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STAMFORD.

Stamford is snugly situated in a pastoral, well-watered district. The river Welland here divides Lincolnshire from Northamptonshire, and, as the town is built on both banks of the river, it belongs to both counties, being called Stamford in the former and St. Martin's in the latter. The great North Road, or Ermine Street runs through the twin town, and we can still see several inns on either side of it, but the one that attracts most attention is the George Hotel, with its sign painted on a board that hangs right across the street. This is still an excellent hostelry, as the writer can testify. On entering the main door you find yourself in a capacious hall, paved with stones. Formerly this was a covered passage, through which they drove the coaches, a halt being called in the middle while horses were changed or baited. In winter or wet weather passengers of the olden time must have looked forward to this luxurious resting-place.

It was at Stamford that the trials of Jeanie Deans came to an end in her famous walk to London. No doubt it was at the George that she entered the coach which conveyed her to her destination in a day and a half. It takes little more than a hour and a half nowadays!

Stamford is tolerably accessible from all quarters, as there is both a Great Northern and a Midland station, with a fair service of trains. This is a matter of great importance to the Golf Club, as a number of the members reside in Peterborough and other places some distance from the course. The railway companies ought to be approached on this matter; if they could see it to be for their own good to furnish special golfers' tickets, they would surely imitate the example of those companies which have already done so, and earn the gratitude of the large and increasing golfing public.

There are steep streets and extremely narrow streets in Stamford, but this can well be overlooked on account of the picturesque irregularity of the houses. Those of one storey, or two, or three, are to be seen in one street, and the architecture is equally varied; quaint gables and odd-shaped windows catch the eye at many a corner.

We should like to have explored the churches, but had to content ourselves with their exterior view; some have conspicuous spires, others square, embattled towers; all have stood the test of time, for the stones are weather-worn and discoloured. St. Martin's, for example, dates from the fifteenth century, and herein may be seen the tomb of Lord-Treasurer Burghley.

But the noted spot, the centre of attraction in this locality, is, of course, "Burleigh House by Stamford Town." Ascending the main street of St. Martin's, in a few minutes we arrive at the magnificent gateway which forms the chief entrance to the park. There are really three parks, the upper, middle, and lower, and their total circumference is said to be seven miles. Owing to the liberality of the Marquis of Exeter, the public have always access to the lower park which we have just entered, and, when one remembers that his lordship was once in the Cambridge Eleven, it is not at all surprising to observe a tasteful cricket-ground and a charming pavilion *à la Suisse*, conveniently near the town. The Marquis thus shows a desire to further the national sports in his neighbourhood, and it may be added that skating is freely permitted on the lake in its season. Our friend and cicerone informed us that Mr. W. G. Grace on one occasion drove a cricket ball

over the top of the highest tree in the spinny behind the ground!

The avenues leading to Burghley House are lined with lovely trees, sometimes a double row on each side. Well might Tennyson write of the

Parks with oak and chestnut shady,
Parks and ordered gardens great.

Oaks prevail, but there are elms and limes and firs in the clumps of trees dotted over the undulating parks. That ancient trunk is the remains of the oak planted by Queen Elizabeth, while yonder thriving young oak was planted by Her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria!

Ascending the gentle slope of the lower park, and crossing the narrow plantation, we find ourselves in the Middle Park, or Waterloo Plain, which it is to be hoped will be the scene of many a bloodless battle, balls and not men lying "dead" at the hole-side. This is an enormous field of nearly seventy acres; like its prototype, it is partly environed by wood, and round the inside circumference zigzags the Golf course. Waterloo Plain is in the tenancy of Mr. Henry Edwards, and that gentleman, though not a golfer himself, has magnanimously granted the free use of the ground to the Burghley Park Golf Club; it is to be hoped that he will yet don the red coat, and become practically acquainted with the best of games.

Most of the course is on a plateau, so that wet will never interfere much with it; at the same time there will generally be a little wind going, and on days when the heat is stifling in the town, golfers will breathe freely—always provided that they are not too many down! The soil is a mixture of clay and sand; indeed, there are patches of almost pure sand, but only in sufficient quantities for teeing-grounds and tee-boxes, not enough to constitute bunkers. The course is a left-hand one of nine holes, and was originally laid out in October 1892. We made an effort to discover who was the actual father of Golf in these parts, but it was unavailing; its origin therefore resembled Topsy's. The greens are well-rolled and cut, reflecting credit on the young man Wade who keeps them; but it must be remembered that the club had till lately the services of H. Hurry, of Cambridge, for greenkeeper and ground-man, which gave them a good start.

The first teeing-ground is about 150 yards from the little club-house, popularly termed "The Shed," and the first hole is about 380 yards from the tee. The chief hazard is a piece of rough ground on the left, once a spinny, where there are holes and long coarse grass and weeds, which gave so much trouble that this space has come to be reckoned out of bounds, or as water, causing the rash entrant to play his third from the tee. Two good drives will carry to the edge of an oblong putting-green, where the turf is of good, firm, springy texture, with a few narrow-leaved plantains, but no moss. The same may be said of all the greens; there is a thicker sole of grass on several, it is true, but in no case bad turf. Stroke and distance is the penalty for overrunning this green into the timber-yard, which we think too heavy; enough to drop the ball west of the fence, losing 1.

This timber-yard is the hazard to be overcome from the second tee, and many a ball must be lying amongst those piles of wood. It is a most tempting shot, but even the best of us cannot always reckon on a carry of 160 yards, which is required to clear the encircling fence and cart ruts. Mr. Day has had the satisfaction of holing out in 2, but it is safer to play a little to the right, and try for a 3. The ground beyond the green is very bad—about it more anon—and the green itself is on a slope, which in summer may prove tricky.

Now comes the most critical drive of the round, that from the third tee. The teeing-ground is admirable, in the corner of the High Park. Immediately in front is a sunk wall—so far, so good—on the left is a pretty spinny, right ahead, in the distance, the spire of All Saints is seen rising above the tree-tops, and in the expanse of park behind, and around, may be seen scores of mottled deer grazing. You scan the scene with delight, and feel at peace with all the world, and then you make your shot; well, if it is straight and far, the rough ground beyond the second hole can be carried, and good ground reached, but if the shot is pulled, or a trifle short, woe unto that golfer; better it were for him to tee again, losing stroke and distance, for he who plays out of this mixture of scrapes and nettles in

two strokes is to be congratulated, and he who loses his ball is not to be surprised at. There are rabbit-scrapes even in the straight line of the course; but, as is usual in places where these abound, the ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty. This hole is about 320 yards.

The fourth hole (220) is capitally arranged, with an ugly trap with stony bottom to catch a "topper" from the tee, and a somewhat awe-inspiring bunker to be crossed before reaching the fine turf where the hole is placed. A drive, a loft, and a putt, easily done on paper, and as easily missed in reality!

The short hole (90 yards), or "Iggulden's Fancy," is called after the hon. treasurer, whose inventive genius was brought into play when the tee was selected. It is a clever little blind hole, the iron shot being made from the bottom of a deep, narrow quarry; small quarries and mounds in this part of the Plain were made when digging for ironstone.

We must now walk westward almost to the wall which separates the Park from the North Road, and further west may be seen the ruins of Wothorpe, a building "erected by Thomas Cecil, Earl of Burleigh, for the purpose, as he jocosely said, of retiring to out of the dust, when his great house at Burleigh was sweeping." Wothorpe was destroyed by Cromwell, who marched on to Burghley House with a similar intention; but the behaviour of the Countess in her brave defence, and the beauty of the house, moved him not only to spare the fine structure, but also to present his portrait to the gallant lady, a picture which may be seen to this day, wart and all, hanging near that of the Countess.

En revenant à nos moutons, there is some danger about this part of the course, which could be avoided by moving the sixth tee nearer the plantation, in which direction there is width to accommodate the most erratic driver, whereas at present the slightest swerve to the off makes the ball fly over the fourth green. It is 360 yards to the sixth hole, over a piece of fine turf, where you get lies for a wooden club; this is a feature of the course which applies to all but the third hole; it may not hold good later in the season, when the grass is longer. At the seventh tee, let us pause a moment and admire the scene; on all sides, lovely undulating parks adorned with trees, except right ahead, where we have a clear view of the House, the general appearance of which, with its numerous minarets and its vast size, reminds one of the Pearl Mosque of Agra, but the colour of the stone is different. The serpentine lake in the foreground, with swans sailing over its surface, enhances the view not a little, and an artistic bridge completes a picture which is a "joy for ever."

The seventh hole, or the Fishponds (200 yards) can be reached from the tee, as there is a downward slope all the way, increasing on the green, and causing it to be a regular crafty hole, where a local man should have the pull of a stranger.

It is a most charming sight to see the big trout sporting in these celebrated breeding-ponds; a small pebble thrown in is sufficient to excite half-a-dozen of the denizens, which swim swiftly towards the glittering object, exhibiting their powerful black backs or their silvery sides, and making an angler's mouth water.

The eighth, or Lake Hole, is one of the best; the *quondam* spinny mentioned in describing the first hole must be carried from the tee, or stroke and distance lost; but those who do the proper thing have a shot worth playing for their second. At the foot of the hill there is a watercourse, with high, but not abrupt, banks on either side; a good second should loft on the slope beyond the far bank, in which case a 3 may result. Mr. H. B. Waite has performed this feat twice, but it is a good hole in 4, as the lake is not many yards beyond the flag, and the ditch is not only long, but trees grow in part of it, altogether constituting a right formidable hazard.

The home hole (220 yards) has no hazard save the wood on the right, and can be easily enough taken in 4. The green is wide and good, the only slight difficulty being the furrows. "Bogey" might be set at 5 3 4 4 3 5 4 4 4=36, as a good scratch player should be able to go round in an average of 4.

The Burghley Park Club numbers over sixty members, of whom eight or ten are ladies. There is no local club-maker, but Baxter, St. Mary Street, and Fisher, High Street, sell Golf balls, and are agents for some of the principal club-makers. The course is one of the most charmingly situated that we know.

Here one can breathe strong, unsullied air, and the eye is gratified by the beauties of nature and art on every side. From a purely golfing point of view, it requires a few more hazards and a lengthening of some of the holes, and a doing away with intercrossing; but, perhaps, in the youthful state of the club, it is quite as well as it is in the meantime.

We cannot conclude without devoting another short paragraph to Burghley House, which it is to be hoped that all golfers will visit. It was begun in 1575 by the Lord-Treasurer, and Queen Elizabeth showed her appreciation of it by paying her favourite several visits. These cost the noble lord a lot of money, nor can it have been much consolation when the Queen playfully said to him, "my money and your taste have made it a mighty pretty place." In the suite of rooms shown to the public, it is difficult to make selections, there is so much that is interesting, beautiful, and historic, from the chapel with its pictures, some by the great masters, which is first shown, to the lofty banquetting hall at the finish. There is a fascination about all the apartments, and while some may prefer to gaze upon a Guido or a Rembrandt, others may be more gratified by the birds and flowers marvellously carved by Gibbons, or the painted roofs of Verrio. There are not many such private collections of pictures, carving, tapestry, china and *bric-à-brac*. But the picture about which the interest of most will centre, is undoubtedly that of "The Village Countess," by Sir Thomas Lawrence. It hangs in one of the billiard-rooms, and represents a lady of no ordinary comeliness, accompanied by her husband and son. There is a gentleness and sweetness about the face which won the heart of the "landscape painter," and Sarah Hoggins, the Shropshire maiden, seems to have been worthy of all the love that he bestowed upon her, and the deep mourning that he made for her untimely death.

H. M. B.

WILLIE'S GANE TAE PLAY AT GOWF.

(Old Ballad air—"MELVILLE CASTLE.")

Willie's gane tae play at gowf,
Wi brassies, cleeks an' a',
Tae win the champion trophy,
An' place it in the ha'.

For Willie's gude and Willie's sure
An' feared by ane an' a';
An' his paitner will be shakin',
When Willie tees his ba'.

The first he met was a lanky loon,
But he wisna' in't at a';
For Willie won by three,
An' tae gang there still wis twa.

The next he met was a doughty chiel—
Gude faith! an' he did craw—
But Willie won it easy,
For he played without a flaw.

Syne up cam' the crack amateur,
They ca'ed him Johnny Ba',
An' a the crood they gathiered roon
Tae see them gaun awa'

Frae green tae green they gaed just even,
It lookit like a draw,
But Willie won it on the green,
Wi the last putt of a'.

An' when they saw the winnin' stroke,
The crood let oot a roar,
An' carried Willie shooter-high,
Richt thro' the club-hoose door.

Sae Willie he's the Champion,
His medals are fu' braw,
An' he shows them tae the lassies,
When they come in the ha'.

MASHIE.

THE PENALTY OF A LOST BALL.

Mr. John Jones was not a popular member of the Royal Westshire Golf Club. He had a way of looking upon the members as unconverted sinners, which was not exactly pleasing, and his expressions with regard to Sunday Golf were more forcible than polite. Consequently the members shunned him more or less, and though they were civil to him when they met him, they abused him roundly behind his back, and each fresh tale of his preaching mania was received with shouts of laughter. It was reported, too, that he was not quite straight in details of the rules of Golf, and that many of his matches were won by sharp practice; else, how was it that he received such a high handicap, and could yet beat so many good players when playing them level? And certainly it was an odd thing that, either by accident or design, his medal scores were always high, though he had won several prizes when least expected to do so.

A tournament was being played in the Royal Westshire Golf Club for a silver cleek, and Mr. John Jones found he was drawn to play young Robinson who had lately joined the club, and who was fast becoming a most popular member, as he always had a pleasant word for everyone. It was wished by all that he might win the match as it was anticipated that either he or Mr. Jones would win the tournament, both being rather over-handicapped and in good form. Out of the perverseness born in humanity, Mr. Jones was quite determined to disappoint everybody and win it himself.

The match was arranged to take place one afternoon, and, being the first heat of the tournament, no one was sufficiently interested, or too much occupied with their own matches, to go round with them, so they played an even and exciting match without spectators. Each man played his best as each had made up his mind to win, but neither could get much up on the other.

Their excitement reached its height at the sixteenth hole when young Robinson stood 1 up, and missing his drive at the seventeenth, gave Mr. Jones a good chance of winning the hole. That gentleman unfortunately pressed in his eagerness to secure the hole on which so much depended, and though he out-drove young Robinson by some distance, his ball was pulled to the left and fell into a group of whins. Robinson's second only brought him up to the whins, and Mr. Jones and his caddy began to search for the vanished ball. "You must find it," cried Mr. Jones to the lad who was poking in the bushes in a desultory way, "don't you know that if it isn't found I lose the hole and the match and everything."

But the boy rather chuckled at this, as he was no lover of Mr. Jones, who had one day called him a "swearing heathen," and continued his aimless search. Mr. Jones beat and hunted among the bushes in an agony of suspense, but without any result. Presently putting his hand to his pocket for his handkerchief, with which to wipe the drops of anguish from his brow, he felt the round hard substance of a ball. In a moment it flashed into his mind that no one would be able to tell that ball from the one he had been playing with, as it was the same make and had been played with before, and the question arose in his mind, why shouldn't he . . . ? and here was Robinson coming leisurely up to aid in the search with a quiet smile of triumph already creeping into his eyes. That smile settled it.

"I say," Robinson was calling out, "I think it fell further that way, don't you? I'll just have a look," and, when he reached the spot he indicated, there was the ball lying clear in the open, though Mr. Jones had but a moment previously passed that way. The smile faded from Robinson's eyes.

"Look! here it is in the open," he called to his companion, who was now looking vigorously in a bush; "you must have walked over it!"

"Did you say you have found it?" queried Mr. Jones, returning quickly, "where is it?"

"There," said Robinson, pointing, "at least I suppose it's yours, you had better look."

"Yes, yes, that's mine," cried Mr. Jones, eagerly, "there's

my mark on it, do you see? 'J. J.' How very fortunate! I am truly glad you found it."

"That's more than I am," thought Robinson, when he saw the ball spinning blissfully in the direction of the hole. "I wish I had let the beggar do his own finding, as it may cost me the match!"

And so it did, for Mr. Jones had not "found" the ball in vain, as he won that hole, making the match "all even," and, by quiet deliberate play, won the next hole, and, consequently, the match.

The result was heard in silence at the club, and Robinson began to relate how he had practically lost the match by finding his opponent's ball.

"That's all nonsense," said Jones testily "I should certainly have found it as I went back," and Robinson seeing he was put out, good-humouredly changed the subject.

Mr. John Jones had several more matches to play, but in each he was equally successful, winning them by quiet, steady play, though his opponents remarked that he always took his cleek to the seventeenth hole, and would give no reason for so doing. The final for the tournament created no little excitement, as Mr. Jones had to meet a very good player; but, as he received several strokes from that gentleman, he was able to win the match, and, therefore, the whole tournament. Nevertheless he was not a happy man, and that night, when little Mrs. Jones congratulated him as warmly as she dared, he was unusually snappish, and seemed altogether put out.

"One would think I had won the Championship, to hear you talk," he said. "This paltry tournament is nothing. You women always make much ado about nothing."

And every day he regretted that the ball had been "found," and more than once determined to seek an interview with the captain; but, fearing lest his "moral influence" at the club should be injured, he resolved to put the matter in as agreeable a manner as possible at the meeting, at which he was to be presented with the reward of his duplicity.

The day of the presentation arrived. After publicly congratulating Mr. Jones at the meeting, the captain was about to present the silver cleek to him, when Jones astonished the assembled members by saying that there was a little matter which he would like to have cleared up before he felt at liberty to accept the prize. The captain begged him to explain himself, which he did after his own fashion.

"In my match with Mr. Robinson," he said, after looking carefully round to make sure that Mr. Robinson was not present, "at the seventeenth hole he was 1 up, and I drove my ball into the whins to the left of the hole. As I could not find it, I teed another as near as possible to the spot at which I thought it entered the whins, believing that to be the usual thing; but, referring to the rules the other day, I found that the ball should be teed 'as near as possible where the ball was struck,' and not where it was lost. I feel, therefore, I should be taking the prize under false pretences, and wish to decline so doing."

For a moment there was silence, and then the Captain said: "I think, Mr. Jones, that you are still labouring under a delusion with regard to the rules," and, taking a little book from his pocket he read aloud, "'In match playing, a ball lost entails the loss of the hole.' The rules you refer to are the special rules for medal days."

"Oh!" said Mr. Jones quickly, "then that quite decides me with regard to the prize. Mr. Robinson would have won the match if he had won the seventeenth hole, therefore, the prize is his."

"I am sure Mr. Robinson would not accept it like that, Mr. Jones, and we cannot ask him as he is away, ill." Then, turning to the members he said, "What do you gentlemen think had better be done?"

Some suggested one thing, and some another, and Mr. Jones could not but catch his name uttered in scornful tones. One member asked him pointedly whether he or his opponent had never lost a ball in match play before, to which Mr. Jones murmured something about "giving up the hole in despair."

At last it was decided that Mr. Jones was entitled to the prize, as young Robinson had not claimed the hole, and most unwillingly he took it, and the meeting broke up directly after.

As he was hurrying home, he saw the caddy he had employed on the day of his memorable match, speaking to the Captain,

and pointing towards him. Was it possible the boy remembered anything he might have said to the effect that he was not as ignorant of the rules as he had professed to be, and, hearing the members talking about what had just occurred at the club, had drawn his own conclusions, which he thought fit to communicate to the Captain?

All night Mr. Jones was haunted with the fear that the caddie had betrayed him, and so sure was he that the lad had done so, that, the first thing in the morning he returned the silver cleek to the captain, with a long letter, in which he stated that he had yielded to the temptation of dropping another ball and letting his opponent find it, but he begged the Captain to keep it as private as possible, as he wished to give notice that he was leaving Westshire at once, as the place did not suit his health.

The Captain, who was greatly astonished at the letter, explained to the members as nicely as possible, that Mr. Jones felt quite unable to keep the silver cleek, owing to circumstances which he was not at liberty to disclose, and that he would cease to be a member of the club, as he was leaving the neighbourhood, because he found the climate too warm for him.

How much of the truth the members guessed was never known, but it was regretted by none that that was the last tournament Mr. John Jones had an opportunity of winning at the Royal Westshire Golf Club.

H. M. F.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup was held on Saturday, June 30th, the weather being brilliantly fine, and the links in good playing order. Low scoring was, however, rendered difficult by the glassy condition of the putting-greens, which would be all the better for some rain. Owing to the counter-attractions of cricket, lawn-tennis, and polo, there was only a small field of competitors on Saturday, the winner proving to be Captain Osborne, who played a very steady game. Scores:—Captain Osborne, 96, less 18=78; Mr. W. J. Burman, 95, less 11=84; Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney, 103, less 18=85; Mr. J. B. Ludford Astley, 98, less 10=88; Colonel Fell, 108, less 18=90; Mr. W. L. Melville Lee, 113, less 17=96. The remainder were over 100, or no return.

The June tournament for the Graham-Savile foursome cups was brought to a conclusion last week, when Messrs. C. G. Graham and M. T. Brown were returned the winners. They have accordingly challenged Messrs. H. W. Bainbridge and J. F. Wright, the present holders of the cups, and the match will be played in the course of the present month. The following are the details of the tournament:—

First round.—The Hon. R. H. Lytton and Mr. J. W. Liddell walked over, their opponents, Messrs. C. G. C. Mallam and H. O. Mascal, having retired; Messrs. C. G. Graham and M. T. Brown, giving 4 strokes, beat Captain M'Kinstry and Mr. J. B. Ludford Astley by 1 hole, after a halved match; Messrs. J. A. F. Moncreiff and A. E. Williams walked over, their opponents, the Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney and the Rev. B. Packer having retired; the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff and Mr. W. J. Burman had a bye.

Second round.—Messrs. Graham and Brown, playing even, beat Messrs. Lytton and Liddell by 8 up and 6 to play; the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff and Mr. Burman, giving 2 strokes, beat Messrs. J. A. F. Moncreiff and Williams by 8 up and 6 to play.

Final round.—Messrs. Graham and Brown, receiving 2 strokes, beat Messrs. Moncreiff and Burman by 3 up and 2 to play.

The best score against "Bogey" for June was compiled by Mr. M. T. Brown (10), who was 1 hole up, and therefore puts in a win for Mr. Ashton's prize.

At Musselburgh, a working-men's tournament, instituted by the treasurer of the town, Mr. Simpson, has been going on for the past ten weeks. The principal prize has been won by a working-boy, Charles Wilson, aged twelve, who played a wonderful game.



REMOVAL OF STONE IN HAZARD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see in your issues of June 22nd and 29th that the question which originated on our links about six months ago has been taken up by "New Forest" and "H. M. B." In my correspondence with you at the time on the subject I told you I regretted that the question had not been brought forward in your paper then, and I am glad to see that you have now opened the question. I should have been better pleased if these opening letters, each advancing an opinion, had not been anonymous.

With regard to unwritten laws of Golf, as laid down so conclusively by "H. M. B.," he says, "Surely it is an unwritten law of Golf that nothing in a hazard may be removed." I have nothing to do with that. My opinion, when the case was referred to me as secretary of the club, was given on the *written* laws which only should stand in any game.

I referred the case to Mr. Horace Hutchinson when he was here, and he said: "Had the question been referred to me at the moment, I should have said that the stone could not be moved; but on your bringing the rules bearing on the point to my notice, the opinion you gave was perfectly right."

As an example of the case—A and B stand at a tee with a hazard in front of them (for the definition of a hazard see Rule 15), the hole, under ordinary circumstances, being a drive and iron shot. In this case the wind is against them, and A thinks to himself, "I can't carry the hazard; I will play a short one, and carry it in my second." He plays his short shot. B tries to carry the hazard, but fails to do so. A comes up to his ball and finds just what he played for, a good clear ball; but within a club-length of it is a stone, stick, pot, pan, or anything else, which, coming under the old denomination of a break-club, touches the hazard. Now, if he is not covered by Rule 11, and cannot remove this obstacle, his good play and good judgment of the first stroke is thrown away, and he is no better, and perhaps worse off than A who comes under Rule 14, with all its penalties. According to the rules a hazard is just as much a part of the green as if there were no hazard, and carries no penalty with it unless the ball is in or touches it.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. S. ROBIN,
Hon. Sec. Royal Jersey Golf Club.

July 3rd, 1894.

[The point to bear in mind is that a large stone was hanging in a bush: a bush is a hazard, and nothing in a hazard may be touched or removed before the ball, even lying outside, is played. The rule as to break-clubs applies to the green, not to a hazard. We see no reason to alter our view, though our correspondent's contention is backed up by the high authority of Mr. Hutchinson. We only hope that Mr. Hutchinson will translate his view into practice the next time he plays, say, in the Amateur Championship. That would be a method of practically testing the question, which we should like to see adopted for the deliberations of the local committee—and after.—Ed.]

CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD ENGLISH SPORTS.

II.

CAMP-BALL.—FOOTBALL.

A ball filled with feathers or any soft material was at first used in playing this old English sport, which was after a time succeeded by an inflated bladder encased with stout leather. This kind of ball was not only yielding and durable, but extremely light. A handful of peas or beans was often put into the bladder, so that the "charging" might seem more effective. It must, however, be remembered that the object of this rustic game was not *éclat de tonnerre*, but the serious exhibition of all the brute force the players could command. Broken heads, gory faces, sprained wrists, and bruised shins were the pride of the victors.

Barclay, in his "Ship of Fools," says:—

And nowe in the winter, when men kill the fat swine,
They get the bladder and blow it great and thin,
With many beans and peason put within:
It ratleth, soundeth, and shineth clere and fayre,
While it is thrown and caste up in the ayre.
Eche one with hande the bladder tries to smite;
If it fall to grounde they lift it up agayne;
And this waye to labour they count it no payne.

The Right Hon. William Wyndham was wont to say that "camping" combined all athletic exercises; that to excel, a man must be a good boxer, runner, and wrestler; in short, a sort of pancratiast.

For the encouragement of this rural pastime, land was given with all legal formalities. Camping-lands, generally abutting on churchyards, may yet be seen, where football was once played after divine service on Sundays. Tusser, who was a farmer in the reign of Elizabeth, highly commends camping as being very beneficial to the turf.

Until recently, a game bearing a close relation to our ancient camp-ball was popular in Brittany. A leathern ball—*la soule*—filled with bran, was employed. The object of each of *les souleurs* was to obtain forcible possession of the ball, so that he might either carry it beyond the prescribed limit, or "pass" it to one of his own side to do the same. The brutality of this rustic sport was sometimes indescribable. Under the ostensible pretext of play many a man has received a fatal blow. The rivalry between different villages always ended in a stubborn affair of fisticuffs, if nothing worse. As late as 1810 a player was tried for murder, but was acquitted.

BOWLS.—HALF-BOWLS.

Early in the thirteenth century bowling was ranked as an English pastime, although at that time it had not reached the zenith of its popularity. In the fourteenth century a smaller ball, a "jack," was used. At the same time a similar game was common on the Continent. The French called it *Le Carreau*, because the mark to be aimed at was placed, not upon the ground, but upon a square stone or Dutch tile.

In course of time bowling became a fashionable game. Spacious "greens" were laid out, and commodious "alleys" were erected, so that the devotees of the shrine of pleasure might suffer no inconvenience in wet weather. This sport was, however, greatly abused; it was the cause of much gambling and debauchery.

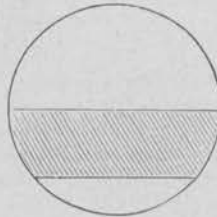
Edward the Fourth prohibited the play of half-bowl, closh, and kayles (the second and third being much like nine-pins). The game apparently survived the royal death-blow, because in later years Stowe is found deploring the

evils arising therefrom; and Stephen Gosson exclaims, in righteous indignation, "Common bowling alleys are privy mothes that eat up the credit of many idle citizens, whose gaynes at home are not able to weigh downe theyr losses abroad, whose shoppes are so farre from maintaining their play that their wives and children cry out for bread, and go to bedde supperlesse ofte in the yeere."—"The School of Abuse." 1579.)

Bowling was patronised by Royalty, and, as the King could do no wrong, others thought themselves justified in following the example of their sovereign. Charles the First accustomed himself to play at the famous bowling-green at Barking, which was laid out by the wealthy Richard Shute, and Charles the Second and his merry courtiers used in like manner to amuse themselves at Tunbridge.

In the first instance, an unbiassed, spherical ball was employed. The bowl was next cut into two equal portions, hence the idea of weighting the ball. Owing to the natural bias of the half-bowl, much patience was necessary to become an expert in the game.

This ancient sport was in vogue in Herefordshire as late as the seventeenth century. It bore the comical appellation—Rolly-Polly. In Holland and Belgium a modified form of half-bowls is yet played. The game is called *Ballen*, although only a small portion of the whole sphere is used.



These discs are about four inches thick; their diameters respectively measuring twelve and ten inches. Constant play soon rounds the edges. The difficulty the players encounter is that although these *ballen* are homogeneous throughout, yet, their edges being bevelled, they refuse to run in a straight direction. The player must, therefore, propel his so-called "ball," with force sufficient to overcome all resistance in its way, and at such an angle that it may travel in a circuitous route, and at last reach the mark.

HAND-TENNIS.—PAT-BALL.

"This exercise," writes St. Foix, "consisted in receiving the ball and driving it back again with the palm of the hand. In former times they played with the naked hand, then with a glove, which in some instances was lined; afterwards they bound cords and tendons round their hands to make the ball re-bound more forcibly; and hence the racket derived its origin."—(*Essais historiques sur Paris*).

During the fourteenth century, *Le jeu de Paume* was exceedingly popular on the Continent. So infatuated, indeed, were many of the courtiers of Charles the Wise, that after losing fabulous sums, they are said to have actually pledged their wearing apparel rather than desist.

Mdlle. Margot, who lived in Paris in 1424, was a remarkable exponent of this game. The skin of her hand was so tough, and the muscles of her arm so strong, that the historian declares she could play better than any man. There was one note-worthy peculiarity about this lady's play, and it was the fact that she used the back and the palm of her hand with equal facility.

In the south and south-west provinces of France, Pat-ball, or Blaid, is common. It is played against any accessible wall, with any number of players; hence, it

differs somewhat from the old English game of Fives, for in that pastime five aside only were permitted, and the ball was sent bounding from one to the other over a "cross-line." It is quite astonishing to watch the French Blaid-players. Their untiring energy, their consummate skill, together with the manner in which weight, force, and momentum are demonstrated by hard hands and muscles of iron, are really marvellous.

RACKET-TENNIS.

Trinquet, an amusement familiar to all sojourners in the South of France and the North of Spain, greatly reminds us of the ancient game of rackets. To all intents and purposes it is played in an English tennis-court. Our forefathers made bracers, with which to protect the hand and forearm; trinquet-players have in like manner designed a glove which not only guards the hand, but affords capital leverage for the forcible delivery of the ball. The glove in question is not covered with the tendons of animals, or padded with strips of indiarubber, but it is greatly elongated by means of a piece of leather, which is hardened by some process until it becomes as firm as horn.

The players try to catch the ball upon the palm of the hand, then if possible they let the ball run down this stiff appendage attached to the glove; then, when it has reached the extreme point, instead of letting it fall to the ground, they suddenly deliver it with all the force at their command. If the player can achieve this movement, he is not merely acting strictly within the rules of the game, but he is returning his shot to the best advantage.

The French and Spanish Basques are famous at Pelota—a game very similar to the above. The *pelotares*, as they are called, employ a hand-guard, or *cesta*; it, however, differs materially from that used in Trinquet. It is made of osiers, and is shaped like a crescent, sharply curved at one end, and measuring about eighteen inches. To this scoop-like, wicker-work racket a leathern glove is sewn, which holds the fingers of the player's right hand.

A specially-built court, or *frontone*, is necessary. The walls must be high, their surfaces hard and smooth, and along the tops a stretch of wire-netting must be fixed. The floor must be perfectly smooth, and marked into compartments by black lines. Two men on each side (the blue against the red) only play.

Although this fascinating game is unknown in England, it is common in several parts of America, particularly the Argentine Republic, where it was introduced by emigrants from the Basque Provinces. It now constitutes the Argentine Base-ball. The great players exhibit extraordinary agility and remarkable powers of endurance; they are the pet idols of various betting cliques. They come over from Spain for the season, and, like noted tenors or bull-fighters, they can command fabulous salaries. During the game the excitement sometimes verges upon madness; large sums of money are thrown into the court to encourage the *pelotares*, even as the populace of Madrid throw boxes of choice cigars and purses of money to the clever *torero*, so that many a professional *pelota* player has returned to his native land having, like the renowned Gilead P. Beck, "struck ile."

SHOVEL-BOARD.—BILLIARDS.

Although Billiards is said to be of French origin, we are notwithstanding inclined to believe England may justly claim this popular game as her own offspring, because the word "billiard" is apparently derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *bylg-geards*, that is, pocket and yards (wands); hence the game in which pockets and wands are necessary.

A unique form of playing bowls is mentioned by Strutt. The ball, instead of being delivered by the hand, is driven by a mace or baton along the ground, through an arch, and from thence towards a distant mark. The kneeling posture assumed by the players must have been extremely fatiguing; hence, to obviate this drawback, the game was subsequently played upon the surface of a level table. The arch and the baton were still retained, besides the mark, or "king," as it was afterwards called.

Akin to modern billiards was the now obsolete Shovel, or Shuffle-board—a game considered dreadfully vulgar, when its only patrons belonged to the plebeian order. In course of time, however, it rose in the social scale, becoming of great repute among the nobility. The great hall of any mansion was not considered furnished without it contained an expensive shovel-board table. Henry the Eighth was a dexterous player.

The tables were often thirty feet long, and three feet in breadth. Some of them were beautifully inlaid. Two lines were drawn across the table, the first at a distance of four inches from the further end, the other at a distance of four feet. Each player was provided with four discs of metal, which were to be impelled along the board. Great nicety was needed in shoving these discs, or they would slide over the end into a trough, placed there to catch them.

From Chaucer we learn that pebbles or stones (*augrims*, or *algorithm* stones) were used in calculating, as milled sixpences were at a later period. *Algorisme* stones are also referred to in Dr. Wordsworth's "Life of Sir Thomas More." Testoons were, no doubt, often employed as discs, as will appear from the following conversation in "The Merry Wives of Windsor":—

"SIR JOHN FALSTAFF: Pistol, did you pick Master Slender's purse?

"SLENDER: Ay, by these gloves did he . . . of seven groats in mill-sixpences, and two Edward shovel-boards, that cost me two shillings and twopence apiece of Yeard Miller."

The counting was thus: If the disc fell into the trough, nothing was allowed; if it hung over the furthest edge, 3; if between the further line and the end of the board, 2; and if over the nearer line, 1.

A brief description of a fifteenth-century billiard-table might, perhaps, be interesting. It was square, with only three pockets for the balls to run into, and they were all on one side—one in the middle and one in each angle. In the centre of the table was a small arch of iron, and in a line at a little distance therefrom a cone—"the king."—"The School of Recreation," 1710.)

Billiards became an unlawful amusement under George the Second (Statute 30). No billiard-table was allowed to be kept in a public-house, under a penalty of ten pounds for each offence. There were two distinct methods of play, the French and the Italian, the latter being termed Truck in England. In some parts of the Continent a round or oval form of table is used; in others it is square; here the shape usually adopted is oblong, varying in length from six to twelve feet, the width being half the length, and the height always three feet.

HENRY J. HILLÈNNE.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT COMPANY GOLF CLUB.—The third competition for the Directors' cup, was held on Tuesday night, on the Braids course, and a large number of members turned out. The cup was won by Mr. Monteith, with a score of 86, and two special prizes in connection with this competition were won by Messrs. W. Harland and J. Meek, with scores of 87 and 93 respectively.

EMINENT GOLFERS.—XXXVII.

J. H. TAYLOR, THE OPEN CHAMPION OF 1894.

IT has been suggested to me that I should write a few biographical lines about J. H. Taylor, the English lad, who has won the first Open Championship decided on English soil. I have known Taylor virtually all his life, for he used to carry my clubs at Westward Ho! when he was a boy. He lived in the village of Northam, and is probably more widely known to fame than any man who has come from that little village since Amyas Leigh. I forget about Salvation Yeo; I think he was an Appledore man. So Taylor learned to play Golf, just as he learned to walk, by a natural process of growth. I cannot trace in his game any features acquired from those who would be likely to have inspired him—as the Allans or Mr. Arthur Molesworth. He seems to have picked up his quiet, strong style entirely as an original "find." Taylor went as a gardener's boy, for a while, if I remember right; but the rushes of the Westward Ho! links attracted him more than geraniums, and he came to work under poor old Sowden, the dead and gone green-man of Westward Ho! We used to pass the time of day with him, but never knew that he had any capacities as a golfer until the big professional tournament was held at Westward Ho! four years or so ago. On that occasion he ran Archie Simpson very hard indeed, and but for being bothered by a "gallery," to which he was quite unaccustomed then, might have beaten him. Soon afterwards the North Devon Club played a team match against the Northam Village Club, and Taylor was matched against the present writer, and defeated him at the last hole. In the course of the match he lofted a stimie when my ball was lying on the very lip of the hole, and he had two for a half. I do not think that Taylor would play for it now—he knows more than he did then; but it serves to show what sort of stuff he is made of. With all this he was then, and still is, one of the most modest of lads. He is a strict teetotaler, a non-

smoker, and has a sound, level head, which will prevent his success from spoiling him.

Soon after this Taylor went to Burnham, then a new links, in Somerset. There the writer (much out of practice, let him say in justice to himself) was beaten by Taylor very badly. From Burnham Taylor went to Winchester, where he is now. It is not necessary to say anything about his style, with its features of "mashie" strokes laid very near the hole, with lots of cut, of strong forearm shots, and of drives kept marvellously straight. These features will be familiar to the many who have now seen him play, for he has played many a match with varying, though generally victorious results, against the professionals engaged on the Southern greens. His 75 in the first round of the Open Championship

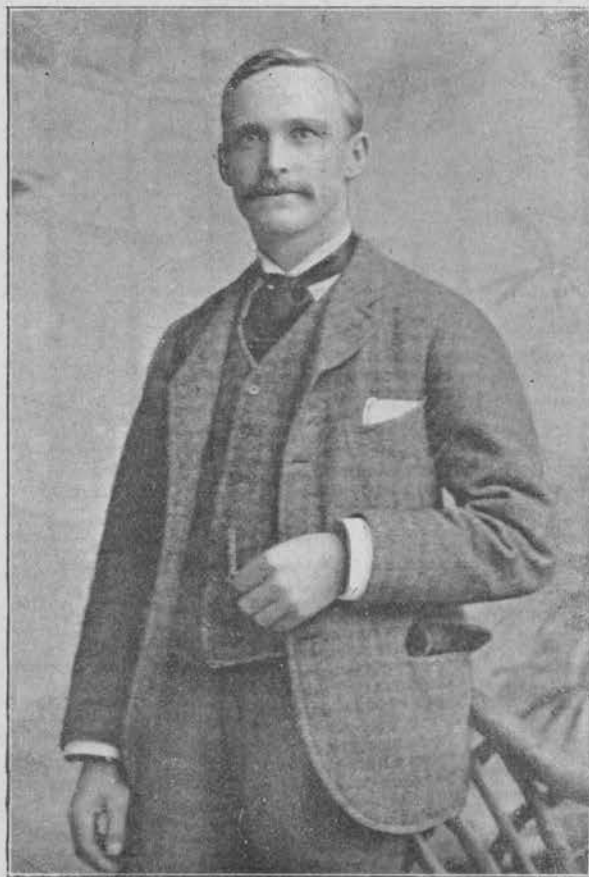
held at Prestwick last year, will be in the memory of most. Afterwards he fell off in his game, which he had tried too highly in hard matches previous to the big event. He stays on the top of his game longer than anyone whom the writer has known, but a little more experience will show him that even his staying power is exhaustible. Perhaps the reason of his faculty for keeping up his game is the little effort which his style of driving requires, and the quickness of his play. He wastes no time nor tissue in aim or "waggle," and no doubt that counts for something.

Taylor is not twenty-three, so he has a splendid golfing career before him. He is well liked and respected, both by the amateurs who know him and by his brother-professionals. There was no shadow of national jealousy in their

appreciation of his victory at Sandwich. Westward Ho! golfers, of course were especially pleased at his success, and great will have been the rejoicing in the little village of Northam. It is only a pity that we no longer have a Kingsley to do justice to a Devon hero so worthy of his eulogy. The photograph is by Mr. Philpot, North End, Croydon.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

STOCKBRIDGE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—In the final of the hole-and-hole tournament for the silver cleek, presented by the late Mr. Ebenezer Wallace, Mr. P. Seton (plus 1½ holes), beat Mr. H. Aitken (allowed 6½), by 3 up and 1 to play.





We are asked by Mr. Laidlaw Purves to state that he believes Mr. David Davidson was the first to propose the modification of the stimpie rule, which Mr. Purves brought before the Royal and Ancient Club in 1891.

The Ranfurly Castle Golf Club (Bridge of Weir) has now got a full eighteen-hole course, which was opened for play on Saturday. The original nine-hole course was laid out about five years ago by Willie Campbell, who for a considerable time acted as local professional; but it was found quite inadequate, the club having increased to a membership of 225, with many waiting for admission. Willie Park has had the extension of the course committed to him, and from all accounts he has done his work well, and made Ranfurly as good as any inland course in Scotland. The original course was on the lands of Brannoehlie, the property of Mr. Horatius Bonar. For the extension the farms of Whinnerstone and Shillingworth, the property of the Messrs. Craig, have been partly utilised, and with lots of play the ground, now in places a little uncouth, will be improved. Mr. J. L. Wilson, the convener of the Extension Committee, and Mr. Postevin, the secretary, deserve much credit for having the ground open for play in the short space of three weeks after obtaining possession. This Ranfurly course ought to be a great boon to Glasgow golfers, being within half-an-hour's ride by rail from the city. There is a commodious club-house for the use of members, built at a cost of £500. The finest view in the round is at the teeing-ground of the seventh or Prospect Hole, where Strathgryffe and the Clyde Valley with surrounding hills come grandly under the survey of the golfer who is not too much absorbed in his gutta-percha to forget nature.

The competition for the Wemyss cup—the East Lothian County cup—takes place at Luffness on Saturday the 28th inst., the draw being at 10.30 a.m. The entries are about the same as in former years, one or two junior clubs sending teams in place of others who have retired from the scene. If the Bass Rock (as stated in GOLF, July 3rd) are determined to retain possession of the cup, they have got their work cut out for them. This year the Tantallon Club sends a particularly strong team, viz., Messrs. A. M. Ross, Marcus Brown, J. McCulloch, and Stuart Anderson. The Gullane Club team is also a formidable one, viz., Messrs. Gordon Robertson, T. Lugton, jun. (who figured among the victors in the *Dispatch* Tournament), R. T. Boothby, and David Lyell. For Dirlerton Castle the following are the representatives:—Messrs. J. Brotherstone, A. Litster, J. Litster, and D. Ritchie. These various teams should take a lot of beating even if none of the others entered should give any trouble.

Some of the visitors at Gullane in June have, it appears, got into disgrace by playing Golf on Sundays, and the secretary of the Dirlerton Castle Club, who acts as *custos morum Golficorum* for the village, has seen fit to administer a rebuke to the delinquents. The case is all the more serious as arising so soon after the new lease for the proper conduct of the green and the golfers had been put into form; and besides, one of the guilty Sabbath-breakers is said to be a member of the team

chosen by the Gullane Club to pay for the county cup. The club, we believe, will have to deal with the matter, and it is to be hoped their decision will save the quiet old hamlet from any such terrible outbreak in the future.

Golfers in the northern parts of Edinburgh are grumbling very much because the Corporation are neglecting to keep down the grass in Inverleith Park, so as to allow of their having a morning round there. Their grievance seems legitimate, and easily remediable, and they ought to cry aloud and shout till the grass disappears.

Mr. Hay Fleming, who is by far the best authority on all that concerns St. Andrews, has issued a new edition of his "Handbook to St. Andrews and Neighbourhood," which the visitors will find very useful.

Mr. W. T. Ferme, Solicitor, Haddington, at a meeting of the Archerfield Club, on Thursday, won a neat prize presented to the club by Mr. McCaul, D.K.S., S.S.C., Edinburgh. Lord Trayner has recently been admitted to the membership of this club.

Playing over Archerfield the other day, Mr. Gordon Robertson was down in one stroke at the fourteenth hole, and suffered the usual penalty at the hands of his caddie.

In Scotland it is said that marriage is on the decline, not because it is a failure, but because Golf, and such like pastimes are taking the attention of both sexes away from the subject and from each other.

The Ladies' Competition of the Rhyl Golf Club, postponed on account of the presence of a Volunteer encampment on the links, will take place on Monday, the 16th inst.

ANDREW KIRKALDY TO CHALLENGE THE WORLD.—A number of well-known golfers have, it is stated, decided to issue a challenge to the world on behalf of Andrew Kirkaldy. These gentlemen will offer to back Andrew against any English or Scotch golfer for £100. The match, if it comes off, will, it is proposed, be played on three Scotch greens—St. Andrews, Prestwick, and Carnoustie—two rounds on each green, though, perhaps, the last will give place to Kirkaldy's opponent's home green. We should like to see English golfers take the match up on behalf of Taylor.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery, of Glasgow, the Rev. Dr. W. W. Tulloch, of Maxwell Parish, was granted a year's leave of absence to recruit his health in a dry and warm climate. Golfers will wish the rev. gentleman a good recovery from the bunker of ill-health, for by all who know him he is beloved for his genial, kindly character, and in a sense he made the discovery of Machrihanish, his "Lost and Won," in which "the Madonna" figures so charmingly, being now one of the most interesting and scarce specimens of Golf literature.

A county championship prize has been presented by Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael, of Callands, to be played for by the Golf Clubs of Peeblesshire. The clubs at present in the county are West Linton, Peebles, Innerleithen, and Carllops. The club winning it is to be held the champion club for the year, and any club winning it four times in succession is to become possessor of it. It is a most handsome cup, and has on it sketches from Peebles, West Linton, Carllops, and Innerleithen.

A "Guide to Musselburgh" has been issued by Mr. Thomas Adams, 37, Bridge Street, with a useful map, and some interesting illustrations. Golfers will no doubt consider the "Guide" as an interesting booklet to look over in travelling to and from the green.

Reviews.

CLUBS: ATHLETIC AND RECREATIVE. HINTS AS TO THEIR FORMATION AND MANAGEMENT. By Karslake Dene, Solicitor. Bristol: John Wright & Co. Price 2s. 6d.

This is a little legal handbook that ought to be of particularly valuable use to committees and members of Golf clubs, as well as of other athletic and social bodies. Mr. Dene has been struck by the universal looseness which prevails in the formation and management of cricket, football, lawn-tennis, and Golf clubs. The ideas which are popularly accepted by the founders of athletic organisations as to their scope, management, and liabilities, in connection with members and club property, are crude and inexact; and in order to help to a better guidance on many technical and but dimly realised difficulties in working out details, the author has been led to enlarge a few notes originally designed for his personal use. In this little book, compactly and clearly written, we have a pretty fair summary of the leading considerations which ought to guide committees and members in setting about the formation of a club of any description. Mr. Dene is forcible in his injunction that at the outset the promoters of every club should resolve to conduct it on sound business principles, and within the limits of a clearly defined constitution. The author sets out in pretty full detail the steps to be taken to found a club, the duties of the chairman, secretary, treasurer, and committee; the keeping of the minutes correctly as well as punctually; the making of rules and by-laws; election and expulsion of members, and the bringing forward of the balance-sheet. What makes the book especially valuable is the special index which has been prepared, giving a detailed reference to the decided cases in the law courts having a pregnant bearing on the ins and outs of club-law. The book ought to become a popular one in these days of athletic progress.

ELTHAM LODGE, THE ELTHAM GOLF CLUB-HOUSE: A Short Account of its Varied Fortunes, Past and Present. Written and Illustrated by the Rev. T. Norman Rowsell, M.A. Blackheath: Henry Burnside. Price, 1s. 6d.

The modern club-house, in which golfers most do congregate is generally a plain, unpretentious structure, reminiscent of the arts of the jerry builder and redolent of varnish. It is aggressively new, and it has absolutely no history, having been born, so to say, into this golfing world but yesterday. Not so the club-house of the Eltham Golf Club; it has a very picturesque and ancient history, which it is the object of Mr. Rowsell's book to tell. When a few years ago the Eltham Club was founded, the active management of the club, headed by Mr. E. M. Prothero, the first captain, found themselves in possession not only of a beautifully situated private course in one of the loveliest districts of Kent, but of a fine old mansion-house placed in the centre of the course. It was known with more or less certainty that this house, which was soon to echo with the clank of nailed golfing shoes and the clatter of cleeks and irons, had a history of some kind which linked us with a somewhat remote past. In walking over the house and examining the rooms the visitor was struck with its wide, wainscotted hall, its spacious oak staircases, its carved woodwork, its magnificent tapestry hanging on the walls, its nooks and crannies, the solidity and fineness of the materials of which it was built, and its general air of antique mellowness betokening an order and method of life which had passed away. The spirit of the old world brooded over the place, and one irresistibly gathered the impression that within these walls life ebbed and flowed with a rich fulness of ornate splendour not to be easily realised. Here beauty with its powder and patches and farthingales, its wit and its frivolity, strutted its brief hour and passed away; here griefs lightly felt, and speedily forgotten, were voluble and resonant, and sorrow, too deep for expression, writhed in silent anguish; and the whole of that sum total of what Rabelais called *ceste insigne fable et tragique comédie* of life was enacted to the bitter end.

Mr. Rowsell tells us that the Eltham property has always been, during the vicissitudes of our national history, in the possession of the Crown. Eltham, Ealdham, or Altham is the Saxon for "old village," and within the confines of the Golf

course there existed at one time a Royal palace where, in 1314, Edward II. had a son born to him. King John of France was entertained there, and Queen Elizabeth was the last monarch to hold a Court in old Eltham Palace. The lands of Eltham seem to have belonged to our monarchs as a kind of hunting preserve, and in the time of Charles I. they formed a portion of the dower of Queen Henrietta Maria of France. In return for services in cash during his exile, Charles II. made a Mr. John Shaw, merchant and banker, of Antwerp, a baronet, and granted him a lease of the manor of Eltham. This very interesting document is still in existence, and it has been offered by Mr. Teesdale, a member of the Golf club, to the committee to frame and preserve. The present house (now the Golf Club) was erected in 1664, and, after its completion, Charles II. visited the owner at Eltham. The house remained in the possession of the Shaw family until 1838, when, owing to a non-fulfilment of some of the conditions of the lease, it came into the possession of Mr. Benjamin Wood, M.P., a London hop merchant. After his death the mansion was occupied, until two or three years ago, by the widow, who lived to the unusual age of ninety-eight, leaving a fortune of £198,000. Mrs. Wood was the mother of General Sir Evelyn Wood and of Mrs. O'Shea, afterwards the wife of Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell, the "Uncrowned King" of Ireland, whose name must also be associated with the history of the building. It is in this interesting building that the Eltham Golf Club have the good fortune to find themselves installed.

Mr. Rowsell modestly dedicates his book to the Members and Committee of the Eltham Golf Club, "with whom, and by whom, I have been instructed in a pleasant pastime." The two Charleses were pretty keen golfers, and it would indeed be interesting if Mr. Rowsell could unearth from behind that old tapestry an old King Charles club or a feather ball battered by the Royal niblick! At any rate, Golf is older than the corrupt and dissolute Stuart dynasty, and there would be no jarring incongruity to find that the Royal and Ancient game had been played over land which was once in the tenure of Charles I. and his son. We are glad to have fallen in with this interesting little book. The well-executed sketches of the mansion and grounds, by the author, are by no means the least valuable portion of the work.

THE "BOGEY" COMPLAINT.

What's in a name? Why cavil thus,
And load with stern abuse,
The "Colonel's" quaint cognomen, which
Is now in common use?

The golfer's mutual enemy,
What better name, forsooth!
For one who dims in riper years
The Bogeys of our youth.

For one who, though the greens are rough,
Though it should blow or rain,
Drives faultlessly from ev'ry tee,
And never putts in vain.

Then—(we've no means of finding out,
We only know he beats;
I say it low, with bated breath)—
I can't but think he cheats.

We hate him when he wins the game,
"Bogey" has then its charm;
And if *we* win, the horrid sound
Has failed to cause alarm.

Why deck him with high-sounding name?
'Twere surely thrown away;
He never had an ancestor—
A mushroom of to-day!

And though you change it once a year,
This fact I can foretell,
That "Bogey," by another name,
Will play Golf just as well.

ROSE CH. DE CRESPIGNY.



BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 4th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Connell	92	12	80	Miss Gow	104	8	96
Miss Finch	115	25	90	Miss. Dallas	132	28	104
Miss Gay	104	10	94	Miss Johnstone	140	30	110
Mrs. Dickins	113	18	95				

Mrs. K. B. Brown, Miss Clare, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Gay, and Miss A. Clare, made no return.

BLACKHEATH LADIES GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 4th. This competition was played in great heat on very quick greens, and resulted in a tie between Mrs. Whyte and Miss Wray. The tie was played off next morning, and the medal won by Mrs. Whyte, Miss Wray being unfortunately disqualified by a mistake in a hazard. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Wray	78	6	72	Miss P. Webb	98	18	80
Mrs. Whyte	87	15	72	Mrs. Newton	102	20	82
Miss A. Bidwell	85	12	73	Mrs. Penrose	87	4	83
Mrs. Meredith	75	scr.	75	Miss Loveless	92	9	83
Miss Sheringham	89	14	75	Miss Turner	101	18	83
Mrs. Needham	92	16	76	Miss Paine	103	20	83
Miss Fraser	90	13	77	Miss M. Richardson	86	1	85
Miss A. Martin	101	24	77	Mrs. J. Spurling	104	18	86
Miss A. Richardson	84	6	78	Mrs. MacArthur	102	14	88
Mrs. Mackern	79	scr.	79	Mrs. Johnson	104	16	88
Miss Richardson	98	18	80	Miss Soames	113	24	89

Nine others made no returns, or were over 100 net.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, July 7th. The Berens monthly medal was competed for in a strong south-west wind, resulting in a tie between Mr. C. O. Walker and Mr. H. T. Ross, to be played off on some future date. The following are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. O. Walker	89	5	84	Mr. W. O. Bailey	95	4	91
Mr. H. T. Ross	94	10	84	Mr. F. E. Baddeley	107	16	91
Dr. Bruce E. Goff	87	scr.	87	Capt. Fuller Maitland	110	18	92
Mr. H. E. Acklom	91	4	87	Mr. A. C. Woolley	109	16	94
Mr. D. E. Cardinall	104	16	88				
Mr. E. J. Game	103	13	90				

Six players made no returns.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On the 30th June the fourth competition for the Committee's cup took place. The following cards were only returned:—Dr. Archer, 92, less 6=86, win in for cup and first sweepstake; Mr. R. Wilkinson, 100, less 12=88; Mr. A. G. Soames, 101, less 10=91, won second sweepstake; Mr. James G. Frost, 105, less 9=96, won third sweepstake; Mr. T. G. Frost, 110, less 12=98.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the Treasurer's prize was held on Monday, July 2nd, but, owing to the thunder and heavy rain, very few ladies played. Miss H. Milne put in a win for the prize, for which there will be four competitions, and the four winners will play off under match play. Scores:—Miss H.

Milne, 77, less 20=57; Miss G. Clarke, 79, less 20=59; Mrs. Parkinson (scratch), 68; Miss A. L. Clarke, 83, less 7=76. The remainder were over 80, or made no returns. The competitions are played over 9 holes, from the same tees as the gentlemen play from on medal days.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

Final June monthly competition, July 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Cross	100	19	81	Mr. F. Smith	97	9	88
Mr. J. W. Robson	93	11	82	Mr. C. D. Ismay	107	17	90
Mr. J. G. Leathart	95	10	85	Mr. A. H. Marsh	105	13	92
Mr. J. W. Sharp	103	16	87				

Mr. George T. Glover retired.

First day of fourth monthly competition, July 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Lieut. Willis	114	30	84	Mr. W. R. Heatley	103	12	91
Mr. W. Cross	102	17	85	Mr. J. Milton	98	7	91
Mr. J. R. Bolton	94	8	86	Mr. H. Armstrong	115	22	93
Mr. Geo. T. Glover	98	12	86	Mr. G. W. Williams	99	5	94

Messrs. F. Smith, W. P. Cochrane, A. Gregory, and A. Wilson retired.

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

It will be remembered that last year Mr. Herbert Strutt, of Makeney, Duffield, gave a bronze statue of Mr. John Ball, jun., amateur Champion, to be played for in a series of competitions during the present year. The Hon. C. W. Trollope, of Matlock, has presented a very handsome silver timepiece for competition. The clock is surmounted by the figure of a golfer driving from the tee. The body rests on three balls, which in turn rest on an oval silver plate, with balls for feet, and on the plate in front of the clock are a driver and cleek, also resting on balls. The trophy will be played for under handicap on the 20th of October next. The club is in a very prosperous condition, for which its spirited management and energetic hon. secretary are to be commended.

DERBYSHIRE V. MARPLE.

This match was played on the Marple Links on Saturday, July 7th, when the visitors proved victorious by 16 holes. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE.		Holes.	MARPLE.		Holes.
Mr. T. C. Jeffery	...	4	Mr. H. D. Hill	...	0
Dr. Macphail	...	0	Mr. G. Sherwin	...	3
Mr. J. N. Nutt	...	6	Mr. H. Eskrigge	...	0
Dr. Johnston	...	3	Mr. Alfd. Cresswell	...	0
Mr. H. M. Gray	...	5	Mr. F. Cox	...	0
Mr. J. Sayers	...	1	Mr. H. Kay	...	0
		19			3

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The July medal was played for on Wednesday, July 4th, and was won by Mr. Haughton, after a tie with Mr. Jeffery. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Haughton	100	18	82	Capt. Heanage	108	16	92
Mr. Jeffery	89	7	82	Col. Blake	112	20	92
Major Burton	97	12	85	Sir B. Edwards	102	8	94
Mr. Armitstead	94	8	86	Mr. Leigh	110	14	96
Capt. Lyon	93	4	89	Capt. V. Eccles	106	8	98
Capt. Eccles	96	7	89	Rev. H. Wood	120	22	98
Col. Parker	93	2	91				

Twelve others were over 100 net, or made no returns.

Ladies silver medal, Thursday, July 5th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss B. Borrow	74	8	66	Miss B. Wood	81	2	79
Miss D. Jeffery	69	2	67	Mrs. Parker	93	13	80
Mrs. Billiat	92	25	67	Miss Wood	94	14	80
Miss F. Jeffery	84	12	72	Miss Grazebrook	103	20	83
Miss Woodruffe	100	25	75	Miss L. Wood	96	12	84

Four others made no return.

FORFARSHIRE.

The final heats of the first and second classes in the competition for the club prizes presented by Mr. Low, captain of the Monifieth Club, have been played off. The first-class foursome was played on Monday evening, July 2nd, the competitors being Messrs. John Hendry and William Drimmie against Messrs. William Hutcheson and John Pearson. Rather unexpectedly the match was of a one-sided nature, Messrs. Hendry and Drimmie winning easily by 6 holes up and 4 to play. In the second class also the match was rather a tame one, Messrs. George Davidson and Robert Grossart beating Messrs. D. K. Drimmie and Douglas Fox by the same number of holes, namely, 6 up and 4 to play.

The last of the ties in the competition for clubs presented by Mr. Low, captain of the Monifieth Club, was played off on Thursday night. The result of the competition in the first and second classes has already been reported, and the play on Thursday night was the last of the ties in the third class. Mr. David Scott and Mr. G. Tarbet having scratched, Mr. Robert Locke and Mr. A. Adie met Mr. C. A. Gittings and Mr. James Watson in the final. Messrs. Gittings and Watson played well together, and beat their opponents by 4 holes up and 2 to play.

The monthly competition of the Kirriemuir Ladies' Club for the handicap medal took place on Thursday in fine weather, and in presence of a large number of spectators, mostly strangers. The following are the scores:—Miss A. Gillespie, 121, less 9=112; Miss M. Low, 121, less 6=115, and Miss Carrie, 122, less 7=115, tie; Miss Hutchison, 122, less 4=118; Miss Thomson, 124, less 4=120; Miss B. Low, 126, less 5=121; Miss Morrison, 139, less 16=123; Miss Low, 130, less 5=125; Miss Heron, 131, less 3=128; Miss Young, 151, less 13=138.

Last week a meeting of the Montrose Royal Albert, Victoria, and Mercantile Golf Clubs, whose members are entitled to compete for the Boothby-Campbell challenge shield, was held in the Mercantile club-house. There was a large attendance of members of the Mercantile, and the Royal Albert and Victoria Clubs were also fairly represented. Mr. C. D. Napier, captain of the Mercantile Club, occupied the chair. He stated that the meeting had been called by his club for the purpose of considering the renewal of the agreement with the Town Council as to the upkeep of the Golf course. Bailie Stone understood that at a meeting of the joint-committee on March 7th it was resolved to have more bunkers on the links, but the Dean of Guild did not call a meeting of his Assessors until three months after that, and even then ignored the resolution of the joint-committee. He held that that was a distinct breach of the arrangement between the Town Council and the golfers. (Applause). After such treatment as that, he did not think the club would go on contributing towards the expense of the course unless some thorough understanding was come to on the point. (Applause). In reference to an application of the Victoria Golf Club for a piece of ground situated to the west of the house belonging to Mr. Sandford-Thompson, Bailie Stone said that if the Victoria Club built a club-house there, it would infringe on the circular course, which would be a great pity. (Loud applause). He understood that the proposed club-house would come to within twelve yards of the putting-green. Mr. Pullar here interrupted Bailie Stone, and said that was nonsense, as the distance would be about twenty-five yards. Bailie Stone said that he had it as a fact from Dean of Guild Sim that the distance was twelve yards. Bailie Stone moved—"That this meeting make a representation to the Town Council requesting that body to withdraw the piece of ground applied for by the Victoria Golf Club from public roup, so as to preserve the integrity of the circular course." (Applause). Mr. A. McLean seconded. Mr. Pullar moved as an amendment that no such representation be made. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A division was then taken, when Bailie Stone's motion was carried by an overwhelming majority, only six supporting Mr. Pullar's amendment.

On Wednesday evening, July 4th, a large crowd of spectators assembled on Montrose Links to witness the match between Mr. James Thow of the Victoria Club, and Mr. James Hampton of the Mercantile Club, in the semi-final round for the Boothby-Campbell challenge shield, which carries with it the champion-

ship of Montrose and district. Mr. Hampton was the favourite, he having recently gone round with the record score of the green—74. Mr. Thow, who has only recently come to the front as one of the first-class golfers, played a steady game, however, and at the turn was leading by 1 hole, having the score of 39 to Mr. Hampton's 41. The match had an exciting finish, Mr. Thow winning the last two holes, and gaining the match by 2 holes. The Victoria Club representative's score was 82, and the Mercantile player's 84.

A match between teams representing the Scotsraig (Tayport) and Caledonia (Carnoustie) Clubs was played over the Scotsraig course on Wednesday, by foursomes. The day was fine, and there was a large turn-out of spectators. The result of the match was a victory for the visitors by 8 holes. Appended are the details:—

SCOTSCRAIG.		CALEDONIA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Messrs. J. G. Dickson and H. Fyfe	3	Messrs. J. Adam and J. R. Wilson	0
Messrs. J. M. Scott and J. Robertson	0	Messrs. A. B. Walker and J. Lowson	7
Messrs. J. Morton, sen., and J. Willock	0	Messrs. J. H. Henry and S. Boyle	9
Messrs. W. Davidson and T. M'Donald	0	Messrs. J. Ross and W. Buchan	1
Messrs. M. Carr and J. B. Hislop	2	Messrs. M'G. Fleming and Freeland	0
Messrs. A. Robertson and J. R. Wilson	8	Messrs. J. M'Culloch and A. Forsyth	0
Messrs. W. C. Honeyman and J. White	0	Messrs. W. Watson and J. M'Pherson	2
Messrs. T. T. Leitch and G. Scrymgeour	0	Messrs. G. Whitton and G. Winter	0
Messrs. J. Millar and F. Morrison	0	Messrs. E. H. Hay and D. S. Murray	5
Messrs. R. T. Leitch and A. Mills	0	Messrs. J. Neave and P. Scott	1
Messrs. W. Hutcheon and J. Matthew	4	Messrs. R. B. Morrison and J. Milne	0
Mr. G. D. White	0	Mr. D. S. Morrison	0
	17		25

Playing the round of the Scotsraig course with Mr. A. S. Thompson, Willie Young, of Monifieth, completed the eighteen holes in the fine total of 76. His figures were:—

Out	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	5=37	} 76
In	6	3	5	4	3	4	5	5=39	

HAMPSTEAD GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday, June 30th. The winner was Mr. F. R. Hoare, with a score of 115, less 17=98. The following were some of the other net scores handed in, viz.:—Mr. A. Waddy, 99; Mr. G. C. Holford, 102; Mr. A. A. Rumsey, 105; Mr. W. J. Barton, 110; Mr. E. M. Beach, 113; Mr. F. G. Lushington, 114; Mr. C. R. Lowe, 117.

HARROGATE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, June 30th, there was a good turn-out of members to compete for a handsome sterling silver tankard, kindly presented by Mr. W. H. Benn, played for by holes, against a "Bogey" score of 84, under handicap limited to 18. The result was a tie for first honours by three players, viz., Mr. J. E. Thomas, Mr. C. Kitchin, and Mr. C. R. Caird, each 7 holes down; Mr. P. Kitchin and Dr. E. Solly, 9 holes down; Mr. M. Strang Smith, Mr. J. J. Kayll, and Mr. G. F. Milner, 11 holes down; Mr. J. C. Haigh, 12 down; Mr. W. H. Milner, Mr. E. H. Kitchin, and Mr. H. R. Cousins, 13 down; Mr. J. M. Fawcett, jun., and Mr. S. Ambrose, 14 down; Mr. R. E. W. Baker, 15 down; Dr. C. E. Pronger, 16 down; Mr. B. Nussey, 17 down; Mr. T. H. Good, Dr. J. Liddell, Mr. A. E. McCarthy, and Mr. E. B. Cock, retired.

At the conclusion of the competition the silver tankard was filled with champagne, when Dr. Liddell, the captain, proposed the health of Mr. W. H. Benn, and on behalf of the club thanked that gentleman for so kindly coming forward and offering such a very handsome prize. The loving cup was then first handed to the ladies present, and afterwards passed round

to the members of the club who had been taking part in the competition, the donor's health being drunk with much heartiness. Mr. Benn, in returning thanks to the captain for the very kind words he had spoken in proposing his health, said that he hoped his example would be followed, and that someone able to afford it (and there were many in the club who could do so) would offer a challenge cup for competition. His remarks were cordially endorsed by all present, and the proceedings terminated.

HARROGATE v. HEADINGLEY

On Saturday last, a match was played between teams of the above clubs, on the links of the former. The day was oppressively hot, nevertheless, some good play took place, with the following result:—

HARROGATE.			HEADINGLEY.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. H. R. Smith ...	5	Mr. R. C. Crosland ...	8		
Mr. A. D. Stuart ...	0	Mr. J. D. Cormack ...	8		
Mr. E. B. Cook ...	0	Mr. J. H. Mayo ...	5		
Dr. Pronger ...	1	Mr. J. M. S. Lister ...	0		
Dr. Solly ...	12	Mr. H. T. Eddison ...	0		
	18		13		

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.

The lady members played for a prize offered by the secretary on June 20th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Johnson ...	67	15	52	Miss Shaw ...	93	20	73
Mrs. Tattersall ...	80	20	60	Mrs. Goveir ...	97	30	67
Miss Eskrigge ...	84	20	64	Miss Johnson ...	110	25	85

On July 2nd, the first competition for the captain's cup was played. The cup has to be won three times by a member, in order to become her absolute property. The result was a tie between Mrs. Tattersall, 93, less 20=73; Miss Isherwood, 78, less 5=73. The tie was replayed, when Mrs. Tattersall put in a win with the net score of 67, which was an excellent one, considering the oppressive weather and the long grass.

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

July medal.

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Holmwood ...	106	24	82	Mrs. Woodd ...	117	25	92
Miss E. L. Ravenshaw ...	103	20	83	Miss Cottrell ...	130	36	94
Miss G. E. Roberts ...	121	36	85	Miss Lawson ...	114	18	96
Miss K. A. Burke ...	116	30	86	Mrs. Leftwich ...	132	36	96
Miss F. E. Ravenshaw ...	115	25	90	Miss Agnes Roberts ...	115	18	97

MR. S. WOLLASTON'S TEAM v. MARLBOROUGH.

This match was played over the Crookham course on Saturday, June 30th, with the following result:—

MR. WOLLASTON'S TEAM.			MARLBOROUGH.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. F. H. A. Booth ...	0	Mr. H. E. Meek ...	2		
Mr. R. Lodge ...	0	Mr. R. S. Durrant ...	0		
Mr. G. B. Grundy ...	0	Mr. G. W. Jackson ...	0		
Mr. A. H. Worrall ...	0	Mr. F. Batson ...	0		
Mr. S. S. Wollaston ...	2	Mr. A. S. Eve ...	0		
Mr. A. C. Bartholomew ...	10	Mr. C. E. Hewitt ...	0		
Mr. A. Ellacombe ...	0	Mr. J. T. Jackson ...	2		
Rev. T. H. Belcher ...	6	Mr. J. Bain ...	0		
Mr. W. B. Thomas ...	10	Mr. C. H. T. Wood ...	0		
Mr. F. N. A. Garry ...	4	Rev. C. E. Thorpe ...	0		
	32		4		

NORTH BERWICK.

An interesting three-ball match was played over the North Berwick course on Tuesday, between Hugh Kirkaldy, Jack White, and George Douglas. The game was a stroke one, but unfortunately a stiff westerly wind operated against low scoring. White led at the start, and at the turn he still held an advantage over his opponents, Kirkaldy having spoiled his outward score by a couple of 5's at Low Bent and Far Bent, owing entirely to loose putting. Hugh started in faultless style home with a 3, but he just struck the wall with his approach at the Pit, and

took 5 here. A 3 followed at High Bent, and Kirkaldy finished the home half with the good figure of 33. White, however, also showed a consistent in game, and succeeded in beating both of his opponents. Douglas was off form in the match. The scores for the round were:—J. White, 77; Hugh Kirkaldy, 80; and G. Douglas, 85

Ben Sayers and Davie Grant played Hugh Kirkaldy and Jack White in a match over North Berwick course on Thursday night. Kirkaldy and White early led their opponents in the outward half, and on turning stood 2 up. At the Redan they were dorny, and ultimately beat their opponents by 3 up and 2 to play. White and Kirkaldy completed the round in the splendid score of 72, and Sayers and Grant in 75. This is the first occasion on which Sayers and Grant have been beaten in a foursome on their own green.

In a three-ball scoring match between Ben Sayers, Hugh Kirkaldy, and Jack White, Sayers completed the round in the remarkably fine score of 71. Ben turned in 38, against 40 by White and 45 by Kirkaldy, a 6 at the Trap, where he topped his tee drive, running up Hugh's score out. Kirkaldy played a splendid home game, his score of 32 for the in half including a 2 at the High Bent. Ben came home in 33, and accordingly won the match, the scores being:—Sayers, 71; Kirkaldy, 77; White, 80. The details of Sayers' fine score were as follow:—Out, 4 6 5 3 3 4 3 3 3 4=38; in, 5 3 4 3 3 6 5 4=33; total, 71.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition of the Notts, Golf Club took place on Thursday, and Saturday last in sunny weather, but owing to the heat the greens were very keen, and this may have had something to do with the high scores returned. Mr. A. T. Ashwell secured the eleventh hole in one. Result:—

Tuesday. Handicaps of 16 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Hall ...	100	5	95	Mr. J. Johnstone ...	109	10	99
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	103	7	96	Mr. C. B. Edwards ...	120	16	104
Mr. J. Bowes ...	107	10	97	Mr. J. W. Greig ...	113	8	105
Mr. J. C. Warren ...	104	6	98	Mr. J. Doleman ...	123	8	115

Handicaps over 16:—

Mr. A. Baker ...	125	21	104	Mr. W. R. Lybery ...	131	22	109
Dr J. S. Tew ...	137	30	107	Mr. T. G. Mellors ...	132	21	111
Mr. T. McCulloch ...	126	18	108	Rev. J. Wheeler ...	153	36	117

Saturday. Handicaps of 16 and under:—

Mr. H. Secretary ...	100	9	91	Mr. J. Harris ...	107	8	99
Mr. A. T. Ashwell ...	97	5	92	Mr. A. N. Bromley ...	122	9	113
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	105	12	93	Mr. J. Forman ...	139	16	123
Mr. C. F. Dobson ...	112	16	96				

Handicaps over 16:—

Mr. H. W. P. Pine ...	141	36	105	Mr. G. A. Smith ...	154	30	124
Mr. A. Barrow ...	129	18	111	Mr. A. H. Pearson ...	160	36	124
Mr. J. D. Pearson ...	147	24	123	Mr. G. C. Hine ...	160	30	130

OXFORD SENIORS v. WINCHESTER MASTERS.

Played at Winchester, resulting in a victory for the Ancient Effete and Inveterate Oxford University Golf Club (A. E. I. O. U. G. C.), by nineteen holes.

A. E. I. O. U. G. C.

WINCHESTER MASTERS.

A. E. I. O. U. G. C.			WINCHESTER MASTERS.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. R. Lodge, B. N. C. ...	4	Rev. G. Hewett ...	0		
Mr. G. B. Grundy, B. N. C. ...	7	Mr. H. C. Steel ...	0		
Mr. R. W. Macan, Univ. ...	1	Mr. M. J. Rendall ...	0		
Prof. H. H. Turner, New ...	4	Rev. J. T. Bramston ...	0		
Mr. R. R. Marett, Exeter ...	5	Rev. W. P. Smith ...	0		
Rev. F. H. Hall, Oriol ...	1	Mr. L. L. Garbutt ...	0		
Mr. R. H. Ferard, Keble ...	0	Rev. G. Richardson ...	3		
	22		3		

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The sixth competition for the monthly medal was held on the Braids on Tuesday, July 3rd, at which there was a good turn-out of members. Mr. W. H. Miller, 104, less 16=88; Mr. Wallace, 111, less 18=93; Dr. Keiller, 110, less 16=94. At the fifth competition Mr. Rees won the monthly medal, Tuesday, June 5th.

REDHILL GOLF CLUB v. BLACKHEATH OLD BOYS' GOLF CLUB.

Match played at Earlswood on Wednesday, July 4th. Neither side was able to play its best team. Result a victory for Redhill by 11 holes.

REDHILL.		B. S. O. B.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. L. Horner	2	Mr. W. H. Richardson	0
Mr. J. Kenrick	0	Mr. R. Whyte	0
Mr. C. L. Reade	3	Mr. G. Nicol	0
Mr. E. L. Balcombe	0	Mr. W. E. Hughes	0
Mr. Ll. Howell	5	Mr. E. G. Ashton	0
Mr. F. A. Colam	5	Mr. C. Frean	0
Mr. W. Dymond	1	Mr. H. Paine	0
Mr. W. B. Avery	0	Mr. H. Glasier	7
Mr. G. Hall	2	Mr. Hugh Fraser	0
	18		7

RICHMOND v. HAYLING ISLAND.

Played June 30th.

HAYLING ISLAND.		RICHMOND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. Anderson	0	Mr. A. T. Jockel	2
Mr. James Duncan	0	Dr. Williamson	0
Mr. John W. Duncan	3	Mr. J. R. Gairdner	0
Mr. R. F. Fisher	0	Mr. E. R. Don	4
Mr. W. Gann	0	Mr. J. G. Wylie	2
Mr. J. Gow	0	Mr. C. E. Routh	0
Mr. E. S. McEwan	0	Mr. J. F. Abercromby	3
Mr. J. C. Montgomerie	6	Mr. W. Carr	0
Mr. A. Reid	1	Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	0
Mr. J. S. Sassoon	0	Dr. Gardiner	6
Colonel Walker	1	Mr. F. E. Badham	0
	11		17

Majority for Richmond, 6 holes.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Result of competition for monthly medal. Played on the 3rd inst. :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. S. Ireland	112 scr. 112	Dr. Staples	145 26 119
Mr. C. B. Lindsay	131 18 113	Major Sill	148 28 120
Mr. G. H. Frean	143 30 113	Mr. H. Gillon	124 3 121
Mr. R. Winch	131 16 115	Mr. J. S. Sawyer	130 9 121
Mr. W. A. Adam	137 21 116	Mr. H. C. Burton	138 17 121
Mr. F. J. Lawrence	141 25 116	Mr. W. J. Dyer	148 18 130
Mr. J. G. Gibson	117 scr. 117	Mr. E. W. Sampson	149 19 130
Mr. W. Morris (capt.)	131 14 117		

* Winner

No returns from Mr. R. S. Sheffield; Mr. W. G. Barnes; and W. O. S. Pell.

The tie for the Singapore cup and monthly medal (played for on the 5th ult.) between Mr. F. S. Ireland and Mr. W. O. S. Pell, was won by Mr. F. S. Ireland.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal:—Played July 6th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Captain Johnstone, R.N.	118 37 81	Brigd.-Surg. Elliot	115 21 94
Mr. Geo. Rawlinson	105 19 86	Mr. G. T. Petherick	112 13 99
Col. Parkyn	127 37 90	Mr. Melvill Sandys	132 13 99
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	96 3 93	Mr. C. Hext	108 7 101
Lieut. J. H. Goldfinch, R.N.	97 4 93	Major H. Y. Hext	128 22 106

Ladies' Club monthly medal :—Played Tuesday, July 3rd.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Alms	99 14 85	Miss A. Barnett	95 +1 96
Mrs. Simpson	94 6 88	Mrs. C. Hext	103 7 93
Mrs. Young Jamieson	90 2 88	Miss Page	97 +3 100
Miss C. Burgess	108 19 89	Mrs. Salmon	100 scr. 100
Miss Elliot	111 21 90	Mrs. Bannerman	111 6 105
Miss Every	100 8 92		

Mrs. Every retired.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 30th. Mr. R. R. Gibbs, 100, less 18=82; Rev. C. Prangley, 103, 18=85; Rev. G. D. Angibau, 103, less 17=86; Mr. W. H. Allcock, 109, less 20=87; Mr. C. T. Partridge, 108, 16=92; Dr. C. Whitty, 114, less 20=94.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, July 7th, the monthly competition (match play against "Bogey") was held. The following are the returns:—Mr. S. Woollett (13), 2 up; Mr. C. H. Stanley (16) 3 down. Messrs. A. R. Gruble (13), J. B. Gooding (9), and C. J. Waller (14), no returns.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the handicap for Messrs. John Little and Co.'s prize. Played June 2nd. The competition was very close, and the handicappers have much cause to be pleased with their work in bringing such a good finish:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	H'cap.	Total.
Mr. D. Paul	49	51	56	49	34	171
Dr. Mugliston	46	50	45	44	12	173
Mr. J. B. Robertson	44	44	42	42	+2	174
Mr. J. W. B. Maclaren	51	47	46	52	22	174
Mr. C. Stringer	52	55	51	48	30	176
Mr. H. E. Daunt	47	49	46	48	14	176
Mr. R. H. Paddy	60	49	57	45	34	177
Mr. W. Grigor Taylor	55	47	60	46	30	178
Mr. W. Fox	47	50	52	53	22	180
Mr. E. J. Nanson	47	53	53	49	22	180
Mr. P. A. Gillespie	47	47	46	52	10	182
Mr. E. J. Robertson	53	47	56	51	22	185
Mr. G. Muir	56	53	67	56	46	186
Dr. Hinde	48	47	49	52	10	186
Mr. A. A. Earle	52	59	55	55	34	187
Mr. A. J. R. Greene	51	55	64	51	32	189
Mr. A. Mackay	58	50	47	42	6	191
Mr. J. H. Drysdale	54	51	52	55	20	192
Mr. J. M. Allinson	55	48	52	49	12	192
Mr. E. Des Voeux	63	56	57	60	36	200
Mr. J. Miller	68	60	59	58	40	205
Mr. T. E. Earle	56	61	52	53	16	206
Mr. J. H. Orman	72	69	58	60	40	219
Mr. J. B. Elcum	51	45	Scratched	10	—	—
Mr. J. C. D. Jones	51	45	"	12	—	—
Mr. R. W. Crighton	48	52	"	12	—	—
Dr. Fowle	48	47	"	+2	—	—

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July, 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Hood	90 9 81	Mr. J. C. Bayldon	102 14 88
Dr. R. C. Priestley	95 14 81	Mr. E. J. Hunt	104 16 88
Mr. Stanley Roberts	100 18 82	Mr. J. Verran	101 10 91
Dr. H. Hetley	92 9 83	Mr. N. C. Bailey	105 14 91
Mr. E. Colman	101 18 83	Mr. E. Johnstone	103 11 92
Dr. Ackroyd	94 10 84	Mr. A. Mackintosh	110 18 92
Mr. A. J. Robertson	87 2 85	Mr. J. Wild	110 18 92
Mr. A. Mackay	97 12 85	Mr. F. W. W. King-	
Mr. T. L. Corbett	101 16 85	don	107 14 93
Mr. J. P. Croal	92 6 86	Mr. H. H. Lawless	108 15 93
Mr. E. C. Bambridge	100 14 86	Dr. J. S. Woodhead	108 14 94
Mr. F. G. Hogg	102 16 86	Mr. D. Russell	110 16 94
Mr. J. D. S. Sim	102 16 86	Mr. J. Moore	107 10 97
Mr. W. Williams	96 9 87	Mr. J. Cumming	
Mr. W. Beveridge	100 13 87	Macdon, M.P.	112 13 99
Mr. O. G. Langley	101 13 88		

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The first of the autumn series of competitions, under handicap, was played on the Lelant Links on Saturday, June 30th. The weather was delightful, but there was a strong breeze. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. B. Fox	93 10 83	Mr. H. Mansel	112 18 94
Major Mansel	106 15 91	Mr. T. A. Lang	111 13 98
Mr. W. L. Fox	117 25 92	Mr. Robert Fox	114 16 98
Mr. Geo. Gow	106 12 94		

Mr. E. Boase and Mr. W. Pike made no returns.

WAVENEY VALLEY (BUNGAY).

The result of the monthly medal competition, held on June 26th, was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. J. McLaughlin	98	12	86	Mrs. Rider Haggard	146	45	101
Rev. J. H. White	124	36	88	Mr. A. St. John	126	24	102
Mr. R. C. Mann	121	24	97	Rev. A. G. Lee	128	15	113
				Mr. A. Savill	149	36	113

Several other players made no return.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on 28th June, between Associates and Members of this club. Owing to numerous engagements, only eleven Associates were able to play, and in consequence, some of the matches were more one-sided in character than would otherwise have been the case. The result was that four matches were won by Members against six by Associates, and by adding two points for each match won, according to the rule of the Ladies' Golf Union, Members score 28 points, against Associates 33. Details are as follows:—

MEMBERS.		ASSOCIATES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Issette Pearson	0	Mr. Foster	2
Miss Phillips	0	Mr. A. Adams	8
Miss L. Thomson	3	Mr. Thorne	0
Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake	0	Mr. Cameron	5
Miss N. Martyn	0	Mr. Gane	4
Miss Hassard Short	0	Mr. Lawrence	1
Miss A. A. Tyrwhitt Drake (capt.)	6	Mr. Dowson	0
Mrs. Fraser	0	Mr. Fell	0
Miss Tee	1	Mr. Park	0
Miss Frere	10	Mrs. Moran	0
Mrs. Dowson	0	Mrs. Carter	1
	20		21
Add for four matches won	8	Add for six matches won	12
	28		33

WINDERMERE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, June 30th, under a scorching sun, the third of the gentlemen's monthly competitions took place, but owing to the excessive heat, the entry-list was not very large. To walk round these moorland links in the middle of a day such as Saturday last was a sufficient muscular exercise in itself, but to wield the golfer's clubs as well must have been a competition for honours by the very sweat of the brow. Basking in the sun on the hill-side, enjoying the beauties of the lake and lovely mountain scenery would have been more palatable to many. Five cards were only returned, but considering that the grass between the greens gets very long at this time of the year, there were one or two very fair scores. Mr. Arthur Tucker, notwithstanding that his handicap has been reduced from 8 to 6 since the last competition on the 23rd ult., again came in first, winning the monthly memento and a place in the final for the captain's cup, to be played for in October. There were 2s. 6d. optionals for the runner-up, which were carried off by Mr. J. M. Sladen, as the Rev. C. A. W. Robins, who tied with him, had not entered for the sweepstake. The following are the scores of the five cards returned:—Mr. Arthur Tucker, 89, less 6=83; Rev. C. A. W. Robins, 92, less 8=84; Mr. J. M. Sladen, 102, less 18=84; Mr. S. J. Bowler, 98, less 8=90; Mr. A. C. Lightbody, 116, less 14=102.

YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.

This club visited Linlithgow on Saturday, June 30th, to play a match with the West Lothian Golf Club, when a most enjoyable day was spent. The West Lothian Club is only in its second year, but considering the short time of its existence, it has made rapid progress. The putting-greens are remarkably good and true, and although only a nine-hole course, affords great variety of play. It abounds with hazards of rock, gorse, whins, and undulating ground, which demands straight driving to avoid terrible punishment on those who deviate from the bee-line. As an inland course it is all that could be desired, and although the enthusiastic golfer cares little for the surrounding country, it commands a most charming view. Great

credit is due to the executive of the club for its very advanced state. They also exhibit, along with every appreciation of the merits of the game, large hospitality, which might well be followed on such occasions by clubs of more standing, this being largely due to the kindness of the lady members.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly gold trophy in splendid weather. Twenty-two players started, with the result that some good scores were returned. Mr. W. Stewart's 76 and Mr. E. A. Rhead's 78 were the best scratch scores. The trophy was won by Mr. W. Stewart with a score of 76, less 8=68. The above club also finished the fourth ties in the Thistle cup tournament competition, with the following result:—Mr. J. Harvey beat Mr. W. Stewart; Mr. D. Grant beat Mr. J. Clement; Mr. J. R. Duncan beat Mr. T. Turner; Mr. R. Harvey, jun., beat Mr. T. Fortune.

DUNBAR LADIES' CLUB.—A competition was held on Thursday for a medal and pendant and other prizes. The day was good, and play on the whole was fair. Result:—Miss A. E. Greig, scratch, 74; Miss B. Bruce, scratch, 82; Miss M'Kinlay, scratch, 84; Mrs. Baillie, 87, less 3=84; Miss C. Greig, scratch, 85; Miss Storey, 100, less 15=85; Miss Hunter, 106, less 20=86; Miss Edgar, 102, less 15=87; Mrs. Purves, scratch, 90; Mrs. Johnston, 95, less 2=93; Miss M. Bruce, 95, less 1=94; Miss A. Bruce, 104, less 5=99; Miss Finlay, 106, less 2=104; Miss Fish, 134, less 15=119.

PERTH ARTISAN GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club had a competition for prizes for driving on the North Inch on Thursday night. There was a large number of competitors. At the close the result was found to be as follows:—First, Mr. A. Reid; second, Mr. J. Fox; third, Mr. P. Jack; fourth, Mr. W. Munro; fifth, Mr. D. M'Laren.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, the 30th June, the quarterly challenge medal (gross) was won for the third time in succession by Mr. W. Whytock (89).

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY GOLF CLUB.—This club held their fourth competition for the season over Leven Links on Saturday. Result:—First, Mr. P. K. Paddy, 89 (net), club medal and captain's prize; second, Mr. J. B. Gibb; third, Mr. J. D. Moffat.

EDINBURGH PERTHSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held their annual summer competition over the North Berwick Links on Saturday afternoon. The principal awards were a handsome claret jug, presented by Lord Provost Dewar, of Perth, and the prize of the captain (Mr. Buttar), in addition to which were offered four allowance prizes in kind. On a return of cards it was found that Mr. J. Halley and Mr. J. Robb had tied for the Lord Provost's prize—a scratch award—at 89, and as both were also leading in the handicap order, the former received the claret jug and the latter the captain's prize. The best returns were as follows:—Mr. J. Halley, scratch, 89; Mr. J. Robb, scratch, 89; Mr. J. Macdougall, 96, less 4=92; Mr. P. Seton, scratch, 93; Mr. D. Menzies, scratch, 95; Mr. F. White, 109, less 12=97.

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held their fourth monthly competition over Musselburgh Links on Monday evening. Successful competitors:—1st, Mr. J. T. Paterson; 2nd, Mr. W. J. Munro; and 3rd, Mr. Andrew Balfour.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION CLUB.—The Barrie medal competition took place at the Braids on Wednesday afternoon in pleasant weather. The medal was won by Mr. J. S. Gibb. Other ball prizes were also played for.

ISLAY.—The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday afternoon, June 30th, when there was a good turnout of local players. The day was delightful, although rather too hot for the comfort of some of the players. At the finish it was found that Mr. Peter Reid was the winner of the medal, with a score of 91, less 7=84.

NORTHERN MERCHANTS' CLUB.—The following is the result of the hole-and-hole competition for four prizes in connection with the above club, thirty members taking part: 1, Mr. Thomas Mudie (6); 2, Mr. John A. Smith (scratch); 3, Mr. R. Henderson (2½); 4, Mr. P. Methven (7).

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