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JULY.

- July 25.—Headingley : Ladies' Foursomes.
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
Windermere : Ladies' Monthly Competition
- July 26.—Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.
Mortonhall : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Warminster : Monthly Handicap.
Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Summer Meeting.
- July 28.—Ventnor : Saltarn Badge.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Kemp Town (Brighton) : Monthly Competition.
Fairfield : Monthly Medal.
Headingley v. Bradford.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Chester : The Yerburch Challenge Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.
Cheadle : Silver and Bronze Medals.
Allreton : Gentlemen ; Bronze Medal.
Alfreton : Ladies ; Silver Spoon.
West Herts : Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
Warwickshire : Monthly Competition for a Cup.
Alnmouth : Monthly Handicap.
Redhill and Reigate : Silver Iron.
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition (Class 2).
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.
Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.
Willesden : Monthly Medal.
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
Luffness : County Cup Competition.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew : Thompson Medal.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.

- July 28.—Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Cup.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Competition.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Windermere : Monthly Competition.
West Cornwall (Gentlemen) : Monthly Medal.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : "Bogey" Competition.
Troon : Sandhill Gold Medal.
Derbyshire v. Charnwood.
- July 31.—Waveney Valley : Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset) : Gold and Silver Medal.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—King's Norton : Ladies' Challenge Prize.
Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 2.—Worcestershire : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 2, 3 & 4.—Innerleven : Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 2, 3, 4 & 6.—Buxton and High Peak : Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 2 & 16.—Tyneside : Handicap Competition.
- Aug. 3.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Ventnor : Waltham Cup.
- Aug. 4.—Troon : Summer Meeting.
Holmes Chapel : Monthly Medal.
Raynes Park : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
North-West Club (Londonderry) : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Macclesfield : Monthly Handicap.
Sheffield and District : Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire : Medal Competition.
Neasden : "Bogey" Competition.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex : "Bogey" Competition.
Sidcup : Monthly Competition (First Class).
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Rochdale : Mr. J. Broadbent's Prize.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Arrol Cup and Gold Badge.
- Aug. 4 & 6.—Bullwood (Essex) : Summer Meeting.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 6.—Chester : "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Isle of Wight : Summer Meeting.

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FOURSOME MATCH AT MITCHAM.

Captain Molesworth, R.N., and J. H. Taylor (Champion) played a match on Tuesday last against Mr. J. R. Hutchison (ex-captain of Prince's Golf Club) and Captain D. Kinloch.

Mr. J. R. Hutchison started the game with a good shot off the first tee. It was rather too much to the left, however. Taylor followed with a perfect drive, straight and long. Captain Kinloch was almost too far away to carry the bunker in his second, but as his opponents were lying within easy range he went for it, but just caught the top of the bunker and dropped in it. Seeing his antagonists were certain to take 2 to get out of where they were, Captain Molesworth cannily played short of the bunker. Taylor laid his approach nearly dead, and as Captain Kinloch had played 5 before he got to the other side of the bunker, they gave up the hole. Taylor got down in the fifth.

Going to the second, Captain Molesworth led off with a good straight drive. Captain Kinloch pulled his a little to the left. Taylor was too strong with his iron; while Mr. Hutchison got on to the green. Captain Molesworth ran up his approach shot, and laid it dead. Captain Kinloch was not quite up with his putt, but Mr. Hutchison holed out in fine style. Halved in 4. Taylor led off to the third with one of his usual; while Mr. Hutchison pulled his shot into some rushes to the left of the course. Captain Kinloch played a really fine shot out of the rushes. Captain Molesworth did not get quite down with his brassy, but luckily jumped the bunker. Mr. Hutchison played a creak shot from a bad lie to just short of the road. Taylor ran over the green with his brassy. Captain Kinloch had to play a ball that was hanging and also rather cupped, so the consequence was that he half-topped it, and very nearly went into the ditch just short of the green. Mr. Hutchison played the fifth on to the green. Captain Molesworth got on to the green in the fourth. Captain Molesworth and Taylor got down in 6 to their opponents' 7. Fourth hole.—Captain Molesworth rather scuffed his drive and got into the whins; while Captain Kinloch had a good shot. Taylor played a marvellous shot out of the whins on to the green. Mr. Hutchison laid the second nearly dead. Captain Molesworth (unusual for him) ran his putt out of holing. Taylor missed the fifth; while Captain Kinloch got down in 3. Fifth hole.—Both drives good. Captain Kinloch got into a whin to the left of the green in the second shot. Captain Molesworth played a straight shot but, was short. Taylor played on to the green. Mr. Hutchison in the third just got out of the bush. Captain Kinloch could not swing his iron because of the whin behind him. His approach was therefore short. Mr. Hutchison tried to hole out from the edge of the green, as it was his only chance. The putt went as straight as an arrow to the hole, but a little too strong, striking the back of the hole and hanging on the lip. Capt. Molesworth and Taylor were down in 4 to their opponents' 6. Sixth hole.—Both drives good again. Taylor overran the green in his approach, while Mr. Hutchison was a little short. This hole was halved in 5. The seventh, too, was halved in 5. Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison won the eighth in 5 to their opponents' 6. The ninth was halved in 6, therefore Captain Molesworth and

Taylor stood one up at the turn. The scores out were, Captain Molesworth and Taylor, 46. Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison, 48. Captain Molesworth did not get quite hold of his drive at the tenth, and landed his partner in the whins. Taylor got out in the second, but Captain Molesworth struck a notice board in the next shot, and the ball nearly came back to him. This made even a half an impossibility, and Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison holed out in 4 to their opponents' 6. Eleventh hole.—Mr. Hutchison did not allow enough for the strong cross wind, and therefore got caught in the whins to the right of the course. Taylor was determined not to be treated the same way, and played well out to the left. The wind, however, did not help him at all, and he got amongst the bushes, but was lucky enough to be lying clear, while his opponents had to lift. This cost them the hole, and Captain Molesworth holed out in 4 to their opponents' 5. Captain Molesworth and Taylor also won the twelfth in 4, against the others' 6. The thirteenth was halved in 5. Captain Molesworth and Captain Kinloch both drove off badly to the fourteenth. The rest of the play to that hole was fairly even until Taylor just missed a long putt for the half, by running round the hole. Captain Molesworth and Taylor, 7 to 6. The fifteenth was also won by Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison in 4 to 5, so the match stood all even and 3 to play. Going to the sixteenth, Captain Molesworth's drive was down, and this put them clean out of the running, especially when Captain Kinloch put down a putt of five yards and holed out in 3 to their 5. Captain Kinloch and partner were now 1 up for the first time. Mr. Hutchison rather heeled his ball off the next tee into the whins, and this they could not recover, as their opponents were down in 5, while they took 6. All even and 1 to play. The onlookers now became very excited about the result. Both Captain Molesworth and Captain Kinloch led off with good drives. Both sides played the last hole in perfect style, halving it in 5. Scores, Captain Molesworth and Taylor, 46 out and 44 in, total 90. Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison, 48 out and 46 in, total 94.

The first hole of the second round was halved in 5. The second was also halved. Going to the third, Mr. Hutchison got into some rushes with his drive, and as the ball was unplayable, they had to give up the hole. Fourth hole.—Captain Molesworth got into the whins with his drive, and they had to play another 3 before they could get out. They gave up this hole. Captain Kinloch and partner were down in 3. All even. The fifth was halved in 5. Sixth hole.—Captain Kinloch was down off his drive, had to lift, and could not recover. Taylor holed out in 4. Seventh hole.—Captain Molesworth and Taylor went entirely to grief here, and did not finish out the hole. The match was thus all even again. The eighth was halved in 5. Mr. Hutchison got too much to the right with his drive, and lay badly in some rushes. This cost them a stroke, and they holed out in 7 to their opponents' 6. Captain Molesworth and partner 1 up at the turn. The tenth was halved in 5. Taylor got into the whins on the right going to the eleventh, and had to lift. This cost them the hole, as Captain Kinloch got down in 4 to their 5. Twelfth hole.—Captain Molesworth drove into the grounds of Windsor Castle, and had to lose stroke and distance, which practically meant the hole, as Captain Kinloch was well up with his drive. Captain Kinloch and partner were now 1 up. The thirteenth hole was halved in 5. Fourteenth hole.—Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison won in 5 to their opponents' 6. The next hole was halved in 5. The match now stood—Captain Kinloch and Mr. Hutchison, 2 up and 3 to play. The sixteenth hole was won by Captain Kinloch and partner in 5 to their opponents' 6; so the match ended—Captain Kinloch and partner, 3 up and 2 to play. They also won the last two holes.

BARBERTON GOLF CLUB—LADIES' SECTION.

The quarterly competition for the handicap medal was held on the ladies' course on the 14th, when Miss K. Fowler returned the winning score, viz., 45. The other prize-winners were:—Miss Duff, with a score of 49, and Miss A. Scott, with 50. Two rounds (twelve holes) of the ladies' course were played.

CHISLEHURST GOLF CLUB.

The formal opening of this club took place on Saturday under the most auspicious circumstances. There was present a distinguished company at the luncheon which preceded the inaugural proceedings on the course, and with the exception of one somewhat heavy shower, the weather was all that could be desired. The course, one of nine holes, has been laid out on about eighty acres on Camden Park Estate, the work having been entrusted to the well-known Tooting Bec professional, Tom Dunn. Very appropriately he has done his work, taking advantage of the sloping, undulating, and in some parts rugged character of the ground. Some alteration of the greens may be found necessary, but as at present designed, they present throughout highly interesting and in some cases most intensely sporting features. The situation of the course is picturesque, the view from almost any point being one of superb beauty, a feature which even the most ardent golfer can appreciate. The course has also a romantic aspect. It is laid out upon the grounds attached to Camden House, formerly the residence of the late Emperor Napoleon the Third, and, furthermore, the club-house is the very mansion inhabited by His Imperial Majesty and his Consort the Empress Eugenie. While the scheme of a Golf course over this ground was in contemplation, high and authoritative opinion, both amateur and professional, was obtained as to its suitability, with a satisfactory result in both cases. But any golfer who may visit the ground can see that little, if any doubt, could have arisen on the subject. With a magnificent turf to start with almost the whole way through, with a considerable variety of natural hazards, there could have been no difficulty, other questions of course apart, from pitching upon this stretch of ground as an ideal inland links. In the main it lies high, but there is a plenitude of slopes in it, and upon these a good few of the greens have been placed, thus providing a test for approach play. The subsoil is gravel and sand, and heaviness, so common a feature of South of England courses in wet weather is, or will be when the links are in proper working order, practically non-existent. The first tee is near the club-house, as a matter of course, and the distance to the green is 377 yards. An artificial bunker, about 100 yards off, has to be cleared with the drive. That accomplished, a longish and very ticklish approach shot has to be played, the green being on a flat at the base of a considerable slope with very penal consequences in the case of a too strong shot. Bold play to reach the green in 2 is probably more advisable after a good drive than attempting it by means of a third shot. The second green is the longest of the nine, being 477 yards from the tee. An artificial bunker of considerable height has to be cleared with the drive, and then with clean, straight play the green may be reached with a good brassy shot and an iron approach. There are difficulties in the way in the shape of a grip, a filled-up ditch, and a fairly thick hawthorn hedge. A sliced ball for the second shot means practically a lost hole. The green, which is in an angle at a slight eminence, requires very careful manipulation, because of the boundary hazards. The third hole is right back side by side with the course to the second, but is considerably shorter, the distance being 317 yards. The same natural difficulties have to be encountered, with the addition of an artificial bunker guarding the green. A decent drive and brassy shot for second ought to carry the green. The fourth hole is a cleek drive, without any obstacle unless, of course, there is crooked play. The distance is 150 yards. The fifth is the most picturesque of the nine. The tee for it is low down in Seven Oaks Valley, and though the span from there to the hole is only 117 yards, a yawning quarry has to be cleared with an up-hill drive, the green being just on the higher side of this morally depressing obstacle. It is a hole for 2 or 3 at the most with decent play. Going to the sixth, the tee is placed on the hither side of a deep valley or slope, and a clean straight drive is necessary in order to avoid first of all the dangers of the hollow, where bad ground

abounds, and the thick trees to the right, which would at once penalise a sliced ball. A good drive, however, will leave an easy iron approach, though great care is required in that latter operation, the green being on a slope. Next to the fifth hole, the course to the seventh is the most sporting of the course. The tee has, to the left, an aggravation of the valley or ravine which has to be crossed on going to the sixth; it is, moreover, faced by a set of thick-grown hawthorn trees, while on either side a pulled or sliced ball is doomed. In order to do justice to this hole, a clear drive is indispensable. A fairly long approach is then all that is required to reach the green, which, with a distance of 228 yards, lies at the top of the slope. The distance to the eighth hole is 261 yards, the course being almost directly downwards again. A good drive leaves a fairly short approach, requiring, however, discrimination, as the green is again upon the slope. The distance to the Home hole is 260 yards. The course is practically open, though a decided slope has to be guarded against in regard to the carry and run of the drive. A strongish iron shot for second ought to reach the green, and the hole ought to be taken easily enough in 4. We may add that, with the splendid natural turf there is upon this course, improved as it has been by the Club, with straight play there is scarcely a bad lie. The putting greens, too, are in splendid condition, having regard to the short space of time during which they have been under treatment. The links have been played over by the members now for about a month, but as stated above, the formal opening took place last Saturday. The president of the club is Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, M.P., who was unable to be present early in the day, but who put in an appearance during the afternoon. The vice-president is Sir Pattenon Nickalls, J.P., the captain Mr. John Dun, who was formerly, if we mistake not, captain of the Royal Liverpool. The Committee includes some very energetic golfers, amongst whom we should mention Mr. A. Travers Hawes and Mr. William Willett, while the club are fortunate in possessing the very valuable services of Mr. Ernest Satow Allen as honorary secretary. No "Bogey" or scratch score exists as yet, it is too soon for that; but the local professional has done the nine holes in 35, a very fine performance. The membership of the club already exceeds 100, and with an annual subscription of six guineas an entrance fee of ten guineas has been or is about to be imposed. A Ladies' course of nine-holes has also been laid out, and a club-room overlooking the ground has been set apart for the use of players of the gentler sex.

The company present at the luncheon which preceded the opening play was a very distinguished one. Sir Pattenon Nickalls, Vice President, occupied the chair, and among those present were: the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.; Mr. Gerald W. Balfour, M.P.; Mr. S. Mure Fergusson; and Mr. A. D. Blyth (who had come down specially to take part in the inaugural proceedings); Lady Augusta Pratt; the Hon. R. Marsham-Townshend; Mrs. Marsham-Townshend; Sir W. Hart Dyke, M.P.; Lady Nickalls; Sir Myles Fenton; and Lady Fenton; Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., and Mrs. Martin; Mr. Clarence Smith, M.P.; Mr. Macdona, M.P.; Mr. Travers Hawes; the Rev. Canon Murray; Sir. George Chubb and Lady Chubb; Mr. Dun (captain); Mr. Willett; Mrs. Petch; Mr. W. Murton, C.B. Mr. T. Firbank; and the Hon. A. Campbell.

After the toast of the Queen, which was cordially honoured,

The Chairman proposed the health of Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. G. W. Balfour, Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson, and Mr. A. D. Blyth, the distinguished golfers who had come down to open their course. In the course of his observations, the Chairman remarked that he knew nothing of Golf, except what he had acquired from reading, for which purpose he had borrowed the Badminton volume on the game. (Laughter). He thought there might be a cheap form of written instruction in Golf, and suggested to Mr. A. J. Balfour that he might write a treatise on that something similar to what they saw on the book-stalls every day with reference to other sports. They were told they could buy French books which would teach them to speak that language in a quarter of an hour. Might they not have something cheap which would enable them to accomplish the same object in regard to Golf? In concluding his observations, Sir Patte-

son Nickalls paid a deserved compliment to Mr. Willett for the part he had taken in connection with the introduction of Golf to Chislehurst.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., in responding to the toast, said—I rise on my own behalf and on behalf of my three colleagues to return thanks for the manner in which this toast has been proposed by the chairman and received by you. You will hardly expect from me on the present occasion a long speech; but I cannot forbear to congratulate you upon the success which, so far as we can at present judge, has been so ample. You have undoubtedly—it must be evident to every one who hears me—the best Golf club-house in existence. (Cheers.) I do not suppose any other club, however ancient or famous, however large the number of its members, has ever been housed in a Palace before. (Cheers.) Although, no doubt, a club-house is not the most essential part of a course, it is an essential part; and if, as I doubt not, the course bears the same proportion to the excellence of the accommodation provided for us to-day, all the inhabitants of Chislehurst may well congratulate themselves on the move which has resulted in the formation of this club. (Hear, hear.) Your chairman has told us that he himself is not a practical golfer. I rather gathered from him that he had obtained his lore purely from printed sources—from borrowed printed sources—(laughter)—and he recommended to me that I should set to work to increase the already bulky literature on this subject, and to provide an easy and rapid path to golfing excellence by means of a handbook. Well, there are excellent handbooks in existence besides the one to which our chairman has alluded, and I do not think that my functions, already sufficiently numerous—(laughter)—carry me into those already well-occupied and well-travelled paths of contemporary literature. But I may be, perhaps, permitted to say that, whether it be or be not true that by means of a properly contrived handbook you can learn French in the brief space of time to which our chairman has referred, it is perfectly certain that Golf can be learnt by practice on golfing links, and by practice on golfing links alone. I do not wish to undervalue written instruction, still less should I wish to undervalue the practical instruction that may be derived from the example and from the precept of those who are already masters in the game; and as, I presume, I am addressing the members of a new club, who have naturally not had much opportunity of learning the game at present, I would earnestly press upon them that the first steps in Golf are, in some respects, the most important, and that it is very easy, in the early period of their golfing education, to get into tricks and faults of style which will for ever prevent them from reaching the highest excellences of the game. (Cheers.) I myself belong to that unhappy class of beings for ever pursued by remorse, who are conscious that they threw away in their youth opportunities that were open to them of beginning the game at a time of life when alone the muscles can be attuned and practised to the full perfection required by the most difficult game that, perhaps, exists. Nevertheless, as I am talking to those who have a chance of beginning the game in their early youth—(laughter)—I may say that, though much is lost, and lost for ever, by leaving neglected the opportunities of early years, yet none need despair, and if they will only set themselves to work in a businesslike spirit to learn to play the game as alone it ought to be played, they may hope to reach, not perhaps the highest degree of excellence, but a degree of excellence which will give great satisfaction to themselves and considerable embarrassment to their opponents. (Cheers.) You have been good enough to make me, and, I think, all the three players on whose behalf I am now returning thanks, honorary members of your club, and on their behalf I most heartily thank you for the privilege you have thus conferred upon us. I believe we are all Scotchmen—(cheers)—and I may, perhaps, be permitted, without any undue exhibition of national vanity, to say that I watch with satisfaction the gradual Scottification of England by this great golfing propaganda. (Laughter and cheers.) The English are a great race, but they are not a race, apparently, very quick to learn, or very quick to adopt all the good things within their reach. Because I may point out to them that Golf has been played in Scotland from time immemorial, that it appears in our Scotch Acts of legislation as far back, I think, as the beginning of the fifteenth

century—1430, or thereabouts—and that it was found necessary, in the wisdom of the Scotch Legislature, in the early history of the game, to legislate against its being played because it prevented the Scotch learning archery in order to fight the English—(laughter)—and that at a rather later stage of the game it was found necessary to legislate against it because it prevented Scotchmen attending with sufficient regularity in the parish church. (Laughter.) I only mention these facts, well known in golfing history, to point out how long it has been the pastime, passionately pursued, on the other side of the Tweed, and for how many centuries the English have deliberately deprived themselves of what they are now beginning to discover is one of the greatest solaces of life. (Laughter and cheers.) But although they have learnt the lesson late they appear bent on learning it thoroughly, and if I can form any inference from the daily increasing number of golfing links which on the sea coast and inland, on lands suitable and on lands unsuitable—(laughter)—under circumstances favourable and under circumstances unfavourable, are springing up in every part of the country, I have to recognise with a feeling of national pride, but, at the same time, with some feeling of national dismay, that the time cannot be far off when Scotland will have to yield to England in the excellence of its players, and that the smaller population of the country which has so long been fostering this game will not be able to compete on equal terms with the legions which England will be able to bring into the field. At present, however, that date is still, I hope, more or less distant—(laughter)—and without any feeling of international bitterness I may heartily congratulate the English public in general, and the members of the Chislehurst Golf Club in particular, upon the spread of the game in this southern portion of the island. (Cheers.) I am unwilling to sit down without, in conclusion, wishing to you all, in your collective capacities as members of the club, and in your individual capacities as players of the game, every pleasure and every success from this great venture which has begun under such favourable auspices. (Cheers.) I beg now to propose, "Success to the Chislehurst Golf Club," and to couple with it the name of the captain, Mr. Dun. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Dun, in responding, said he accepted the honour of the captaincy with a very great deal of pride and pleasure. They thanked Mr. Balfour for his kindly words and wishes for the prosperity of this, perhaps the youngest Golf club in England, though really it was hard to say nowadays which was the youngest, as birth was being given to them day by day.

The company then adjourned to the first tee, where there began the formal opening of the course in the shape of a foursome in which Mr. A. J. Balfour partnered Mr. A. D. Blyth against Mr. G. W. Balfour and Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson. The play was interesting if not brilliant, Mr. Fergusson and Mr. Blyth making the two best appearances. The match was two rounds of the course, or eighteen holes, and resulted in a win for Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Fergusson by 4 holes up and 3 to play.

The scores were:—

Mr. G. Balfour and Mr. Fergusson—

First round ...	5	6	6	4	2	5	5	5	4=42	} 85
Second round...	5	6	6	3	4	3	6	5	5=43	

Mr. A. J. Balfour and Mr. A. D. Blyth—

First round ...	6	6	5	4	6	4	6	3	5=45	} 91
Second round...	6	7	5	4	6	4	4	5	5=46	

Subsequently a professional foursome was played, in which Douglas Rolland and Nash, of Bromley, faced Peter Paxton and A. Bryson, the local professional. In this contest, Rolland gave, as usual, a fine exhibition of his driving powers. His approaching was good, but his putting was rather weak. Paxton played a very steady game all through. Bryson, who has got a splendid style, fell somewhat short on the putting green several times, due, no doubt, to the heavy shower which preceded the match. Otherwise, his game was unexceptionable. Nash seemed bent upon pressing in the first half, but settled down in the latter part of the game, and played a very steady game.

Rolland and Nash were victorious by 3 up and 1 to play. The scores for each hole cannot be given with accuracy, as they were in many cases given up, and not played out.

An interesting single was later on played by Mr. Blyth and Mr. Mure-Fergusson, which resulted in a win for the former by the rather longish odds of 4 up and 3 to play on the two rounds.

THE SONG OF "THE GOWFFERS."

Our game is all the rage :
'Tis the madness of the age :
And there's no better madness well could seize us.
'Tis the cure of melancholy,
And the antidote of folly :
We are mad indeed if gowffing would not please us.

O! there's something in the air
That can help to deaden care,
And allure the suffering plodder from his pains.
Come! away with all your toiling,
And your moping, and your moiling—
Come out and clear the cobwebs from your brains.

'Tis the game of "turf" and "course"
Where the player needs no horse—
A hobby's all that they require to ride.
We've our "clubs," "drives," and "balls,"
And our "foursome" fal-de-rals ;
'Tis a game the proudest swell could not deride.

They play—the young and lazy ;
They play—the old and crazy ;
Even the ladies have attempted to attain
To the proper golfing swing—
Which they find a ticklish thing,
As most of us have found it in the main.

'Tis the game where skill excels,
As they say, "where science tells,"
And the man who's got the knack will take the lead.
But when your luck is bad,
'Tis unwise to swear like mad,
For it will not mend your fortunes, is agreed.

You may rave of other sports,
All and sundry kinds and sorts—
Of your curling, and your cycling, and your cricket ;
You may even take them all
And unite them with football,
And the whole co-operation could not lick it.

I have played it, and I love it,
And I'll play it—yes, and love it,
Till the last and "fatal bunker" has been passed.
When my playing days are o'er,
And I've handed in my score,
I'll rejoice to think I've "putted out" at last.

Fraserburgh.

NIBLICK.

EDINBURGH WEST END CLUB.—This club held its quarterly competition for the Miller medal and other prizes on Leven course on Thursday. Nine couples started. The medal and first prize was won by Mr. Robert Stalker, and the other prizes as follows :—2, Mr. W. Cairns ; 3, Mr. Thomas Fraser ; 4 to 7 (equal), Captain Steel, Mr. James Martin, Mr. R. Baillie, and Mr. J. W. Miller.

ADVICE GRATIS.

A wise man once remarked that, had he, like Captain Cuttle, made a note of all the advice which had been given to him gratis, he would have had enough matter at his disposal to stock the British Museum. I, of course, cannot in the same way lay claim to being a public benefactor, but I have, at any rate, received enough advice to stock a home library. First, my friends advised me to travel. "Go and see the world, old man. Nothing like seeing the world for making a man of you."

I was young then, and ardently desired to be made a man of. So I started, intending to go to Paris, but got no farther on my way than Dover, when I met another friend, brimful of some valuable advice. He really seemed most concerned for my welfare.

"You look down on your luck, Lucas. Why," surveying me earnestly, "I believe you would put yourself in the Channel before you were halfway across. It is company you want. Supposing I was to go with you, just to keep your spirits up?" adding, as an afterthought, "My time is rather valuable, but of course, as a friend, you should have it cheap."

I thanked Griffins, and accepted his offer ; not that I particularly desired his society, but I did not wish to hurt the good fellow's feelings. It was an expensive luxury, though, and I returned from my travels, if more of a man, a wiser and sadder one, out with Griffins, out with myself, and decidedly out of pocket.

So the years went on. My friends were always thoughtful and kind, advising many things to add to my comfort—their favourite cigars, a new place to dine, hunting, shooting, &c. Not by myself ; it was so bad for me to be alone, and in most of my pursuits they proffered their willingness to take part. Even the ladies of my acquaintance were most thoughtful and attentive. "I wonder you don't marry, Mr. Lucas," they would say, with a disinterested air. "You are so entirely a woman's man," they assured me ; and I used to thank them, though what a woman's man might be I had not the least idea.

One day, I had, on the advice of a friend, run down to Brighton for a whiff of sea air, and was going into the hotel on my return from a walk, when Simpson, an old friend of mine, ran straight into my arms. He seemed to be in a desperate hurry, and was carrying under his arm a thing that appeared at first glance a cross between a bundle of rugs and a "German hold-all"—a thing, I best explain in passing, that is supposed to hold everything that can enter into the possession of man. And so it does, but in such a way, that there is no recognising anything when the hold-all is unpacked. They are all converted into one pattern, and that is a flat one!

"Hillo!" Simpson's face beaming. "Awfully glad to see you. Can't stop, though; off to Golf." "Why," he shouted, "don't you play? Just the game for you; I really advise you. Look me up to-night, old fellow, I can't stop now," and off he went, charging into all the passers-by.

The outcome of the evening spent with Simpson was a resolve on my part to try Golf. "There is nothing like it. Look at me," tapping his broad chest, "you'll feel a different man in a week. You can begin in quite a small way," warming to his subject, "say, just a driver, cleek, and a few silvertowns."

"Where," I asked, "is Silver Town, and who is Cleek?" "Those are the tools," he explained, when he could speak for laughter. "Here! I'll write them down," and, taking a pencil out of his pocket, he did so.

"Get these," handing me the list, "and knock about in the fields for a bit. Of course, later on, I will give you some hints."

So I bought the clubs and took apartments at a farm-house, with the understanding that I might knock about in the fields. And I did knock them about so effectually, that the farmer ruefully remarked, his orchard was looking more "like a ploughed field than aught else." Knocking about in the fields gave me assurance, and when I returned to London, I explained my absence by telling my friends in an off-hand sort of way, "Oh, I have been golfing in the country." "Why don't you go to Fuzzbush? The links are capital there; I really advise you to

go," remarked Wilkinson. "Shall be delighted to give you an introduction to the captain." And, accordingly, I consulted Bradshaw as to the ways and means of getting to Fuzzbush.

Bradshaw is about the only person I know who does not offer unsolicited advice; for, on the contrary, he gives one a lot of trouble in extracting it from him. I found the trains to Fuzzbush very convenient, and so I started without delay, with my clubs strung together with a piece of string. The links were about half-a-mile from the station, and I felt sorry as I walked along that I had not indulged in a bag like the rest of the men that were to be seen going along the road. But on this point no one had seen fit to advise me, and I never acted on my own responsibility. I gave Wilkinson's card to the captain, who expressed himself as "delighted to see me." "Things not arrived yet?" (I had, since my arrival at the club-house, grown very ashamed of my too modest clubs, and had concealed them behind me.)

"You must have a round this afternoon. By the way," turning round as he neared the door, "what do you have?"

"What do I have? I beg your pardon?"

"Your handicap?"

Thinking he was offering me a drink, I shook my head, adding, "Nothing."

"You are a good man" (reflectively). "A scratch."

Evidently he thought me a teetotaler, but rather a vulgar way of putting it. I, however, said nothing, for no one likes to lay claim to the title of a good man unmerited, nor, on the other hand, do they care to deny it.

"You must have a round with M'Gregor, our scratch man. Do him a lot of good. I will tell him, too, sharp," and, with a nod, he left the club-room.

M'Gregor was the best player on the links I heard, and I thought it very civil of the captain to ask me to play with him, and I felt altogether very well pleased with my reception at Fuzzbush. But pride comes before a fall!

In M'Gregor, a tall man, with a deep gruff voice, I was somewhat disappointed; in fact, he struck me as being a little strange in manner, and very Scotch. He talked of hedges as bunkers, and spoke with deep interest of teas.

I have always had a poor opinion of men who indulged in anything so effeminate as afternoon tea. However, I was determined to be pleasant, and tried to enter into his feelings, and the only return I got was a blank stare. I begged him to start first, which, after a polite hesitation, he did; first, carefully placing the ball on a heap of sand, and then with a right good swing he sent the ball flying far out of sight. "What a pity," I said sympathetically. "You will never find it."

And then, driver in hand, I made a good hit. Something moved. I closed my eyes at the fatal moment, and as I opened them I found the ball still at my feet!

"You missed your drive," remarked M'Gregor. "Try a brasse shot."

"A what?" I demanded.

"Why, man," impatiently, "what do you mean by setting up as a scratch player when you don't understand the terms of the game? If it is not ignorance it looks uncommonly like the other thing."

"I am very sorry," I answered humbly; "but I have only played by myself before."

A light seemed to break upon him.

"You mean you have only just begun?"

I nodded; and, after a few words of explanation, we both laughed heartily over the mistake that had arisen!

"I advise you to practise a bit," were M'Gregor's parting words, "and then we'll have a round."

I have followed out this advice to the letter; so much so, that I have had no time to listen to other pieces of advice which my friends lavish on me. And they remark regretfully, "Lucas is quite a different man since he took to Golf. He has grown so stuck up, and will take advice from no one." But Golf has made me my own master; and though I am the last person to give advice, I do advise anyone over-burdened with kind, over-advising friends to take to Golf, but Golf minus advice given on the ground. Be firm about this, else Golf will turn out to be but bitter pain. For of all follies in Golf the worst is the folly of listening to advice, unless it be yet more crazy to offer it.

M. E. BRADSHAW-ISHERWOOD.

THE RULES OF GOLF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The following is a verbatim copy of the Rules in use over Musselburgh Links more than fifty years ago:—

RULES

OF THE

GAME OF GOLF,

ADOPTED BY THE HONOURABLE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH GOLFERS, 1839.

ORDER OF PLAY.

I.—At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a Toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not as he or they please. If the party not entitled to it play first at any hole, the Ball may either be taken back and played in its proper order, or it may be held as the regular teed stroke, in the adversary's option. After the teed strokes have been struck, the Ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first.

PLACE OF TEEING.

II.—The Balls must be teed not nearer the hole than two Club-lengths, nor farther from it than four, and in front of the hole as you look towards the hole to which you are going to play.

AGAINST CHANGING THE BALL.

III.—The Ball struck from the tee must not be changed before the hole is played out; and if the parties are at a loss to know the one Ball from the other, neither shall be lifted till both parties agree.

LIFTING BREAK-CLUBS, &c.

IV.—On the fair green, grass, or driving course, stones, bones, or any break-club, within a Club-length of the Ball, may be removed. Nothing that is fixed or growing can be removed at any time, either on the driving course or putting-green. Nothing whatever can be removed when the Ball lies in sand, on the road, in a bunker, or in whins. No loose impediment, such as turf, bent, whins, that is not a break-club, can be removed on the driving course, nor is any obstruction to be beat down or levelled with the Club. When the Ball is in sand, or in a hazard, the player must take care, in aiming at the Ball, that he does not alter or improve its position. If he does so, he loses the hole.

ENTITLED TO SEE THE BALL.

V.—When a Ball, however, is completely covered with fog, bent, whins, &c., so much thereof shall be set aside, as that the Player shall have a view of his Ball before he plays. A Ball which is stuck fast in wet ground may be loosened.

CLEARING PUTTING GREEN.

VI.—All loose impediments, of whatever kind, may be removed on the Putting Green, which is considered not to exceed twenty yards from the hole.

HOLES, &c.

VII.—If the Ball lie in a rabbit-scape, or in any other hole, except as below, the Player shall not be at liberty to take it out, but must play it as from any common hazard, or lose the hole; if, however, it lie in a rabbit-hole or burrow, or in a hole made for the purpose of golfing, he may lift it, drop it behind the hazard, and play with an Iron without losing a stroke.

LIFTING BALLS.

VIII.—When the Balls lie within six inches of each other, anywhere except on the Putting Green, the Ball nearest the hole *must* be lifted if either party require it. On the Putting Green it is optional to the Player to have a Ball in such circumstances lifted or not. The six inches to be measured from the surface of each Ball. In a Three-Ball Match, the Ball nearest the hole, and within the prescribed distance, must be lifted, if the third party require it, whether the Player does so or not. In all cases where a Ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator, and replaced

by him as nearly as possible in the same spot, and the Ball itself lying in the same way as it did before.

BALL IN WATER.

IX.—If the Ball is half-covered or more with water on the fair green, the Player may take it out, drop it behind the water, and play with an Iron, without losing a stroke. But if the water was in a hazard, the Ball may be taken out, dropped behind the hazard, and played with an Iron, losing a stroke.

RUBS OF THE GREEN.

X.—Whatever happens to a Ball by accident, or is done to it by third parties, or by the Fore Cady, must be reckoned a rub of the green, and submitted to; if, however, the Player's Ball strike his adversary, or his adversary's Cady or Clubs, the adversary loses the hole; if the Player touch his Ball in the course of the hole with his foot, or any part of his body, or anything except his Club; or if it strike himself or his Partner, or either of their Cadies, or their Clubs, or if he strikes the Ball or strikes at it, twice before it stops motion, the Player loses the hole. If one party strikes his adversary's Ball with his Club, his foot, or otherwise, that party loses the hole; but if he play it inadvertently, thinking it his own, and the adversary also play the wrong Ball, it is then too late to claim the penalty, and the hole must be played out with the Balls thus changed. Or if the mistake occurs from information given to one party by the other, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the mistake, if discovered before the other party shall have played, must be rectified by replacing the Ball as nearly in the place in which it lay as possible.

BALL LOST.

XI.—If a Ball is lost, the Player (or his Partner if in a double match) returns to the spot whence the Ball was struck, tees another Ball, and loses both the distance and a stroke. If the original Ball is found before the party playing a new one has come opposite to the ground where it was lost, the first continues the one to be played. But a ball is not to be considered lost which is seen to fly on to the road or over the wall on the south side of the road at Musselburgh. In that case the ball must be played, or the hole lost.

CLUB-BREAKING.

XII.—If, in striking, the Club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke, if the part of the Club remaining in the Player's hand either strike the ground or pass the ball.

HOLING OUT.

XIII.—In holing, you are not to place any mark, nor draw any line to direct you to the hole; you are to play your Ball fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on your adversary's Ball, not lying in your way to the hole; nor, although lying in your way to the hole, are you entitled to play with any strength upon it that might injure his position, or greater than is necessary for you honestly to send your own Ball the distance of the hole. Either party may smooth sand lying around the hole, but this must be done lightly, and without pressure or beating down with the feet, Club, or otherwise.

DROPPING BALL.

XIV.—In all cases where a Ball is to be dropped, the party dropping shall front the hole to which he is playing, and drop the Ball behind him over his head.

MEDAL DAY.

XV.—New holes shall always be made on the day the medal is played for; and no competitor shall play at these holes before he starts for the prize, under the penalty of being disqualified for playing for the medal.

AGAINST ASKING-ADVICE.

XVI.—A Player must not ask advice about the game by word, look, or gesture, from any one except his own Cady or his Partner.

DISPUTES.

XVII.—In all cases, where not otherwise specified, the penalty for a breach of any of these Rules is the loss of the hole. Any disputes respecting the play shall be determined by the Captain or Senior Member present; and if none of the

Members are present, by the Captain and his Annual Council for the time, at their First Meeting.

N.B.—All Spectators at Golf Matches are requested to be silent, and to stand still, while the Parties are striking, or about to strike.

John Mansfield, *Captain.*

It is interesting to note how closely these rules coincide with those in force at the present day. This they mainly do, but one or two variations may be pointed out. In these ancient days there was no laid-out teeing-ground; the ball was teed between two and four club-lengths from the hole previously played, looking to the next; see Rule II. There is a curious provision in Rule VII. which allows a ball to be lifted out of a rabbit-hole or burrow, or a hole made for golfing purposes, dropped behind, and played with an *iron* without losing a stroke. This method of exacting a penalty, less than a stroke, seems to have been rather a favourite one, as it again occurs in Rule IX. The mention of rabbit-holes or burrows is rather odd, seeing that these rules apply to Musselburgh Links, where there are not any rabbits, and have never been so far as the writer is aware. Rule VIII. throws a lurid light upon golfing character in those days. Golfers, apparently, were the same then as they are now. It is provided that "in all cases where a ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator." This is an apt illustration of the story of the St. Andrews caddie who in referring to a couple who never put anything on their match, gave as the reason, "They daurna' trust theirsels." The ball-in-water rule seems rather a better one in some respects than that of the present day. The unfair part of the modern rule is that it makes no distinction between a ball in water in a hazard, and a ball in water on the "fair green." In these old days apparently—and this is a new light to the writer, who understood the case to be the other way about—a lost ball did not mean a lost hole, because in Rule XI. there is provision for another ball being played under the penalty of the loss of a stroke and the distance.

There are no special regulations made for Medal play save Rule XV., and in fact the whole Code seems to have been framed with reference to Match play. A foursome is termed a "double match," and "Caddie" in those days was spelled "Cady." The grammatical construction of the different sentences is somewhat peculiar, and would hardly pass the framers of the rules though some of the "exams. of this age; witness the change of person which frequently occurs, "If the party" "as you look," &c.

The signature is believed to be that of Mr. John Mansfield of Midmar, who was the father of the late Mr. James Mansfield, Advocate, a well known golfer, and frequently referred to, not only in these pages, but also in most works on Golf. Mr. John Mansfield was Captain of the Honourable Company of Golfers during the years 1819 and 1820, and again in 1838, but he does not appear to have been Captain in 1839, the then Captain having been Mr. Thomas Patton.

J. A.

THE CROAK OF THE CRONY.

The times, indeed, are sadly out,
Home Rule's in all the papers,
They're vetoing my pint of stout,
Wild women cut their capers,
The Welshmen want to end a Church
Here's Ladas got to grovel,
The schools are giving up the birch,
And every spade's a shovel.

There is'nt any one content
Without his innovation,
And every second woman's bent
On pruning-up the nation,
But worse than all that went before,
The very GOLF that's by me
Is thick with letters by the score
"Abolishing the stimpie!"

H. B.

LESSONS IN GOLF.

INTRODUCTION.

It seems good unto me, having learned the art and mysteries of the Royal and Ancient Game in the forties, under most able teachers, and having since then instructed many beginners with considerable success, to write a short treatise on the practice of Golf for the benefit of the world at large, because other writers on the subject, so far as their works have come under my notice, seem to me to have more or less failed to enter sufficiently into matters of detail as will enable a beginner, from what he reads, to put into practice the instruction given.

Of course it is a good thing to be taught by a professional, nothing can be better; but professionals who have the gift of teaching cannot be found on every links, and many who desire to play Golf are unwilling to afford themselves the expense of a "coach," and there remains nothing else than to watch and see what others do, and hammer along by the light of nature.

Let us see, now, if it be possible, so minutely to describe the several strokes of the game that from closely following my descriptions a beginner may, in a reasonable time, acquire sufficient skill in handling the various clubs to teach himself what is to be learned, with the result that soon he will be able to play round the links with comfort to himself, and surprise his friends by the progress he makes.

Thus I enter upon no history of the game, or description of what links should be. I abstain from discussion of the several different styles of noted players, for all this can be found most ably set forth in the "Badminton" Library or the cheaper work in the "Oval" or "All England Series." I confine myself solely to coaching beginners. I assume that my readers have mastered the rules of the game, have made themselves acquainted with the names of the several clubs used. My object is to teach the beginner how to use the clubs when he has bought them, that he may play his game without any very serious blunders and without the painful nervousness of not knowing what to do next, and the awkward consciousness that he is making an exhibition of his ignorance to those who watch his play. Also it is not my business to explain the peculiar terms used among golfers, which is a language in itself. All this has been gathered together by Mr. Horace Hutchinson at the end of his masterly treatise on the game. My pupils will be concerned only with two golf words, "duffer" and "foozle." The former is used in other games than Golf, and so requires no interpretation; but I may say that "foozle" describes the failing to carry out that which the player essayed to do. If, therefore, my pupils take only as much pains to practise what I preach, as it has cost me to think out my instructions, they will not deserve the reproach of the former word, and will in most cases, I hope, avoid the disappointment of the latter.

First, then, I would impress upon your minds with great earnestness the following fact:—That the game is not merely a difficult one, but perhaps the most difficult of all games, and, therefore, requires the greatest care and pains to be bestowed upon the learning of it. A man has only to try his hand at it to prove the fact. So many things go to make the game one of great difficulty: The ball is very small—has a habit of falling into most uncomfortable places; the clubs are fragile, and therefore easily broken; while the success of each stroke depends so entirely upon the hands and eye and handiness of the player that the least error in any of these brings the stroke at once to grief. It is a very fascinating game; few ever take it up and cease to play because they are tired of the game. On the contrary, one sees, week after week, men hammering the poor ball along, striking the poor thing here, there, and everywhere but in the right direction; and one wonders what amusement they can find in their work, except it be in the seemingly almost vain hope of some day or other being able to play like true golfers; or perhaps it may be that determination

which has made the men of our nation what they are all the world over—we won't be beaten. Jack and Tom can do it, so will I; but, alas!—it is an evident fact, if they go on as they are going, they will never be golfers, for every effort they make must end in disappointment. The stroke wrongly made will never bring off a straight and long ball, and the greater the effort made, when it is made wrongly, only makes more to be unlearned at some later time, and with the great difficulty of getting rid of a bad habit, which is found a difficulty, not only in Golf, but in everything else besides. So the sooner the beginner recognises Golf as an art, and not a game which can be learned by the light of nature, so much the easier will he get over the rudimentary stage, and so much the more anxious will he be to be set going rightly. He must seek instruction, and, as Izaak Walton says of fishing, bring an observing, searching wit, a large measure of patience, and a love and propensity to the art. Then, with sound teaching and careful practice, no doubt he will soon find golfing a pleasant pastime, which will prove to be, like virtue, a reward to itself. If, therefore, you have made up your mind to take to the game, be at the pains, from the very first, to learn it rightly. Believe me, a man does not become a golfer because he has joined a Golf Club, has purchased a set of clubs, and trusts to time to make a player of him. By such a course he will enter his club as a duffer, will live his Golf life a duffer, and when he dies the remaining members will feel, with a sigh of relief, that a nuisance has departed from among them. How often one hears the lament on links around London, where duffers abound, after months of strenuous effort, "I never *shall* play Golf. I play worse than when I began." The worst of it is, it is all really so true—verily the last state is worse than the first. It is also so easily accounted for. It all lies in the fact that the beginning made was all wrong. So the continuance resulted in the errors first learned being afterwards confirmed, till at last it became impossible to effect a change. A man who desires to be a golfer must at first starting thoroughly realise that Golf is a great deal besides hitting a ball from one hole to another in the fewest number of strokes against a man who is trying to do exactly the same thing; and yet this is what more men than I should like to number believe the game to be. Each stroke is, so to say, a game in itself. There is a right and a wrong way of making each stroke as it comes. Why should the right way come to a man at the first endeavour, without effort and without instruction? And yet this is what so many expect.

Each ball as it lies has to be studied to determine the club to be used, and the way in which it is to be used. To play a fair game after a reasonable time ought not to be too difficult, if so be the player has learned how to make certain strokes. But unless he has learned these strokes—as there is only one way of striking a ball so that it shall travel far and straight—how can he expect success. I do not mean to say that any amount of care or teaching will prevent the very best player from fooling at some time or other, but there is every reason to believe that instruction and practice will reduce these fozzles to a minimum, and cause a man to get along faster and faster every day that he plays. Take, therefore, an old golfer's advice. Do not try to run before you can walk; join a club if you will, but before you don the red coat and sit on the links, make sure that you know something of the game. If I had my way, I would establish an entrance test before admission to membership in a club, so as to avoid the awful nuisance to players of two men in front of them trying to learn Golf, and taking twenty strokes a hole in the learning, thereby blocking the course to the players behind them. If a man cannot strike a good ball from a chosen lie, how can he ever expect to get along in all the varied lies in which he must find his ball when he plays a round? Surely he cannot be such a fool as to think that by simply hammering on he will learn an art. What he will learn is bad habits and bad style; and these bad habits and bad style will be so confirmed that it will be a miracle if they can ever be eradicated. And what makes watching these duffers so exasperating to a man who knows the game is the folly of the exhibition. The difficulties of the game which make it so hopeless to the duffer are just that which makes it the fine game Golf is. One sees that the game is good enough to pry one for any amount of care, trouble and painstaking in the learning of it.

If, therefore, my advice is taken, I would counsel a man to

avoid the links at starting, just as he would not think for a moment of playing billiards upon a public table before he had learned how to play first on a private one. You have, we will say, made up your mind to take up Golf; the first thing to be done is to go into training to learn the game systematically. I asked, not very long ago, a friend of mine to join our Golf club. He said he was no player, but would have some practice in a field behind his house before he sent in his name. I admired that man, and respected him. I really should like to publish his name. Training before joining a club is so much more satisfactorily accomplished in a field, or garden, or orchard than on the links. But if no such place is available, everyone can go to some out-of-the-way part of the common where the links are, so as to be not only out of the way of, but out of the sight of other players also. Take a couple of caddies, a dozen balls, and carry out the instructions I purpose to give you in my succeeding papers. But the way I prefer to instruct my pupils is quite in private at home, by the use of a sheet which catches the ball. No doubt the tyro's delight in sending the ball farther than usual for the caddies to pick up on the common is a great hindrance to his making as much progress as he might do. The flight of the ball takes off the attention from the method of making it fly. Whereas whether the ball travels farther or not does not matter in the lesson. What does matter—and that alone is important—is whether the stroke was rightly made. By striking against a sheet this trouble is overcome; each ball as it is hit falls dead, and no one but the teacher knows whether it was a good ball or a bad one; and so with one's pupil quite alone, awkwardness is more easily got rid of, and faults corrected, and good form and style imparted. So if you want to learn Golf quickly and well, learn at home, of a good teacher if possible, if not, by yourself. The apparatus is neither expensive nor intricate. In the garden or orchard, where trees grow, and, for choice, near to a pathway trodden over the grass, stretch a rope from tree to tree, or from post to post, about ten feet from the ground, over the rope throw a large sheet, so that the sheet hangs loosely to the ground. I prefer a spot near a footpath, because the edges of the footpath are hard and smooth, and make a good lie for the ball. It does not matter what sheet is used, so that it is soft and loose. It will be found, however close to the sheet the ball be struck, the strongest driver cannot cause the ball to rebound; when struck, the sheet will receive the ball, and the ball will fall harmlessly on to the ground beneath. Thus, in the quiet of home, without a witness, stroke after stroke may be learned. In this way I have coached many in my orchard, taking them for half an hour at a time, with very marked success. It is a plan I would strongly counsel all beginners to use, whether they read and practise, or place themselves under amateur or professional instruction, as likely to lead to most satisfactory results.

I have now got my scholar, I hope, into a fit state of humbleness of mind and earnest desire to follow my instructions. I have tried to prove to him that Golf must be learned with patience; that it can scarcely be learned on the links, at all events, at the beginning; that to try to so learn Golf is very hard upon other members of the club, spoiling their game. I will endeavour in succeeding papers very minutely to describe the several strokes and the form in which they should be made, in the hope that when read my pupils will diligently practise each stroke over and over again, till they feel—and they will feel it—that they have really learned the lesson.

COACH.

(To be continued.)

NORTHERN MERCHANTS' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition was played over Musselburgh Links on Wednesday afternoon, July 18th, with the following result:—Mr. P. Methven, 100, less 16=84; Mr. John A. Smith (scratch), 90; Mr. R. Fraser, 110, less 20=90.

“SCOTSMAN” CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for over the Braids on Wednesday, July 18th. Mr. W. Walter, 107, less 30=77, was the winner; Mr. Pearson, 95, less 13=82, being second.

Reviews.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A BOY. By G. S. Strick. One Vol. London: Elkin Mathews, and John Lane. 1894.

It is a pity that so inappropriate a name should have been given to an exceedingly clever little satire on the modern unsuccessful son. “The Prodigal's Departure,” or “The Unappreciated Family Blessing,” would convey more of the drift of the book than the title chosen, which is one that is likely to cause a good many would-be readers to leave it unread. Written in short detached chapters, each containing an episode in the career of an exceedingly modern “young man,” aged, presumably, about thirty-five, there is scarcely a dull line in the book, for those, at least, who appreciate the especial vein of humour running through the satire. Occasionally, the humour is a little overdone, so that the more critical reader rebels at the contempt shown to his powers of discernment; but some of the scenes are inimitable. For instance, when the Boy is travelling, he encounters his former tutor from Oxford, and, with the blandest and most courteous consideration, endeavours to show his worthy pedagogue how utterly in error he is in all the more solid information and knowledge by which he has set such a false store. The amazement of the learned gentleman, his answers to the clever impertinences of the young man, and the final rupture, are excellent reading. The scene between the Boy and his desperate father, who is longing to treat his son as a disgrace to his family, and a hopeless prodigal, but who can make no headway against the said prodigal's exquisite oratory, is, perhaps, one of the most delicately humorous chapters in the book. Those who appreciate fun of a less refined description will enjoy reading of the Boy at a cricket match. He should have been a golfer, since in all other respects he is up to date. Taken seriously, the book had better be thrown out of window; but accepted in its character as a satire, it is altogether a capital piece of fooling.

PEMBROKE. By M. E. Wilkin. One Vol. London: Osgood, McIlvaine. 1894.

The authoress of “A Humble Romance” has gained a considerable reputation, and has attached to herself a large circle of admiring readers, as a writer of short sketches and stories; but the book before us is more in the form of a novel, albeit it deals in the detached stories of various lives in an American village-town. The Courting of Barnabas Thayer and Charlotte Barnard forms the main interest of the book, and it is with a feeling of regret that we find Charlotte still faithful to her obstinate and rather priggish lover when he recovers from his long sulking fit and condescends to cement his broken engagement. He is scarcely worthy of so gentle and patient a wife, and the sympathy of the majority will be throughout with Tom Payne, Charlotte's unsuccessful lover. The story of Rebecca Thayer, a village maiden, too handsome and too vain to steer clear of the temptations which beset her, though pathetically told, is likely to make “Pembroke” less popular with a certain section of the authoress' staunchest admirers than other of her books have done. The description of the boy who, debarred from all sports by a cruel heart complaint, steals a night's wild, delirious pleasure tobogganing while his mother sleeps, is in Miss Wilkin's best style. On the whole, however, though “Pembroke” is a book to be read, and one likely to be appreciated, the general verdict will be that it is in no sense equal to “A Humble Romance.”

LANGHOLM.—The monthly medal handicap competition in connection with this club, has resulted in Mr. Graham of Holmwood winning the medal for July, with a net score of 86. He received a handicap of 15 points. Mr. D. Macintosh was second with a net score of 88. Mr. Craig, who received 15 points, was third with, a net score of 89.



A good nine-hole course has been laid out by Tom Dunn at Fairfield Park, Fairford, Gloucestershire, the residence of Colonel Porter. The turf is very good, and altogether the course affords capital sport.

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A good nine-hole course is about to be laid out by Tom Dunn at Skegness in Lincolnshire.

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Some American has been stating that among London ladies there is now a universal rage for excessive thinness. "All the Society women in the big metropolis," says the Yankee critic, "are 'banting,' or keeping down their weight by one method or another, and a woman whom we would consider unquestionably 'skinny' is looked upon as the perfection of form in Great Britain. One woman seemed to touch the general opinion when she said that no woman could possibly be too thin to reach the standard of good looks. Women ride mile after mile in the Park, and play tennis and Golf as long as the sun shines, eat raw beef and toast, and gradually thin themselves down to a condition of leanness, which reminds one of an underfed and overworked racehorse. In the theatres they look as though they had 'gone stale,' as the athletes say; that is they are trained down to such an extent that the blood has become thin and the skin colourless. Altogether the entire fashionable population of London needs to be fed up."

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One of the most interesting inland Golf courses within easy reach both of Edinburgh and Glasgow is that of Crawford, on the upper reaches of the Clyde, a course which owes its existence very much to the energy and enthusiasm of the parish minister, the Rev. Mr. McKune, one of the most lively and most likeable of men, whose congenial company is perhaps the best addition to be had to a round of Golf on the green. A favoured few have always known the merits of this green, and paid periodical visits thereto; but in order to allow of golfers more generally taking advantage of the hill-air while enjoying a game at Crawford, the Caledonian Railway Company have arranged to stop the train leaving Edinburgh at 9.25 a.m. and Glasgow at 9.15 a.m., reaching Crawford at 10.44 a.m. This makes a speedy journey, and will permit players to have a good day on the links, and return home at a reasonable hour the same day. There is a good hotel in the village. Disciples of the gentle Izaak will also find this arrangement a great boon, for the district, to the angler, is one of the most delightful.

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In the threepenny "Guide to Musselburgh" of Mr. T. Adams, to which we have before referred, there will be found a detailed account of the nature of the nine holes of this famous old course (*vide pp. 22 to 26*). Both the alternate courses, the "Medal" round and the "Figure Eight" round are described. "There are some antiquities," says the writer, "to be thought of when on the links. Here at one time Cromwell quartered his troops, and the spot is still indicated (opposite Linkfield) where that redoubted General's own tent stood. Even in those

old days the civic rulers of Musselburgh were cautious men. It is said that, before he visited the place at all, Cromwell sent word to the magistrates to come to him at Leith; but, after due consideration, they returned an answer that they would meet him half-way; and the interview is said to have taken place on the heath by the seaside, where Portobello now stands. Here, too, the Marquis of Hamilton was met by thousands of his fellow-countrymen, who knew him to be the bearer of the arbitrary wishes of Charles I. for destroying the power of the Covenanters. Here, also, he learned enough to know that he had embarked upon a course which was beyond his strength to accomplish; and, moving from the links towards Leith, not only did he find his way flanked by the men and women of the Covenant, but even his intrepid mother is said, with pistols in her holsters, to have warned him what she would do if he persisted in his persecuting career."

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The author of "Tom Brown's Schooldays," in recently addressing an ambulance class, said there was now a great movement to limit work in almost all active trades to eight hours a day. If that ever came to pass, there would be a great deal of spare time at the disposal of the artisan and labouring classes, because he did not think they would be able to pass an eight-hours' day for unfortunate persons who were in his position, or in the position of lawyers. (Laughter.) Lately he noticed a speech by Mr. John Burns, who said it was his earnest hope that, when the working time was limited to eight hours a day, his friends who might have more leisure at their disposal would employ it in learning to obtain proficiency in the games of their country. Now, youth was the time for games, and when a man got to middle age or past twenty-five, he had better find some other occupation for his spare time than in trying to obtain proficiency in games in which boys would always beat him. He could not conceive of anything more thoroughly fitted to occupy the spare time of men who wished to do some good in their generation and be patriotic Englishmen than to join such societies as these, and learn how to attend any unfortunate persons who might break a limb. (Cheers.) Surely Mr. Hughes went out of his way to break a lance with Mr. John Burns. By all means let ambulance work be learned; but there are not sufficient broken limbs to make recreation for those who will be released by an Eight Hours Bill. Golf is for them the very thing—not that they may gain prizes or beat their juniors, but that they may be better men. Even now our artisans know its value, as any one may see on the Braids and other Scottish courses on a Saturday.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, with their family, are at present on a visit to North Berwick, where the Marquis is enjoying Golf. Lord Tweeddale has always been a keen curler, but his Golf is of recent years, and he is not, therefore, as yet an adept at the game, although he makes a good partner in a foursome, entering keenly into the match. This is quite what we should expect, as the Marquis always tries to do well what he takes in hand. He has a nice little Golf course laid out at Yester House for the practice of the short game. Lady Clementina Hay, the youthful daughter of the Marquis and Marchioness, is President of the Children's League of Pity, and has started with great success a periodical for the League entitled, *City Sparrows*.

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Willie Park, jun., of Musselburgh, who is one of the best golfers of the day, and who was Open Champion twice in succession, is at the same time one of the most enterprising of club and ball-makers, and several patents bearing his name (especially his putter), have had a great sale. Willie has for some time employed a very large number of workmen, and the quality of the work turned out from his premises has always been of the best description. It is therefore a matter of congratulation for Southern players that a maker of such repute as Willie Park is to open a depôt in London, at 115, Cannon Street, E.C. (opposite the station). With such an ever-growing multitude of players in our metropolis, this famous Musselburgh Champion will doubtless find his new venture quite a profitable one, and golfers may rely on securing a good article

at Park's Depôt, where the name itself will be suggestive of some of the finest traditions of classic Golf.

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The Gullane Club are advancing toward the heights which under their new lease they hope to occupy. For their meeting on Saturday, they no longer asked the courtesy of the green, but intimated that strangers would not be allowed to play till the members of the club had started. It is stated that those who have played over the green free as members of the clubs franked under the lease are very much more numerous than the members of these clubs. One of the franked clubs, has also been demurring to give up the names of its members. Otherwise the "lease" is working smoothly, and certainly the green was never in finer condition. Indeed there is nothing to equal it in the district; North Berwick being worse than usual, and Muirfield almost deserted because of its roughness.

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Mr. A. E. Pullar, Durn, Perth, well known as a keen and capable golfer, has recently patented a contrivance which may be fitted into the ordinary Golf hole, and which, while being the perfection of simplicity in construction, saves the player the trouble of stooping and inserting the hand into the hole to get out the ball. The invention is just a tin bottom placed on an axle, and as the player with the shaft of his club presses briskly down the one side of the tin bottom the other lofts the ball out of the hole, so that it may be caught as it is lofted. At any rate it is jerked out of the hole on to the putting-green, which is a great advantage, especially to the fair sex, who generally play without caddies, and whose delicate hands are not improved by groping after the ball in the tin. The patent may be seen at the shop of Anderson & Son, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

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The Islay course, to the attractions of which we have several times referred, seems to become every year more popular with golfers. The accommodation at the White Hart Hotel and Machrie House, now both under the charge of Mr. McCuaig, is, we believe, nearly all taken up as far as the middle of September, but those who wish to taste the quiet of this grand Golf course (and samples of the Islay dew), ought to have no difficulty in finding good quarters. They will find their visit to Islay a thing to be remembered if they desire a real golfing holiday under the best conditions. The green is this year greatly improved.

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John Milne, the professional of the Neasden Golf Club Robert Munro, of the Richmond Golf Club, and George McIntosh, of the Romford Golf Club, played a three-ball match the other day over the course of the Neasden Golf Club. The three professionals holed the ninth hole in 2 each, and finished with the following scores:—J. Milne 79, R. Munro 80, and G. McIntosh 80.

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Sheriff-Principal Berry, at Glasgow, the other day had submitted to him for confirmation the by-laws and regulations suggested by the Town Council in regard to the playing of Golf at Alexandra Park, Glasgow. The Sheriff said he thought the charge to be made of a penny per game was a right and proper thing, but the question was whether it was a matter that should be decided simply by a regulation. There was no opposition to the bye-laws and regulations; but, still, the difficulty might arise in the future. Mr. Monro, Deputy Town-clerk, explained that there was no particular urgency in the matter. The Sheriff, accordingly, took time to consider the question.

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Douglas Rolland, playing at Wimbledon on Tuesday, 17th, starting from the Iron House, did the round in the fine score of 74. Considering the growth all through the green, it was a fine performance. There was a strong wind blowing which did not assist him in any way. The following is Rolland's score:—Out, 4 4 3 4 4 6 4 5 5=39; in, 3 3 3 5 5 4 3 4 5=35; total 74.



THE GOLFING ARM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to "Sufferer's" inquiry, I found an elastic band fitting closely over, and a few inches above and below the joint, a great relief to a "Golfing Elbow," especially while playing.

I am, Sir, &c.,
ELTHAM.

THE SIZE OF GOLF HOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I think perhaps the most interesting point raised in the discussion of the stymie question in GOLF is the question as to the size of the holes. In an article in *The Scottish Field*, of July 14th, I notice the statement that the holes at Sandwich were accurately measured and found to be only four inches in diameter. Do you or any of your readers know if this is the case? It would also be interesting if any of the committee who framed the New Rules were to state why they fixed four and a-quarter inches instead of four and a-half. I am strongly of opinion that the latter was, before 1891, the usual size. At Carnoustie, in my memory, the holes used always to be slightly larger than at St. Andrews, but I think both were over four and a-quarter inches. At Perth the holes are four and a-half, and probably have been so for the last two or three centuries. I know that on many links the tins had to be made smaller to suit the new regulations. I am against innovations, but it would surely not be an innovation to return to the "old order" if such it were found to be, and I think with Willie Park that the four and a-half inch holes would settle the stymie question. It would make the lofting stroke from within a short putt of the hole a fairly easy one for anyone who chose to practise it; and as for stymies when the stymied ball is three or four yards from the hole, there is but little hardship, as the odds are long that the putt would not be holed in any case. This last is a point too often lost sight of by men who say they lost the match by a stymie when they perhaps only had a long putt for the half in any case. But golfers must make apologies—I must make one for again troubling you.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN L. LOW.

Butterstone, Dunkeld, N.B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. G. T.—To begin with, a brassie, a cleek, and a medium iron will be found sufficient for a long time. Read the series of lessons now being published, and buy a copy of the St. Andrews rules.

M.H.L.—The ex-Amateur Champion is Mr. P. C. Anderson, of St. Andrews. The present Amateur Champion is Mr. John Ball, jun.

A GOLFING WATERPROOF.

Messrs. Davis, Blake and Farr, Army and Navy Tailors, 73, George Street, Portman Square, W., have just brought out a waterproof coat which is particularly serviceable to golfers. Its main characteristic consists in this, that the sleeves are not attached to the coat as is ordinarily the case with these garments. The sleeves, joined together by a small stockingette vest of very light and elastic material, are put on first, and then the coat proper, covering the whole of the body and knees. It will therefore be seen that the arms, while using the clubs in wet weather, are left absolutely free and unconstrained by the waterproof—the main desideratum in a really useful coat for golfers. The material of which the coat is made is light, and it is easily folded up into a small compact parcel for the caddie to carry when the weather has brightened and the occasion has passed for its use.

“SILVER-MOUNTED CADDIES.”

In a serious paragraph in a newspaper, a few days ago, appeared the following:—“The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, who is a great enthusiast at Golf, was presented by a few of his admirers with a set of *silver-mounted caddies*.”

I've played the game of Golf a bit
With many a decent laddie,
But never in my rambles lit
On a “silver-mounted caddie.”

Not even as “silver-tongued,” in strict
Parlance (though not so had he
As golfing annalists depict),
Can I describe the caddie.

'Tis true he may be “silver-tipped”
When, little weary lad, he
Has tramped behind all day, equipped
With bag and clubs, my caddie.

Perhaps the “mounting” was grey hair,
Perhaps some Grand Old Daddies,
Whose heads are silvered o'er, now bear
Balfourian clubs as caddies.

Counsel, no doubt, they give him free,
Whereby extremely glad is
The Right Honourable Arthur B.
Of his “silver-mounted caddies.”

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HARROW GOLF CLUB.

The Summer Challenge Cup.—This Cup, which was presented to the club last year by R. T. Hargreaves, Esq., of Stanmore, and which was won last year by Rev. W. Done Bushell, then captain of the club, was on 19th July carried off by H. E. Farrel, Esq., of Bowdon House School. Sixteen players entered, the conditions being membership and match play of eighteen holes, with three-fourths of handicap points allowed.

In the second round there was some excellent play on both sides in the match between Dr. Stiven and Mr. Mayo, the former establishing a record for the green as follows:—

First round ...	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	5=40	} 74
Second round...	4	3	6	4	4	3	3	3	4=34	

The captain's 3's were replied to by 4's on the part of Mr. Mayo, so the match excited considerable interest.

In the final, Mr. Farrell won by 5 up and 4 to play. He played a good, steady game, and well deserves the cup. His play has improved so much since the contest for the cup commenced that his handicap of 11 strokes proved too great an obstacle for his opponent. He is, certainly, one of the most promising players in the club.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

In the ladies' monthly medal handicap, which was played on Saturday, the 14th, Miss Margaret M. Binny was successful in winning the medal.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The fourth annual general meeting of the club was held at Bowdon on Monday, July 9th, and there was a large attendance, over fifty members being present. The retiring captain, Mr. T. W. Killick, presided, and in his opening address reviewed the progress of the club during the past year, alluding, amongst other matters, to the improved condition of the course, the satisfactory arrangements which had been made for a house for the professional, and to the successful open meeting which had been held. To extinguish the debt still outstanding on the club-house building fund, it was resolved to elect ten additional members, bringing the numbers up to 160, and allowing them to fall again to the normal limit of 150 by electing only one new member for every two vacancies. It was decided to revise the rules of the club, and to place the catering in the hands of a house committee to be appointed by the council. The following members were elected as officers and council for the year 1894-5:—Captain—Rev. T. Pym Williamson; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. V. Williams (re-elected); Hon. Secretary and Ground-Manager—Mr. S. W. Gillet (re-elected); Council—Messrs. G. Shorland Ball, F. Heywood, T. W. Killick, H. Staffurth, and G. Worthington.

The summer meeting of this club, consisting of a tournament by match play, extending over the week beginning July 9th, was concluded on Saturday, July 14th. The ladies associated with the club as honorary members had kindly presented a handsome silver salver as a first prize, and after a keen competition this was won by Mr. H. Holden. The second prize went to Mr. C. H. Occleston, and the third prizes to Messrs. D. Carlisle and C. H. Wolff. Thirty-two members entered, which necessitated five rounds being played to determine the absolute winner. Of the fifteen matches actually played in the first round, eight were decided by a majority of only one hole, a result highly satisfactory to the handicappers. The weather throughout was favourable, with the exception of a few thunder showers on Friday evening, and the putting greens and the course generally were in splendid order. A large body of spectators witnessed the play in the final tie, and at the close of the match they assembled in the club-house, when the ladies' prize was presented to the winner by Mrs. J. K. Bradbury, who has acted as hon. secretary for the lady subscribers.

First Round.—Mr. C. H. Occleston (3) beat Mr. C. W. Dudley (11) by 1 up; Mr. T. Muirhead (4) beat Mr. W. M. Neild (11) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. H. F. Ransome (6) beat Mr. T. C. Oliver (14) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. D. MacIver (10) walked over, Mr. F. V. Williams (10) scratched; Mr. D. Carlisle (5) beat Mr. J. H. Brancker (18) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. S. W. Gillett (2) beat Dr. Mules (8) by 1 up; Mr. W. Rycroft (13) beat Mr. F. Heywood (5) by 1 up; Mr. R. D. MacLaren (9) beat Rev. W. Cowie (6) by 1 up; Mr. W. G. Clegg (scratch) beat Rev. T. Pym Williamson (4) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. Worthington (6) beat Mr. H. Staffurth (10) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. S. Smelt (5) beat Mr. M. Withington (2) by 1 up; Mr. H. Holden (plus 1) beat Mr. W. R. Craig

(4) by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. G. Hogg (2) beat Mr. F. C. Morgan (plus 1) by 1 up; Mr. C. H. Wolff (4) beat Mr. E. Withington (4) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. Corah (10) beat Mr. R. Sykes (15) by 1 hole (the nineteenth); Mr. W. S. Mainprice (10) beat Mr. Jas. Boyd (16) by 1 up.

Second Round.—Mr. Occleston beat Mr. Muirhead by 1 hole (the twentieth); Mr. Ransome beat Mr. MacIver by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Carlisle beat Mr. Gillett by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Rycroft beat Mr. MacLaren by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Clegg beat Mr. Worthington by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Holden beat Mr. Smelt by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Wolff beat Mr. Hogg by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Mainprice beat Mr. Corah by 2 up.

Third Round.—Mr. Occleston beat Mr. Ransome by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Carlisle beat Mr. Rycroft by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. Holden beat Mr. Clegg by 1 up; Mr. Wolff beat Mr. Mainprice by 4 up and 2 to play.

Fourth Round.—Mr. Occleston beat Mr. Carlisle by 1 hole (the twentieth); Mr. Holden beat Mr. Wolff by 3 up and 1 to play.

Finally.—Mr. Holden beat Mr. Occleston by 5 up and 3 to play.

CASTLETOWN (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly handicap competition for Mr. Macbeth's gold medal was played on Thursday, the 19th inst. On account of the very heavy rain only a few players started, and only the following completed the round:—Major Conran, 111, less 31=80; Rev. F. Hemmingway, 107, less 21=86; Mr. W. A. Stevenson, 118, less 27=91; Mr. P. Fisher, 125, less 32=93. Major Conran holds the medal for the month.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., a "Bogey" competition was played for by the ladies. Prize, value £2, given by the club. There was a strong wind blowing. The following were the results handed in:—Miss Grace Cogswell (5) even, winner; Mrs. Swetenham (11) even, and Miss F. Shand (12) even, divided sweepstake; Miss K. Combe (3) 1 down; Mrs. Ould (2), 2 down; Miss M. Shand (16), 3 down; Miss M. Rowley (2), 4 down; Mrs. Kendall (15), 4 down; Mrs. Tyrer (6), 5 down; Mrs. Penhorn (16), 5 down; Mrs. Archer (16), 5 down; Mrs. Jas. G. Frost (6), 6 down; Mrs. Chambers (7), 7 down.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The third summer meeting of the above club was held on Saturday, July 21st. Mr. H. Liebert put in a win for the summer medal, and Mr. A. Murray for a prize presented by the secretary for members with handicaps over 15. The same round also decided the final for the Tonge prize, which resulted in a win for Mr. G. F. Schofield. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Liebart ...	85	4 81	Mr. A. Murray ...	109	22 87
Mr. R. W. Hutton..	82	scr. 82	Mr. G. F. Schofield.	104	15 89
Mr. W. Bell ...	84	1 83	Mr. E. G. Hutton...	93	3 90
Mr. T. G. Yates ...	84	scr. 84	Mr. C. G. Satter-		
Mr. G. N. M. Came-			thwaite ...	98	7 91
ron ...	94	10 84	Mr. J. Donnell ...	117	25 92
Mr. A. B. Scholfield	86	1 85	Mr. T. C. Norris ...	103	10 93
Mr. E. Hutton ...	90	4 86	Mr. H. Hawkins ...	118	25 93
Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	93	6 87	Mr. R. E. Branthwaite	113	16 97

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

DOVER v. FOLKESTONE.

The Folkestone Club paid their first visit to the Dover links on Friday, July 20th. These links, which were laid out by Ramsay Hunter (Sandwich), and have been improved and maintained by the support of Lord William Seymour (commanding the district), and by the care and energy of Colonel Morris, Colonel Davidson, and others, are well worth a visit, and should be more widely known. They are situated high up on the cliffs, between the Castle and South Foreland, and this steep ascent

must be the sole reason why more members have not joined the club, for assuredly one visit would encourage a second. The Golf is good, the turf and greens excellent, and the views the finest on the coast. The course is full of variety, and what with driving over or into grassy valleys and mighty bastions, or lofting on to greens perched high up "twixt the bunker and the deep sea," the nine holes are unique in character and interest. There is a weak spot on every links, and in this case it is the drive up a "Shipka Pass" to the seventh green. There is nothing against this as a hole by itself; it is a good hole and a beautiful green; but the objection is that the party who have holed out on this green at the end of the narrow pass, turn sharp back, and drive for the eighth green down this "Shipka" again, straight in the faces of those playing up to the seventh; on the other hand, if any civility takes place, and one party take cover as best they can, while the others play up, or down, a block on the tee behind is likely to occur. The Dover Club had provided themselves and their opponents with the one perfect summer day in 1894, the natural beauties of cliff and sea being increased by constant stream of line-of-battle ships, cruisers, and torpedo boats, westward bound for the manœuvres. It is hoped that this inter-club match may in future be an annual fixture; the return will be played at Folkestone in August, when the Dover club will receive as hearty a welcome as they gave their opponents last week, and for which welcome and hospitality the Folkestone club will always retain a most pleasant recollection. Scores:—

Singles:—

DOVER.		FOLKESTONE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Major Salusbury ...	0	Mr. C. Edwards ...	10
Major Darby ...	11	Capt. Lyon ...	0
Colonel Weston ...	0	Mr. Jeffery ...	0
Mr. Barlow ...	0	Capt. Eccles ...	3
Colonel Hill ...	1	Mr. Ritchie ...	0
Captain Ferguson ...	0	Capt. V. Eccles ...	7
Mr. Morehouse ...	1	Major Burton ...	0
Mr. Seymour ...	0	Mr. Haughton...	8
	13		28

Foursomes:—

DOVER.		FOLKESTONE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Col. Western and Major Darby	0	Mr. Edwards and Capt. Lyon	6
Col. Hill and Mr. Morehouse	0	Mr. Jeffery and Mr. Ritchie	9
Capt. Ferguson and Mr. Barlow	2	Capt. Eccles and Capt. V.	
Major Salusbury and Mr. Sey-		Eccles ...	0
mour ...	0	Major Burton and Mr. Haughton	5
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ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

This club held its monthly medal competition against "Bogey," on Saturday last. The weather was unsettled; but the greens were in splendid condition, in consequence of which there were some very good returns made. Mr. F. A. Kebbel, 2 up; Mr. J. Brooksmith, 2 up; Mr. H. T. Lindley, 1 up; Mr. A. Tapp, 1 up; Mr. A. S. Johnston, all even; Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote, all even; Mr. G. A. Meredith, all even; Mr. J. G. Anderson, all even; Mr. T. A. Raynes, 1 down; Mr. G. Stokes, 1 down; Mr. H. Paine, jun., 1 down; Mr. R. H. Hedderwick, 2 down; Mr. W. McArthur, 2 down; Mr. W. G. Mitchell, 2 down; Mr. P. F. G. Lord, 2 down; Mr. A. Fraser, 2 down; Mr. G. Spurling, 2 down; Mr. M. Mocaata, 2 down; Mr. A. B. Hutchings, 2 down; Mr. F. G. Bampfyld, 3 down; Mr. H. T. Selby, 3 down; Mr. F. S. Ireland, 5 down; Mr. A. Hicks, 5 down; Mr. T. J. Bailie, 5 down; Mr. C. Frean, 5 down; Mr. W. A. Adam, 5 down; Mr. T. N. Rowsell, 5 down; Mr. G. W. Smyth, 5 down; Mr. C. C. Smith, 5 down; Mr. W. E. Scott, 5 down; Mr. C. V. Tattersall, 7 down; Mr. A. S. Brown, 7 down; Mr. R. M. Richardson, 9 down.

Spring Meeting Scratch Prize.—The tie between Mr. A. S. Johnston and Mr. F. S. Ireland was played off and resulted in a win for the former.

Spring Foursomes Competition.—This competition was won by Messrs. F. S. Ireland and E. F. S. Tylecote, at the nineteenth hole, against Messrs. J. H. and R. H. Hedderwick.

EPPING GOLF CLUB.

The July handicap *v.* "Col. Bogey" was held on Saturday, July 7th, Mr. J. Pearson being returned the winner, with 14 strokes, being 2 down; Mr. A. Kemp, second, with 7 strokes, 3 down; and Mr. W. B. Yerburgh, third, with 14 strokes, 8 down.

FORFARSHIRE.

A competition of the Scotsraig Club for a number of prizes took place on Wednesday. There was a large turn-out of members, and great interest was manifested in the play. The match was by strokes, handicap, and the following are the prize-winners:—Mr. A. S. Thomson, scratch, 78; Mr. W. M. Pillans, 97, less 18=79; Mr. A. Guthrie, scratch, 79; Mr. W. Hogg, 82, less 2=80; Mr. H. Fyfe, 89, less 8=81; Mr. R. T. Mitchell, scratch, 82. The next lowest were:—Mr. C. Millar, 88, less 4=84; Mr. A. Jack, 86, less 2=84; Mr. W. C. Honeyman, 96, less 12=84; Mr. J. Inch, jun., 102, less 18=84; Mr. T. M'Donald, 95, less 10=85.

The members of the Broughty Club held a monthly competition on Wednesday afternoon on Monifieth Links, when the Rowan medal (average), and a number of other prizes including a handsome volume of Burns' Works—Edina edition—presented by Mr. Norman Mitchell, publisher, Edinburgh, were played for. There was a small turn-out owing doubtless to the holiday season being on, there being only seventeen entries of all classes. The medal was won by Mr. George Harper, with a score of 101, being 10 below his average. Burns' Works were for the best scratch score, and Mr. W. K. Lorimer was the winner with a total of 93, the next in order being Mr. Robert Locke, 94; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 95. The Club prizes and sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class—first average, and first sweep, Mr. Robert Locke, 94, 5 below; second average and second sweep, Mr. W. K. Lorimer, at average. Second class—Scratch and sweep, Mr. D. G. Glennie, 106, 1 above. Third class—Scratch, first average and first sweep, Mr. George Harper, 101, 10 below; second average and second and third sweep tie. Mr. A. Watson and Mr. James Wilson both 106, 6 below.

The second round in the competition among the members of the Montrose Mercantile Club for the handsome silver cup presented by Mrs. R. H. Millar, of Blair Castle, was completed on Wednesday evening. Great interest has been taken in the competition from its novelty, played as it is in foursomes under handicap. The following is the result of the second round:—Mr. A. M'Lean and Mr. J. Johnston (3) beat Mr. W. Valentine and Mr. A. Paterson (3); Mr. W. M'Kie and Mr. J. Milne (5) beat Mr. D. Burgess and Mr. W. Towns (3); Mr. A. Still and Mr. J. Cumming (2) beat Mr. Joseph Wyllie and Mr. D. Valentine (8); Mr. W. Kinnear and Mr. W. Davidson (7) beat Mr. J. Burnett and Mr. D. Bowick (5); Mr. W. M'Neill and Mr. J. G. Cobb (4) beat Mr. J. Fyffe and Mr. W. Dickie (6); Mr. J. R. Sheriffs and Mr. J. Fullerton (6) beat Mr. A. R. M'Leod and Mr. W. M'Lean (4); Mr. John Clark and Mr. J. Philips (6) beat Mr. H. White and Mr. W. Jack (4); Mr. J. Alves and Mr. J. Falconer (6) beat Mr. W. A. Burgess and Mr. J. Reid (7); Mr. C. Burgess and Mr. C. D. Napier (3) beat Mr. E. M'Donald and Mr. J. Taylor (4); Mr. A. M. Low and Mr. G. Croall (3) beat Mr. W. M. Napier and Mr. J. Clark (4); Mr. G. M. Smith and Mr. G. Smith (4) beat Mr. J. Young and Mr. D. C. Clark (4).

The tie between Messrs. David L. Low and George Wright for the Fenton gold medal (scratch) of the Monifieth Club was played off on Thursday night. The weather was fine, and the players were followed round by a large number of spectators. On the outward journey the play was of a very mediocre description, Mr. Wright having the advantage at the ninth hole of 4 strokes. The scores were 42 and 46. Both players made better work coming home, and each finished at 40, thus leaving Mr. Wright winner of the medal for the second time.

On Thursday, at Carnoustie, an interesting foursome was played, Captain Livingstone and Lieutenant M'Farlane, of the 42nd Highlanders, being opposed by Mr. R. B. Sharp and Mr. W. Ballingall. From beginning to end the match was of the closest description, and the play on the whole was excellent. The officers were fortunate in winning the first two holes, but their opponents played up well, and by the time the turn was

reached the game was all square. The representatives of the army, however, gained the tenth and eleventh holes, and were again 2 up. Their opponents reduced the lead by one at the fifteenth, and the sixteenth and seventeenth being halved the officers won by 2 up and 1 to play. The losers had hard lines at one or two of the holes. Another foursome which will create unusual interest is to be played on Thursday. Lieut. F. G. Tait, who is one of the best amateur golfers, is at present stationed at the Barry Camp with his regiment. It has been arranged that he and Captain Livingstone shall play Archie Simpson and Mr. W. Ballingall.

MID SURREY GOLF CLUB.

The Junior medal of this club was played for on Saturday, July 14th, and was won, for the third consecutive month, by Captain H. Taunton-Collins. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Captain H. Taunton-		Mr. H. Tomlinson	116 24 92
Collins	102 23 79	Mr. G. C. Dodgson	116 20 95
Mr. R. King Stephens	112 27 85	Mr. G. A. Bell ...	116 20 96
Mr. H. Jones ...	115 24 91	Rev. G. H. Perry...	121 24 97

Others over 100 net.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT MONIFIETH.

On Tuesday night, July 17th, a match of a very interesting nature was played over Monifieth course, Archie Simpson, the Carnoustie professional, playing the best balls of Bob Scott, Carnoustie, and William Young, Monifieth. There was a good attendance of onlookers. Just now the course has been stretched out almost to its fullest extent, the tees in many instances being removed back behind the holes. A strong westerly wind was blowing, and the sun occasionally troubled the players. The professional made a good start, winning the first two holes. At the "Gates" William Young, with a well-played 4, pulled one off Archie's lead; but the professional again came to the front with a 4 at "Jamie Lindsay." Willie secured a half at the "Roses." Requiring 5 at the "Paling," Archie lost to both his opponents, but, with splendid play, he took the "Buddon" hole at 3 and was once more 2 up. Bob Scott secured a half at 4 for his side at the "Rashies," and the "Pyramids" was halved at 4 each. Archie's score out was 38; William Young's, 41. Scott lifted twice, and his score cannot be given. Coming home, William Young secured a half with Archie at the "Plantation," while at the "Wilderness" Scott, with a 5, reduced Archie's lead to 1, and at the "Hole Across" Young, with a fine 3, squared the match. Scott saved by getting a half at the long hole. Bad putting enabled Archie again to get the lead with a 4 at the "East Camp." The "West Camp" was halved at 4. Archie lay badly off a magnificent drive going to "Tom Morris," and the hole cost him 6, Scott being 3 and Young 4—the match being now square, with 2 to play. At the "North Gates" Scott made a splendid attempt, with a putt across the whole breadth of the green, to get down in 3, and lay on the lip of the hole. Archie, however, holed a very fine putt, getting a 3, and was dormy, 1 up and 1 to play. At the last hole Scott again made a good attempt at a very long putt, striking the edge of the hole, and lying about a club-length distant, but badly cupped. Archie missed his putt for a 4, and Scott, getting down at that figure, squared the match. Coming home, Scott's score was 40, Archie's 42, and Young did not hole out. Archie's total was 80—not at all a bad score, considering the nature of the weather and the lengthening of the holes.

ROCHESTER LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The ladies of the above club held a competition on July 18th in driving, approaching, and putting. Two prizes, given by Rev. C. J. Todd, were won—the one for the best drive, by Miss Harris (141 yards); the other, for the best putting, by Mrs. Knocker. Miss Pound won the prize, given by Miss Evelyn Cunliffe, for the best approaching. A special prize was given by the judges to Miss Evelyn Cunliffe for the three most consistent drives. The captain (Mr. C. Lake), assisted by the Rev. H. B. Boyd, kindly judged, and carried out the arrangements of this competition.

On July 14th a mixed foursome competition was held by the above club on the gentlemen's links, which was won by the

Rev. H. B. Boyd and Miss Pound, who played an exceptionally good round. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake were second, and Mr. Gordon and Miss Evelyn Cunliffe third.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., in fine weather, and with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. G. Stock ...	92 7 85	Mr. F. F. C. Jagger	106 13 93
Mr. P. Plunkett ...	89 3 86	Rev. Henry Jones...	111 18 93
Mr. T.E.R. Johnson	109 19 90	Mr. J. Wild	100 6 94

Several others made no returns.

The ladies' competition, postponed from July 2nd, was played on the 16th inst., when the following cards were returned :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Rowley Conwy	136 50 86	Mrs. Miller...	166 50 116
Miss Haynes ...	144 55 89	Mrs. Hewitt	144 25 119
Miss Mainwaring ...	104 5 99		

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday last the caddies employed on the Bembridge links played nine holes in a competition for two prizes presented by Mr. G. Harrison, the following being the scores of the three best :—E. Trickett, 47, less 3=44 (first prize); C. Henley, 52, less 3=49 (second prize); R. Daish, 54, less 3=51.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Our monthly medal yesterday resulted as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. J. Dring ...	99 16 83	Mr. A. J. Jack ...	111 18 93
Mr. J. Alick Thomas	100 16 84	Mr. G.C. Tyler Smith	108 14 94
Mr. Duncan Furner.	92 7 85	Mr. J. O. Scott ...	111 15 96
Col. Oddie...	107 16 91	Mr. J. H. Browne...	114 16 98

Messrs. Currey, C. C. Glyn, J. E. Shaw, W. M. Cundell, J. Pitcairn, J. F. Farncombe, and E. Bedford, made no return, or were over 100 net.

ST. ANDREWS.

On July 17th the final in the scratch competition between Mr. P. C. Anderson, ex-Amateur Champion, and Mr. L. Auchterlonie came off over the links, and the players being reckoned among the best of the club members, the match attracted a great amount of interest, and was followed by a large crowd. Mr. Auchterlonie took the lead at the start, and won the first two holes; but the ex-Champion secured the next three, and stood 1 up with 5 played. Mr. Auchterlonie, however, regained two of his losses playing the next two holes, and led by 1. The short hole was halved, but the end hole fell to Mr. Auchterlonie, who turned 2 up. Homewards, Mr. Anderson won the first hole, but his opponent secured the High and the Heather holes, making him 3 up with 6 to play. Mr. Anderson won the Hole o'Cross, and Mr. Auchterlonie the Gingerbeer. The next was halved, Mr. Auchterlonie being thus dormy 3. He secured the Corner of the Dyke, and became winner of the match by 4 and 2 to play.

The members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Club played for the Tod-Stewart medal on Thursday. The weather was fine, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen turned out to witness the play. About thirty competitors entered the list in the following order :—Mrs. Bruce Murray and Mrs. L. Gow, jun.; Miss H. Houston and Miss Leighton; Mrs. Risk and Mrs. W. Jackson; Miss J. K. Stewart and Miss L. C. Bethune; Mrs. Ross and Miss Dickie; Miss Gow and Mrs. Barnett Gow; Miss M. Berbune; Miss N. Gillespie and Miss J. Gillespie; Miss Moir and Miss A. Moir; Miss H. S. Wordsworth and Miss S. Grant; Mrs. Wolfe Murray and Miss Morgan; Miss M. Chitty and Miss A. Chitty; Mrs. Denny and Miss L. A. Denny; Mrs. Gavin and Miss H. Gavin. After two rounds of the course had been played, it was found that Miss Moir had won the medal with the score of 105, made up of 57 for the first round and 48 for the second. The following are some of the lowest scores:—Miss Moir, 105; Mrs. Wolfe Murray, 108; Miss M. Bethune, 108; Miss L. C. Bethune, 109; Miss J. K. Stewart, 110; Miss A. Chitty, 110; Miss Leighton, 110; Miss Sylvia Grant, 111; Miss Gow, 111; Miss L. A. Denny, 111.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

Monthly medal, 14th July :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. Kerr ...	103 18 85	Mr. A. T. Kent ...	109 18 91
Mr. W. P. Matthews	98 9 89	Mr. M. Tomson ...	101 7 94
Mr. T. Boyce ...	101 10 91	Mr. H.C.G. Browne	116 20 96

Other scores returned were over 100.

TOURNAMENT AT STRATHPEFFER.

On July 14th a Golf tournament took place on the Strathpeffer Golf course, in aid of the improvements fund. There were two competitions—one for the best handicap scores, and the other for the best scratch scores. Mr. L. Macrae, Inverness, won the first handicap prize, a claret jug, with a score of 80, and Messrs. J. Sutherland, Dornoch, and W. A. Inglis, Inverness, came in second, the former making 78, plus 4=82, and the latter, 86, less 4=82. Mr. Sutherland thus took the first scratch prize, a cup of the value of £3 3s., the second place being taken by Messrs. W. F. Orr, Aberdeen, and W. Macdonald, Dornoch, with scores of 83 each. The tie was played off by a round of nine holes, when Mr. Orr made 39 and Mr. Macdonald 42. The second prize, therefore, fell to Mr. Orr. The top score of the day, which was compiled by Mr. J. Sutherland, Dornoch, was 78, being made up as follows :—

First Round ...	4 4 4 4 3 5 4 4	4=36
Second Round...	3 4 5 5 6 5 4 4	6=42

The other scores were :—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. L. Macrae, Inverness	80 scr. 80
Mr. J. Sutherland, Dornoch	78 +4 82
Mr. W. A. Inglis, Inverness	86 4 82
Mr. W. F. Orr, Aberdeen	83 scr. 83
Capt. Machardy, Inverness	83 scr. 83
Mr. W. Macdonald, Strathpeffer	99 16 83
Mr. D. Ross, Dingwall	97 14 83
Dr. Maclymont, Aberdeen	94 10 84
Mr. Prestwyck, Leith	90 6 84
Mr. Macdonald, Dornoch	83 +1 84
Mr. E. Chisholm, Quilon	100 15 85
Mr. D. A. Gordon	95 10 85
Mr. Fraser, Dornoch	100 13 87
Mr. Byts, India	106 18 88
Mr. Weir, Troon	100 12 88
Mr. Humphrey	104 15 89
Mr. Munro, Strathpeffer	114 15 99
Dr. Besant...	118 18 100
Dr. Ross, Invergordon	120 15 105

WEARISIDE v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

A return match between these clubs was played over the Cleadon course on Wednesday afternoon. Heavy showers fell just before starting, but the rain kept off while the game was in progress. The Sunderland players, as will be seen from the appended score, managed to secure a victory by a majority of six holes. Scores :—

	Holes.		Holes.
WEARISIDE.		SOUTH SHIELDS.	
Mr. D. H. Birse	4	Mr. C. S. Sutcliffe	0
Mr. J. Craig	0	Mr. A. Purvis	7
Mr. H. Clark	4	Mr. J. W. Buck	0
Mr. T. Patterson	9	Dr. Goudie	0
Mr. W. T. Howarth	0	Dr. McNab	14
Mr. A. E. Legat	5	Mr. G. P. Robson	0
Mr. C. Scott	0	Mr. F. W. Legat	0
Mr. W. Mills	0	Mr. H. M. Salmon	1
Mr. E. Hirst	6	Mr. W. Douglas	0
	28		22

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The final tie of the mixed foursome tournament which has been held on these links, was played off on Tuesday, July 17th, when Mrs. J. Potter and Mr. F. Litchfield (5) beat Mrs. J. W. Fowler and Mr. D. L. Chalmers (5). Thirty-eight couples entered for the tournament, the prizes having been given by Mr. Malcolm Rollo.

WOODBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

The seventh monthly competition was played for on Monday, July 16th, with the following result.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Major Howey ...	99	14	85	Mr. F. Wood ...	108	18	90
Mr. A. Morley ...	103	15	88	Admiral Theobald	113	22	91
Captain Pole-Soppitt ...	104	16	88	Dr. Edwardes Ker	117	18	99
				Mr. A. Hayward ...	130	30	100

Remainder, over 100 net, or made no returns.

The seventh monthly competition for ladies took place on Thursday, July 19th, in most favourable weather. Miss Wood proving rather an easy winner with 51 net. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss M. Wood ...	71	20	51	Miss Soppitt ...	77	18	59
Miss J. Hewetson...	62	8	54	Miss K. Hewetson...	78	14	64
Miss K. Carthew ...	68	10	58	Mrs. Hicks ...	84	20	64
Miss B. Grimwood .	74	16	58	Miss Powell ...	106	20	86

TAIN.—The usual weekly competition of the St. Duthus Golf Club was held on the 14th, when both Mr. D. Macphail and Dr. Mackenzie returned their record scores for the new course, Mr. Macphail's being also the record for the green. The three best scores were:—Mr. D. Macphail, 82, plus 4=86; Dr. Mackenzie, 92, less 6=86; and Mr. J. Maclean, 103, less 10=93.

COMRIE LADIES' CLUB.—The first competition took place on Tuesday, July 17th, for prizes presented by the Hon. Mrs. Williamson, of Lawers. Miss M. Morrison and Mrs. MacLagan tied for the first place with a score of 86, while Miss A. J. MacLagan was third, with 87; Miss Christie, 93; Mrs. Drysdale, 100. In playing off the tie, Miss Morrison won a keenly-contested game at the last hole.

HAWICK.—The Bombay medal was played for on Wednesday evening in unfavourable weather. Best scores:—Mr. C. M. Purdom, 87, less 2=85; Mr. George Macdonald, 113, less 27=86; Mr. James Barrie, 83, plus 4=87; Mr. J. J. Oliver, 102, less 15=87; Mr. Robert Hume, 110, less 17=93; Mr. M. Goulding, 110, less 14=96; Mr. P. Cruickshank, 96, plus 3=99; Mr. Adam Turnbull (scratch), 99.

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