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JUNE.

June 12.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.  
 June 12 & 19.—Carnarvonshire : Subscription "Bogey" Cup.  
 June 13.—Churston : "Bogey" Competition.  
 Headingley : Ladies' Singles (Handicap).  
 June 14.—Royal Norwich : Monthly Medal Competition.  
 Sapperton Park : Monthly Medal.  
 June 14.—West Middlesex : Committee Meeting.  
 East Sheen Ladies : "Bogey" Competition.  
 June 14, 15 & 16.—Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.  
 June 16.—County Down : Club Monthly Handicap.  
 Worlington : Monthly Medal.  
 Minchinhampton : Medal Competition.  
 West Middlesex : Medal Competition.  
 Rochdale : Mr. Ben Schofield's Prize ; Captain's Cup.  
 Gullane : Summer Meeting.  
 Mid-Surrey (Gentlemen) : First and Second Class Senior Medal ; Monthly Medal.  
 Rochdale Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
 Rochester : Monthly Medal.  
 Cinque Ports : A Professional Competition.  
 Woodford : Quarterly Medal.  
 Fleetwood : Monthly Medal.  
 Preston : The Galloway Cup.  
 North-West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies and Juveniles Monthly Medal.  
 Headingley : Monthly Medal.  
 King's Norton : "Bogey" Competition for Captain's Prize.  
 Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
 Wakefield : Monthly Medal.  
 Glamorganshire : Club Cup.  
 Southport : Captain's Prize and Summer Meeting.  
 Sidecup : Monthly Medal (Second Class).  
 Eltham : Monthly Medal.  
 Beckenham : Monthly Medal.

June 16.—Ilkley : Christmas Cup.  
 Seaton Carew : Club Cup.  
 Disley : Mr. H. D. Tonge's Prize.  
 Harrogate : Monthly Medal.  
 Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
 Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
 Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.  
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.  
 Cheadle v. Bowdon.  
 Northwood : Monthly "Bogey" Competition.  
 June 16 and following days.—Portrush : M'Calmont Cup ; Open Medal Competition, &c.  
 June 18, 19 & 20.—Cinque Ports : Borough of Deal Challenge Cup.  
 June 20.—Churston : Cup Competition.  
 June 22 and 23.—Chester : Open Meeting.  
 June 23.—Mortonhall : Summer Meeting.  
 Morecambe and Heysham : Monthly Prize.  
 Holmes Chapel v. Heaton Moor.  
 Willesden : Monthly Medal.  
 Kettering v. Loughborough.  
 Rochdale Ladies : Midsummer Challenge Prize.  
 Rochester : Midsummer Challenge Medal.  
 Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Competition.  
 Redhill and Reigate : Midsummer Medal.  
 June 21 & 22.—Littlehampton : Monthly Competition.  
 June 23.—Preston : Six Medals.  
 Headingley : Challenge Cup.  
 Royal Dublin : Scratch Medal.  
 Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.  
 Buxton and High Peak : Midsummer Cup.  
 Ilkley : Silver Putter.  
 Edinburgh University : Club Medal and Prize (North Berwick).  
 Sheffield and District : Single v. Married.  
 Cheadle v. Disley.  
 June 26.—Warminster : Monthly Medal.  
 Rochdale Ladies v. Eltham.  
 Luffness : Club Handicap Medal.  
 June 26 to 28.—West Herts : Amateur Open Competition.  
 June 27.—Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Competition.  
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.  
 June 28.—Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.  
 Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.  
 Royal Norwich : Scratch and Handicap Gold Medals.  
 June 30.—Ventnor : Saltarn Badge.  
 Knutsford : Monthly Competition.  
 Rochdale Ladies : Final in Tournament.  
 Rochester v. Redhill and Reigate.  
 Cinque Ports : Monthly Competition.  
 Royal Cromer : Club Monthly Medal.

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**Note.**—Tuesday, *Red*; Friday, *Green*.

WILLIE PARK v. ROLLAND FOR £100.

FINE PLAY.—VICTORY OF ROLLAND.

(By the Editor.)

This professional match, the most important which has yet been played in the south of England, took place over the splendid course of the St. George's Golf Club, at Sandwich, on Saturday. It was the outcome of a challenge on the part of Willie Park, jun., to play Rolland for £50 a side; and the result of it has been to leave Rolland, with the exception of one or two unimportant matches, in possession of a practically unbroken career of victory, for he won his match on Saturday by 3 up and 2 to play. Some delay took place in accepting the challenge on Rolland's behalf, not because of a lack of money to support him, but mainly owing to the difficulty of arranging terms with Rolland himself. Rolland wished to have £15 as his share of the stake if he won, and nothing if he lost; but having regard to the reputation and high class playing ability of his opponent, it was felt by the gentlemen who were willing to find the money for Rolland that the risk was too great, and the odds too disproportionate. There was a doubt in these circumstances whether the match would really take place had it not been for a fortunate circumstance that came within the experience of the present writer. Playing in a match one day with Mr. George Newnes, M.P., the conversation turned upon Rolland's play, and when the writer explained that there was some likelihood of the challenge of Willie Park remaining unaccepted owing to the above difficulty, Mr. Newnes promptly said that he would find the money for Rolland on his own terms; and the Editor of GOLF was appointed stakeholder. The match formed an important prelude to the open championship meeting, and to one of the largest and most representative golf gatherings that has ever been held north or south of the Tweed. Towards the middle of last week a large number of amateurs and professionals had gathered at Sandwich for preliminary practice over the course. Both Park and Rolland were there, and the greatest interest was taken in their play, the general conclusion come to being that the match promised to be close and exciting.

A fairly good train-load of Golfers left London early on Saturday morning to be present at the match, among them being Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and the Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P. The weather was very bad, and promised ill for the comfort of the onlookers of the match. The sky was dull, leaden, and chilly, and rain fell heavily throughout the journey. A huge cupola of opaque cloud hung menacingly in the heavens, fringed at its lower edges ever and anon with a changing diaphanous curtain of fleecy cloud, through which the sun vainly tried to penetrate. Streams a yard wide, which in dry weather jogged lazily through flat Kentish meadow land, and lost themselves in sedgy pools for soft-eyed cattle to drink at, were now swollen with the heavy rain, and brawled along as turbid rivers which had far outstripped their banks. Cattle stood for shelter under trees, a mute interrogation of the pro-

blem, "Is life worth living?" Sheep, newly shorn of their thick winter fleeces, huddled together in sheltered spots with their lambs, while early crows were making a rich, copious breakfast off the worms attracted to the surface by the moisture. And so it rained steadily on. A compatriot, fertile in extracting philosophy out of the depressing and the commonplace, put in a plea for the doctrine of compensation by sentimentally declaring that it was "bonnie weather for the putting-greens." True enough; but one's thoughts were not of the putting-greens (Ramsay Hunter was quite certain to see that they were all right and in finest trim), but of the match, and one's thoughts were rather bent on seeing a bonnie blink of sunshine and a break of traditional June-like warmth imparted to the humid atmosphere.

The rain, however, ceased before Sandwich was reached, and the clouds soon broke up into irregular masses, through which the sun vainly tried to peep forth all day. The match was started at half-past ten o'clock, Mr. Laidlaw Purves and Mr. Mure Fergusson acting as umpires. No match that we can remember has ever been followed by a more numerous band of expert critics. There were well-nigh 100 professionals alone watching the match, players like Andrew Kirkaldy, Willie Fernie, Sayers, Archie Simpson, Herd, and Paxton; while there were amateurs of the class of Mr. John Ball, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, and hundreds of the best Wimbledon and Sandwich golfers. The players who followed the match all day must have varied between 1,000 and 1,500—nineteen-twentieths of them expert golfers all. Even the solitary guardian of the peace at Sandwich was attracted by the excitement and the interest; and constable, coastguardsmen, and labourers took a holiday to see the match. Before such a gathering as this the play must indeed have been fine to enchain unflagging interest all day. Criticism was, indeed, freely expressed, and blame impartially distributed at a pulled shot, a scuff, a weak approach, or a bad putt—as, for example, when a gentleman cried out, "Hard lines," when Rolland's ball lay on the lip of the hole on one occasion, and Andrew Kirkaldy, standing by, countered the remark by saying it was distinctly a piece of bad putting, as Rolland ought to have played for the back of the hole, and should have been up. The play, during the first round, was certainly fine, close and stubborn. Rolland drove with his usual tremendous power and straightness, though he topped one or two balls. He had, moreover, the luck of the lies off his shots, bad or good, throughout, while Park was a little off his driving, and was especially guilty of a disposition to pull. But his iron play was superb, and a genuine treat to witness. He plays with the long, graceful, easy style of his celebrated father, though less neat and precise; the son is more of what a cricketer would call "a slogger." Willie Park plays with the back of both hands well over the grip of the club, and in our judgment some of the pulling tendency was due to the thinness of his leather grips—a circumstance which is prone to cause the club to slip in the hand. He also plays with a straight-faced club, while Rolland uses a substantial-looking bulger, with an equally substantial-looking grip. Though Rolland had, as a rule, the longer ball off the tee, the distance between the two balls was not great. Willie Park invariably got to within five to ten yards of Rolland, and in one or two instances he outdrove him—a fact which speaks sufficiently for the long-driving power of Park. The turning-point of the match, in our judgment, was at the eighteenth hole in the first round. Rolland was 1 up; he drove a pulled ball among the rushes, missed his second, and got on the green in 3. Park had a fine tee shot, and lay well within an easy half-lofting shot of the hole, but by great lack of judgment he played the ball so strongly as to pitch over the fence bounding the green into a very heavy lie. Instead of halving the first round, he was 2 down through a long putt of Rolland's, and this leeway he never made up, though he fought bravely to overtake it.

One of the most interesting personages engaged in the contest was Willie Park's caddie, "Fiery," whose portrait and biography we published some time ago, and who has been brought all the way from Scotland for this encounter. This is, we believe, his first visit to the Southern green, and many of the onlookers watched his movements with quite as much interest as those of his master. No one who has ever seen that bronzed, clean-shaven face, full of shrewd, pawky character, surmounted by

the Scottish glengarry bonnet, is soon likely to forget it. No one could divine in the course of the ups and downs of the tough uphill match which his master was laboriously fighting, whether "Fiery" was vexed or the reverse. There he stood, as the writer remembers to have seen him in his youth at Musselburgh—silent, immovable, alert, sleeplessly vigilant of the movements of both balls and both players, the right club ever ready in his hand.

The arrangements for the match were carried through without a hitch. Rumsay Hunter had spared no labour to get the green into the pink of condition for the match, and for the Championship which is now in progress. The majority of the Champion tees were used. We are sure that we are but representing the wishes of both players in expressing their indebtedness to the committee of the St. George's Club for giving permission for the match to be played, and for the admirable arrangements made in carrying it out. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. W. Rutherford, the hardworking Hon. Secretary of a club which is fortunate in possessing his services as well as those of an Executive Committee rich in the highest faculties of administration.

### THE MATCH.

Rolland led off to the first hole with a very fine drive, while Park (probably a little nervous) topped among the rushes, his second being to the right in a heavy lie. His third shot was also missed, and then he had to play three more. Rolland reached the green with the iron, lying about eight feet from the hole in 2, and he won the hole easily in 4 to Park's 7. At the second hole Park pulled his tee shot and lay in heavy ground, but his iron landed him on the green. Rolland missed his second and got into a bunker, and though he got out well, Park won the hole in 4 to Rolland's 5; all square. Again Park pulled his drive, getting a heavy lie, though he made a good recovery. Rolland was on the green off the tee, and Park, in playing two more, was strong with his putt, missed his fourth, and holed in 5. Rolland won the hole easily in 3; 1 up for Rolland. Both had good drives going to the fourth hole. Park smote a beauty for his second, straight on the hole, Rolland being somewhat to the right. Park got within three feet of the hole in his next, while Rolland, with a lofted approach shot, was weak, and failed in his next to hole, Park winning the hole in 4 to 5; all square. Going to the fifth hole Park led off with a long, raking drive, which was somewhat unfortunately punished on the hillock to the right, while Rolland lay past the hole. Park was too short with his approach, and had to play 2 more, Rolland being almost dead in two, winning the hole in 3 to 4. Rolland again 1 up. Both had beautiful balls over the "Maiden" on to the green. Rolland lay a couple of club-lengths behind Park, who was closer to the hole. The green being newly relaid, the putting was difficult. Rolland played so strong for the hole as to be almost out of holing distance, Park being about a yard from the hole. Rolland was again strong to the left, and Park won easily in 3 to 4, all square. Going to the seventh, Park was well over the bunker, but too much to the left in the corner of the bent. Rolland had a bad top, only getting about fifty yards, but the ball lay teed up just outside the bunker. With his driver he hit a beauty, and with his third went past the hole into the bunker. Park had to play his second with the cleek wide to the right, but he hit the ball so clean as to place it over the ridge near the shore among the bents; but his next took him within forty yards of the hole. In the odd he lay within a club-length of the hole, Rolland, with a strong shot out of the bunker, being five yards past in the like, was again too strong in the odd, and Park, missing a chance for 5, the hole was halved in 6. For "Hades" Park failed to get his ball clean, and pulled it badly to the left among the bents, Rolland being straight over the flag. With his mashie Park got his ball out beautifully, and laid it almost dead. Rolland, on the edge of the green, off the tee, got inside Park's ball in the like. Park in the odd just failed to hole, and so did Rolland. A half in 4. At the ninth hole Park got into the grassy dip over the bunker, and though he lofted splendidly he was a little short of the green. Rolland was to the left of the green in the like, hole high. Park played a finely judged sloping putt which trickled over the hole. Rolland failed to get up in the like, but with a bold odd he holed out. Park had very hard lines for a half, the ball just twisting round the rim of the hole. Rolland 1 up.

Coming home, Rolland hit a beauty straight on the flag. Park's club turned in his hand, causing a pull almost among the bents, but with his brassy he nearly got to the edge of the green. Rolland play-

ing his cleek in fine style to a good lying ball, placed it hole-high in the rough to the left of the green. Park, in the odd, was nearly dead; Rolland in the like was weak, and in playing the odd, failed to hole. Park holed out in splendid style in 4 to 5, and again squared the match. The eleventh hole saw a couple of very fine drives, Park being ten yards short. The green was reached in 2, Rolland ten yards from the hole. A half in a well played 4 was the result. Going to the twelfth, Park had a fine shot straight on the line, while Rolland sliced to the right. Playing his cleek, and not allowing enough for the cross-wind, Park landed in a little pot bunker to the right of the hole, Rolland being short, but clear. Rolland was weak in the odd, and Park playing strongly out of the sand got too far, while his odd was almost placed beyond holing distance. Rolland made a bold attempt to win the hole, but the ball just jumped over, and Park, with a good long putt, secured a good half in 5. At the thirteenth, Park pulled his ball right on to the top of the bent to the left, but got a beauty with his cleek short of the bunker. Rolland topped his second in pressing to carry the bunker on to the green, but his third was a splendid shot which laid him ten yards from the hole, Park lying at the same distance to the right. In the odd, Park got close to the hole; he failed to hole the next shot, and laid Rolland a stimy, which the last-named failed to surmount, and a by no means particularly well played hole was halved in 6. Off the next tee both players had beautiful balls against a strong head wind. Park sliced with his brassy and barely cleared the brook, lying in the rough ground near the paling. Again using his brassy Park landed on the green ten yards to the right of the hole—a magnificent shot. Rolland had a tremendous carrying swipe against the wind for his second, and with his iron landed thirty yards to the left of the hole. His odd was a poor weakling of a shot more than six yards from the hole, while Park lay dead. It seemed now to be a certainty for Park, but Rolland gave his opponent a dead stimy—a sort of "tit-for-tat," and, as Park could not get round the ball, a half in 6 was called. Off the next tee Park was straight over the flag, Rolland slicing to the right on the edge of the bent. With his cleek, however, he played short of the bunker, and Park followed suit, subsequently laying his ball, finely lofted and judged, ten yards from the hole. Rolland was also well up, but a yard behind Park. Not allowing sufficiently for the slope of the green the ball ran off to the right of the hole, a hint from which Park ought to have profited, but he did not, and simply repeated Rolland's play. The result was a half in 5, making the fifth successive half, and all square. At the sixteenth tee Park topped his ball badly in his over anxiety to reach the green, and just escaped getting into the bunker in front of the tee. His second was also pulled badly to the left among rough grass, while Rolland was short of the green in the like. Park tried hard to make a good recovery, but the approach being a blind one, he was short of the green. He failed to hole in two more, and the hole went to Rolland in 4 to 6, making him again 1 up. The seventeenth hole saw two fine shots, with about ten yards between them. Park lay on some newly-laid turf, and taking the ball thick with his brassy, he pulled away to the rough ground behind the hole. Rolland, with a magnificent cleek shot, almost reached the heart of the "Punch Bowl," but lying on the bank, high up to the right, leaving a clear approach. In his approach (a blind one), Park was strong, ten yards over the hole; and though Rolland was practically dead in the like, Park made a bold bid for the hole, and just lipped it, Rolland following suit. A half in 5. Playing to the home hole, Rolland, for the first time, pulled his ball close to the rushes on the left. He missed his second with the iron, and still lay among the rushes. Park was lying beautifully clear off the tee, within a half-shot of the bunker, in front of the green. But playing a strong, clean shot, straight on the hole, instead of to the left, partially against the wind, his ball bounced over the fence beyond into rough ground. In the odd, Rolland played carefully on to the green. The position of Park's ball necessitated a strong shot, which was well and carefully played, but he got eight yards beyond the hole. In the odd, Rolland (who used his wooden putter throughout, Park putting with his patent cleek) played with dash and decision at the hole, and got down in 4. Park made a grand attempt to halve the hole, and just failed. Rolland 2 up on the first half round. The scores were:—Rolland—Out, 4 5 3 5 3 4 6 4 4=38; in, 5 4 5 6 6 5 4 5 4=44; total, 82. Park—Out, 7 4 5 4 4 3 6 4 5=42; in, 4 4 5 6 6 5 6 5 5=46; total, 88.

After the interval of an hour the second portion of the match was begun, with a considerably augmented crowd attending. Both players had fine tee shots, the balls lying close side by side. Park with his cleek lay twenty yards to the right of the hole on the green, Rolland being a little further; and though the hole ought to have gone to either player in 4, it was halved in 5. Rolland drove a long ball to the left for the second hole, Park being straight on the line. Both were strong in the approach, Park being again strong with a downhill putt. Rolland lay dead in the like, and Park, with a two-club length putt, holed finely in 4, leaving Rolland still 2 up. Rolland had a fine shot across the "Sahara" on to the edge of the green, Park pulling badly into a wide, stony bunker on the left. He got out but indifferently, and in the two more failed to get near Rolland's second. He gave up the hole, the

scores being 3 to 5, and Rolland 3 up. The next hole also went to Rolland, owing to Park going straight for the hole with his brassie and landing a fine shot in the bunker in front of the green. Rolland kept well to the right, and secured the hole in 5 to 6. Rolland was hole high off the tee at the fifth, Park being a little short to the left. Park was short in his approach, Rolland's ball lying within an easy putt. Park, however, holed an exceedingly difficult putt amid a round of applause, and secured a half in 3. Both were well on the green over the "Maiden." Rolland was wide of the hole in his approach, while Park very nearly holed. Rolland could not get down in the odd, and the hole went to Park in 3 to 4, reducing Rolland's lead to 3. From the seventh tee Park hit one of his sweetest balls, out-driving Rolland by twenty yards. The seconds, with the cleek, were to the left of the bunker, but Park in playing the odd across was 2 short, just failing, however, to win the hole in 4. A good half in 5 was the result. Over "Hades" both were on the green. In playing the like Rolland was too strong, while his odd was too weak. Park holed a splendid long putt, and won the hole in 3 to 4; Rolland 2 up. At the ninth hole Park again holed a brilliant putt after Rolland had laid his ball dead with the iron, the last named playing the like over a sloping hillock with plenty of cut on the ball. The hole was halved in a well-played 4.

Turning homewards, the tenth and eleventh holes were well halved in a well-played 5 and 4 after some give-and-take play. Both got well off the tee going to the twelfth. Rolland in the odd had a beauty just past the flag, Park being short considerably to the right of the green. In his approach to the hole down hill he was very weak, while Rolland laid his ball dead and won the hole in 4 to 4 to 5, making him again 3 up. Both were again well off the tee going to the thirteenth, playing short of the bunker with the cleek in their seconds. In the odd Park well on to the green, and Rolland, practically topping his ball, had a marvellous piece of good luck in escaping burial in the bunker. The ball just cleared the face and rolled close up to the hole—a half in 5. At the next hole Rolland topped his ball, going about fifty yards, but by splendid use of his cleek he got well on for the brook. In his second shot Park pulled his ball badly among the rough grass, and very injudiciously tried to get out of a heavy lie with a wooden club, the result being that he only got the ball away about forty yards; but, approaching and putting in his best form, he won the hole in 6 to Rolland's 7. Park 2 down. At the fifteenth Park had two fine shots, and Rolland with his play club landed his second in the bents away to the left. Park evoked some applause by playing a beautiful lofting shot over the bunker up to the hole. Rolland put his ball, also well played, on the under side of the hole, the two balls being about equi-distant. Park had a very difficult downhill putt. Playing with care and caution the ball swerved from the line of the hole just at the moment when it ought to have entered, and a half in 5 was the result. The sixteenth hole saw the close of a finely contested match. Both got well away off the tee. Park in his second used his loftier, and failing to get the pace taken off his ball by striking the rounded knoll at the edge of the green, the ball passed over the hole and hung on a slope. Rolland quite properly playing for a half ran his ball up over the undulating ground with the cleek, and lay ten yards from the hole on a level surface. Park had an oblique putt with a downward slope between him and the hole, and though he played the stroke with great judgment, the ball stopped short of the pin by about four yards. Rolland in the like almost laid a stimy, and though Park tried hard to get down he just failed, and Rolland won the hole in 4 to 5, and the match by 3 and 2 to play. Scores:—Second Round, Rolland, out, 5 4 3 5 3 4 5 4=37; in, 5 4 4 5 7 5 4=34; total for sixteen holes, 71. Park, out, 5 4 5 6 3 3 5 3 4=38; in, 5 4 5 5 6 5 5=35; total for sixteen holes, 73.

#### COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Railway cup.—The final of the above cup was played off by holes under handicap on Saturday at Newcastle.

First round:—Mr. James Woodside (1) beat Mr. A. Duffin (6), absent; Mr. R. Magill (5) beat Mr. F. W. Finlay (6), absent; Mr. H. C. Kelly (4) beat Mr. W. Wilson (4), by 1 up; Mr. C. Brownlow (10) beat Mr. A. T. Herdman (6), by 1 up; Mr. G. Combe (1) beat Mr. H. E. Reade (3), by 1 up; Mr. W. L. Wheeler (2) beat Mr. G. M. Shaw (1), absent; Mr. S. C. Kelly (3) beat Mr. P. T. Trowsdale (10), by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. Hoey (6) beat Mr. S. Roberts (5), by 2 up and 1 to play.

Second round:—Mr. J. Woodside beat Mr. R. Magill, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. C. Kelly beat Mr. C. Brownlow, by 1 up after tie; Mr. G. Combe beat Mr. W. L. Wheeler, by 1 up; Mr. S. C. Kelly beat Mr. F. Hoey, by 1 up after tie.

Semi-final:—Mr. J. Woodside beat Mr. H. C. Kelly, by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. S. C. Kelly beat Mr. G. Combe, by 1 up.

Final (18 holes):—Mr. J. Woodside beat Mr. S. C. Kelly, by 5 up and 4 to play.

#### MR. HORACE HUTCHINSON AT THE GOLFERS' CLUB.

A special house dinner was given at the Golfers' Club, in Whitehall Court, on Thursday evening, at which there was a large gathering of golfers. The executive of the club, taking advantage of the presence of many of the leading players in the metropolis *en route* for Sandwich, thought the occasion a suitable one to have a special dinner, at which a number of prominent golfers were invited to be present as guests. Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson occupied the chair. He wore the scarlet coat of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, of which he is the captain. Among those present were Mr. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Hilton, Mr. C. Hutchings, Mr. John Dun, Mr. Snelling, Mr. F. F. Mackenzie, the Editor of GOLF, Mr. Duncan ("Niblick"), Mr. John Allan, and Major Branston. Mr. John Ball, jun., had excused himself from being present. The large dining-room of the club was closely packed with members, and the gathering as a whole proved the importance of the club as a social centre, where golfers may meet, talk, and dine. The club is making steady progress, and the membership, both country and town, is rapidly increasing.

The Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Golfers' Club," said that he was not a little embarrassed to find that he was the only golfer present who had had the considerate foresight to bring his red coat with him to the dinner. (Laughter.) Having been recently appointed to the captaincy of the Royal Liverpool Club, at Hoylake, he had brought the emblem of his badge of office along with him to the dinner in the shape of the red garment which he now wore, and he thought it reflected very badly on those golfers who were supporting him that evening that they too, had not brought their red coats, for he knew that they possessed them. (Laughter.) He was sure, however, that all those present would join with him in enthusiastically drinking the toast which he proposed, some of the golfers present probably out of gratitude for the exceedingly good dinner—(laughter)—he spoke rather on behalf of the visitors—others out of identity of interest. Those who were their hospitable hosts that evening must be delighted to see such a successful entertainment in their club. (Cheers.) It was a special credit to the club that it had arisen in the way it had, after being handicapped by the necessity of making its resurrection out of the ashes of a former club, like the Dodo (cries of "No, no," and laughter)—well, then, like the Phoenix out of the ashes. (Laughter.) Ashes were wonderfully good material for the putting-green. (Laughter.) They made the grass to grow; and so with this club. To golfers who came from a distance the club would probably be found a greater boon than to golfers who lived in London, because here golfers from the country could find bedrooms and service of the highest kind. If they looked from the windows a beautiful view of the river could be obtained, a prospect which he thought would be hard to rival in the whole of London. (Hear, hear.) On a clear day, he was told that they could see the Crystal Palace, and with a little luck he was also informed that they could see seven hundred Golf links. (Laughter and cheers.) The authorities connected with the management of the club must be congratulated on having brought together such a galaxy of golfing talent as was there assembled; players like Mr. Hilton, Mr. Mure Fergusson, and Mr. Charles Hutchings. (Cheers.) On his own, as well as on their behalf, he expressed a sense of gratitude to their hosts, and appreciation of having shared in an excellent dinner. Dining was an excellent institution, and it had an intimate connection with Golf. (Laughter.)

Mr. John Allan, on behalf of the committee and members of the club, returned thanks for the kind way in which the Chairman had spoken of the club, and he reciprocated the compliment by proposing the toast of "The Visitors." Every member of the club would, he was sure, join him in saying how glad they all were to see so many guests present, some of the bright and particular "stars" of the golfing firmament. (Cheers.) In these latter days, when Golf had spread far and wide, not only in England but over the world, the golfing world was studded with "stars," and to mention any particular "star" was almost invidious. But he asked to be permitted on this occasion to couple the toast with the names of Mr. Mure Fergusson, the runner-up in the Amateur Championship, and Mr. Hilton. (Cheers.) Golfers as a class were very sociable. The Chairman, writing on the subject of the game, enunciated a maxim which had sunk deep into their memories. "If you see a man," he said, "toying with a biscuit and a lemon-squash, don't put your money on him—(laughter)—but if you see a man with a steak and a pint of champagne, then you may be sure that he is the man for your money." (Laughter.) That was a maxim which he had followed with great assiduity. (Laughter.) There were many other golfing maxims which he had attempted to follow, though without much success; but, whatever his shortcomings in this

respect, he had tried to make up for his want of success by a great deal of enthusiasm. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. Mure Fergusson, in responding, said that he took a particular interest in the club, because he had something to do with the institution which preceded it. Though he would have been glad to see the former club a success, he was equally well pleased to see the progress the present club was making. He had always thought that a club of this kind was an excellent institution for golfers, not only for the accommodation it afforded, but to keep themselves abreast of events in connection with the game, and he should do all he could to further the interests of the club. (Cheers.)

Mr. Harold Hilton also acknowledged the toast. He expressed his sense of indebtedness for the great honour which had been done him, and concurred with what had been said as to the great hospitality which had been extended to the visitors by the members of the club. He hoped the entertainment would be conducive to good golfing on the morrow; but probably his hearers would think that the best attitude of mind to adopt in the circumstances would be to leave the morrow to take care of itself. (Laughter.)

Mr. G. Snelling, in a few graceful sentences, proposed the health of "The Chairman," who was known to all golfers as a facile writer, a good player, and a gentleman. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, followed by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The Chairman, in returning thanks, assured those present that it had given him very great pleasure to attend that evening, and he considered it a high honour to be invited. He was especially pleased to have his health proposed by a gentleman of such experience as Mr. Snelling, for he was well aware that that gentleman had played Golf in England when there were only two greens to play upon. He had always been of opinion that the second green to Blackheath in England was Westward Ho! Mr. Snelling, however, said that this was not so, for the next green to Blackheath was Manchester. Mr. Snelling had just asked him whether he played Golf when he (Mr. Snelling) visited Westward Ho! in 1863. Well, he was a young man (laughter), and the cares of life had somewhat saddened the hue of the remaining hairs on his somewhat bare putting green (laughter). He had not the pleasure of playing Golf with Mr. Snelling in 1863. He was four years of age at the time, and he was excellently well employed at that time in the nursery (laughter). He was probably being teathed on a Golf club, for it was well-known that all the St. Andrews golfers at least, had been teathed on a Golf club. (Laughter.) They would notice the characteristic in Mr. Mure Fergusson. (Laughter.)

In the course of the evening, several songs were excellently sung by Mr. Leland Langley and Mr. Bates Maddison, and during the dinner a band played a choice selection of music.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CLUB.—On June 2nd, over the Gullane course, the members of this club held their first meeting of the summer. The weather was favourable, and the scoring ruled low. Eighteen competitors were forward, driving off in the forenoon. The awards comprised the challenge cup and club prizes in kind, all being offered under handicap conditions. On a return of cards, Mr. A. J. T. Allan was found to have gained the challenge cup and first prize in kind at a net score of 77, 82, less 5, whilst the second award fell to Mr. G. Chiene at a net figure of 79, 87, less 8. Other scores were as follows: Mr. W. K. Aikman, 95, less 14=81; Mr. P. C. Henderson (scratch), 82; Dr. Muir, 94, less 12=82; Mr. W. Nicholson, 88, less 5=83; Mr. F. H. Stirling, 91, less 8=83; Mr. D. N. Smith, 94, less 10=84; Dr. Middlemas, 97, less 10=87; Mr. C. Morrison (scratch), 88; Mr. H. Holland, 96, less 8=88; and Mr. C. C. Watson, 100, less 12=88. The best actual scores were 82 each by Mr. Allan and Mr. P. C. Henderson. The former had a really fine out game, but fell off a trifle in the last few holes of his home play. His details were:—Out, 5 5 3 5 4 4 5 4 5=40; in, 5 3 4 4 5 4 5 6 6=42; total, 82. Mr. Henderson was unfortunate almost at the start, getting bunkered from his approach at the second hole, and having to play back. A 7 here helped to run up his score for the out half to 44. His homeward game was, however, an excellent display, the sixteenth, where he was too strong in playing from the rough to the green, being his only indifferent hole. The details of his score were:—Out, 4 7 4 5 5 4 5 6 4=44; in, 4 4 4 3 4 5 6 4 4=38; total, 82.

LARGS.—The new Kilburnie course of the Largs club was formally opened on Saturday, June 2nd, by the captain, Dr. Robert Kirkwood of Auchencraig. Two competitions took place. Largs v. Rothesay.—Scores: Largs, 14; Rothesay, 20. Ladies competition (9 holes)—Miss V. Orr, 63; Miss J. W. Crawford, 68; Miss K. McGregor, 75; Miss Gregorson, 82; Miss Anderson, 87; Miss Grace Wyllie, 94.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION AT STANMORE.

THE COURSE.

In view of the large meeting of professionals which took place at Stanmore on Wednesday, it will be of interest to our readers, many of whom, no doubt, took advantage of this favourable opportunity to see the play of some of our best professional players, to hear something of the course over which the two rounds were played.

When Nature was quietly moulding the shape of the earth, she evidently had an eye on the great Golf age at the time she laid out Stanmore. Bearing in mind that it is an inland course, no more desirable spot could be found as a resting-place for the wave which has swept down upon us with such force from the North.

Of the natural advantages of the ground, the Stanmore players have made full use. Wise in their generation, they invoked the assistance of Tom Dunn in laying out their green, and the result is, that they possess a course, which, although it is only in its second year, bids fair to be one of the first inland courses in England.

Lovers of the game who hail from Scotland, and who have enjoyed the never-to-be-forgotten privilege of playing at Gullane, cannot fail to be reminded of that lovely course when playing at Stanmore.

The ditch at the first, and again at the last hole, the long hole up the hill (in both cases the fourth, and the distance and slope much the same), the short hole across at the top of the hill (in both instances an iron shot), the long swiipe away down into the valley, the lovely turf, and the extensive view from the top of the hill away over the surrounding country, are all points of resemblance which cannot fail to strike the North-Country player.

Most golfers will agree that a hill lends an additional interest to the game. In addition to the variety of skillful shots which it calls for, such as the hanging ball, to be picked up with the brassie, and sent skimming away on its gradually-mounting flight, there is the break to the uneventful monotony, which eventually wearies on so many of our flat courses; and few will agree with the dour partner, who said to the late Mr. Robert Chambers, when he was calling attention to the lovely views from the top of Gullane Hill, "I didna' come here tae look at views; I came tae play Gowf!"

The Stanmore course is a fairly long one; out of the eighteen holes, fourteen are well out of reach of the longest driver from the tee, and of the remaining four, two are brassie shots. The longest hole on the green, the fourth, over 430 yards uphill, has not yet been driven in 2.

In addition to ditches and bunkers and ponds, which are to be found in fifteen of the holes, there are wide avenues of trees, which call for straight driving, belts of wood to be cleared, and hedges into which it is dreadful to wander. All these are fair hazards, out of which it is possible to get, by careful, cool play, without altogether spoiling a score, and there is an entire absence of those maddening little white rings drawn round sacred patches of whins, and those unnatural-looking wattle hurdles, which serve as hazards on so many inland courses.

Although Stanmore cannot by any means be called a difficult course, straight driving is, at many of the holes, absolutely necessary. There are ditches in abundance to catch topped balls, and the hazards are in several cases of such an extent, and placed so far from the tee, that carries of 150 yards or so are required to clear them.

Golf cannot fail to flourish at Stanmore. Already houses of keen golfers are springing up round the open ground bordering the first hole, and as within an hour of the time a man leaves the City he may be holing out his putt at the first hole, it will be seen that the train-service is good, and that the green is close to the station. It is, indeed, within three minutes' walk of it.

The committee have studied the interest of their London members by providing a club-house, which is perfect in every way; and the woods which intersect the course, and make anything approaching to crossing quite unnecessary, have been opened up and traversed by shady footpaths, where the lucky Stanmore golfers can enjoy the exquisite woodland scenery to the music of the cuckoo and the nightingale, and forget that London, with all its hurry and noise, is within a short ten miles, as the crow flies, from that happy spot.

THE COMPETITION.

No better exemplification could be afforded of the hold which Golf and all that concerns it has obtained in England generally, and around the metropolis in particular, than the vigour which has been displayed by the recently-established club at Stanmore in the promotion and successful carrying through of the largest professional competition that has ever taken place south of the Tweed, outside the Championship meetings at Hoylake and Sandwich. Eighteen months ago Golf was unknown at

Stanmore, except to individual residents; now there is a flourishing club, with a substantial membership and a delightful course of eighteen holes, the inherent qualities of which will, in a short space of time, enable it to be developed at least into the equal of any of the first-class inland links. That the club and its management are sufficiently imbued with the true spirit of Golf is amply shown by the efforts they have made in connection with the great professional meeting held on their course on Wednesday, the 6th inst. With commendable foresight, they seized the opportunity of the approaching Open Championship contest at Sandwich to subscribe a handsome prize fund of £50, divided into twelve prizes, for which they issued invitations to all the professionals likely to be proceeding to the old Kentish town, no longer a port, to compete in two rounds of the course. The response was eminently gratifying, for when the entries closed on Saturday, the 2nd, applications had been received from no fewer than forty-one professionals, including some of the best known men in that division of players. Their main object—unselfish, and for that reason deserving of all praise—was to provide for golfers in the metropolitan district an opportunity of witnessing a varied exposition of the game, ranging from the play of experienced men of the standing of Ben Sayers and the Kirkaldys, to the promising performances of youths like Rawlins, of Raynes Park, Wimbledon. The contest, for reasons explicable enough, did not draw so large a following as otherwise it probably would have done. The date fixed was Derby day; and the threatening aspect of the skies in the morning, and indeed throughout the day, doubtless prevented many from putting in an appearance with the prospect, in the unsettled condition of the weather, of having coupled with it a damp progression around the course. Fortunately the rain kept off until about half-past five o'clock, when the second round was all but completed. The day was consistently dull throughout, the light was therefore steady, and there was very little wind, so that good golfing weather on the whole obtained.

In the getting up of the competitions the club are largely indebted to Mr. J. A. Begbie, a player formerly well known on East Lothian greens, and now resident in the South. Mr. Begbie also, with great care and success, superintended the starting of the play; and it says much for his tact and management, that not the semblance of a hitch occurred, while the professionals without exception expressed themselves highly pleased with the whole of the arrangements.

Of the forty-one players who entered, five did not turn up, namely, Willie Fernie (Troon), much to the general regret; J. Paxton (North Berwick); Jackson (Raynes Park); Lambert (Northwood); and Launtain; leaving the competition to eighteen couples, who went twice round the course upon the following draw:—

W. Aveston (Cromer) v. J. Cuthbert (local professional); Tabor (Wellingboro') v. P. Paxton (Norwood); Rowland Jones (Bembridge) v. W. Auchterlonie (St. Andrews); A. Simpson (Carnoustie) v. R. B. Wilson (Beckenham); Turnbull (Harrow) v. H. Kirkaldy (Oxford and St. Andrews); J. Burns (Sedgeley) v. J. Kay (Seaton Carew); T. Vardon (Ilkley) v. J. Thom (Bushey); Marks (Southall) v. J. White (North Berwick); C. Gibson (Westward Ho!) v. P. Fernie (Wimbledon—London Scottish); Toogood (Eltham) v. D. Grant (Littleton); J. H. Taylor (Winchester) v. J. Milne (Neasden); A. Herd (Huddersfield) v. A. Rawlins (Raynes Park); L. G. Ross (Sutton Coldfield) v. J. Kelly (Norwich); C. Crawford (Finchley) v. C. Smith (Elie); Gourlay Dunn (Prince's, Mitcham) v. R. W. Kirk (Wallasey); Ben Sayers (North Berwick) v. A. Kirkaldy (St. Andrews); J. Macpherson (Wanted Park) v. D. Brown (Malvern); Tingey (Brancaster) v. J. Braid (Elie).

Douglas Rolland was invited, and was expected to take part in the contest, but, no doubt, the heavy work before him in the succeeding week, and particularly his big match with Willie Park, stood in the way.

The "logey" score of the course is 80, and the local professional's record had, until this day, stood at 78. On the Tuesday it was lowered by one of the Kirkaldys to 74, and as will be seen by a reference to the list below, no fewer than five of the competitors went round in 76. A number of them paid a visit to the course, and played round on the previous day.

Punctually at half-past ten, the first couple were despatched on the first round. There was at the time but a limited crowd, and this was gradually thinned as some of the best-known players went off. The bulk of the spectators, however, remained at the first tee until Ben Sayers and Andrew Kirkaldy, who were well down towards the end of the draw, drove off, and they followed the couple round. They were rewarded with as fine a dual performance as need be wished for, except, perhaps, as to putting in the first half, in which some of the greens were on the rough and "woolly" side, especially close to the holes in several cases. This condition naturally involved a few additional strokes. "Bad luck," or to put it perhaps more correctly, insufficient knowledge of the course, had also something to do with the relatively low position which these distinguished players gained in the prize list. On the second round, for instance, A. Kirkaldy, who had accomplished the ninth hole in 2, took 8 to hole out the tenth—

not an easy hole by any means, but one which has frequently been done in 3 and 4. His misfortune here arose, in the first place, from his drive, a long one, landing his ball amongst thick grass to the left of the line of play, giving him an awkward approach to the trickiest of the eighteen greens, perched as it is on the rugged brow of the hill, with an uneven surface and a decided slope to boot. But the driving of both, as well as their intermediate and approach play, were generally unexceptionable. The play of Willie Auchterlonie, the present Open Champion, was also closely followed, and his style much admired. A. Herd, Andrew Kirkaldy, Cuthbert, J. H. Taylor, T. Vardon, J. White, and D. Brown also received, and deservedly, a good deal of attention from the crowd. Gourlay Dunn, though he compiled rather a high score, due to adversity at two or three holes, was generally recognised as a pretty and skilful player, who would doubtless have done better had he possessed closer acquaintance with the course. The result of the first round brought into somewhat prominent notice a golfer whose Scottish reputation had not as yet reached this part of the country. This was J. Braid, of Elie, who, before coming to London, where he is now located, was well known, not only on the Fifeshire links, but also at Edinburgh, where he was a scratch player. Braid was one of the last couple, and Herd, who had returned early with a score of 76 (two below Cuthbert's record) was supposed to have carried off the honours of the round. But Braid returned an identical total, and immediately he became a personage of much interest. Braid is tall and athletic, a powerful driver, and very adept on the green. He fell off curiously in the second round, at a few of the holes, taking six more in the afternoon than he did earlier in the day. It will be observed from the scores given below, that three other competitors achieved in the second round the figure of 76. A stripling who attracted a good deal of notice was young Rawlins, of Raynes Park. He is but nineteen, but he has acquired a good style, and plays boldly. His 91 and 89 were very creditable results. Another youthful professional who made his mark was Toogood, of Eltham, who tied with Ben Sayers, with 165, and thus came within the prize list; but he must be awarded the honour, as against the experienced player, in respect of his 78 in the second round, compared with the North Berwick man's 83. A good illustration of the risks to be encountered, was furnished by Simpson in the first round. The course is rather heavily wooded, and this always necessitates straight and precise play, and from the tee, in a number of instances, long and direct driving. Simpson, in going to the third hole, drove his ball into a large elm, where it stuck, and as that position was one of a "lost ball," it really resulted in an addition of three strokes to his score. On the whole, the play was a rare treat to those who took advantage of the privilege of witnessing it, for privilege it was, the Stanmore Club, in order that nothing might be wanting to render the meeting in all respects successful, had thrown the course open for the day.

The following are the scores:—

	1st 2nd				1st 2nd		
	Rnd.	Rnd.	Tot.		Rnd.	Rnd.	Tot.
J. Cuthbert (£12)...	78	76	154	C. Gibson ...	83	85	168
J. H. Taylor (£9)...	79	76	155	Thom ...	86	83	169
T. Vardon (£7) ...	80	76	156	R. Jones ...	89	81	170
H. Kirkaldy (£5)...	80	77	157	Aveston ...	87	85	172
J. Braid (£3) ...	76	82	158	R. W. Kirk ...	88	85	173
A. Herd (£3) ...	76	83	159	J. Burns ...	87	87	174
A. Kirkaldy (£2 10s.)	81	81	162	J. Milne ...	87	88	175
J. White (£2 10s.)	80	82	162	C. Smith ...	86	89	175
D. Grant (£2) ...	82	81	163	Turnbull ...	92	84	176
W. Auchterlonie (£1 10s.)	81	83	164	P. Fernie ...	96	80	176
D. Brown (£1 10s.)	83	81	164	Gourlay Dunn ...	88	88	176
B. Sayers (15s.) ...	82	83	165	R. B. Wilson ...	93	85	178
Toogood (15s.) ...	87	78	165	A. Rawlins... ..	91	89	180
P. Paxton ..	85	81	166	J. Kelly ...	89	92	181
A. Simpson ...	84	82	166	C. Crawford ...	86	97	183
L. G. Ross... ..	82	84	166	Marks ...	93	99	192
Tingey ...	86	81	167	Tabor ...	107	93	200
J. Kay ...	85	83	168	J. Macpherson ...	100	110	210

The members of the club subscribed for a prize of £1 to each of the players making the lowest score for the eighteen holes. That score was 76, and the following received each an additional sovereign:—Cuthbert, Vardon, Taylor, Braid, and Herd.

Mr. Begbie, in organising and carrying through the competition, was greatly assisted by Mr. Gibbons Grinling, Mr. Adams, the hon. secretary, and Dr. Stiven. The committee were fortunate in finding enthusiastic members of the club and many kind visitors to aid them in the important capacity of scorers and umpires. The couples, in the order set forth in the draw, were accompanied on the first round by the following gentlemen:—Mr. Stone, Mr. Franklin Smith, Mr. H. Wallen, Captain Edwards, Mr. H. Grinling, Mr. Dickson, Mr. G. Grinling, Mr. Evans, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Tiernay, Mr. Sharp, Mr.

Devitt, Dr. Stiven, Mr. Russell, Mr. H. Stiven, Mr. F. Dawson, Mr. S. Klein, and Mr. S. Grinling. For the second round there was a fresh draw for scorers, which came out in the following order:—Mr. Batten, Mr. Russell, Mr. Franklin Smith, Mr. Devitt, Dr. Stiven, Mr. Barlow, Mr. G. Grinling, Mr. Kent, Mr. Klein, Mr. Horley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Henry Stiven, Mr. Watson, Capt. Edwards, Colonel Ewart, Dr. Risk, Mr. Frank, and Mr. Harby.

The prizes were presented to the winners in the club-house. Cuthbert, who is very popular with the members, received from them a hearty cheer when he was called in to receive the first prize.

### TAYPORT LINKS.

In these days of crowded Golf courses, haunted by professional caddies, and guarded by the starter's sentry-box, no apology can be required for introducing to the notice of the reader a links where he can enjoy in peace and quietness a really good game, without these attendant necessary evils of the modern development of Golf.

In the northernmost corner of the Kingdom of Fife, looking far out on the German Ocean, there lies, at the foot and climbing up the side of a hill the little borough of Tayport. Since the North British Railway took its main line from Leuchars to Dundee through the St. Fort valley to the Tay Bridge, Tayport is a much quieter place than it used to be; but for a holiday resort it has rather gained than lost by the change.

Golf has been played at Tayport since the beginning of the century, but the links that were then played over had to be abandoned, owing to the encroachments of the sea. Seven years ago a new course was laid out on the land side of the railway, and the Scotsraig Golf Club was resuscitated under the kindly guidance and patronage of Admiral Maitland Dougall, of Scotsraig. Scotsraig is the home of the Maitland Dougall family, who are the superiors of Tayport, and here still resides Mrs. Maitland Dougall, the widow of the late Admiral, well known in the annals of golfing fame of a bygone day. The ground is of the very best for the real game, abounding in interesting hazards, sandy bunkers, burn and pond and wood. The greens are good and keen and varied.

Throughout the day and till well on in the afternoon the links are practically deserted, the members of the club being nearly all engaged in business in the village or in Dundee, and only coming down for a game in the evenings or on Saturday afternoons. The course is a private one, but visitors are welcomed, and are only charged the trifling sum of sixpence per day for the privilege of playing over the course.

There are no professional caddies, but for the modest charge of threepence per round boys are readily obtainable, and many of them now know how to make a tee and otherwise what is required of them.

Reader, if you are one of that now numerous family of golfers who have not begun to play the game till middle age, and whose game is consequently a continual struggle, in which you seldom succeed to "come in" under the three figures, take my word for it, St. Andrews is not the place where you will get most enjoyment and most benefit out of a golfing holiday, but Tayport is. At any rate give it a trial, and judge for yourself.

No enthusiastic golfer cares a cent about the surrounding scenery of a golf course, but it is only fair to Tayport to say that the scenery from its Golf links is simply charming. Neither St. Andrews nor Carnoustie can compare with it in this respect.

There are no hotels in Tayport, but there are plenty of good lodgings to be had at very moderate charges; and then it is only five minutes distant by rail from Newport and twenty minutes from Dundee, where abundance of hotel accommodation can be had.

### CITY LIBERAL CLUB.

By the courtesy of the Tooting Bec Golf Club, a competition was held over their course at Furzedown on Monday, June 4th, open to the members of the City Liberal Club, for a shield generously presented by Mr. J. Newton Mappin. After the drenching rain of the morning the course was heavy, and the hazards, in many cases, exceptionally difficult, the ditches being full of water. The competitors found "Col. Bogey" a long driver, very steady, with an accurate knowledge of his hazards, so that his score of 80 was not reached by any. There were twenty-three entrants, of whom nineteen put in an appearance, the honours resting with Mr. J. M. Henderson, winner of shield and gold memento, who was 3 down to "Bogey" with a handicap of 3 strokes; Mr. C. Link being second with 5 down, and Mr. C. B. Lindsay third with 7 down.

WEST LINTON.—The Thorburn (M.P.) scratch medal was played for on June 2nd in boisterous weather. Only five couples started. The result was: Mr. John Mowbray, 85; Mr. A. Ramsay, 86; Mr. R. Alexander, 95; Mr. R. Alexander, 96.

### THE UMPIRE IN GOLF.

AMONG golfers who have given the subject a thought at all a curious diversity of opinion appears to prevail as to what are really the duties of the umpire in connection with disputes that arise in the course of play. Some argue that his duties are entirely passive, that he can only give a ruling on direct appeal from one player against another; some contend that from the nature of his position he is practically constrained to shut his eyes to an unfair shot (say, hitting the ball twice), unless the opponent should also have seen the stroke and appealed for the enforcement of the penalty; others, again, insist that the duties of an umpire are essentially active, that he ought at once to take the initiative of his own accord without appeal being made by the other player. The arguments on these three heads were clearly and cogently reviewed in a letter from Mr. Ernest Lehmann which we published in March last, and it is only because large and important matches are becoming more and more frequent, and the services of the well-equipped umpire are being put more and more under requisition, that it seems to us to be desirable to revive the subject for consideration among all classes of players.

It will be conceded that, according to the view which the umpire takes of the scope of his duties—whether wide or restricted—so will the value or otherwise of his services be to the two competitors. If a golfer accepts the post of umpire in the full and honest conviction that neither tradition, precedent, rule, nor practice justify him in taking notice of a palpable infringement of a rule, seen by him but unseen by the other player, then, in our judgment, he has abrogated the chief duty belonging to his office. The principal reason why he was called into existence was to see that the balance of justice and strict observance of law was held evenly between the two players. If he refuses to take note of a player striking the ball twice, touching sand in a bunker, moving the ball while addressing it, touching the putting line with the club, or any other well-marked irregularity, except on direct appeal by the other player, who may be standing at his ball fifty yards away, and therefore unaware of what is taking place, then he might as well remain in the club-house for all the practical service he renders in the conduct of an important match. The nature of his office invests him with plenary authority: he must not only assume it, but exercise it scrupulously as the delegate of each player in turn, for it is obvious that one or both players trust to the umpire to see every shot on both sides played to his satisfaction, and with the consciousness, at least, that an irregularity will be checked and a penalty claimed. We, therefore, fail to understand the attitude of mind of some players of great authority in the game who insist that the part of the umpire in Golf is simply a passive one, and that he is called only into useful co-operation in the settlement of a dispute by the clanging appeals of one side or the other. It is readily admitted that the post is a difficult, delicate, and generally a thankless one; but these considerations make it all the more necessary that the judicial work should be undertaken by a player strong in initiative and resolute in his adherence to enforce decisions. A case in point arose at the recent Taylor-Rolland match at Mitcham. Here each player had an umpire, and so had Rolland and Park at Sandwich—an admirable arrangement, to be followed wherever practicable. Mr. Mure Fergusson and Mr. J. R. Hutchison were the umpires, and while about

to putt at one of the holes, Rolland's caddie (an English youth, obviously ignorant of the rules) gave the line to the hole by almost touching the turf with the shaft of the cleek. Though Taylor did not appeal, we were glad to see that Mr. Mure Fergusson promptly reprimanded the caddie for his thoughtless zeal in practically violating, no doubt unintentionally, an important rule. Each shot in both the above matches, moreover, was played under the vigilant eye of an umpire who, we doubt not, would have been prompt to claim a penalty for either side, without appeal on the part of the player, had the occasion arisen for action to be taken.

In writing thus, we have had more in view, a great professional match like that of Park and Rolland, or the semi-finals and final of the Amateur Championship, than a large general tournament like the Open Championship. In a large tournament, where the competitors are numerous and all competing at the same time, it would be practically impossible to obtain the services of a body of golfers able and willing to act as umpires alone. The sacrifice is too great to expect of golfing human nature, and leisure is not ample enough. But in a great professional match, or the final of the Championship, there are always a number of high-class players set free through the casualties of earlier heats, who are willing so to act—men like Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Laidlaw-Purves, Mr. Everard, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Tait, Mr. Hutchings, or Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville. Though we have no means of knowing what their individual opinions on the subject may be, it is to them we should appeal for the true reading of the umpire's duties. Each and all may be disciples of the "active" school; but at any rate they have more opportunities afforded to them than most golfers, by reason of their leading position as players, to set the fashion to the new and wider generation of golfers arising, by inculcating, both by precept and example, that the true function of the umpire is not to stand idly by and to wait for an appeal, but to claim the penalty of an infringement as if he were the opponent himself.

If we were asked to enumerate some of the qualities which ought to be sought for in an umpire, we should say these: (1) A good player of not less than seven to ten years' standing; (2) one who is familiar with the old rules, as well as with the new; (3) liberal, independent and just in his interpretation; (4) a man of decisive character, able and ready to give a reason, if called upon for his decision; (5) prompt to check irregularity without appeal being made. As a safeguard against arbitrariness, we should allow an aggrieved player the right of appeal to the local committee, who should be empowered to hear the parties and any evidence that could be produced on the one side or the other, so that any feeling of rankling injustice may be allayed by the final decision of a competent Court of Review.

THE Jura-Simplon Railway Company (the largest and most important of Switzerland) have made an excellent start in opening a General Agency and Inquiry Office, at 7, Piccadilly Mansions, Shaftesbury Avenue, Piccadilly Circus, London, W. The office is situated in the best frequented part of the West End, and accessible to all parts of London. Full information can there be obtained as to the best and quickest routes of reaching the most interesting parts of Switzerland. During the summer season, commencing in June, one can reach Lausanne or Berne, for Zermatt or the Oberland, in less than eighteen hours, either *via* Pontarlier, through Paris, for Lausanne or Geneva, or *via* Calais to Delle, Neuchâtel, and Berne. When the Simplon tunnel is completed, London will be sixty English miles nearer to Brindisi.



THE PARLIAMENTARY GOLF HANDICAP.—The final tie of this competition was played at Furzedown on Saturday, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beating Mr. A. W. Nicholson (clerk, House of Commons) by 5 holes up and 4 to play. The Conservative and Liberal Unionist Party will thus be able to set Mr. Balfour's victory on the links against Lord Rosebery's success with the Derby winner, Ladas; and both political parties will thereby be enabled to appeal to the sporting instincts of the various constituencies!

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Of golfers it may truly be said, in the words of David, the Psalmist, "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Recently a correspondent (formerly an Edinburgh golfer), sent us an interesting letter from Florida, with a cutting from the *New York and Boston Sunday Herald*, by which it appears that "Golf," to use the heading of the article, is "the fashionable game of the hour," links being now established at Newport, Southampton, Tuxedo, and other places. The paper has illustrations of various points of the game, and a drawing of a Golf course, which "may be laid out anywhere," with "a glossary of the game, which includes about as much information as one will get out of the ordinary text-book on the subject."

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There are some funny features in the article. The diagram is that "of one of the most popular and fashionable links in Europe, at Cannes," and yet it "can be laid out anywhere"! Then the Golf-ball is likened in size to a hen's egg, and no doubt under the influence of this similitude the writer says, "As for laying out the links, so much depends upon the *lay* of the land that it is difficult to give any very definite information" (What comes of the specimen links that can be laid out anywhere?) Some players, we are told, use a "baffling" spoon; and what do the members of the Royal and Ancient say to the statement that before 1889, when the game was revived in England, it had fallen into disuse in Scotland, and "was only played by a few old Scotchmen over the heaths of their North Country." Albeit these funny portions the article is not at all bad, and it is certainly interesting as well as amusing.

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Mr. A. Belmont Purdy was the first to get a set of clubs and to introduce the game, in 1890, at the Meadow Brook Club. At Southampton the tennis players forsook the courts, and "spent all their idle moments strolling over the hills and sand dunes, learning the mystery of links and tees, holes and hazards, cleeks and brassies." The next club was formed at Newport, where many gentlemen discovered that "Golf was just the game they had been waiting for." Tuxedo then "fell into line." At Meadow Brook many "graduated from the hunting-field, to find health and pleasure over the less killing sport of Golf." At the County Club Links they are "playing away for dear life"; and so on.

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This is not all that justifies the editor of the *Herald* in calling Golf "the fashionable game of the hour." "Ladies have started in," he says, "with clubs of their own," and he adds, "Golf lends itself especially to the athletic needs of women."



The first club was formed by the ladies of Morristown, N.J., "an example," says the editor, "which will undoubtedly be followed by other females in search of outdoor exercise *with an object in view.*" These italics are ours. No doubt the members of our numerous home clubs composed of ladies will appreciate their true meaning. *Floreat Florida!*

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We congratulate the Stanmore Club on the success of their tournament. They showed great pluck in organising it on such a large scale and bringing such a capital selection of players to the skirts of the great metropolis to face an exhibition of the game. The club ought to be proud of their local professional, Cuthbert, who secured first place and thus upheld the honour of the locality.

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The St. Andrew's Golf Club Jubilee cup, the competition for which is now going on, is of chaste design and beautiful workmanship. Mr. Greig, the maker of it, is to present a gold charm to the winner. The cup is to commemorate the institution of the club on September 25th, 1843.

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Mr. Hilt, 37, George Street, Edinburgh, has issued a small volume of verses, fifty-four stanzas, entitled, *The Links, an auld Kirk Allegory*, which, for sake of completeness, may be added to the golfer's library. The partimony of the Kirk is compared to the freedom of the people to play Golf on their commons, and the "Company" which steps in to dispute these ancient privileges and confiscate popular rights (*vide* Gullane and elsewhere), is likened to the grumblers who seek disestablishment. The popularity of Golf, like that of the Kirk, is the cause of the discontent, for

the Golf-ball flies,  
Like some new outburst of the locust race.  
The judge and schoolboy, parson, maiden, play,  
With wary eye for bunkers and for stimies,  
And Golf on a St. Stephen's holiday,  
The hobby of a leading statesman's time is.

For Kirk rights and common rights, Scotsmen must stand up, if the modern Moloch, who would sell both to the highest bidder, is to be resisted, and the grand old time continued, when

Every man that trod the short, thick grass,  
Or child that plucked the daisy and the thyme,  
Fear'd for no threatening eye that by might pass,  
Free of the soil in freedom's chosen clime.

A former minister of Lenzie (R. A. S.), is the writer of the verses.

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The annual excursion of the foundationers of George Watson's and Daniel Stewart's Colleges (Edinburgh), took place this year to St. Andrews, where the school clubs took advantage of the links to have competitions. Mr. Ross, architect, was guide to others over the cathedral and castle. The dinner was in the Royal Hotel, when the Provost of St. Andrews, Mr. Macgregor, replied to the toast of "The Burgh," proposed by Mr. Herdman, Master of the Merchant Company. The matches made the links very lively, and eighty-six couples on Saturday left the tee.

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The North British Railway Company and the Caledonian have both this season, in issuing their handbooks of information for tourists, given information as to the various Golf links on their railway system which, with the other items as to fares, luggage, &c., makes each a thoroughly useful guide, especially to the golfer on tour. On the North British Railway there are no fewer than fifty-three Golf courses to be reached.

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The Gullane invaders are working out their case very knowingly. In the "Golfing Annual," it is now announced (p. 243): "The Gullane club and feuars in the village have now the sole right to play on the common, under a special agreement with the proprietrix. . . . Strangers may, however, play on pay-

ment of a small sum." We have before exposed the action of those who have got this so-called "agreement" drawn up under the guise of regulating the play on the green, and again we warn all concerned that their privileges are being quietly taken away. The feuars should take note of the above statement, and assert their rights before it is too late.

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A popular East Lothian farmer and golfer, who at the same time is a successful Writer to the Signet, has recently been presented by his good lady, on return from a visit to London, with triplets—sons. The presentation is said to have taken away his breath for a time, and he is being congratulated or condoled with according to the different views taken by his friends of such an extraordinary incident.

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The Irvine Club are to have a professional tournament over Eglinton Links on Thursday, 28th inst. The first prize is £10, the second £5, and there are numerous smaller prizes.

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Tom Anderson, the North Berwick custodian, has now begun work preliminary to the laying-out of four holes west of the End Hole, having his assistants employed in cutting grass, &c. Whilst these extra holes are of course being laid out with the extension of the North Berwick Links in view, it is understood that there will be no alteration on the present course during this season. Some may, however, be inclined to play the extra holes in a friendly game previous to the alteration of the green being effected. Golfers, both visiting and resident, will be looking forward with interest to the accomplishment of the extension, as North Berwick will, in that event, be difficult to rival in the excellence of its links.

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The place of honour in a Guide to North Berwick, issued by a local merchant, is given to an excellent photo of "North Berwick from Point Garry," representing, as the central figure, Provost Whitecross in the act of driving a tee shot. Among the group around the player are ex-Provost Brodie, Rev. F. L. M. Anderson, Mr. A. M. Ross, Mr. J. Macculloch, and Ben Sayers. Among other views are the Bass Rock and Tantallon Castle. In the letterpress of this useful guide is a description of the popularity of Golf at North Berwick, from which the following may be quoted:—"Young and old find the pastime (Golf) entrancing, and non-golfing visitors, previous to departing—so enthusiastic are the resident golfers, and so contagious is that enthusiasm—are almost inevitably enrolled amongst the votaries of the Royal and Ancient game."

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In the tournament for the Fyshe handicap medal of the Bass Rock Club, the play for which extends over a month, the brothers Thorburn are well in the running. Mr. A. Thorburn, a young member, has given an excellent account of himself, having now entered the final by disposing of Mr. D. M. Jackson. Mr. Thorburn, who has a handicap of 2 strokes, finished he round in the fine score of 74.

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Playing in the second round of the professional competition at Stanmore on Wednesday last, Andrew Kirkaldy got down at the ninth hole in 2, off a brassy shot. The distance from the tee is 350 yards, and the green lies at the bottom of a slope, and is itself on the slope and in an angle formed by two hedges. Hugh Kirkaldy, his brother, had a remarkably long drive to the twelfth hole, which is on the flat, reaching the green from the tee, a distance of 230 yards.

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LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held their third monthly competition of the season over Musselburgh Links on Monday evening. The following were the prize-winners:—1st and 2nd (tie), Messrs. W. J. Munro and A. Denham, 96; 3rd, Messrs. W. M. Carment and John Smith (tie).

VENTNOR GOLF CLUB.—The Waltham cup, played for on June 4th, amidst alternations of Scotch mist, driving rain, and half a gale, was won by Mr. Marcus Huish with a net score of 102.



### GOLF CLUB WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can one of your readers tell me of a club, preferably on the East Coast, where one may obtain the following:—

1. Moderately cheap accommodation.
2. Sea bathing.
3. Some other attraction besides Golf (*i.e.*, for children).

I am, etc.,  
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### BLISTERED HANDS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If your correspondent, E. A. S., will try rubbing a little soap on his hands before playing, he will probably not be troubled with blisters.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
T. WEST CARNIE.

### GOLF IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have found a Golf Club—not an implement for the propulsion of a Golf ball, but a society for playing the game of Golf, and, though the same be many and increasing in numbers, the club I have found is unique, and I want to tell you and your readers about it. Neither you, Sir, nor any of your readers, nor even the local paper, are acquainted with this club (or “clob,” as it is locally known), and I assure you, Sir, on the honour of an hon. secretary to a Golf Club, that this “clob” is worth knowing. May I have the pleasure of introducing it? Thank you.

In the South-west of Ireland, on the southern slope of a range of hills, stands a stately castle, surrounded by a beautiful demesne. The castle stands high on the hill-side, overlooking a large and ancient park, and backed and surrounded by immense woods, thick with rhododendrons, bracken, and heath, which reach far up the hill-sides to the home of the grouse. The owner of this fair demesne is an enthusiastic golfer, and, living as he does far from the haunts of men and golfers (thirteen miles from the nearest town, and not a dozen neighbours within as many miles), he cast about for a private practising ground. He found it in a corner of his park, an open but undulating spot, kept ever short and close by the busy teeth of many deer and countless rabbits, traversed by a brook, dotted with clumps of hoary thorns and patches of bracken, where an aberrant Golf ball may put up a pheasant or a woodcock from its nest (many cocks breed there), and surrounded by venerable trees, oak, ash, and birch, the last relics of the forest that once covered the land. The view from this romantic Golf course is not the least of its charms. You see at your feet a broad and fertile plain, swelling in the distance into green and

woody hills, and traversed by a noble river, and far in the background the purple hills of Clare, the jagged peaks of the Galtees, and the distant mountains of Cork make a frame worthy of the picture.

To return to business: In this pleasant spot are seen well-kept putting greens, making, with some slight crossing, and returning and one hole twice played, a round of nine holes. It is by no means a bad little course; the dangers are numerous and varied. You may get into the brook, or into a hollow tree, or have to climb an ivy-clad thorn to get at your ball, or land in thick bracken, or on the top of a cromlech, or cannon off a dur into a rabbit-hole, &c.; but if you keep straight and a fair length, you get good lies and little to grumble at. Here Sir—and his guests and friends practise the noble game, but my story is not of them. They but play like the rest of us golfers. Thanks, however, to Sir——’s kindness in giving the use of the course to his humble neighbours and friends, the “clob” I write of has sprung into existence. The whole neighbourhood is taking to Golf. The policemen from the barracks, the postman, the village cobbler, the blacksmith, all the villagers, the lodge-keeper, the keeper’s sons, the butler and his pantry-boy, all are at it on every available opportunity. Even the parish priest plays a round now and then, and pleasant it was to see him, when the distant chapel bell summoned him to his forgotten clerical duties, drop his club and abandoning the almost won hole, his coat tails waving in the wind, fly across the park like a dashing bicaudate comet.

The rules of the “clob” are simple. Any well-behaved person can play. All the members are greenkeepers, and roll, &c., when so disposed. The policemen, especially, having more time on their hands, I suppose, are slaves of the roller. Foursomes are as yet unknown, and you may play at or through anybody on green or “potting” green (always excepting Sir—— and his friends). The holes were originally lined with small flower-pots, therefore the greens were “potting” greens (potting-sheds are known to all gardeners), and why not? No one uses more than one club. A heavy cleek is preferred, but many curious instruments are in use, relics of Sir——’s armoury, spliced, re-headed and improved on by native ingenuity. The players are not hampered by the tiresome directions of Hutchinson, Simpson & Co. No thought of stance, grip, or swing, ever troubles them, and, as to what club to use, they have but one. The hole is there, the ball is here, hit it boldly to the hole, *voilà tout!* It is true that there exists a difference of opinion in the “clob” as to whether the right hand or the left should be undermost on the club handle, but I do not think they ever argue about it. One of the best players holds his left hand under, and a small minority follow his example, but one and all grasp the club as nature tells them to, and play with a boldness and directness refreshing to see. The play is very good indeed for a young club, especially the short approaches and putting, and the enthusiasm of the members being great and play constant, a rapid improvement is going on. They have just bought a very nice cup, and the competition for it is very fierce. It has to be won three times by the ultimate possessor. It will be interesting to watch the development of Golf in this remote spot, but I hope no one will spoil the process of evolution by coaching these promising novices. I tried my hand on a young policeman, a fine young fellow, who had in a couple of months attained to a degree of skill which would have about put him on the 10 mark from 80 scratch. I lectured him on the principles of the game, pointed out his innumerable errors and heresies, showed the correct grips, stances, &c., and coached him carefully through a couple of rounds, at the end of which the poor fellow was completely confused, and playing 15 per cent. worse than when we started. Perceiving my error, I then begged my victim to forget all my instructions as fast as possible, and left him to recover, which will, I fear, be a long process. As the secretary of a young and flourishing club, I have done, and do, a great deal of teaching and coaching in the noble game, but never before did I do so much mischief in so short a time. The progress of this little club is a strong proof of the merits of Golf, for the “masses” are in such matters more truthful in their instincts than the “classes.” The former play because they like the game, the latter, often because it is the fashion, because Mr. Balfour plays, because the attitudes are so graceful, because their legs look well in rainbow hose

and spats, or for some equally cogent reason. It is the first Golf Club of its kind in Ireland, so far as I know, and its progress will be interesting to follow.

I am Sir, &c.,  
ORIEL.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SUBSCRIBER.—We certainly think that the committee have made a serious mistake in altering the handicap, in the circumstances you describe, in the middle of a tournament. It is the first case that has come to our knowledge in a club tournament extending over a lengthened period; they might as well alter a player's handicap in the middle of a round, say after he has played nine holes. The handicap ought to remain unaltered until the final heat has been played.

A NEW AID TO PUTTING.

Mr. R. Ramsbottom, The Sportsman's Depot, 81, Market Street, Manchester, has invented and patented a new modification of Golf for the lawn, which he calls "Puttinshu." Though the game is a new one, has a code of rules for itself, and has its own penalties, it is really, from the golfer's point of view, a method by which much perfection in putting at the hole may be achieved. It appears that any number of players may join in the game, up to thirty-six, or over.

"Puttinshu" is played as follows:—Nine shoes (*i.e.*, a horse-shoe-shaped iron, having an opening three inches wide), are placed on the ground at irregular distances and directions, each shoe being kept in position by two small projecting pins. The shoes are numbered 1 to 9; any number of which may be used, according to space at disposal.

Each player is provided with a club and a Golf ball. The latter is placed upon a mark known as the "long-putt," and struck with the club in the direction of the first shoe, with the object of playing it through the opening, so that it will remain inside the shoe. It is afterwards removed and placed upon a second "long-putt," and played in the direction of the second shoe, and so on, until all the shoes have been played into. The individual making the fewest strokes in playing the ball from the first "long-putt" into the first shoe, from the second "long-putt" into the second shoe, and thus continuing for the entire round, wins the game. If the game to be played is the single game, players of equal merit are paired off as special opponents for each shoe. At the same time, the total score of the entire round has to count against the total score of each player, the individual (not the pair) making the least score, winning the game. Likewise in the four-handed game, the two making the least score win. As a variety, it may be decided to play for each shoe.

The set for playing the game comprises eight small putting cleeks, eight balls, nine "long-putts," nine shoes, with numbered flags, and a copy of the rules. The whole is commodiously packed by Mr. Ramsbottom in a neat box at the moderate price of £2 2s., ranging up to £5 5s.

There is no need to point out the advantage of the game in teaching one of the most difficult, delicate, and effective strokes in Golf. Ladies and gentlemen who have lawns at their disposal around their dwellings will, we are sure, find this new game interesting for its own sake at family gatherings, as well as a means of making themselves proficient on the putting-green at Golf—a point of the game too often sacrificed for showy but ineffective driving.

NORTHWOOD GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medals, Saturday, June 2nd:—Seniors—Mr. C. C. F. Dickson, 111, less 5=106. Juniors—Mr. W. L. Mansergh, 122, less 30=92. Fifteen competed.

CHURSTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, June 6th, in heavy rain and a high wind. The following cards were handed in:—Col. Simpson, 106, less 17=89; Mr. Williams, 113, less 15=98; Mr. Denison, 115, less 17=98; Mr. Bennett, 121, less 21=100; Mr. J. Entley, 122, less 22=100; Mr. Spens, 119, less 17=102.

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, June 6th.—Mrs. Gay, 103, less 25=78; Miss Finch, 105, less 25=80; Miss Connell 99, less 12=87; Mrs. Warner, 110, less 22=88; Miss Gow, 97, less 8=89; Miss Johnstone, 138, less 30=108. Four others played, but returned no scores.



ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup competition of the above club took place on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Mr. Osmond Airy went round in 86, which ties with the best score which has been handed in for the cup. The scores returned were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. Bliss	109	30	79	Mr. J. F. Wright	92	5	87
Mr. O. Airy	86	5	81	Mr. E. P. Wright	95	7	88
Mr. H. Margetts	104	20	84	Dr. Simon	104	14	90
Mr. H. W. Bain-bridge	88	3	85	Dr. Barling	110	18	92
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	89	3	86	Mr. W. J. Burman	103	10	93
				Mr. E. H. Pearce	120	25	95

Nine other members were over 100, or did not make complete returns.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap competition, played Thursday, May 31st. The tie between Captain Hon. H. W. Mansfield and Mr. H. H. Morgan-Brown was played off on Tuesday, June 6th, the former winning by his handicap points. Captain Hon. H. W. Mansfield, 97, less 14=83; Mr. H. H. Morgan-Brown, 95, less 12=83; Mr. T. Skinner, 101, less 16=85; Mr. C. H. Morton, 98, less 9=89; Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Openshaw, 102, less 12=90; Lieut. Colonel J. E. Harden, 112, less 20=92. Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Howison-Craufurd, Lieut.-Colonel W. T. McLeod, Captain L. P. Ditmas, and Mr. E. H. E. Morgan made no returns.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 6th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Fraser	89	17	72	Miss A. Richardson	89	6	83
Miss A. Bidwell	86	12	74	Miss Loveless	92	9	83
Miss Fossett	95	20	75	Miss A. H. Martin	107	24	83
Mrs. Mackern	76	ser.	76	Miss Dunn	108	24	84
Mrs. Laird	82	6	76	Miss Paine	105	20	85
Mrs. Spurling	94	18	76	Miss Gahan	98	10	88
Miss M. Richardson	79	1	78	Miss H. Bidwell	102	12	90
Mrs. Needham	94	16	78	Mrs. Whyte	105	15	90
Mrs. Mead	96	18	78	Mrs. McArthur	105	14	91
Mrs. Stubbs	84	5	79	Mrs. Schacht	106	15	91
Mrs. Gibson	91	12	79	Mrs. Newton	111	20	91
Miss Sherringham	93	14	79	Miss E. South	115	24	91
Mrs. Penrose	84	4	80	Miss Hutchinson	113	20	93
Miss Wray	86	6	80	Mrs. Claude Johnson	113	16	97
Mrs. F. S. Ireland	89	9	80	Miss Robson	117	20	97
Miss Swinton	94	14	80	Miss Kernaghan	104	5	99
Miss Turner	100	18	82	Miss Clifford	123	24	99

Other competitors were over 100.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 2nd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Cooper	95	16	79	Mr. H. J. Hibberd	97	8	89
Hon. R. Tollemache	105	23	82	Mr. H. F. Haviland	96	7	89
Mr. A. Pontifex	95	9	86	Mr. J. Ballantine	118	22	96
Mr. H. Sladen	100	14	86	Mr. D. H. W. Robson-Burrows	104	7	97
Mr. L. G. Browne	98	11	87	Mr. H. F. Harvey	113	15	98
Mr. E. W. Charlton	103	15	88				

Others made no returns or over 100 net.

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, June 2nd:—Mr. E. Baldwin, 105, less 25=80; Mr. A. G. Willett, 105, less 20=85; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, 103, less 12=91; Mr. C. Coventry, 104, less 10=94; Mr. W. S. Henderson, 117, less 20=97; Mr. A. Gedge, 148, less 36=112.

## CHEADLE v. WILMSLOW.

Played at Wilmslow, June 2nd.

CHEADLE.		WILMSLOW.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Merry	9	Mr. A. N. Cumming	0
Mr. R. H. Prestwich	0	Mr. J. A. Tweedale	2
Mr. E. M. C. Macdona	0	Mr. R. A. Bradley	1
Mr. F. Bindloss	1	Mr. H. G. Langley	0
Mr. W. Scowcroft	6	Mr. G. Bickham	0
Mr. J. H. Milne	0	Mr. J. Kent Ford	0
Mr. C. D. Milne	0	Mr. C. Hervey	4
Mr. J. S. Milne	0	Mr. P. Swanwick	0
	20		7

Cheadle won by 13 holes.

## CHEADLE v. WILMSLOW.

Second teams. Played at Cheadle, June 2nd:—

CHEADLE.		WILMSLOW.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. J. Milne	1	Mr. A. H. Dixon	0
Mr. G. G. Campion	0	Mr. R. R. Schofield	5
Rev. F. A. Macdona	6	Mr. H. Hughes	0
Mr. S. Fernyhough	0	Mr. A. L. K. Gilchrist	3
Mr. H. Wilson	0	Mr. F. Haworth	3
Mr. C. P. Ritson	0	Mr. J. I. Brickhill	2
Mr. C. Hopkinson	4	Mr. R. G. Sidebottom	0
	11		13

Wilmslow won by 2 holes.

## CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin monthly medal was played for on the nine-hole course on the 7th inst., with the following results:—Mr. C. E. Last, 54, less 8=46; Mr. T. R. Pace, 54, less 7=47; Mr. E. L. Arnold, 54, less 7=47; Mr. D. F. Russell, 58, less 5=53; Dr. Woodhead, 59, less 6=53; Mr. J. J. Hayes, 59, less 5=54; Rev. R. Lovett, 69, less 12=57.

## CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club tankard took place on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, the weather on the first day being favourable to good scoring; but on Saturday the heavy rain deterred many from playing, and the few who did play had to give up before completing their round. The winner was Mr. H. Smurthwaite, who was closely run by Mr. C. E. Scott, and both these gentlemen have won the tankard three times. The scores were:—Mr. H. Smurthwaite, 98, less 16=82; Mr. C. E. Scott, 89, less 6=83; Rev. J. Flowers, 111, less 24=87; Mr. T. N. Muller, 108, less 21=87; Mr. A. Cook, 112, less 21=91; Mr. J. Wethey, 101, less 10=91.

A match was played on Wednesday, May 30th, between the Cleveland and Durham Clubs, thirteen players on each side, over the links at Coatham. One round of eighteen holes was played, and the home team were victorious by 16 holes, the scores being:—

CLEVELAND.		DURHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Roberts	0	Dr. Treadwell	4
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie	0	Dr. Robson	8
Mr. Slingsby Cradock	5	Mr. A. Hutchinson	0
Mr. D. Mackay	0	Mr. J. Duncanson	4
Mr. J. French	0	Mr. C. T. Fogg-Elliot	1
Dr. W. Mackinlay	1	Dr. Hill	0
Mr. J. F. Whitwell	10	Rev. Dr. Robertson	0
Mr. A. Mackinlay	8	Mr. O. B. Cluff	0
Mr. F. J. March	9	Mr. J. Blaydon	0
Mr. J. Harrison	0	Rev. J. Adams	2
Mr. H. Smurthwaite	0	Dr. Barron	2
Mr. Ralph Robson	5	Mr. H. E. Ferens	0
Mr. J. W. Kyle	0	Mr. F. W. Cluff	1
	38		22

## COUNTY DOWN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The County Down Ladies' Golf Club, which was recently instituted at Newcastle, has already assumed a prominent position in the golfing world in the North of Ireland. When the proposal to establish a Golf Club for ladies at Newcastle was first mooted, there were those who expressed an opinion that it would be found impossible to obtain a sufficient number of members in order to make the club a success. That these anticipations have not been realised is shown by the fact that of the hundred members which it was decided to enrol, about eighty have up to the present time been obtained. The Countess of

Annesley has been elected president of the club, and Mrs. J. F. W. Hodges is the first captain. The duties of honorary secretary have been entrusted to Miss Tyrrell, and Miss L. Brush has been elected honorary treasurer. To the exertions of these ladies the present success of the club is due. The movement received from the first the hearty support of the members of the County Down Golf Club, and, as a special mark of their interest, they have subscribed the sum of £25 for the purpose of purchasing a challenge trophy for competition among the members of the Ladies' Golf Club. The ladies are exceedingly grateful for the generous interest of the gentlemen in their club, and it has been suggested that a movement should be set on foot among the ladies to present a trophy for challenge competition among the gentlemen. Since the Ladies' Club was inaugurated Mrs. Hodges, the captain, has presented an exceedingly handsome trophy for competition among the members. It takes the form of a silver afternoon tea service, and will be competed for in May next. Meantime, competitions are being held on the first Tuesday in each month, for gold medals, and the winners of these will be qualified to compete for the captain's prize. These medals are being made in the form of a shamrock leaf, and bear the initials, "C. D. L. G. C.," and the date, "1894." They may be worn as brooches, on the watch chain, or as attachments to bracelets. Some interesting competitions have already taken place, and others are being arranged.

On May 30th, the first open competition, under the auspices of the club, was held on the links. The weather was all that could be desired, and some very interesting play took place. Two competitions were arranged—an open competition, the prizes for which were a toilette case for the winner, and a large silver-mounted cut-glass scent bottle for the runner-up; and a silver-mounted brush as the prize in a consolation competition. The games were played by holes under handicap, and the entries included ladies belonging to the different clubs connected with the Ladies' Golfing Union of Ireland. The games played were exceedingly interesting, and the excellence of the handicapping may be gathered from the fact that there were no fewer than five ties. In the first round of the big match, Miss Magill and Miss M'Causland tied, and on playing off an additional hole, Miss Magill won. The most exciting contest was in the second round, when Miss Tyrrell and Miss Graham played off five additional holes before the first-named obtained the advantage. In the semi-final round, Miss A. E. Gregg and Miss Tyrrell tied, and then Miss Gregg obtained the winning point. Miss Graham, who finally won, belongs to the Lisburn Club, and her opponent, Miss Gregg, is a member of the Royal Belfast. There were a couple of ties in the consolation competition, which was won by Miss Tyrrell, who is associated with the County Down Ladies' Golf Club. A great deal of the success of the meeting yesterday was due to the exertions of Mr. J. F. W. Hodges, J.P., and Mr. B. Magill.

Details of the play:—  
First round:—Mrs. Hodges (10), beat Miss Hamilton (5), 4 up and 3 to play; Miss A. E. Gregg (4), beat Miss Burden (11), 5 up and 8 to play; Miss Tyrrell (3), beat Mrs. Clarke (scratch), 1 up; Miss Graham (scratch), beat Miss MacLaine (2), 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Magill (2), beat Miss M'Causland (4), 1 up after a tie; Miss N. Graham (scratch), beat Miss M. Tyrrell (2), 2 up and 1 to play; Miss L. Brush (4), beat Mrs. Richardson (7), absent; Miss H. E. Gregg (3), beat Miss M. Brush (3), 4 up and 3 to play.

Second round:—Miss Gregg beat Mrs. Hodges, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Tyrrell beat Miss Graham, 1 up, after five ties; Miss M. Graham beat Miss Magill, 1 up; Miss Gregg beat Miss L. Brush, 4 up and 3 to play.

Semi-final:—Miss A. E. Gregg beat Miss Tyrrell, 1 up, after a tie; Miss Graham beat Miss H. E. Gregg, 3 up and 2 to play.

Final:—Miss Graham beat Miss A. E. Gregg, 2 up and 1 to play.

A consolation prize, open to ladies defeated in the earlier rounds of the big match, was played off under similar conditions, with the following result.

First round:—Miss Burden (11), beat Miss Hamilton (5), 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Clarke (scratch), beat Miss MacLaine (2), 4 up and 2 to play; Miss M. Tyrrell (2), beat Miss M'Causland (4), 1 up after a tie; Miss Brush (4), a bye.

Second round:—Mrs. Clarke beat Miss Burden, 5 up and 4 to play; Miss Tyrrell beat Miss Brush.

Final:—Miss Tyrrell beat Mrs. Clarke, 3 up and 2 to play.

## ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

This club held its spring meeting on Saturday, June 2nd. The club's scratch medal, handicap prize, and prize for the winners of monthly medals were competed for. The attendance was very large, and the green was in excellent order, but a high wind militated against low scoring. The competition for the club's scratch medal resulted in a tie between Mr. A. S. Johnston and Mr. F. S. Ireland, who both made a return of 85. Messrs. E. R. Lindley and W. F. Whetstone tied for the club's handicap prize, making returns of 92, less 22=80, and 98, less 18=80 respectively. The competition between the monthly medal-

lists also resulted in a tie between Mr. A. S. Johnston, 85, plus 1=86, and Mr. Arthur Tapp, 100, less 14=86. Mr. A. S. Johnston, who is now playing a very strong game, as his recently reported return of 74 shows (which is the record of the green, and not the amateur record, we are informed), has had some attention paid him by the handicapping committee, and now owes 1. Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote, who made a net return of 82, played a very strong game, but was unfortunate in making one bad hole. The number of close returns reflects great credit on the handicapping committee.

Spring meeting and monthly medal final. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. E. R. Lindley	92	12	80	Mr. W. H. Richardson	91	1	90
*Mr. W. F. Whetstone	93	18	80	Mr. A. Hicks	98	8	90
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	90	8	82	Mr. W. McArthur	100	10	90
Mr. H. T. Lindley	93	11	82	Mr. G. Stokes	100	10	90
Mr. W. E. Scott	102	18	84	Mr. H. A. Laird	103	12	91
†Mr. F. S. Ireland	85	scr.	85	Mr. J. Eagleton	109	18	91
Mr. A. Fraser	97	12	85	Mr. R. Whyte	94	2	92
Mr. H. A. Richardson	97	12	85	Mr. M. H. Richardson	102	10	92
Mr. J. G. Anderson	103	18	85	Mr. W. C. Anderson	108	16	92
††Mr. A. S. Johnston	85	+1	86	Mr. R. McCracken	110	18	92
Mr. C. G. Tunks	95	9	86	Mr. J. H. Ellis	104	11	93
Mr. P. F. G. Lord	97	11	86	Mr. A. C. Oldham	105	12	93
Mr. G. Spurling	98	12	86	Mr. R. M. Richardson	108	15	93
Mr. E. H. Absalom	99	13	86	Mr. J. Allen	113	20	93
Mr. M. Mocatta	99	13	86	Mr. L. Stokes	104	9	95
†Mr. A. Tapp	100	14	86	Mr. C. Frean	109	13	96
Mr. A. S. Wills	101	15	86	Mr. C. Leithbridge	112	14	98
Mr. A. M. Joshua	92	4	88	Mr. C. C. Smith	117	18	99
Mr. W. S. Pratt	92	4	88	Mr. G. L. Paine	119	20	99
Mr. F. A. Keibel	98	10	88	Mr. J. Brooksmith	113	11	102
Mr. C. W. Harrison	99	11	88	Mr. G. Evans	125	20	105
Mr. J. C. St. Quintin	108	20	88	Mr. O. R. Monnsey	122	16	106
Mr. A. J. Brown	103	14	89	Mr. A. Poynder	121	14	107
Mr. R. A. Patterson	105	16	89	Mr. C. G. Allan	124	17	107
Mr. C. A. Hutton	107	18	89				

\* Tied for handicap prize. † Tied for scratch prize.  
 ‡ Tied for monthly medal final.

A match was played against the Richmond Golf Club, on June 7th, on the Eltham links, and resulted in a win for the home team. scores:—

ELTHAM.		RICHMOND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. S. Johnston	6	Mr. J. Gardner	0
Mr. F. S. Ireland	2	Mr. A. T. Jockel	0
Mr. W. H. Richardson	0	Mr. W. Carr	1
Mr. R. Whyte	6	Mr. J. T. Abercromby	0
Colonel Pratt	1	Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	0
Mr. A. M. Joshua	0	Mr. F. H. A. Booth	2
Mr. E. S. McEwen	0	Mr. T. Glover	8
Mr. A. Hicks	0	Mr. C. E. Routh	0
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	4	Rev. J. H. Ellis	0
Mr. J. Brooksmith	0	Mr. P. R. Dow	3
Mr. R. H. Hedderwick	1	Mr. J. G. Wylie	0
Mr. A. Marshall	6	Mr. F. E. Badham	0
Mr. L. Stokes	0	Mr. S. F. Higgins	0
	26		14

Messrs. A. S. Johnston and A. Tapp played off their tie for the monthly medal final on Wednesday, 6th, which resulted in a win for the former, Mr. Tapp resigned at the thirteenth hole.

Messrs. E. R. Lindley and W. F. Whetstone played off their tie for the handicap prize on Thursday, 7th, which resulted in a win for Mr. Lindley with a net score of 78.

EWELME GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for a silver medal presented by one of the members of the club, Mr. W. H. Wood-Taylor, took place on June 2nd. The medal is to become the property of the member who shall win it twice in succession. The competitions are to be monthly; the course eighteen holes. There were eight entries, scores as under:—Mr. W. H. Wells, 126, less 18=108; Mr. Lester Palmer, 117, less 8=109; Mr. W. Twidell, 122, less 8=114; Mr. A. C. Arding (scratch), 109; Mr. E. H. Burkitt, 140, less 8=132; Rev. J. D. Willis, 130, less 18=112; Mr. G. H. M. Hamilton, 132, less 2=130; Mr. H. Simcox, 220, less 18=202.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and ladies' sweepstakes were played for on June 6th and 7th, Miss Daisy Jeffery (who played well in the Ladies' cham-

ptionship at Littlestone) making a record (67 gross) for the Ladies' course. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Hirst	95	8	87	Colonel Parker	93	2	91
Mr. Jeffery	95	7	88	Mr. Armitstead	102	8	94
Sir B. Edwards	97	8	89	Capt. Vernon Eccles	102	23	99
Major Burton	102	12	90	Mr. Ward	112	16	96
Mr. Longfield	102	12	90	Mr. Seymour	104	7	97
Mr. Leigh	104	14	90	Mr. Leakey	122	23	99

Ladies' sweepstakes, thirteen holes:—Miss D. Jeffery, 67, less 3=64; Miss Edwards, 70, plus 1=71; Mrs. Parker, 85, less 13=72; Miss Alice Eccles, 87, less 15=72; Miss Augusta Eccles, 82, less 8=74; Miss Wood, 91, less 14=77; Miss Ibbetson, 104, less 25=79; Miss Jeffery, 92, less 12=80; Miss L. Wood, 94, less 12=82.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual competition for the Monifieth challenge cup has just been concluded. There were in all sixty-four entries; but, as usual, a large number scratched, allowing their partners a walk over. The game is decided by holes under scratch conditions, and although the results in many of the ties were foregone conclusions there were some splendidly-matched couples in the various heats, the up-shot of which were looked for with considerable interest. Subjoined are details:—

First round—Mr. J. S. Croudace walked over, Mr. George Fairweather scratched; Mr. William Lownie beat Mr. Thomas Sturrock, 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. Thomas Grant walked over, Mr. D. Anderson (Dundee) scratched; Mr. William Drimmie beat Mr. J. L. Crockett, 5 and 4 to play; Mr. D. Anderson (Grange) beat Mr. William Hutcheson, 6 holes; Mr. Thomas Brimmer walked over, Mr. J. M. Low scratched; Mr. David L. Low walked over, Mr. John Ireland scratched; Mr. William Young beat Mr. George Fox, 4 and 3 to play; Mr. Alexander Moir walded over, Mr. J. B. Briggs scratched; Mr. Thomas Douglas walked over, Mr. William Malcolm scratched; Mr. R. D. Smith beat Mr. Thomas Christie, 4 and 3 to play; Mr. Edward Shield beat Mr. David Hutcheson, 2 and 1 to play; Mr. John Pearson beat Mr. Edward Brown, 3 holes; Mr. George Wright beat Mr. William Wilson, 8 holes; Mr. Douglas Fox beat Mr. George Anderson, 5 and 4 to play; Mr. Allan Bell beat Mr. Harry Brown, 4 and 3 to play; Mr. W. M. Chalmers walked over, Mr. George Sinclair scratched; Mr. Sylvester Wybrants walked over, Mr. Charles Duncan scratched; Mr. D. K. Drimmie beat Mr. Andrew Walker, 7 holes; Mr. David Hanton walked over, Mr. W. N. Machan scratched; Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. J. M. Walker, 7 holes; Mr. J. C. Burns beat Mr. Andrew Miller, 4 and 2 to play; Mr. David Pearson beat Mr. Walter Livie, 2 holes; Mr. F. A. Begg beat Mr. Alexander Bowman, 2 holes; Mr. Alexander Osler walked over, Mr. Alexander Hutcheson scratched; Mr. John Hendry beat Mr. T. E. Suttie, 6 and 4 to play; Mr. Robert Grossart beat Mr. William Gray, 3 holes; Mr. George Davidson beat Mr. William Fox, 3 holes; Mr. William Harris beat Mr. George Pearson, 2 and 1 to play; Mr. William Lorimer beat Mr. William Donaldson, 1 hole; Mr. Harry Christie beat Mr. David White, 2 holes; Captain Hunter beat Mr. Robert Christie, 3 holes.

Mr. David Anderson had an excellent card of 82, Mr. William Harris being 83; Mr. George Wright, 84; Mr. William Drummie, 85; and Mr. Edward Shield, 86.

Second round—Mr. J. S. Croudace beat Mr. William Lownie, 6 and 5 to play; Mr. Thomas Grant scratched to Mr. William Drimmie; Mr. David Anderson (Grange) beat Mr. Thomas Brimmer 1 hole, after a tie; Mr. William Young beat Mr. David L. Low, 3 and 2 to play; Mr. Alexander Moir beat Mr. Thomas Douglas, 5 holes; Mr. Edward Shield beat Mr. R. D. Smith, 1 hole, after a tie; Mr. George Wright beat Mr. John Pearson, 3 and 2 to play; Mr. Douglas Fox scratched to Mr. Allan Bell; Mr. W. M. Chalmers beat Mr. Sylvester Wybrants, 1 hole, after a tie; Mr. David Hanton beat Mr. D. K. Drimmie, 4 and 3 to play; Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. J. C. Burns, 3 and 2 to play; Mr. F. A. Begg beat Mr. David Pearson, jun., 3 holes; Mr. John Hendry beat Mr. Alexander Osler, 4 and 2 to play; Mr. R. Grossart beat Mr. George Davidson, 1 hole after a tie; Mr. William Harris beat Mr. William Lorimer, 4 holes; Capt. Hunter beat Mr. Harry Christie, 1 hole.

Third Round.—Mr. William Drimmie beat Mr. J. S. Croudace by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. William Young beat Mr. David Anderson by 1 hole; Mr. Edward Shield beat Mr. Alex. Moir by 1 hole; Mr. George Wright walked over, Mr. Allan Bell scratched; Mr. David Hanton beat Mr. W. M. Chalmers by 5 up and 2 to play; Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. F. Begg by 5 holes; Mr. John Hendry beat Mr. R. Grossart by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. William Harris beat Capt. Hunter by 3 up and 1 to play. The tie that excited most interest was that between Mr. William Young and Mr. David Anderson, and a large crowd of spectators followed them round the course. Middling play characterised the first eight holes, the match at this stage being level. Mr. Anderson came away after this with a strong game, taking the Pyramids at 3, the Plantation at 4, and the Wilderness at 4, winning them all, and the Cross hole was halved at 4. This left Mr.

Anderson 3 up with 6 to play. Mr. Anderson got bunkered at the Long hole, and Willie took the chance of reducing the lead. Both got into difficulties going to the East Camp hole, and a half resulted. Mr. Young got the West Camp nicely at 2, and reduced his opponent's lead to 1. Mr. Anderson played "Tom Morris" badly, and, losing it, the match was square with 2 to play. Mr. Young, with a magnificent drive reached the green at the North Gates, Mr. Anderson being to the left. Playing a grand mashie shot, however, he lay dead, and a half at 3 resulted. Square with 1 to play, the excitement of the on-lookers was great. Going to the last hole, both were near the green with their second, and the next shot placed Mr. Young with a long putt to get a 4, Mr. Anderson being much nearer. Willie holed with his fourth, and Mr. Anderson failed to get down, and lost the match.

The fourth round produced an interesting match between Mr. William Young, an ex-cupholder, and Mr. William Drimmie, a promising young player. A small crowd followed the couple. Mr. Young eventually won by 3 up. Scores:—Mr. Young, 86; Mr. Drimmie, 89. The match between Mr. George Wright and Mr. Edward Shield was also of an interesting nature. Going out, Mr. Shield played the better game, and had got as far round as the Plantation hole with a lead of 3 holes. The cupholder, however, pulled himself together, and, finishing the incoming half at 38, won the match by 3 holes. Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. Hanton by 5 holes, and Mr. John Hendry put Mr. William Harris out by 3 and 2 to play.

The tie in the semi-final round for this trophy between Mr. George Wright and Mr. William Young was played off on Tuesday evening. Mr. Wright commenced with a win, but Mr. Young squared the match at the second hole. Mr. Wright came away with fine play, doing the next three holes at 4 each, and attaining a lead of 3, Mr. Young losing by bad putting. The Buddon was well halved at 4. Mr. Young was stymied at the Rashies, but got a half, and the Pyramids was halved at 4. Scores:—Out—Mr. Wright, 39; Mr. Young, 43. Mr. Young won the Plantation, but threw away the Wilderness on the green by missing a short putt for a win, only getting a half. Mr. Young secured the long hole, and reduced the cupholder's lead to 1. At the West Camp a square match was looked, as Mr. Young lay a few inches from the hole with his second, while Mr. Wright was several yards distant. Mr. Wright, however, got down in 3, and a half resulted. "Tom Morris" was halved in 4. Mr. Wright secured the North Gates hole, and won the match by 2 up and 1 to play. Both scores coming in were 41. Total—Mr. Wright, 80; Mr. Young, 84. The tie between Mr. David Dargie and Mr. John Hendry was played off before a number of spectators. A close and interesting match resulted. The course was reversed. At the Burn hole the game stood in favour of Mr. Dargie, who was dorny with the last hole to play. In driving off Mr. Hendry carried the bunker, but drew to the left of the hole, while Mr. Dargie took his shot heavily and failed to reach the green. Making a neat recovery he won the hole with a 3, and the match by 2 holes.

The members of the Montifieth club played on June 2nd for two of their medals and other prizes. There was a good turn-out of players notwithstanding the disagreeable nature of the weather. Generally the scores were much above the average, but no fewer than eight succeeded in breaking the 90, a very creditable performance under the circumstances. The handsome gold medal presented by Mr. Robert Mudie, Corona, West Ferry, was won by Mr. D. L. Low, with the splendid score of 79 strokes. Following came Mr. Alexander Moir with 83; Mr. William Hutcheson, 85; Mr. David Anderson, 86; Mr. George Fox, 86; Mr. David Dargie, 87; Mr. William Young, 88; Mr. D. Dempster, 89. The silver medal for the player who came in most below his average was gained by Mr. Edward Brown with the creditable total of 94, being 11 below. Subjoined is a list of the prize-winners, viz.:—First class (scratch), Mr. David L. Low, average and 1st sweep, Mr. Alexander Moir, 2 below; 2nd sweep, Mr. David L. Low, 1 below; 3rd and 4th sweeps (tie), Messrs. David Anderson, Grange, and Harry Christie, both 2 above; 5th sweep, Mr. William Harris, 3 above; 6th sweep (tie), Messrs. William Hutcheson, and George Fox, both 4 above. Second class—Scratch (tie), Messrs. Robert Grossart, and George Fairweather; average and first sweep, Mr. Robert Grossart, 7 below; 2nd sweep, Mr. George Fairweather, 4 below; 3rd sweep, Mr. George Davidson, 3 below; 4th sweep, Mr. David White, at average; 5th and 6th sweep (tie), Messrs. Edward Shield, David Hanton, and Robert D. Smith, all 4 above. Third class—Scratch, average, and 1st sweep, Mr. Edward Brown; 2nd sweep, Mr. J. C. Derrick, 7 below; 3rd and 4th sweeps (tie), Messrs. J. B. Briggs, and David Scott, both 5 below; 5th sweep, Mr. George J. Tarbat, 2 below. The following returns show how the stormy weather baffled the skill of many of the best players:—Mr. William Lorimer, 90; Mr. George Wright, 90; Mr. William Harris, 90; Mr. George Pearson, 91; Mr. George Fairweather, 91; Mr. Robert Grossart, 91; Mr. William Still, 92; Mr. Harry Christie, 92; Mr. George Davidson, 92; Mr. John Hendry, 93; Mr. J. C. Burns, 94; Mr. Davidson Hutcheson, 95; Mr. David Hanton, 95; Mr. F. A. Begg, 95; Mr. Edward Shield, 95; Mr. John Macrae, 96; Mr. William Drimmie, 96; Mr.

David White, 96; Mr. Alexander Osler, 96; Mr. R. D. Smith, 97; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 99; Mr. Alexander Hutcheson, 99; Mr. William Fox, 99.

#### GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals were played for on Saturday, June 2nd, with the following results.

Senior competition:—Mr. P. Hagarty, 107, less 21=86; Mr. Herbert W. Flint, 107, less 15=92; Mr. J. Hunter, 100, less 4=96; Mr. W. H. M. Tucker, 113, less 13=100. Several others retired or were over 100 net.

Junior competition:—Mr. J. Pitchford 135, less 35=100. Several others retired or were over 100 net.

#### HAGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for May was won by Mr. J. W. Wilson, with a net score of 80. Scores as follows:—Mr. J. W. Wilson, 92, less 12=80; Mr. T. S. Lea, 101, less 20=81; Mr. H. T. Williams, 93, less 9=84; Mr. H. Brinton, 103, less 16=87.

The following members sent in returns, but were disqualified for sheltering during a storm: Mr. W. H. Grazebrook, 83, less 7=76; Mr. C. K. Harrison, 89, less 11=78; Mr. F. King, 98, less 13=85; Mr. G. E. Wilson, 102, less 16=86.

#### LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 2nd and 5th:—

Gentlemen.—Mr. A. Gibbings, 103, less 20=83; Mr. W. E. Hughes, 93, less 7=86; Mr. R. M. Tabor, 97, less 9=88; Rev. F. W. Parsons, 99, less 9=90.

Ladies.—Mrs. Rickards, 91, less 18=73; Mrs. Urmson, 82, less 8=74; Miss A. Stewart, 89, less 12=77; Mrs. Rooke, 85, less 4=82; Mrs. Parsons, 84, less 1=83; Miss E. Board (scratch), 85; Miss Watney, 87, less 1=86; Miss A. Lee, 109, less 18=91; Miss Board, 113, less 12=101.

#### MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Match played at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on the 26th ult.:—

MID-SURREY LADIES.		ROCHESTER LADIES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Craven ... ..	0	Miss L. Winch ... ..	1
Miss Bowyer ... ..	3	Mrs. Lake ... ..	0
Miss Lawson ... ..	2	Miss Pochin ... ..	0
Mrs. Taunton-Collins...	9	Mrs. Austin Budden ...	0
Miss F. Ravenshaw ...	0	Miss Jay ... ..	4
Miss E. Ravenshaw ...	5	Miss Murton ... ..	0
	19		5

Mid-Surrey won by 14 holes.

Medal, June 5th. Miss Ravenshaw, 111, less 27=84; Miss K. A. Burke, 122, less 33=89; Mrs. Woodd, 117, less 27=90; Miss Roberts, 132, less 36=96; Mrs. Craven, 108, less 11=97; and others over 100 net, or made no returns.

#### MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal meeting of this club was held last Saturday, June 2nd, when the following scores were made:—

Gentlemen.—Mr. P. J. Trouncer, 105, less 25=80 (junior medal); Mr. J. T. Woollright, 106, less 22=84; Mr. L. Grist, 92, less 7=85 (senior medal); Mr. W. Davies, 102, less 16=86; Mr. A. R. Grieve, 109, less 23=86; Mr. A. W. Waller, 102, less 14=88. Eleven members made no returns.

Ladies.—Miss S. Kitcat, 113, less 19=94 (junior medal); Miss F. M. Johnstone, 117, less 19=98; Miss Woollright, 110, less 10=100 (senior medal); Miss Pauline Cooke, 135, less 24=111; Miss G. Kitcat, 135, less 19=116.

#### NORTH-WEST GOLF CLUB (LONDONDERRY).

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the June competition for the monthly medal was held on the Lisfannon Links. The greens were in good order, and, as the weather and light were of the finest, several good scores were made. The following were the best cards given in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. J. Stevenson	98 27 71	Mr. J. H. M'Connell	115 30 85
Dr. Patterson	93 15 78	Capt. Nicholson	112 26 86
Surgeon-Major Pat-		Prof. Dougherty	114 26 88
terson	100 22 78	Mr. James Stewart	101 12 89
Mr. J. B. Gillies	102 24 78	Mr. R. Lee Hogg	118 27 91
Rev. J. Lombard	106 24 82	Rev. W. A. Dickson	124 30 94
Mr. H. Williams	102 18 84		

**NORTH BEDS GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, June 2nd, with the following result. Mr. R. W. Heneage, 105, less 30=75; Mr. J. A. Ennals, 91, less 8=83; Mr. Horace Mann, 87, less 4=83; Colonel Harenc, 103, 18=85; Mr. H. Treadcroft, 95, less 8=87; Rev. Mr. Apthorp, 110, less 18=92. Several other players made no returns.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.**

Weekly handicap, Friday, June 8th:—Mr. W. W. Leuchars, 91, less 20=71; Mr. E. J. P. Magor, 101, less 24=77; Mr. R. W. Macan, 86, less 8=78; Mr. H. B. Clarke, 99, less 21=78. Twelve entries. No returns from the rest.

**ROYAL COUNTY CLUB (PORTRUSH).**

Northern Counties Hotel Cup.—The second monthly competition for this cup was played for at Portrush. The cup has been presented by the Northern Counties Railway Hotel Company, and members of any recognised golf club are eligible to compete. A high wind rendered low scoring quite impossible. Dr. J. H. Carson and Mr. Thomas Sinclair tied for first place with net scores of 91. The tie was played off on Tuesday, when the former, whose score was two less than Mr. Sinclair's, was found to be the winner. Among the players were:—Messrs. S. G. Sinclair, Joseph Black, F. Koeller, J. S. Moore, James Dickson, and Hugh Adair, and the following returned scores under the hundred:—Dr. Carson, 113, less 22=91; Mr. Thomas Sinclair, 117, less 26=91; Mr. D. Christie, 102, less 10=92; Mr. C. J. Webb, 115, less 22=93; Mr. J. H. Wild, 104, less 7=97; Mr. A. B. Stuart, 111, 12=99.

**ROYAL DUBLIN v. COUNTY LOUTH.**

A friendly match between fairly representative teams, ten aside, from these clubs came off on the links of the County Louth Club, near Drogheda, on the 2nd inst. Detailed result, as given below, shows that the County Louth were victors by 7 holes, which is highly creditable to the younger club, which has only been in existence about two years. The weather in the morning was anything but promising, rain falling heavily up till eleven o'clock, but fortunately clearing up after that, was everything to be desired from a golfer's point of view. The links were in fine order, thanks to the care of the energetic green committee. The play was of a very high class order, some of the matches being exceedingly close. Mr. B. O'Brien, of the Dublin Club, fairly excelled himself, and made a record for at least two of the holes. The veteran, Mr. William Hone, had to succumb to his youthful opponent, Mr. R. R. Gilroy, who played with his usual precision. Mr. H. J. Daly played well for County Louth, and inflicted a severe defeat on his redoubtable opponent, Dr. Traill. The visiting team were entertained to luncheon by the home club in the club-house. A match—County Louth v. Royal Belfast, twelve a-side—has been arranged for 16th inst., at Baltsay. The following are the results of the matches, viz. :—

ROYAL DUBLIN.		COUNTY LOUTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. G. Stewart ...	0	Mr. T. Gilroy ...	7
Mr. W. Hone ...	0	Mr. R. R. Gilroy ...	1
Mr. B. O'Brien ...	7	Mr. N. J. Gilroy ...	0
Mr. P. Watson ...	0	Mr. A. S. Hussey ...	2
Mr. G. C. Green ...	0	Mr. G. H. Pentland ...	1
Dr. A. Traill ...	0	Mr. H. J. Daly ...	6
Dr. M'Cauley ...	5	Mr. Cecil Ball ...	0
Mr. J. H. Barrington ...	0	Mr. R. T. Blount ...	2
Mr. H. C. Hart ...	0	Mr. J. W. Brown ...	0
Mr. G. H. Johns ...	0	Mr. G. H. Daly ...	0
	12		19

**ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, June 7th:—Rev. J. T. Bramston, 98, less 18=80; Mr. E. J. Turner, 104, less 22=82; Mr. M. J. Rendall, 97, less 13=84; Col. Twemlow, 104, less 19=85; Mr. H. A. C. Brooking, 91, less 3=88; Rev. G. Richardson, 114, less 24=90; Mr. T. E. Newton, 107, less 16=91; Sir H. Freeling, 115, less 20=95.

WATSONIAN GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—By the kindness of the Lothianburn Golf Club, this club held a competition on Wednesday night at Swanston. There was a good turnout of members, and when the cards were handed in, it was found that the record for the course, viz., 89, made by Mr. Oliver Thomson, had been broken by no less than four gentlemen. The following is the prize-list:—First, Mr. A. C. Pearson, 88, less 18=70; second, Mr. John King, 76, plus 1=77; third, Mr. F. Walkingshaw, 97, less 18=79; fourth, Mr. C. A. Macpherson, 84, less 4=80; and fifth, Mr. T. C. Kay, 88, less 6=82. It will thus be seen that Mr. J. King has reduced the record by 13 strokes. His score is as follows:—5 3 4 4 3 4 4 5 5=37; 5 5 3 4 4 6 3 4 5=39, total 76.

**ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.**

The third competition for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday in wet and windy weather. Forty-five couples competed on the new course, four holes having been laid out on the recently acquired ground to the left of the sixth or Cop Hole. Gorse bushes or whins are the prominent hazards, and the putting greens were rough and difficult to manipulate. In time the greens will greatly improve, and the new addition will considerably alter the character of the links. The result of the play showed that the medal had been tied for by Messrs. St. Clare Byrne, W. H. Alexander, and A. A. A. Reid with their respective net scores of 84. Mr. St. Clare Byrne, securing a win-in for the second class optional subscription prize. Messrs. W. H. Alexander and A. A. A. Reid not having entered, a win-in for the first class optional subscription prize fell to Mr. L. S. M. Munro with his score of 91, less 4=87. The sweepstakes were equally divided between Messrs. St. Clare Byrne, W. H. Alexander, and A. A. A. Reid. The result of the play was as follows:—

First class optional subscription prize, (limited to 14 in the handicap):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. L. S. M. Munro	91	4 87	Mr. M. Rollo	102	8 94
Mr. W. H. Wilson	100	11 89	Mr. George Wild	107	13 94
Mr. John Farrar	99	9 90	Mr. R. Goold	95	scr. 95
Mr. John Ball, junr.	83	+9 92	Mr. E. H. Porter	100	5 95
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright	95	3 92	Mr. John Graham	103	8 95
Mr. William Dod	98	6 92	Mr. W. S. Patterson	106	11 95
Mr. H. H. Springmann	101	9 92	Mr. Reginald Haigh	108	13 95
Mr. A. Wall	101	9 92	Mr. C. E. Mason	109	14 95
Mr. C. Phillips	103	11 92	Mr. G. R. Craigie	105	9 96
Mr. John Wilkie	104	12 92	Mr. J. E. Pearson	99	2 97
Mr. Jas. Fairclough	95	2 93	Mr. T. L. Ferguson	103	11 97
Rev. A. H. King	105	12 93	Mr. D. C. Scott	111	14 97
Mr. G. H. Potter	105	12 93	Mr. H. Owen	108	10 98
Mr. H. Stewart-Brown	107	14 93	Mr. Herbert Keefe	112	14 98
Mr. A. Turpin	94	scr. 94	Mr. H. Wrigley	105	6 99
			Mr. A. G. Rankine	106	5 101
			Mr. J. B. Adamson	111	6 105

Twenty-eight competitors made no returns.

Second class optional subscription prize, (15 to 30 in the handicap):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. St. Clare Byrne	102	18 84	Mr. G. N. Francis	113	18 95
Mr. W. H. Alexander	104	20 84	Prof. H. A. Strong	117	20 97
Mr. A. A. A. Reid	109	25 84	Mr. Theo. Turpin	129	25 104
Mr. J. Royston	101	16 85	Mr. J. C. Clarke	139	30 109
Mr. C. J. G. Duranty	109	18 91	Mr. T. G. Williamson	112	not hep.
Mr. W. S. Henderson	109	18 91			
Mr. J. G. Rodger	107	16 91			

Eighteen competitors made no returns.

**STAINES GOLF CLUB.**

A silver cup, presented by the captain of the club, has been played for during May. The competition being for the best aggregate score of four rounds (seventy-two holes), under handicap. Winner, Mr. G. J. Hunter. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. J. Hunter	365	11 321	Mr. F. Ashby	400	18 328
Mr. W. Mossop	354	8 322	Capt. F. R. Harrison	388	11 344
Rev. F. C. Williamson	366	11 322			

**STANMORE GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, June 2nd. The green was in good order, but a strong wind interfered with good scoring. The following are some of the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. V. Dawson	106	18 88	Mr. R. T. Risk	110	16 94
Mr. S. J. Klein	99	10 89	Dr. Steven	97	scr. 97
Mr. J. A. Begbie	91	scr. 91	Mr. G. Grinling	110	10 100
Mr. B. Franklin Smith	107	14 93	Mr. S. Grinling	118	16 102

**WOKING GOLF CLUB.**

The first meeting of this club, a foursome competition, was held on Saturday, May 26th, on the occasion of opening the last seven holes of the complete eighteen. A high northerly wind was blowing across some of the longest and most difficult holes, so the scores were not so high as might have been expected from the records made over the original eleven holes. It is only sixteen months since work was commenced on Hook Heath, and the result has been most gratifying. The putting-greens are first-rate, and a good turf is springing up

all through the green, while the whins, and the clean, dry sand of the bunkers make a striking contrast to the park-like character of ordinary inland courses. Its development was seriously hampered by the drought of last spring and summer, but the improvement since last October has been continuous, and another year will give the members as good an inland course as there is in the United Kingdom. The following competitors returned scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. A. T. Lawrence and Hon. A. Lyttelton ...	103	10	93
*Mr. F. Broome and Mr. C. Martineau ...	104	11	93
Mr. C. C. Scott and Mr. G. A. Bonner ...	104	8	96
Mr. R. Cracroft and Mr. O. Leigh Clare ...	116	20	96
Mr. J. D. Sykes and Mr. A. W. Craven ...	113	16	97
Mr. S. Whitehead and Mr. J. F. Burton ...	114	17	97
Mr. J. Courtenay and Mr. C. O. Fowens ...	113	15	98
Mr. R. Barber and Mr. T. M. Parkyns ...	114	15	99
Mr. W. A. Spottiswoode and Mr. M. Tomlin ...	117	18	99
Mr. W. Trower and Mr. H. E. Richards ...	111	10	101
Mr. M. R. Leeson-Marshall and Mr. H. M. Johnson ...	117	15	102
Mr. J. Eldon Bankes and Mr. R. V. Bankes ...	130	25	105
Mr. J. P. Aspinall and Mr. Albert A. Gray ...	117	11	106
Mr. F. W. W. Kingdon and Mr. E. D. Trimmer ...	127	20	107
Mr. Sidney Hamson and Mr. C. Cagney ...	127	15	112
Mr. F. C. Palmer and Capt. Knight ...	128	16	112
Mr. T. T. Paine and Mr. J. F. Clerk ...	139	18	121
Mr. T. C. Hindmarsh and Mr. A. Glen ...	137	14	123
Mr. S. Hutton and Mr. W. de B. Herbert ...	144	18	126

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