—

ASHLEY PARK.		EPSOM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Howell	1	Mr. Lawson	0
Mr. Read	2	Mr. Stanley	0
Mr. Bush	0	Mr. Hindmarsh	3
Mr. Rushworth	5	Mr. Hart	0
Mr. Trouncer	1	Mr. Barton	0
Mr. Sas-oon	0	Mr. Rawson	1
Mr. Kirke	2	Mr. Ruck	0
Mr. Daven, out	8	Mr. Tudor	0
Mr. Davidson	4	Mr. McNair	0
Mr. Case	0	Mr. Huut	0
	23		4

Majority for Ashley Park, 19 holes.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The third of the four preliminary competitions for the Pearson prize took place on Saturday last. In spite of the weather being favourable, and the course and greens in good order, a number of usually steady players came hopelessly to grief, and made no returns, illustrating in a remarkable way the uncertainty of the game. Mr. J. E. Pearson was the winner with 86, less 5=81, Mr. W. J. DREWETT being second with 116, less 27=89.

After the next competition for this prize, on March 18th, the four winners play off by match play.

BASS ROCK CLUB.

A match between teams of the married and single members of the Bass Rock Club was completed over the North Berwick course on Saturday, with the following result:—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. John Forrest	4	Mr. A. Wallace	0
Mr. D. M. Jackson	4	Mr. J. Henderson	0
Mr. A. Hogg	0	Mr. J. Mitchell	1
Mr. J. Dickson	0	Mr. D. Horsburgh	2
Mr. A. Hutchison	0	Mr. J. D. Rattray	1
Mr. T. Smith	0	Mr. J. Mann	0
Mr. J. B. Maclachlan	0	Mr. J. Henderson	3
Mr. W. Meriles	0	Mr. T. Johnston	0
Mr. J. Walker	0	Mr. D. Black	5
Mr. W. Ritchie	0	Mr. J. Maclaren	3
Mr. J. W. Greig	0	Mr. H. Edington	2
Mr. E. Bradbury	0	Mr. G. Tait	1
Mr. T. Horsburgh	0	Mr. J. W. Earnshaw	0
Mr. J. Maclaren	0	Mr. G. S. Milne	1
Mr. R. Murray	0	Mr. F. Walker	5
Mr. G. Sim	5	Mr. J. Fleck	0
Mr. F. Campbell	8	Mr. W. Kellas	0
Treasurer G. Shiel	0	Councillor J. Macintyre	10
	21		34

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. RICHMOND.

This thirteen a-side match was played on Saturday, at Cambridge, over one round of 18 holes. The day was fine though windy, but the putting greens were very wet, owing to the late heavy rains. The best returns were those of Mr. J. L. Low, 79, and Mr. W. T. Linskill, 80. Cambridge won by 27 holes. Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		RICHMOND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. L. Low	2	Mr. A. L. Jockel	0
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	4	Dr. Williamson	0
Mr. W. T. Linskill	7	Mr. A. Jockel	0
Mr. A. M. Chance	0	Mr. H. Gillon	0
Mr. H. Parker	3	Mr. C. G. Broadwood	0
Mr. C. Pigg	3	Mr. F. Booth	0
Mr. C. Bethune	0	Mr. P. Don	0
Mr. G. L. K. Finlay	0	Mr. J. G. Wylie	1
Mr. F. E. Swainson	5	Mr. B. Thomas	0
Mr. C. G. L. Cator	3	Mr. S. F. Higgins	0
Mr. H. Glasier	0	Mr. H. M. Davdson	0
Mr. T. H. Maxwell	0	Mr. Thomson Glover	2
Mr. W. L. De B. Thorold	3	Mr. C. Routh	0
	30		3

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL EPPING FOREST.

This match took place on Saturday, February 11th, over the eighteen-hole course at Cambridge. The Epping Forest Club were short of several of their best men, including Mr. J. G. Gibson, while the University had not Mr. J. L. Low or the Robertsons. The green was fairly dry, but the day was wild and windy. Mr. Hambrø had a 79 and Mr. Linskill an 82. Result:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		ROYAL EPPING FOREST.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. M. Chance	4	Mr. S. R. Bastard	0
Mr. W. T. Linskill	5	Mr. F. W. Robertson	0
Mr. F. E. Swainson	0	Mr. E. Flint	0
Mr. C. E. Hambro	5	Capt. C. Coles	0
Mr. I. Heron-Maxwell	0	Mr. J. W. Greig	2
Mr. C. C. Bethune	6	Mr. C. E. Greig	0
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	4	Mr. J. G. Smith	0
Mr. C. E. S. Innes	4	Mr. R. O. J. Dallmeyer	0
Mr. H. Glasier	2	Mr. H. Fisher	0
Mr. G. L. K. Finlay	0	Mr. J. W. James	1
Mr. H. Parker	7	Mr. F. G. Bampfyld	0
Mr. C. Pigg	11	Mr. S. N. Dimbleby	0
Mr. H. M. Siddall	0	Mr. W. E. Hall	1
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	3	Mr. A. Anderson	0
	51		4

Cambridge won by 47 holes.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The Barrow medal, played under the "Bogey" system, on 16th inst. Day fine, but windy; green wet. Fixed score—Out, 6 5 4 4 6 4 4 5 = 43; in, 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 = 41; total, 84. Mr. A. M. Chance (scratch),

2 up; Mr. C. E. S. Innes (11), 2 up; Mr. J. L. Low (scratch), 1 down; Mr. H. Parker (2), 1 down; Mr. E. K. Le Fleming (18), 1 down; Mr. R. A. Nicholson (scratch), 2 down; Mr. J. G. McCall (13), 2 down; Mr. I. Heron Maxwell (2), 4 down; Mr. C. C. Bethune (4), 4 down; Mr. W. Hartree (5), 4 down; Mr. A. P. Whitwell (8), 4 down; Mr. C. Pigg (3), 5 down; Mr. H. Pigg (11), 5 down; Mr. D. B. James (12), 5 down; Mr. C. L. Cator (13), 5 down; Mr. C. L. Hulbert (10), 6 down; Mr. W. L. de B. Thorold (11), 6 down; Mr. H. M. Siddall (10), 7 down; Mr. H. A. Adamson (7), 9 down; Mr. H. C. Dobree (18), 9 down; Mr. R. B. Scott (17), 12 down. A very large number of players returned no score. Messrs. Chance and Innes tie for the medal.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal of this club took place at Conway on Tuesday, February 7th, in rather windy weather. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Healey	100 20 80	Mr. H. B. Southwell	127 30 97
Mr. A. Evill	117 22 95	Capt. J. Carden	142 36 106
Mr. J. E. Fincham	127 30 97		

Messrs. Turner, Jenkins, and E. N. Woodhead no returns.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

The ninth competition for the Wilson cup was decided on Saturday, and the weather being fine, there were numerous competitors. Results:—Mr. H. Simms, 123, less 36=87; Mr. A. C. Leybourn, 113, less 25=88; Mr. A. Richardson, 114, less 25=89; Mr. J. Lockie, 109, less 20=89; Mr. J. R. Boulton, 103, less 12=91; Mr. R. B. Hoare, 98, less 6=92; Mr. T. Beall, 113, less 20=93; Mr. C. A. Harrison, 124, less 30=94; Mr. W. Teasdale, 101, less 7=94; Mr. W. Richardson, 113, less 17=96; Mr. R. M. Sutton, 136, less 36=100; Mr. F. A. Best, 113, less 12=101; Mr. J. Miller, 122, less 18=104; Messrs. J. A. Richardson, A. J. Rivout, J. W. B. Pease, A. Carswell, D. Stuart, A. H. Dickinson, and R. S. Ferguson retired.

CLEVELAND v. ORMESBY.

A very enjoyable match was played on the private links in the beautiful park of Ormesby Hall, near Middlesbrough, the seat of Mr. J. S. Pennyman, J.P., four members of the Cleveland Golf Club meeting a similar number representing Ormesby Hall Club. Considering they have only recently been laid out, the links were good, and some fine play was shown, especially on the part of Mr. Wigham, of Oxford University fame, who beat Mr. Roberts by 5 holes. The other visitors managed to more than hold their own. Scores:—Ormesby Hall, Mr. Wigham, 5; Mr. Roberts, 0; Mr. Pennyman, jun., 0; Mr. Mackenzie, 3; Mr. Hardy, 0; Mr. Mackay, 4; Mr. Burdon, 4; Mr. Wynn, 3; first-named are Ormesby Hall players.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition was played off on Saturday, February 11th, with the following result. This is the first time Colonel "Bogey" has as yet been beaten in a competition on these links:—Mr. A. H. Evans (4), 2 up; Mr. R. S. Wilson (10), 2 up; Mr. A. C. Bartholomew (7), 3 down; Mr. B. Rendall (9), 5 down; Rev. F. Stewart (7), 10 down; Mr. W. H. Belcher (12), 10 down. Three other members competed, but did not return cards.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth winter handicap was contested on Saturday, February 18th, in the usual stormy weather which has attended most of the recent competitions, and consequently most of the competitors returned poor scores. The competition resulted in a tie between Messrs. T. H. Mills and A. H. Dixon. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. H. Mills	100 15 85	Mr. G. Hicks	114 22 92
Mr. A. H. Dixon	102 17 85	Mr. T. A. Hutton	104 10 94
Mr. T. Donnell	116 30 86	Mr. T. S. Turnbull	104 10 94
Mr. T. C. Norris	101 14 87	Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite	108 10 98
Mr. R. W. Hutton	92 3 89	Mr. T. C. Midwood	114 16 98
Mr. C. G. Satterthwaite	105 15 90	Mr. E. Hutton	117 18 99

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The fortnightly handicap was played on the Douglas Links on Thursday, the 16th. The following were the best scores recorded:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Priestland	67 20 47	Mr. A. W. Mone,	
Mr. J. H. Quine	61 10 51	H.K.	63 10 53
Mr. T. S. Atkinson	62 11 51	Mr. J. Curphey	78 20 58
Mr. T. Kneen, H.K.	59 7 52		

The next handicap will be on the Ramsey Links, on March 2nd.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The opening meeting of the season took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the first competition for the nine-winners' cup was played. On the cards being handed in, it was found that Dr. Treadwell was the winner, with the excellent score of 90.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. O. F. U. Treadwell	90 scr. 90	Dr. S. W. Plummer	143 40 103
Dr. E. S. Robson	101 4 97	Mr. O. B. Cluff	131 25 106
Mr. B. T. Walter	125 24 101	Mr. G. C. Roberts	125 18 107
Mr. J. Duncanson	110 8 102	Mr. H. E. Ferens	130 16 114
Rev. A. Robertson	121 18 103	Dr. T. E. Hill	156 35 121
Mr. W. O. E. M. King	138 35 103	Mr. F. W. Cluff	140 18 122

FORFARSHIRE.

The fifteenth of the series of the Abbroath club's winter competitions was completed on Saturday. Twenty players handed in their scores. Result:—1st, Mr. A. M. Carrie, 8 below, 4 points; 2nd, Mr. Thomas Lindsay, 6 below, 3 points; 3rd, Mr. George Milne, 3 below, 2 points. The other players each receive 1 point. The best scores were those of Mr. William Edwards, 93; and Mr. David Arbuthnot, 96.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The first of six monthly competitions for optional subscription prizes, divided into first and second classes, was played on Saturday, the 18th inst. Play was under "Bogey" conditions. The first class was won by Mr. H. Liebert (7), who was 1 down. The second class was tied for by Mr. J. B. Arkle (15) and Mr. F. A. Rockliff (20) with 5 down.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, February 18th, the Oxford University Golf Club visited Guildford to play their return match with the Guildford Club. The match at Oxford resulted in a win for Oxford by 5 holes, and this led the Guildford Club to get together its best team to prevent, if possible, a second defeat. In this they were successful, as the sub-joined score shows, but unfortunately the Oxford team did not include some of its most prominent members. The rain, though threatening all day, kept off, and the course was in pretty good order, though the putting was difficult.

Messrs. Mure Fergusson and Stewart had a fine match, Mr. Stewart leading at the turn by 2 holes, but Mr. Fergusson's score home against a strong wind was 39, or 4 under scratch, and this enabled him to come in a winner with a score of 79, against Mr. Stewart's 83. Guildford secured seven matches to Oxford's three, and 27 holes to Oxford's 8, thus gaining a substantial victory. Scores:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		GUILDFORD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (captain)	0	Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	3
Mr. L. Robertson	1	Mr. A. A. Cammell	0
Mr. R. H. Dun	4	Mr. W. Carr	0
Mr. W. D. Davidson	0	Mr. C. E. Nesham	4
Mr. H. E. Atkinson	0	Mr. J. A. Ross (captain)	3
Mr. H. Nicholls	0	Mr. A. Denman	6
Viscount Encombe	0	Mr. B. Howell	5
Mr. A. J. Boger	0	Mr. H. H. Playford	1
Mr. J. A. F. Moncreiff	0	Mr. J. Kenrick	5
Mr. F. H. Champion	3	Mr. D. L. Poole	0
	8		27

Majority for Guildford, 19.

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The second monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, the 18th inst. The day was fine, but the putting-greens and teeing-grounds are still suffering severely from the effects of the recent wet weather, which, to a great extent, accounts for the high scores. The following is the result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Hollis	126 36 90	Mr. R. G. Emsley	156 45 111
Mr. W. C. Mayo	127 36 91	Mr. R. Hebbethwaite	159 45 114
Mr. H. C. Joscelyne	137 45 92	Mr. A. D. Stuart	125 9 116
Mr. G. V. Gaskell	139 36 103	Mr. C. E. Dawson	125 9 116
Mr. T. Riach	146 40 106	Mr. W. Robinson	153 36 117
Mr. S. H. Wells	140 30 110	Mr. F. H. Mayo	145 27 118
Mr. H. S. Baines	146 36 110	Mr. J. B. Cohen	155 36 119

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

FOURSOME COMPETITION.

This competition took place on the 13th inst., under most unfavourable circumstances, the day being very wet, and the links at Carnalea consequently very heavy. The members who turned up, however, were sporting enough to defy the elements and proceed with the match,

which resulted in a victory for Miss Hamilton and Miss Dorothy Knox. The prizes—valuable silver bon-bon dishes—were kindly presented by Mr. Robert Jepper, Laurel Lodge, Belfast.

First Round.—Mrs. Clarke and Miss Milligan, Miss Coates and Miss Kirby, byes. Miss Hamilton and Miss D. Knox beat Miss Garratt and Miss Maclaine; Miss S. Garratt and Miss Maguire beat Mrs. Shaw and Miss Cunningham.

Second Round.—Mrs. Clark and Miss Milligan beat Miss Coates and Miss Kirby; Miss Hamilton and Miss D. Knox beat Miss S. Garratt and Miss Maguire.

Final.—Miss Hamilton and Miss D. Knox beat Mrs. Clark and Miss Milligan.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

MIXED FOURSOME TOURNAMENT.

Mr. S. A. Hermon, the first captain of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, and now one of the trustees, offered valuable and handsome prizes for a mixed foursome tournament, and the large number of fifty-two players (twenty-six members and twenty-six lady-subscribers) entered for it in a very short time. The final tie has now been completed, and the following is the play, with the handicap of each couple:—First and second ties.—Byes were obtained by Miss E. Lythgoe, St. Anne's, and Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester (3); Miss Maud Salt, and Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham (8); Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's, and Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck (3); Miss Hargreaves, and Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's (10); Mrs. Entwistle and Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton (10); Mrs. H. L. Wright, and Mr. Thos. Fair, Lytham (15); Mrs. Cross, and Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's (12), scratched to Miss Maud Fair, Lytham, and Mr. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall (11); Miss Rosie Fair, and Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham (6), beat Mrs. Eason and Mr. A. M. Eason, Lytham (4); Miss Mugliston, Lytham, and Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park (4), beat Miss G. Oram, Lytham, and Mr. J. W. Kay, Bury, (12); Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park, and Mr. C. Billington, Lytham (6), beat Mrs. Parkinson and Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's (12); Miss Goddard, Singleton, and Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster (7), beat Miss C. Fisher and Mr. J. F. Mugliston, Lytham (13); Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's (3), beat Miss M. Cunliffe, Lytham, and Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton (10); Mrs. E. Catterall and Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's (scratch), beat Mrs. E. Harrison and A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's (5); Mrs. F. T. Wright and Mr. F. T. Wright, Atherton (6), scratched to Miss A. H. Thompson and Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's (scratch); Mrs. Hermon and Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's (scratch) beat Miss M. Mugliston, Lytham, and Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossal (6); Mrs. Brown and Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's (scratch) beat Mrs. Rea and Mr. J. Mellor, St. Anne's (9). Third Ties.—Miss E. Lythgoe and Mr. F. C. Morgan beat Miss Maud Salt and Mr. J. Talbot Fair; Miss M. Lythgoe and Mr. J. Buckley beat Miss Hargreaves and Mr. E. M. Whipp; Mrs. Entwistle and Mr. A. Entwistle beat Mrs. H. L. Wright and Mr. Thos. Fair; Miss Maud Fair and Mr. C. A. Birley scratched to Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair; Miss Mugliston and Mr. T. H. Miller beat Mrs. Miller and Mr. C. Billington; Miss Goddard and Mr. W. Stewart beat Mrs. F. W. Catterall and Mr. J. E. King; Miss A. H. Thompson and Mr. C. G. D. Hoare beat Mrs. E. Catterall and Mr. J. A. Brown; Mrs. Hermon and Mr. J. Marcus Rea beat Mrs. Brown and Mr. S. A. Hermon. Fourth Ties.—Miss E. Lythgoe and Mr. F. C. Morgan beat Miss M. Lythgoe and Mr. J. Buckley; Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Mrs. Entwistle and Mr. A. Entwistle; Miss Goddard and Mr. W. Stewart beat Miss Mugliston and Mr. T. H. Miller; Mrs. Hermon and Mr. J. Marcus Rea beat Miss A. H. Thompson and Mr. C. G. D. Hoare. Semi-final Tie.—Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Miss E. Lythgoe and Mr. F. C. Morgan; Miss Goddard and Mr. W. Stewart beat Mrs. Hermon and Mr. J. Marcus Rea. Final Tie.—Miss Rosie Fair and Mr. J. A. S. Fair beat Miss Goddard and Mr. W. Stewart, 5 up and 3 to play, and won the prizes. The games were played one round of the members' links, eighteen holes, and the following was the score of the winners of the final tie:—First hole halved; second lost; third won; fourth halved; fifth lost by a stroke; sixth won; seventh won; eighth halved; ninth, tenth, and eleventh won; twelfth lost; thirteenth won; fourteenth halved; fifteenth (last hole played) won. Result, 5 up and 3 to play.

LADIES' TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.

Miss A. H. Thompson, St. Anne's, about two months ago, offered a handsome prize for a tournament competition by the lady-subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. Twenty-two ladies entered, and the course was twice round the ladies' links, eighteen holes. The competition is just completed, with the following result, the figures showing the handicap of each player:—First and second ties.—The following obtained byes: Miss Goddard Singleton (15); Mrs. H. Nuttall, St. Anne's (18); Mrs. Hermon, St. Anne's (scratch); Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's (scratch); Miss C. Salt, Lytham (9); Mrs.

Eason, Lytham (7); Miss Hargreaves, St. Anne's (16); Miss M. Mugliston, Lytham (6); Miss Rosie Fair, Lytham (7); and Mrs. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's (scratch). Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park (9), beat Miss A. H. Thompson, St. Anne's (1); Mrs. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's (8), beat Mrs. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's (18); Mrs. Parkinson, St. Anne's (15), scratched to Mrs. E. Catterall, St. Anne's (scratch); Miss E. H. Salt, Lytham (11), scratched to Miss Mary Cunliffe, St. Anne's (8), Miss E. Lythgoe, St. Anne's (4), beat Miss M. Salt, Lytham (10); Miss Helen Fair, Lytham (17), scratched to Miss Mugliston, Lytham (6). Third ties.—Miss Goddard scratched to Mrs. H. Nuttall; Mrs. Hermon scratched to Miss M. Lythgoe; Miss C. Salt scratched to Mrs. Eason; Miss Hargreaves scratched to Miss M. Mugliston; Miss Rosie Fair scratched to Mrs. J. A. Brown; Mrs. Miller beat Mrs. F. W. Catterall; Miss M. Cunliffe scratched to Mrs. E. Catterall; Miss E. Lythgoe beat Miss Mugliston. Fourth ties.—Miss M. Lythgoe beat Mrs. H. Nuttall; Miss M. Mugliston beat Mrs. Eason; Mrs. J. A. Brown beat Mrs. Miller; Mrs. E. Catterall beat Miss E. Lythgoe. Semi-Final.—Miss M. Lythgoe beat Miss M. Mugliston; Mrs. Brown beat Mrs. E. Catterall. Final.—Miss M. Lythgoe beat Mrs. Brown, and won the prize.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly handicap for this season was played on Saturday last in fairly good weather. Fourteen competitors entered, of whom twelve returned cards, the first place being won by Mr. Burgess with a net score of 84, and the second by Mr. Charlton with 93. The following are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. W. Burgess...	96	12	84	Mr. M. H. Hall ...	109	13	96
Mr. J. E. Charlton...	123	30	93	Mr. G. H. Swirdells	112	16	98
Capt. Haines ...	114	20	94	Rev. D. Wilnot ...	129	30	99
Mr. A. Sheldon ...	106	11	95	Mr. E. L. Oliver ...	130	30	100
Dr. Cooke ...	110	15	95	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	113	10	103
Mr. S. Adshead ...	120	25	95	Mr. E. Budden ...	133	20	113

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly silver medal took place on Friday, 17th inst., the result being as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Caulfield Stoker	95	18	77	Miss E. Whieldon...	88	5	83
Miss Darlington ...	86	8	78	Miss Middleton ...	91	6	85
Miss Radcliffe ...	91	12	79	Miss Crane... ..	106	14	92
Miss Dawkins ...	84	4	80	Miss Chambers ...	108	12	96
Miss L. Darlington	91	10	81	Miss Stanger Leathes	113	16	97
Miss A. Darlington	95	13	82	Miss H. Darlington	116	16	100

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, February 18th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. F. White ..	94	16	78	Mr. J. R. T. Robert-	111	22	89
Mr. E. Lehmann ...	84	4	80	son	111	22	89
Sir W. Russell ...	90	8	82	Mr. E. Britten-	110	18	92
Capt. W. E. Beak...	96	12	84	Holmes	110	18	92
Dr. W. J. Sheppard	99	14	85	Mr. E. Bateman ...	115	20	95
				Mr. A. Waldy	112	16	96

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on February 18th, on which occasion the new greens were opened, the gentlemen's course having been extended to eighteen and the ladies' to nine holes. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. A. W. Boothe	100	22	78	Mr. J. Holroyde ...	126	30	96
Mr. C. Lake ...	98	6	92	Mr. E. Woodgate...	134	30	104
Mr. G. K. Anderson	110	14	96				

* Winner.

Ladies:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Holbis ...	126	36	90	Mrs. Upton ...	133	34	99
Mrs. Budden ...	111	16	95	Miss Pound ...	127	16	111

Owing to the high wind several players made no return; in spite of which, Mr. A. Schacht, in the afternoon, established the amateur record of the links, doing the round in the small score of 83.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

February 18th, 1893. Competition for Mr. Henley Eden's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Bowring	95	18	77	Col. Eden ...	98	12	86
Mr. G. W. Ricketts	85	7	78	Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	89	1	88
Mr. H. H. Longman	100	14	86				

Also played:—Sir T. Dyer, Mr. C. F. Wright, Mr. F. J. Patton, Mr. F. Tarver, Capt. Kenny Heubert, Dr. D. Nicolison, Capt. Morrison, Capt. Leigh.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Montly medal.—The first competition for 1893 took place on Saturday, when some wonderful scores were made, which quite upset all the calculations of the handicapping committee. The course was certainly shorter than usual, and consequently "scratch" was several strokes less than the ordinary summer average. It seemed very doubtful, when intending players arrived on the Bull about one o'clock, as to whether the club-house could be reached, owing to an extraordinarily high tide, which almost completely covered some portions of the Bull. However it fell very quickly, and did not interfere with play. Judge Shaw was an easy winner with a gross score of 97, less 28=69, and the following were the other scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
His Honor Judge	97	28	69	Mr. C. D. Barry ...	95	17	78
Shaw	97	28	69	Mr. A. S. Hussey ...	97	18	79
Mr. Percy Watson	97	22	75	Mr. G. C. Green ...	92	12	80
Mr. George C. May	87	11	76	Dr. Traill ...	98	13	85
Mr. J. H. Barrington	91	14	77	Mr. J. P. Barrington	115	30	85
Mr. H. C. Warren	97	18	79	Mr. D. "Jones" ...	93	6	87

In the second heat for the captain's prize, Captain Williams beat Mr. A. T. Johns; Mr. Wylie beat General Moncrieff; Mr. White beat Mr. Davidson; Mr. Barrington beat Lord Louth; Mr. E. H. Johns beat Mr. Dickson; Mr. Hone beat Mr. Warren; Mr. Bethune beat Mr. Hussey; Dr. Traill beat Mr. Stewart who scratched.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

"Bogey" competition for prize presented by Capt. Fairlie, and sweepstakes, Saturday, February 18th.

Handi. Holes		Handi. Holes			
cap.	down.	cap.	down.		
Mr. G. Hornby ...	+4	1	8	4	
*Mr. T. W. Barker ...	4	2	Mr. E. B. Scott, R.A.	17	4
*Col. Mayne ...	4	3	Capt. L. Feuvre ...	7	5
*Mr. J. M. Robin ...	9	3	Mr. O. Belk ...	2	7
Major Scott, R.A. ...	+1	4			

* Divided sweepstakes.

Fourteen players made no return.

"SCOTSMAN" v. SEAFIELD.

A match between these clubs, played in foursomes, ten couple a-side, came off on Leith Links on Saturday afternoon. The green was in good condition, and a very enjoyable game finished as follows:—

SEAFIELD.

		Holes.
Messrs. R. J. Henderson and J. Doig ...	...	3
Messrs. R. Robinson and S. F. Notman ...	...	3
Messrs. H. H. Muirhead and W. Dougall ...	...	0
Messrs. J. Calder and R. Gibson ...	...	0
Messrs. P. Gardner and J. Fairgrieve ...	...	0
Messrs. G. Sinclair and D. Leitch ...	...	0
Messrs. J. Cochrane and F. P. Cochrane ...	...	0
Messrs. W. Golder and J. Scott ...	...	0
Messrs. T. Anderson and W. Irvine ...	...	3
Messrs. G. H. Ridley and T. Sinclair ...	...	0

"SCOTSMAN."

		Holes.
Messrs. D. Coutts and R. Melrose ...	...	0
Messrs. D. Blair and R. Laurie ...	...	0
Messrs. J. Robb and R. H. Thom ...	...	0
Messrs. H. Neilson and J. Mercer ...	...	1
Messrs. D. Pringle and H. Arnott ...	...	0
Messrs. R. G. Duthie and J. Chumley ...	...	0
Messrs. J. P. Lees and J. Murdoch ...	...	5
Messrs. J. Frater and G. Aitken ...	...	5
Messrs. D. Robb and R. McIntyre ...	...	0
Messrs. J. McIntyre and J. Pearson ...	...	3

Majority for the Scotsman 5 holes.

ST. NEOT'S GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' competition, February 17th

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mrs. J. W. Addington	80	35	45	Mrs. Good ...	96	40	56
Miss Hicks ...	87	40	47	Miss Bower ...	67	10	57
Miss Towgood ...	76	25	51	Mrs. P. C. Tomson ...	101	40	61
Mrs. Jordan ...	91	35	56	Miss K. Meade ...	82	15	67

Four members made no return.

* Winner of prize.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

Monthly medal, 11th February, 1893.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. H. Booth ...	96	8	83	Mr. W. H. Peto ...	111	22	89
Mr. M. Tomson ...	101	13	88	Mr. R. C. Harrison	111	15	96
Mr. T. R. Mills ...	94	5	89	Mr. R. Clutton ...	112	14	98

Other members made no return or their scores were over 100.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, February 11th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Griffiths.	102	17	85	Mr. E. A. Spurgin..	111	23	88
Mr. J. H. Chavasse.	101	15	86	Mr. F. Rathbone ...	107	18	89
Mr. E. E. Lamb ...	104	18	86	Mr. P. A. Bourke...	106	15	91
Mr. T. G. Griffith ...	104	18	86	Mr. F. G. Hughes...	120	27	93
Mr. S. J. Porter ...	111	25	86	Col. Lockyer ...	110	16	94
Mr. H. M. Eddowes	102	15	87				

No returns from three players.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The usual fortnightly handicaps took place on Monday, February 13th, and Tuesday, February 14th, with the following results:—

Ladies (nine holes)—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Clifton ...	62	scr.	62	Miss Edith Vachell	65	1	64
Miss Voyle...	66	4	62	Miss Bolton ...	65	scr.	65

The tie has not yet been played off.

Gentlemen (eighteen holes)—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. G. Faber ...	111	28	83	Captain Westby ...	119	24	95
Mr. H. T. Smyth ...	113	26	87	Colonel Fitzgerald...	123	26	97
Mr. T. A. Rees ...	103	10	93	Mr. Mathias Thomas	122	24	98
Mr. H. J. Allen ...	111	16	95	Mr. A. C. F. Evans	116	15	101

Messrs. Logan and Lloyd retired.

TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The fifth medal competition of the season, for Rev. G. T. Warner's brooch, took place on Friday 17th inst. Owing to the bad state of the weather, there were very few entries.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss E. Colhoun ..	90	7	83	Miss Wollen ...	99	7	92
Miss G. V. Guise ...	94	4	90	Miss Pemberton ...	101	7	94
Miss Oldfield ...	99	7	92				

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The following excellent round of the above green was made last week by Mr. Rex Howell, of Esher. In spite of the 48 for the second nine holes, it stands the record of the new green, and the first round is likely to remain so for some time. The score was verified by Mr. H. Blake, of Wimbledon, and stands:—4 4 5 4 5 5 4 5=40; 5 5 5 7 6 5 5 5=48; 88. This would have "Col. Bogey" only 1 up on the eighteen holes. Scratch of the green is 86.

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The fifth winter monthly competition took place on Saturday, the 11th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Dixon ...	95	17	78	Mr. J. A. Tweedale	94	scr.	94
Mr. J. Kent Ford...	104	22	82	Mr. H. J. Despard..	110	16	94
Mr. H. G. Langley.	98	10	88	Mr. W. H. Welsh...	112	17	95
Mr. J. E. Mills ...	104	16	88	Mr. H. Heape ...	123	28	95
Mr. K. C. Bellhouse	106	18	88	Mr. J. M. Astbury..	124	29	95
Mr. J. W. Beaumont	117	29	88	Mr. J. D. Hobkirk.	104	8	96
Mr. John Beaumont	100	10	90	Mr. C. D. Milne ...	100	3	97
Mr. A. W. Henry...	99	8	91	Mr. P. Swanwick...	107	9	93
Mr. C. Hervey ...	101	10	91	Mr. W. Wood ...	114	15	99

Twelve members either were over 100 net, or made no returns. Mr. H. G. Langley won the Boddington cup and memento; Mr. A. H. Dixon won the Haworth cup and memento, and the first sweepstakes; and the second and third sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. H. G. Langley, J. E. Mills, K. C. Bellhouse, and J. W. Beaumont.

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The medal contest was played off on Saturday afternoon, 11th inst. The weather was very unsatisfactory. The competitors were numerous, and despite the weather some interesting play was seen. Result:—Winner, Mr. D. Macleish, 101, less 18=83; 2, Mr. John R. Scott, 107, less 18=89; 3, Mr. John Thomson (scratch), 91; 4, Mr. William Brown, 105, less 13=92. The final ties for the two-guinea prize were also concluded the same day, as under:—Mr. John Sangster beat Mr. A. B. Ferguson by 2 holes up and 1 to play. Mr. Thomas Carruthers, jun., got a bye from his opponent.

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PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—The members took part on Saturday in the handicap competition for the Wilson medal, the weather on the whole being favourable. The following are the best scores recorded for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. D. Templeton, 98, less 18=80; Mr. C. Hight, 89, less 6=83; Mr. W. Macfarlane, jun., 93, less 10=83; Mr. W. J. Templeton, 94, less 8=86; Mr. J. Howat, 93, less 6=87; Mr. A. Crawford, 93, less 6=87; Mr. J. Andrew (scratch), 88; Capt. Locke, 99, less 10=89.

HADDINGTON.—The members of this club competed on Saturday at Garleton for the Ross medal and other prizes. Two rounds of the course, which extends to nine holes, were played. A high wind made the scoring above the average. Subjoined were the best cards:—Mr. M. McNeill, 94, less 8=86; Mr. D. Croal, 105, less 18=87; Mr. G. McNeill, 97, less 10=87; Mr. J. A. Shannon, 103, less 14=89; Mr. J. G. Croal, 96, less 6=90; Mr. T. Black, 94, less 3=91; Mr. T. W. Kemp, 107, less 12=95.

HAWICK.—The Bombay medal was played for on Saturday afternoon, and won with the splendid score of 72. Details:—2nd, Dr. Barrie, 88, less 3=85; 3rd, Mr. Golding, 113, less 27=86; 4th, Mr. Mr. R. Hume, 109, less 21=88; 5th, Mr. W. Smail, 116, less 27=89; 6th, Mr. T. Buckham, 95, less 4=91; 7th, Mr. R. Cruikshank, 94, less 1=93; 8th, Mr. J. S. Turner, 100, less 4=96; 9th, Mr. T. M'Lellan, 123, less 27=96; 10th, Mr. W. Hume, 101, less 4=97; 11th, Mr. J. F. Williamson, 126, less 27=99.

"LARKS" CLUB, MUSSELBURGH.—The first quarterly competition for the season took place on Thursday, the 16th, for the Crandies cup and club prizes. Twenty-four members entered, but owing to the wet and disagreeable afternoon, several retired, and only seventeen cards were handed in. The best handicap score, 96, less 12=84, was made by Bailie Smith, who secured the cup and first prize (the captain's). Other prize-winners were:—Mr. Charles M'Intosh, 86 net; Mr. James Forsyth, 86 net—tie; Mr. David Clark, 87; Mr. George Drummond, 87—tie; Mr. James Brown, 88; Mr. R. W. Jackson, 89; Mr. R. McCulloch, 90.

EDINBURGH REGISTER HOUSE GOLF CLUB.—The medal competition of this club took place on Saturday afternoon, 11th inst., over Leith links, with the following result:—1st (medal) Mr. P. Mortimer, 78, less 9=69; 2nd, Mr. R. M. Alexander, 78, less 4=74; 3rd, Mr. J. M. Marr (scratch), 75; 4th, Mr. A. Glegg, 89, less 10=79; 5th, Mr. A. Paterson, 92, less 10=82; 6th, Mr. A. Foster (scratch), 85, and Mr. P. Grant, 89, less 4=85, tie.

BURNTISLAND.—The winter medal was competed for on the High Bents course on Wednesday 8th, and Saturday 11th. A high wind interfered with the play, but notwithstanding this drawback very good scoring was accomplished. The following are the chief results:—Mr. D. Connel, 85, less 2=83; Mr. J. Simpson, 83, plus 1=84; Mr. C. Ross, 85, less 1=84; Mr. J. Venters, 86, less 2=84; Mr. D. Walker (scratch), 86; Mr. R. Carmichael, 92, less 6=86; Mr. J. Adamson (scratch), 88; Mr. T. Gordon, 91, less 3=88; Mr. F. Lacey, 110, less 22=88.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COMPETITION, 1893.

The Amateur Championship Golf Competition, open to all Amateur Golfers, Members of any Golf Club, will be commenced at Prestwick, Ayr, N.B., on Tuesday, 9th May, when the Trophy, value £100, and Four Medals, will be competed for under the following conditions:—

1. An Amateur Golfer shall be a golfer who has never made for sale Golf clubs, balls, or any other article connected with the game; who has never carried clubs for hire after attaining the age of 15 years, and who has not carried clubs for hire at any time within six years of the date on which the competition begins in each year; who has never received any consideration for playing in a match, or for giving lessons in the game; and who, for a period of five years prior to the 1st September, 1886, has never received a money prize in any open competition.

2. Competitors shall enter for the Competition through the Secretaries of their respective Clubs, who, in sending in the names, shall be held to certify that the players are *bonâ fide* Amateur Golfers in terms of the foregoing definitions.

3. *The Entrance Fee shall be One Guinea, and must be received by the Secretary of the Prestwick Golf Club, not later than Thursday, May 4th.*

4. The competition shall be played by holes in accordance with the Rules of the Prestwick Golf Club.

5. The draw shall take place on Saturday, May 6th, and shall be conducted as follows:—Depending on the number of entries, such number of byes shall be first drawn, as shall, after the competition of the first round leave 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64 players, and one draw shall decide the order of play throughout the competition; those who have drawn byes being placed at the head of the list of winners of the first round, and taking their place in the second round in the order in which their names then stand.

6. Each game shall consist of one round of eighteen holes.

7. In the event of a tie in any round, competitors shall continue to play on until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the Match shall be considered won.

8. The winner of the competition shall be the Champion Amateur Golfer for the year, and the Trophy shall be held for that year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered. The winner shall receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal, and the third and fourth bronze medals, and shall save their stakes.

9. All entries must be subject to the approval of the Committee of the Prestwick Golf Club.

10. All disputes shall be settled by the Committee of the Prestwick Golf Club, whose decision shall be final.

11. That the balance of the entry money, after paying all expenses connected with the competition, be expended in providing prizes for the four winners.

A MEETING OF DELEGATES will take place in the CLUB-HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th of May, at Five o'Clock.

Note.—Those competing for the Championship, and Secretaries of Golf Clubs, will be admitted as Extraordinary Members of the Club during the Competition only.

By order of the Committee,

HARRY HART, Hon. Secretary,
PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB, AYR, N.B.

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