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AUGUST.

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West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Harrogate : Captain's Prize (Second Competition).

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
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Sept. 2, 3 & 4.—Carlisle and Silloth : Dalston Monthly Handicap.
Sept. 2 and following days :—Royal Eastbourne : The South Lynn Challenge Cup Tournament.
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Mid-Surrey Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh : Monthly Medal.
Southwold : Open Handicap Foursome *v.* "Bogey."
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Lyme Regis : Monthly Medal.
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Morecambe and Heysham : Mayor of Lancaster's Prize.
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Sept. 4 & 5.—Norfolk County Championship (at Great Yarmouth).
Sept. 5.—Derbyshire : Ladies' Silver Medal.
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Monmouthshire : Medal Play.
Sept. 5 & 7.—Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Sept. 6.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Woodbridge : President's Prize.
Sept. 6 & 7.—Minchinhampton : Summer Meeting.
Sept. 6 & 7.—Royal Ashdown Forest : September Meeting.
Sept. 7.—Bullwood : Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
North Warwickshire : Monthly Gold Medal.
Hythe : Monthly Medal.
Neasden : "Bogey" Competition.
Fairfield (Manchester) : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prize.
Rochdale : Mr. Slack's Cup.
Wakefield : Lee Cup.
Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
West Middlesex : "Bogey" Competition.
Fleetwood : President's Cup.
Muswell Hill : Monthly Medal.
Great Yarmouth : Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies : "Bogey" Competition.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Macclesfield : President's Challenge Cup.
Bullwood : Monthly Medal.
North West Glub (Londonderry) : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Raynes Park : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Honor Oak and Forest Hill : Mr. James Rickard's Monthly Medal.
Monmouthshire : Medal Play.
Sept. 7 & 11.—Birkdale : Medal Competitions.
Sept. 9.—Woodbridge : Monthly Medal.
Sept. 9, 10, 11 & 12.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 10, 11 & 12.—Portrush : Irish Championship (Open).
Sept. 11.—Windermere Ladies : Monthly Competition.
Harrogate : Ladies' Monthly Medal.
Sept. 12.—Woodbridge Ladies : President's Prize.

A FOURSOME MATCH AT ST. ANDREWS.

Having come over to see the splendid Students' Union Bazaar, without any clubs, I looked about to follow a capital Golf-match in the evening. Fortunately there was a foursome by professionals—enterprising tradesmen in connection with the game. The evening before the victors made an 82 round; and they were contemplating doing better, as their hand was getting in. They work until five o'clock, and they make their relief amusement the round afterwards.

The best player of the four was David Anderson, of Messrs. D. Anderson and Sons, Golf-club makers, who took a very good place at the last Championship. But the constant handwork of club-making is not the best training for long driving; in this the ordinary professional has an advantage. His grandfather is the last representative of the oldest school of Golf. Old Da' is a good bit above eighty years of age; yet he alone now shares with me at times the pleasure of speaking about the marvellous play of Allan Robertson, the best exponent of the game that ever lived. Young David's play all through is simply faultless. He has fewer preliminaries before striking than any player. He takes up his club so easily that you do not expect anything brilliant; yet he brings it down with a velocity as sharp as Andrew Kirkaldy's, and with equal success as to distance and direction. He repeated this all through so successfully that I thought there must be some special virtue in the make and material of the club. After the match I told him so, and he allowed me to play a round with it—a very gracious and kindly thing for a golfer to do to one who once could play some. I must confess that I never saw a prettier club (for a bulger); the head was of the purest beech, well-seasoned, with a sweet, thin horn, and graceful, swan-like neck, which would have stirred the ghost of Hugh Philp to persevere in his forenoon's scraping and sandpapering in order to bring the head to perfection of form. The hickory was also very fine, though thicker than in the olden days, when a better selection could naturally be made, seeing that only one in a thousand then played the game. So much was I taken with it, that I drove steadier, and truer, and prettier than for twenty years. David rewarded me by making me a present of the club, that I may go in for the Championship some fine morning.

David's partner was Robert McAndrew, who has risen to the leading place of maker of Golf cleeks and irons. These are perfect pictures; but I have not had an opportunity of trying them. He will be glad enough, I daresay, for it might cost him a presentation cleek also. Robert's father will be known to golfers of my day; he was the shepherd on the links. His kindly form on the Elysian Fields was always seen, as he challenged all to play him at his short holes, made there next the dyke. Robert left about six years of age, and has only taken to the game in the summer evenings and Saturday afternoons for about five years. His success has been remarkable. His style wants the perfect form of the others; but he drives a long ball both with club and cleek. His enthusiasm knows no bounds, in fact, it is like to overpower his judgment at the crucial parts of the match. It was this couple that kept starring in score.

Their opponents were capital players, but one was out of his game. James Herd, is a brother of Alexander Herd, of Huddersfield, the runner-up to the Champion, and one of the most brilliant players of the day. James is a club-maker with the Andersons. His grandfather was Sandy Herd, who with Old Da', Sandy Pirie, Lang Willie, Wattie Alexander, and Changie Thomson, wended their way round the links as the most faithful caddies in the days of old. James has not been well, and is sickly-looking; he was therefore a serious drag upon Wattie Anderson, a brother of David, also a member of the firm. Wattie had to do too much to face up the strong couple with so little help from his partner. He had to force his play and—as is usual in such cases—failed. But he is a long, flashy driver, and seems to be deficient to his brother only in approaching the hole; but, then, he has very little practice. Give these two brothers practice for three or four days without working, and they would hold their own, at any rate, with the brothers Kirkaldy.

I will not go into too minute details, but I watched every stroke in the foursome for a round on two successive evenings. In the first match, Anderson and McAndrew broke the record for foursome play in the score going out, viz., 35. Of course the first teeing ground is a few yards forward from the usual, and the Corner of the Dyke Hole is to the right a little, making it easier for the second shot for all except professionals. The other holes are as in the full ordinary round; but the High Hole coming in is much more difficult than usual. The hole is made on a slant—perfectly out of the question for Golf. Old Tom surely never saw that hole made, and I took Andrew Young to task for making it, for he could once play well. His answer was, "Maist o' them dinna ken nae better, an' we mun hae the hole in some place to save the green." There is nothing that makes me shudder at Golf more than having a hole on the slope of a brae with scarcely any grass to hold on the ball.

At the first hole, Davvit's grand shot over the burn gave Robert the means of holing out well in 3. This was nearly repeated next hole by a splendid second shot by McAndrew; but a good 4 was holed out. A good try for a 3 was made at the third hole, Anderson having played a beautiful cleek approach; but they took 4. The fourth hole is in a "kittle" position, not often falling to 4, and they took 5. Five was good play to the Long Hole. The Heather Hole nearly dropped in 3, but 4 was the score. To the High Hole, Anderson played for the second shot a marvellously fine cleek shot, McAndrew holing in 3. The short hole was a witch, for Anderson forgot its position, and played to the old putting green. Still they holed out in 3. The last hole was easily taken in 4—making in all 35, every stroke being played out. This, as far as I know, is the record score for foursome play. Two on a side are not often both in the same brilliant tune; hence the scoring is generally higher than with one player. I did not take down the scores of their opponents, as they turned eight holes behind, and I daresay they will thank me for this omission.

I was now very anxious that Anderson and McAndrew should come in with similar steadiness, though it requires four strokes more to come in, on account of the difficult position of six of the holes for approaching. A 4 was sufficient for the first hole in. Here success turned McAndrew's head. He thought he could carry to the High Hole with his cleek. He pressed, and as all golfers know, he heeled it and pitched his ball into the pot far to the right, where never man was before from that tee. Anderson took it well out, and McAndrew recovered so far by laying stone dead the whole length of the green. Another 4 was well played for the third hole. Two indifferent shots from bad lies left Anderson a very difficult approach, with which he succeeded, and McAndrew holed out in 5. Coming in, to the long hole, Anderson was approaching with his third across the country, when he was put off by a player roaring out "Fore!" from the teeing ground on his left hand. He waited and the player waited; he then made for playing, when "Fore!" was again roared out. Anderson missed and put his partner in a bunker, by which a stroke was lost—the hole costing 6 instead of 5. They made up for this next hole by a finely played 4. Forty-two could yet be the incoming score, to break the foursome record of the round (that is by taking the average of 4 each for the three holes). But an accident happened; and Old Tom, to whom I spoke of it, merely said, with perfect *sang-froid*, that "it hez tae come in some way, tae keep up the score, or a'budy wud be braikin' records." Anderson played a very fine shot off the tee, but it failed to carry the Principal's Nose. He grudged going too far to the left, and he did not care about running the dangerous game to the right, or railway side. McAndrew looked at the ball in the bunker as if to play it forward against a steep embankment, without a full round swing; but Anderson told him to play otherwise. Stubbornness held McAndrew, and he attempted what no man could accomplish, as he had to raise his mashie iron in a perpendicular swing. He put the ball in a worse position; and before the last putt was holed out, eight strokes were counted against them. It was all up now for a record score. They finished with 6 and 5, making 46 in, total 81. Six dead strokes were lost in bunkers.

Next night the same couple offered well to secure a better score, without any flash play. They took three more strokes

to the first three holes, but they lost no more, going out in 38. But it began to rain, and darkness threatened them. Most certainly half-a-dozen putts could have been holed out—when missed—even down to eighteen inches in two cases—so that they required 44 to come in, making a total of 82. In the dusk and rain the play was perfect, except at the putting; and in the circumstances, the work of these men deserves to be chronicled. Lessons are taught in every good match where all are in earnest. In this one, McAndrew should have done what he was told by a superior player in the foursome at the Principal's Nose, and a 78 could have been easily recorded for the foursome round—a record—but he would not listen, and failed. I hope experience will teach him; for he is a fine fellow and an excellent partner.

J. G. MCPHERSON.

RECLAMATION AT MUSSELBURGH.

The question of reclaiming ground from the sea for the enlargement of the Musselburgh Links is again to the front. Mr. Anderson, who is so active in the interests of golfers, has got the Council to contribute a sum for the experiment, provided the wisdom of the Bailies and Councillors is satisfied as to its feasibility.

In connection with the proposed reclamation, it is recalled that Sir Archibald Geikie, in his volume on "The Scenery of Scotland," mentions that on this tract of land, now almost entirely swept away, the Dukes of Albany and York used to play Golf in former days. All along the southern shore of the Firth of Forth many acres of land have been similarly lost. The road between Leith and Musselburgh has several times had to be removed inland in consequence of the ravages of the sea. Maitland, in his "History of Edinburgh," mentions a large tract of land on both sides of the port of Leith which has almost disappeared. Further westward, the old links of Newhaven have entirely vanished, it being calculated by Maitland that three-fourths of that flat, sandy tract disappeared in the twenty-two years preceding 1595. Even in the early part of the present century it was in the recollection of some old fishermen then alive that there stretched along shore, in front of the grounds of Archerfield, an extensive piece of links, on which they used to dry their nets; but which had then been entirely washed away. A further instance of the encroachment of the sea is afforded at the bay of Barabougle, where a lawn of considerable extent, once intervening between the old castle and the sea, has been demolished.

A NEW CLEEK.—Mr. George Forrester, Golf club-maker, Elie, already well known for his patent iron clubs, has added to the list a new cleek which is constructed with a straight blade, but at the toe there develops a solid knob, which, according to the patentee, counter-balances the weight of the socket, and enables the player to get away a straight ball. The cleek will be known as the "Master Cleek," a similar name being given to the iron and the mashie. The idea of the patentee is to give a more solid face to the ball all along the striking surface of the blade, thereby counteracting heeled or sliced shots, which go as far and as straight as if hit true. Mr. Forrester has kindly sent us a cleek for trial and experiment. This we have done, and though from the appearance of the club we had some misgiving as to the virtues claimed for it, trial convinced us that the claim was a sound one. It was not so much the length of the shot as the straightness of the flight of the ball which surprised us; and as straightness is the essential feature of all good cleek play, we have pleasure in calling the attention of golfers to this new club, and in recommending a trial of it. We believe that the club is at present in strong popular favour among golfers on Fifeshire greens.

A GOLFING CORRESPONDENT informs us that he overheard the following conversation on the opening day of the St. Andrews Golf Championship:—"I am certain I should not have been fit to take part in the Competition if I had not used 'Semotine.' I must have caught a violent chill while practising, in addition to straining myself; every muscle in my body ached, and dreadful pains robbed me of sleep, but, thanks to 'Semotine,' I am in perfect condition again." Every Golfer and Club should keep a bottle on hand, it is an embrocation that acts like magic. 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., of all Chemists and Stores. Prepared only by Rowland Walker & Co., Limited, Chiswick, England. Wholesale of F. Newbery & Sons, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

PETERBOROUGH GORDON GOLF CLUB.

Until last year Peterborough golfers could only indulge in their favourite pastime by purchasing a railway ticket, although almost every other form of sport seemed to have found a home in the cathedral city. The huntsman had his meet every week during the season; cricketers had their clubs; football, tennis, cycling and quoits all had numerous patrons, the Nene furnished boating, fishing, and swimming, and the volunteers had their rifle butts.

Golfers alone were left out in the cold, and while some of them joined the Burghley Park Club, Stamford, others were in the habit of playing at Hunstanton and Brancaster. But it was thought that the time had come to start a home club and green, and in October last, an influential meeting was held at the City and Counties Club, Peterborough, Mr. J. Laurance occupying the chair. It was reported by the secretary, *pro tem.*, that a suitable ground could be had on Lord Huntly's estate in the parish of Orton Longueville, about two miles beyond the town; that it had been inspected by Rev. T. Ward and several others, and a tentative course of nine holes had been laid out. The meeting was unanimous in approving what had been done, a club was formed under the name of the Peterborough Gordon Club, and about thirty or forty members agreed to join there and then. Rev. R. C. Faithfull was appointed captain, Rev. T. Ward, captain elect, Mr. H. W. Gates, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. H. Sharpe, hon. treasurer, with five other gentlemen to form a committee of management. The Marquis of Huntly kindly accepted the office of president, Lord Granville Gordon, Hon. C. W. Fitzwilliam and Mr. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam being made vice-presidents. In a very short time the numbers increased to about a hundred, including ladies, and the club on the whole, considering the number of tyros, has had quite a successful season.

H. Hurry was engaged as professional for several months, and under his care the greens were well looked after, and proper instruction given to beginners.

The links are a part of Mr. Martin's farm, and lie on the right hand side of the Oundle road, a few fields beyond Botolph Bridge. The Home hole is conveniently near the Gordon Arms, which is used as a club house, and there one can get tea and other refreshments at moderate terms. The club-room window commands a beautiful view of the mansion and grounds of Orton Hall, the residence of the Marquis of Huntly.

The hazards include trees, hedges, ditches, railway lines and a good deal of water, but the ground cannot be flooded, as it is considerably above the level of the river. The first hole is in the second field, and it takes a good drive to get over the fence and lie within a quarter-stroke of the green; it should be done in 4, but, when the drive is missed, it is often difficult to avoid a great ash tree and reach home in 2. The second hole is also guarded by a fence, but the drive is not so long; this looks an easy 4 hole, but one is often caught among mole-hills, or in a grassy tuft, to the detriment of the score.

From this point there is quite a long walk to the next teeing-ground in the Battlefield across the Great Northern Railway. This is in order to prevent the necessity of playing over a ploughed field, but it is expected that the field will be in grass by another year.

There are five holes in the Battlefield (as it is always called), and the grass and soil of this portion are, for the most part, well adapted for Golf. At first sight it looks like a Battlefield, and a great stone appears to commemorate a ghastly fight. There is no longer a legible inscription on the stone, but antiquaries say that it belonged to the old burying-ground of St. Botolph village. So much for romance, tradition, and the confusion of words. It reminds one of the scene in "The Antiquary," when Oldbuck was explaining with such minuteness to Lovel, the exact position of the Prætorian gate of the Castra, which he had discovered, when he was rudely interrupted by the voice of Edie Ochiltree, exclaiming, "Prætorian here, Prætorian there; I mind the biggin' o't."

The third hole has been done in 3 by Rev. T. T. Peyton, but 4 is par play. The fourth is as nice a sporting hole as one could desire. The green can be reached with the brassie, or even with the cleek, but there is a quarry and a deep pool of water standing guard close to the hole, and a topped drive is bound to be caught in another quarry, while beyond the green there is a nasty, stony bunker, so that this hole, which has been done in 2, frequently takes 8 or 9 strokes. At this point the course doubles, and the fifth hole is easily negotiated, as the quarry runs parallel to the line of direction, and one may drive either into the valley on the left, or to the high ground on the right. The sixth and seventh holes are rather tame, and there is too much luck attached to them, for the soil here is richer, and all growth more luxuriant. It is not pleasant to find a well-driven, straight ball lying behind an anthill, or on a thick tuft of grass, from which you can only extricate it with the niblick, while your opponent's topped drive lies well, and you see

him take it home with his brassie. The seventh is parallel to the G.N.R., which catches pulled balls; it can be reached by a drive and an iron; and there is an excellent putting-green, protected from the tread of beasts by a fence of barbed wire. The eighth is the most sporting of the lot. Here one must carry the railway, two fences, and a row of trees, and happy he who does not find his ball in a dry ditch beyond all these. From a good lie one can get home in 2, and this hole is often done in 4; but the second stroke is a difficult one, as the green is guarded by an ash tree and ruts on the near side, and by a grass bunker and water on the other. The putting-green is good. A walk across the bottom of a ploughed field brings us to the last and longest hole. On medal or match days it takes a long ball from the tee to clear the fence, and the green cannot be reached in 2, but when at last the ball lies thereon, it is a pleasure to putt on the expanse of good old turf.

Such is the round proper; but, a month before the close of the season, the first hole was taken off, as the field was required for stock, and golfers played over the ploughed field for an alternative, a special rule being made to permit balls in the field to be lifted and teed, under penalty of 1 stroke. At the end of April, the long grass at some of the holes made it impossible to play with comfort, and the club resolved to adjourn till September, when they hope to recommence with renewed vigour.

The gentleman to whom the club is most indebted for looking out a green, for beating up members, and for playing in almost every match, is the Rev. T. Ward, Principal of St. Peter's College. Mr. Ward, and one or two others, played on the Recreation Grounds some years ago, and set the ball rolling, so to speak. The Corporation put a stop to this practice as being dangerous to the lieges; but the seed was sown, and the course at Orton is the fruit.

There are no scratch players in the club, but there are several enthusiasts among both ladies and gentlemen; so we trust there is a future for the Gordon Club. It can surely be expected that Peterborough, which has long supported the older forms of English sport, will continue to patronise the Royal and Ancient Game.

H. M. B.

TINTAGEL GOLF CLUB (CORNWALL).

The links of this club extend over certain downs of short turf and gorse, of about 120 or 130 acres. There are, as yet, but nine holes, and the distance round is about 2,400 yards. First hole, 190 yards; second hole, 305 yards; third hole, 290 yards; fourth hole, 190 yards; fifth hole, 200 yards; sixth hole, 420 yards; seventh hole, 250 yards; eighth hole, 380 yards; ninth hole, 190. The ground is on the cliffs, about 300 to 400 feet above the sea; view most beautiful, and air most bracing. The greens are not yet in first-rate order, as so much gorse has had to be cleared away, and very small funds to do it with; but the committee has made possible playing greens, though, perhaps, rather slow ones. The putting-greens are really pretty good. The hazards are some road-tracks to certain quarries near, some banks and walls, and some whins, and an old quarry pit or two. There are two hotels in the village of Tintagel, one, a first-class hotel, named "The Wharncliffe Arms," and a second of not quite an equal stamp, named "The King Arthur's Arms." There are also several houses in the village that take in lodgers. The London and South Western Railway has a station at Camelford, which is about four miles from Tintagel, at which certain omnibuses for Tintagel are to be found at most of the trains. Of course a trap also could always be ordered up from the Wharncliffe Arms, or the "King Arthur's Arms," and there is also a house close to the station where a trap can be procured. Visitors are allowed to play on the green by payment of 2s. 6d. a day, 5s. a week, or 10s. 6d. a month for gentlemen, and of 2s. 6d. a week, or 7s. 6d. a month, for ladies. Sunday playing is not allowed. The following are our office-bearers:—President, the Earl of Wharncliffe; vice-president, Mr. W. Howship Dickinson. Committee of Management:—Colonel Hawker (captain), Penally, Boscastle; Rev. A. G. Chapman, Vicar of Tintagel, Mr. F. W. Sturge, Tintagel; Mr. W. Taylor, Tintagel (hon. treasurer); Mr. S. Bensley, Tintagel (hon. secretary).

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HINTS TO BEGINNERS.—II.

HOW TO SELECT CLUBS—THE LENGTH OF THE SHAFT.

My notes to beginners would not be complete without some remarks upon "patent clubs." I am by no means prejudiced against these inventions of men, unlike an old Scotch friend to whom the mention of patent clubs is like the waving of a red flag before a bull. He will have none of them, and he generally ends up his invective against the accursed things by saying, "If you cannot play Golf with a Golf club, you had better leave Golf alone." I fully believe that he supposes the clubs, as they are now, are the same as they were in the beginning, and he hopes that they will remain the same to the end. We all know differently. From time to time clubs have been improved, but they are very much the same now as they were when I began Golf in the forties. For my part I see no reason against the further improvement of clubs. Neither, if that can be done, does any argument lie against the inventor having the benefit of his ingenuity by the help of a patent. The game depends for its interest much more upon the rules which have come down to us by tradition from the past, than from any change in the clubs which may from time to time be made. If any change were proposed in these, I, as an old golfer, should not merely be like a bull before whom a red flag is waved, but like a whole herd of them; but of this I shall have something further to say later on.

During the last few years, owing to the hold the game has taken upon the human race, a great many patents have been taken out for improvements in clubs, some, no doubt, really good, and some which embody changes, without improvement; but good, bad or indifferent, most of them find it difficult to obtain a market at first, simply because players are more or less satisfied with the club as it is, and are not inclined to pay patent prices in order to try whether this or that novelty will work up to the promises made about it.

It is not my purpose to go deeply into this subject of patent clubs—certainly not to endeavour to compare one club with another and state which I think the best. Comparisons, we know, are odious; but I am bound to say something, in order to give my beginner a few hints to enable him to draw his own conclusions when new sorts of clubs are offered for his inspection, his opinion, or his use. I do not take sufficient interest in them to afford the time for a critical examination. In fact, I am somewhat afraid of them, lest by chance some one should hit upon a device whereby clubs be made to drive so far that the course, which is long enough as it is, would have to be made a mile longer; and therefore I am glad to be able to report that of all the inventions which have come under my notice, all clubs, patent or non-patent, drive very much about the same length. To my mind there is not a pin to choose between them in that respect. If any advance be made in the length of the carry, it will have to be made by some alteration in the mechanism of the shaft. For, as I clearly demonstrated in my earlier papers, the length of the carry depends far more upon the accuracy of the swing than upon the particular form of the club. It is a self-evident fact, however, that the weakest part of the club lies in the neck. The wood of the neck is bound to be cut more or less across the grain, and therefore a heavy "baff," especially when the club is tightly held and the ground is hard, is always liable to set the head flying. If the necks are cut thicker, the club is heavy and clumsy where it ought to be neat and light; and therefore one cannot help approving those patents which have tried to meet this weakness, and that which carries the shaft right through the club head with a neat little binding above, must be a move in the right direction, and one that is sure to be appreciated by all golfers. This same improvement is also to be found in irons. There is something else to be observed which beginners might easily overlook. The shortening of the neck, for so it really is, brings the spring of the shaft nearer to the head of the club. This, to my mind, is its principal advantage (apart altogether from the matter of cost saved by avoiding broken necks), and it is a decidedly real advantage. Not only does it improve the

balance of the club, which is a very essential gain in making easier the carry through of the swing, but also, by bringing the spring of the shaft more closely in connection with the head, it leads to straighter driving of the ball. I have very little doubt that in course of time this will be the popular method of fastening heads to shafts. This principle is carried out in several ways in patent clubs; whichever method my beginner fancies, I must leave to his choice.

There are several other so-called improved clubs, and each has its admirers; and certainly with some of them "professors" make wonderful practice; but for ordinary golfers, gradual improvement and the playing of a steady game is to be looked for rather in practice and by sticking to clubs the player is used to, than by running after every new thing which comes out, because it promises to make difficult strokes mere child's play. I have heard it remarked that such a one can play Golf with a broomstick, meaning thereby, that one club in his hands is as good as another. But the fine strokes which such a player makes, depend not upon the particular club he uses, but upon the way in which he makes the club do what he intends it to do. This is true Golf, and this my beginner must work to attain, and then, probably, he will adopt the opinion of my old friend, of which I spoke at starting, and for which after all, I have a sneaking affection.

I shall close this paper with a few remarks on a point of Golf, which has always had considerable interest for me, namely, that the length of the shaft should be longer or shorter according to the height of the player. As things are at present, clubs are very much of the same length; no one seems to have thought of bringing the length of the club to suit the height of the player. On the contrary the player has always been called upon to bring himself to the size of the club. Tall men are the exception, and a club that will suit most men has been held good enough to be used by all. Probably this point has never been much considered for two reasons—first, clubmakers may be very good players, but they have never taken into consideration the scientific side of the question of club-making. Having once got into the habit of making a certain form of club, they have continued ever afterwards to turn their clubs out after the same pattern. Next, professional teachers have always taught by rule of thumb rather than by demonstration of the why and the wherefore. It has always been, "You must do it this way, as I do;" but they never think for a moment why they themselves do as they would teach others. It is quite sufficient for them that they learned from those before them, and if a man would play Golf, he must be content to copy. The moment an intelligent pupil asks, why? he is silenced by the reply, "So it is." Thus the tall man and the short man have all to use clubs of much the same length, and to adapt themselves to the knack of the thing as well as they are able. All this has come under my observation very much of late, simply because in my younger days, middle-aged men, seldom, if ever, thought of taking to Golf, and therefore there were no clumsy beginners.

Unless a man learned Golf as a child, he never thought of learning it at all, and, therefore, amateurs and professionals were all in the same boat. They all learned in childhood, and, except for hints now and then, and observant eyes for what others did, teaching was not required. It has only been of late years that professional players have been able to make a business of teaching grown-up men to play Golf. And it was for grown-up men that I endeavoured last year, in the pages of GOLF, to treat the subject of coaching scientifically, and to try to reduce to principles what the professionals can only do by exacting imitation. The more I worked out the theory, the more I saw that, while the professionals were perfectly right in what they taught, practically the theory of the stroke could be demonstrated so that an intelligent learner could himself become his own teacher. But when I reached this point, then the question of the height of the player, and the uniform length of all clubs, seemed to require the stroke, which was capable of demonstration and illustration, to be adapted to the height of the player; by which I mean that, while everything I stated could be carried out to the letter, and with the most satisfactory result, by the man of medium height, to the tall man it became a perfect impossibility. He must, before success comes to him, bring himself to the height of the medium-sized man. No doubt this can be done in two ways. The tall man must form his back, which should be fairly upright, into a

very bent bow. He must stoop until he can, by reaching down address his ball; or he must sit down, as the professionals would tell him; by which is meant, bend his knees forward until the advantage of his height is neutralised, and he becomes on a level with the man of five feet seven inches to five feet nine inches high. Both positions are more or less awkward, and by them the tall man, who should receive the benefit of his inches, becomes really handicapped, and, besides this, by reason of his attitudes, his strokes become less certain than those of his less fortunate brothers. I do not mean to deny that, now and again, the tall man will not drive the longer ball. He most certainly will; but I do mean, most positively, to assert that, in a round, his ball, though long, will be very erratic, going everywhere but where it should; and he will top more balls, and fizzle his shots throughout to a much greater extent, than the man whom the ordinary club exactly suits. If one is found who does not err as I have described, he has overcome the difficulties by practice from childhood, and daily play, and of such I am not speaking. Having, therefore, set forth my case I shall try to demonstrate it in my next.

COACH.

(To be continued.)

GOLFERS AND COMMON RIGHTS.

The attention of the First Commissioner of Works has been directed to an alleged attempt to stop up a public right of way over Sheen Common. The road leads to a house occupied by Mr. Lindsay, gardener to the Duke of Teck. For more than one hundred years past this road is said to have been used by vehicles going to and from the house which is situated in a large garden belonging to White Lodge and known as the Ranger's Garden. At the entrance to the common, there has been a large swing gate, which till a year or two ago was always open. Latterly, however, the East Sheen Common Preservation Society have placed a lock on this gate, and have supplied those who reside on that corner of the common with a key. This lock has been changed three or four times. This road has on many occasions been used by the Duke and Duchess of Teck and the Duchess of York, when Princess May. Some days ago the Duchess of Teck and the Duchess of York arranged to have a small tea party in the garden, and drove round with the infant Prince; when they arrived at the entrance to the road over the common, they found that a new lock had been placed on the gate, and the carriages were unable to proceed. The gardener had no key, the common-keeper could not be found, and eventually the Duchess and the nurse with the baby had to walk to the garden. The facts have been laid before the First Commissioner, who is making inquiries into the matter. The gentlemen who are called the East Sheen Common Preservation Society have, it is stated, established Golf links on the common, and loud complaints are made as to the manner in which the turf is being burned and cut down and the gravel carted off the common.

NORTH CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Mixed foursomes.—First round. Byes:—Mr. and Mrs. Hankinson, Miss Freeling and Mr. P. R. Tarbet, and Mrs. and Mr. F. Carver, Rev. M. Milling and Miss Prichard beat Mrs. Prichard and Mr. G. B. Vowler, Miss S. Prichard and Mr. A. Ramsay beat Miss Hill and Rev. A. Baring Gould; Mrs. Taylor and Mr. G. C. Taylor beat Miss Blenkinson and Mr. G. Balfour, jun.; Mrs. Vowler and Mr. E. N. Vowler beat Miss Edgell and Mr. W. E. Tarbet; Mrs. Miles and Major Miles beat Miss Daisy Baring-Gould and Mr. A. W. H. Dickinson.

Second round:—Mrs. Hankinson and Mr. R. S. Hankinson beat Miss Freeling and Mr. P. R. Tarbet; Mrs. F. Carver and Mr. F. Carver beat Rev. Mr. Milling and Miss Prichard; Miss S. Prichard and Mr. A. Ramsay beat Mrs. Taylor and Mr. G. C. Taylor; Mrs. Vowler and Mr. E. N. Vowler beat Mrs. Miles and Major Miles.

Third round:—Mrs. F. Carver and Mr. F. Carver beat Mrs. Hankinson and Mr. R. S. Hankinson, by 6 up and 5 to play; Miss S. Prichard and Mr. A. Ramsay beat Mrs. Vowler and Mr. E. V. Vowler, by 5 up and 4 to play.

Final:—Mrs. F. Carver and Mr. F. Carver beat Miss S. Prichard and Mr. A. Ramsay by 3 up and 2 to play.

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Reviews.

LAWS OF GOLF, WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES. London: Horace Cox, Windsor House, Bream's Buildings. Price sixpence.

The object of the compiler of this little book is a laudable one, and no one can gainsay its utility. But the essential element conducing to the success of an explanatory work like this is that it should be accurate, and that it should really make clear what to the ordinary golfing mind is obscure and dubious. First of all, we are not disposed to agree with the writer when he says that the rules "both written and unwritten, have come down to us in the quaint phraseology of our forefathers," and that the Royal and Ancient have not altered the wording materially in the course of revision either four years ago, or before that date. We have compared the present code with one in force eighty-six years ago; and as an illustration of quaintness take this example in contrast with the existing diffuseness:—

"If a ball be stopt by accident, it must be played where it lies, but if stopt by the adversary, or his cady, the party who stops the ball to lose the hole."

That rule cannot be beaten for conciseness and clearness. Nor do we think "that a careful study of the laws of Golf should make them perfectly clear to any individual of average intelligence who has mastered the elementary principles necessary for playing the game." Our correspondence column from week to week tells a different story; and writing with a unique experience on this point, we should say that the boot was altogether on the other leg. We have met many old golfers with a playing experience of half a century behind them, and of great intellectual power, who have confessed that they were baffled by many of the rules and their penalties; and many committees of clubs have the same tale to tell. Surely, it is erroneous in the commentator to say that under Rule VI, a lost hole can be claimed in foursome play if a player plays out of turn off the tee. The rule clearly exempts the tee shot.

In our judgment, it is the "explanation" of Rule XI, which vitiates the soundness and utility of the book as a guide to the golfer, be he beginner or otherwise. The case of the "Jersey stone" was long and laboriously discussed in our columns. The point was this:—On the links of Jersey one day a player found a stone hanging in a whin bush, within swinging distance of his club, the ball lying outside the bush on the green. Could he remove the stone as a break-club? On being appealed to on the point, we said "No;" that all obstacles in a hazard must remain untouched. Among those who supported us in the controversy was the powerful aid of the *Scotsman* newspaper. Capt. Robin, of the Royal Jersey Club, however, had decided that the player could remove the stone, and in this view he was backed up by Mr. Horace Hutchinson and Mr. Hall Blyth—two formidable supporters, we admit, in point of authority. The commentator in this book takes the same view, and says:—

"We hold that a stone, or other loose impediment, may be removed from any hazard, be it whin, road, or sand bunker, or anything else defined as a 'hazard' by Rule XV., when the player's ball is lying within a club-length of such hazard, but not actually touching it."

This is explicit enough; and then the writer adds, apparently satisfied of the infallibility of his own powers of interpretation, "The rule is one of the most explicit in the whole code, and we cannot, for the life of us, construe it to mean otherwise." Unfortunately for the correctness of the above interpretation, the writer does not seem to be aware that the point was carried to the final court of appeal, the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club (*vide* GOLF, Vol. IX, page 46). In answer to a correspondent, Mr. R. A. Hull, the Convener of the Royal and Ancient Club, says:—

"It has always been customary on this green, under the circumstances you mention, to move nothing in a bunker."

The correctness of our view was therefore upheld; and Capt. Robin acknowledged this decision of St. Andrews on page 78

of the same volume—a letter which, by-the-by, the commentator on these rules, now under review, might profitably read as to the clearness of the wording of the code as read by "any individual of average intelligence."

Our commentator is again wrong in his exegesis of Rule XIV., when he says that

"A point that is not generally known or recognised is the fact that only in the downward swing of the club to the ball can any part of the hazard be touched. If the club touch the hazard in the upward swing, the hole can be claimed."

This rule has always been a very unsatisfactory one, and has been productive of many bitter feuds on the green. To put an end to these the Royal and Ancient, in annual meeting assembled, in the first week of May last (*vide* GOLF, Vol. X., page 146), passed this addendum to the rule:—"But if, in the backward or in the downward swing, any grass, bent, whin, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, or wall, paling, or other immovable obstacle be touched, no penalty shall be incurred."

It is a pity the commentator has not kept abreast of legislative progress in golfing matters, for it pains us to say that, admirable as is the conception of the scheme, and clearly as the "comments" have been worded, they are, as they stand, not only unsound and defective, but misleading to every "individual of average intelligence."

THE NEW FOREST: Its Traditions, Inhabitants, and Customs.

By Rose C. de Crespigny and Horace Hutchinson. London: John Murray. Price, 7s. 6d.

THE joint authors of this exceedingly interesting and handsomely got up volume are well known to the readers of this journal—Mrs. de Crespigny by the sparkling gaiety and humour of her Golf verses and songs, and Mr. Hutchinson by the many varied and brilliant articles on golfing subjects which flow with charming spontaneity from his active pen. It is not to be wondered at that Mrs. de Crespigny writes with graceful enthusiasm and sympathy of all that pertains to the wild and picturesque surroundings of the New Forest, for her home for many years has been in the heart of it, and her daily environment is replete with all the dramatic colour of its thrilling associations, both remote and of the present time. But to most golfers Mr. Hutchinson appears in this book in a new light. Most of his readers have looked upon him as a writer on Golf and its attractions, varied now and again by an excursion into the realm of the storyteller, where he has also won considerable repute. It is clear, however, from an article which appeared in a recent number of a magazine, as well as from his share in the composition of this book, that Mr. Hutchinson is many-sided in his intellectual affinities; for the magazine article showed that in treating of many aspects of nature, he possessed all the observation, sympathy, insight, imaginative fancy, and attractive literary style, which have so much endeared to us the names of Richard Jefferies and Grant Allen, as observers of birds, beasts, and all creeping things.

What, then, is the story which our authors have to tell us in this volume? It is shown that the New Forest, by reason of its history and associations, is the most interesting portion of England. To-day we find it practically in the same state as it was originally when it formed the hunting ground of the Norman kings.

"The New Forest, is, for the most part, as its name implies, a vast woodland region, a charming relic of the past life of a now shop-keeping nation. There the wayfarer may wander a summer's day long, and actually lose himself in solitudes peopled only by charcoal-burners, gipsies, and the beasts of the field; need hear no rattle of wheels nor screech of steam-engine; may even forget for some happy hours that he is an Englishman of the latter end of the nineteenth century. All this delight he may find within two hours by train, of London. The Forest embraces in its entirety, over 92,000 acres. Of true, unblemished forest, which neither squatter nor royal favourite has appropriated, there are 62,746 acres, over which every man may roam without let or hindrance."

In this vast territory of woodland, heath, glade, and stream—truly a national park for the nation to be proud of—one may ramble the better part of twelve hours without meeting a fellow-creature with whom to pass the time of day. You are transported at a bound into mediæval hunting days. As you emerge

from the bracken and the thick overhanging boughs into a glade, softly chequered by shade and sunshine, the person you look for is not a citizen of the world contemporary with yourself, but the melancholy Jacques, the coquettish Rosalind, with a roguish twinkle in her eye, making elaborate fooling of her lover's verses just plucked off a bush, or Touchstone and Audrey engaged in one of their pleasing interludes. That is the imaginative side of the picture. The person whom you are likely to meet is a broad-faced, quiet-eyed, irregularly-habited man, having all the air of an inveterate poacher. This is one of the West Saxon inhabitants of whom our authors tell us it cannot be said that they have changed their habits in the least all these centuries. He is, like Autolycus, a picker up of unconsidered trifles, such as a hare, a rabbit, or a partridge; he never travels beyond the boundaries of the Forest, has no curiosity to visit the haunts of civilisation, and when he does leave home, say, to enlist, the malady of home-sickness is so strong within him that he is certain to come back to the free, unrestrained, easy life of the Forest. For example, we are told by the authors that the descendants of a man named Purkis, a charcoal burner, who took charge of the body of William Rufus after he was slain by Tyrrell's arrow, are still to be found in the forest to-day. The same characteristic is noted as belonging to the seventy families of gypsies who inhabit the Forest; their habits and mode of life remain unchanged. Though they are allowed only to encamp for twenty-four hours on one spot at a time they manage to eke out a scanty livelihood and to evade the imposts of their neighbour, Sir William Harcourt, and other statesmen who have held the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The beasts of the chase hunted in the Forest to-day are the buck, the doe, the fox and the roe, while the hare, rabbit, pheasant and partridge may also be had. Of 354 species of birds recognised as natives of Great Britain, 250 are to be found in the Forest. Shooting licenses are issued by the Crown to individuals on payment of £20; but the bags are sometimes far from being commensurate either with the price paid or with the toil and physical discomfort involved in securing a solitary brace of birds. This aspect of the licensee's misfortune as a sportsman affords Mrs de Crespigny an opportunity to introduce two songs which hit off the humours of the situation in capital style. During the time of Elizabeth the trees of the Forest supplied the material for our war ships, but the Stuarts appear to have looked upon the Forest as a convenient item of pin money for the many ladies, other than the Queen, who did us the honour in those days to diversify by scandal, our Court life. Thus, in 1608 there were 123,927 sound trees in the Forest; in Queen Anne's time the number had diminished to 12,476, showing the method of wholesale plunder that had in the interval been followed. In 1848, however, the New Forest was taken in hand by a commission, the object being to adjust the rights of the commoners as well as those of the Crown. The Verderer, who was originally appointed to look after the Royal prerogatives in the Forest, has now become the representative of the commoners, and he is elected by open voting. The commoners are constantly at war with the Crown in reference to some of their rights and privileges, and in the Court of Swainmote, which has held its sitting from time immemorial, all offences against the Forest laws are tried. The commoners have the right to turn their horses, cows, and pigs into the Forest for pasture; and one may see whole herds of unshod ponies curiously branded, or with the hair of their tails cut in curious terrace-like fringes, roaming over the heather-covered heaths much in the same way as one sees similar herds in Texas or Montana. In connection with the rights of the commoner there is one curious fact. The rights belong not to the individual, but to the hearthstone of the cottage or the house, and they pass with the tenement. One of the curious tenures also is that known as "Keyhold tenure." If a man can build a hut in a single night so that the fire can be lighted on the hearth next morning, the hut and the adjoining plot become his in perpetuity; in this way whole villages sprang up in a night. If a cottage is rebuilt, care is always taken to preserve intact the original hearthstone.

The chapters on Folk-lore, the ancient barrows and finds of Roman pottery, the smuggling and deer poaching, the birds and insect life, the charcoal-burners and other queer characters, and the geological formation, are all full of curious, out-of-way

facts, which merit the attention of the student. The New Forest is also interesting to the golfer, by reason of its unique Golf courses at Lyndhurst, Bramshaw (the latter on Mrs. de Crespigny's doorstep), and at Brockenhurst. Judging by internal evidence, Mr. Hutchinson has evidently contributed the Golf chapter of the book; and in it he has done no more than justice to the excellence of the courses possessed by the New Forest Golf Club. The pilgrimage of the golfer cannot be complete until he has seen one or other of these courses, amid their marvellous surroundings; and if the pilgrim should find himself at Bramshaw, with a desire to sample local talent, he will get a match—and possibly a beating—if Mr. de Crespigny happens to be at home.

Altogether, this is a supremely interesting book. It tells a story of old-world custom and lore as entrancing as a fairy tale; and those of our readers who are interested in this and cognate subjects ought to make a point of buying the volume.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Ramornie medal was played off on Thursday, August 22nd, in pleasant weather. The medal was presented to the club last year by Mr. H. V. Haig, of Ramornie, this being the second time it has been competed for. The medal was won last year by Mr. Percy Balfour, who beat Dr. A. E. Watson in the final by 2 up and 1 to play. The conditions by which the medal is played for are by holes under handicap. The greens are at present in capital order, the new supply of water having greatly assisted to keep them so. The whole course, in spite of the great amount of play, has been kept in very good condition by the energetic Links Joint Committee. Twelve couples competed in the first round, there being one bye. The result of the first and second rounds is as follows:—First round—Mr. W. N. Boase (plus 1) beat Mr. James H. Smith (4) by 1 hole; Mr. Balfour D. Adamson (4) beat Mr. T. E. Keyden, jun. (3), by 2 holes; Mr. John Foggo (plus 1) beat Mr. Percy Balfour (plus 1) by 7 up and 6 to play; Colonel Adamson (3) beat Mr. Andrew Hogg (8) by 5 up and 3 to play; Rev. A. M'Kenzie (5) beat Mr. George R. Fortune (scratch) by 1 hole; Mr. Andrew Dewar (5) beat Mr. John Balfour (6) by 1 hole; Mr. John Macgibbon (scratch) beat Dr. R. J. Cowrie (1) by 2 holes; Mr. Maxwell Balfour (2) beat Mr. T. E. Keyden, sen. (10), by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. L. Crole (4), beat Rev. John Henderson (1), walk over; Mr. Robert Hutchinson (10) beat Mr. Robert Russell (scratch) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. William Henderson (plus 1) beat Mr. R. M. Pilkington (7) by 3 up and 2 to play; Dr. A. T. Crole (1) beat Mr. James Forgan (8) by 2 holes. Second Round—Mr. W. Norman Boase (plus 1) beat Mr. A. A. Bowman (scratch) by 1 hole; Mr. John Foggo (plus 1) beat Mr. Balfour D. Adamson (4) by 5 up and 4 to play; Rev. A. M'Kenzie (5) beat Colonel D. Adamson (3) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. John Macgibbon (scratch) beat Mr. Andrew Dewar (5) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. L. Crole (4) beat Mr. Maxwell Balfour (2) by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. William Henderson (plus 1) beat Mr. Robert Hutchinson (10) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Third round.—Mr. W. Norman Boase (plus 1) beat Dr. A. F. Crole (1) by 3 up and 1 to play; Rev. Alex. M'Kenzie (5) beat Mr. John Foggo (plus 1) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. L. Crole (4) beat Mr. John Macgibbon (scratch), by 2 holes; Mr. William Henderson, a bye.

Fourth round.—Mr. W. Norman Boase (plus 1) beat Mr. William Henderson (plus 1) by 2 up and 1 to play; Rev. Alex. M'Kenzie (5) beat Mr. G. L. Crole (4) by 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. Boase was in splendid form in the fourth round, and went round in the good score of 80.

Final.—The final for the Ramornie medal was played on Saturday, August 24th, in showery weather. The finalists were—Mr. W. Norman Boase (plus 1) and Rev. Alex. M'Kenzie (5). There being a question as to whether a certain hole had been won by Mr. M'Kenzie or not, the result will not be known till the committee has decided the question.

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“PHEESICAL OR METAPHEESICAL.”

I HAVE consulted an eminent Scottish divine of St. Andrews on the subject. He is a person celebrated for his breadth of view, and, indeed, his attitude towards the present question went far in itself to prove that breadth, for otherwise he must incontinently have dismissed the matter as pertaining to the Devil, or to the Pope, which, in the mouth of many of his brethren, would be only synonyms. But he did no such thing; he argued the matter out, dispassionately, on its merits.

The question arose in this way:—We were all familiar with the methods of the ordinary Scottish caddie. We knew him, especially, that he was to be watched with peculiar care as we came to the last holes of the evening round, in the gloaming; for he had a habit, often detected, of inserting into the ground, between the opponent's ball and the hole, a green-painted pin, invisible among the grass, but which yet opposed the passage of the ball into the hole as effectually as a *chevaux-de-frise* resists the charge of a squadron. The ball broke itself on that salient pin; the player damned “that wiry blade of grass”; the caddie, as he picked his own master's ball from the hole, trod in the pin, and the episode was ended. That was a form of physical obstacle to the passage of the ball into the hole with which we were perfectly familiar—might even have been guilty of a personal familiarity with it, though we did not confess as much, in days long past; for it has happened, in some period in their lives, even to eminent Scottish divines, to have been boys, and boys are for ever mischievous.

This matter in question, however, was raised by the action of a girl—not by the action of one girl only, moreover, but by the action common to many girls—to so many girls, in fact, as carry clubs for the golfers of the Island of Guernsey. They make very charming little caddies, picturesque, with their bare legs and feet in the summer, talking a taking lingo, too, in which Gallicisms and golfing Scotticisms mingle pleasantly, with a piquant accent. And they are sympathetic—much more sympathetic than the boy-caddie of Great Britain. This may be partly a question of nationality, but partly also, no doubt, it is a question of sex. I consulted the eminent Scottish divine on this side of the question also, but he put it hurriedly by him in a shame-faced fashion. On the main question submitted to him, however, he deliberated seriously. The facts were these: As soon as the master of one of these girl caddies had holed his putt, and it became the turn of the opponent to play, the caddie would spit—prettily, in no offensive fashion—upon the ground, and describe a cross, with her forefinger, in the air, above the line of the proposed putt, to obstruct the passage of the ball into the hole.

Now, was this fair? It is evident that, on a question of this nature, one required the judgment of a theologian, no less than of one versed, merely as a layman, in the laws of Golf. For this suggested an interference not contemplated even in the most recently accepted rules of Golf, as revised by Lord Kingsburgh and his committee. Certainly it seemed like invoking the assistance of a person other than the player or his caddie, and this is expressly forbidden by the rules. But, on the other hand, where was this person, and who was to prove that he had interfered, or even that he was an agency included in the philosophy of Lord Kingsburgh and the other wise men? The pin, in the physical method of interfering with the run of the ball, remained as evidence, but there was no sign left of the crossing of the air, and if any unworthy agency had been

invoked it vanished, leaving no trace, not even a smell of brimstone. And yet it seemed scarcely right to deny all power whatsoever to the invocation. The theologian whom I took into council scarcely thought it right to go as far as this; he admitted that “there might be something in it.” Even on the merely rationalistic analysis, it is not without its force. We all know how it affects a man's stroke if he be led to imagine an inequality, which has absolutely no existence in fact, on the line of his putt: how much more fatally efficacious must be the suggestion that the devil bars his path! It is scarcely reasonable to doubt that the devil often does. There is no other rationally acceptable hypothesis on which some of the missed putts can be explained. On this point it might be well to consult “Old Tom.”

But is his agency one that is tacitly, if not expressly, contemplated in the rules; and is it a breach of the rules to invoke his assistance, or to repel his services (in whichsoever significance we are to regard the invocation), in the manner practised by the little girl-caddies of Guernsey? It is a matter on which I have been able to receive no satisfactory assurance even from the eminent theological and golfing faculty which I have consulted; but it is a matter that it concerns the golfer of Guernsey, for the sake no less of his soul than of his Golf, to look into very shrewdly.

All that the Scottish divine would say, by way of committal, was that, if it came to a close match, he would prefer to put his faith on the pin.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

WEST RIDING GOLF CLUB, WHARFEDALE.

A new Golf Club for the Bradford district is being started under the above name. It is proposed to incorporate the club under a section of the Companies Acts that applies to institutions not managed for profit, in order to eliminate any question of personal responsibility.

The suggested course, of eighteen holes, runs from Pool Bridge, along the side of the River Wharfe, to its junction with the River Washburn, being bounded on the north side by Leathley Lane, and comprises 126 acres of old pasture land, almost level, with hard, fine turf and a gravelly subsoil; also a further seventeen acres over the Washburn, forming part of Farnley Park, which makes a very sporting addition. The club have the offer of the land on a seven or fourteen years' lease. The course is centrally and conveniently situated, being within ten miles of Leeds, Bradford, Harrogate, Ilkley, Otley, Guiseley, Rawdon, Yeadon, &c., and served by North-Eastern trains, that will be stopped (for golfers) at Pool, running between Leeds and Ilkley, Bradford and Harrogate, the first tee, close to Pool Bridge, being seven minutes' walk from the station. The land being of ample extent, there will be room for several holes, from 450 yards, upwards, in length, requiring three strokes to reach the green (an experience not to be realised on existing local links), and unusual scope for brassy play will be afforded. An experimental laying out shows that a course of over 6,500 yards, measured from tee to green, can easily be obtained, without crossing, thus equalling St. Andrews and Sandwich in length, and exceeding existing courses hereabouts by nearly a mile.

The links will be private, and the grazing over the 126 acres will be under the full control of the club, who lease this portion, the seventeen acres of park land being retained by the lessor, the club having the right to make greens, bunkers, and cut the line to the hole.

The land being of a gravelly nature, snow or rain very quickly pass off, thus making it an excellent winter course, and on many days available when other greens would be closed. The putting-greens and tees will be natural, and can be made by simply rolling the present surface, sanding, and manuring same in ordinary course.

The site has been inspected by golfers, representing most of the clubs in the West Riding, and it is said that it has met with unanimous and unqualified approval.

“SCOTSMAN” CLUB.—The monthly medal and other prizes were played for over the Braids on August 21st. The prize winners were:—Monthly medal and first prize, Mr. J. Chumley, 90, less 8=82; 2, Mr. T. Brotherston, 97, less 14=83; 3, Mr. G. Aitken, 97, less 13=84; and Mr. J. P. Lees, 97, less 13=84 (tie).

A FAMILY DISASTER.

The bit of ill-luck which I tell you of here
Has lately disturbed my unruffled career,
For Susy and I had been married, and lent
A house, where our honey-moon was to be spent,
By Aunt Julia Ann, a most worthy relation,
A funny old thing,—with a taste for *cremation*.

Now, Aunt Julia Ann was a person of wealth,
And we all were alive to the state of her health ;
Each one of us thought that, with ordin'ry care,
He might figure at last in her will as her heir.
So when anyone died to whom she was related,
She easily managed to have them cremated.

On the best parlour mantelpiece, all in a row,
In quaintly shaped vases, some high and some low,
The calcined remains of the family slept
Like treacle or ginger, most carefully kept ;
And Susy, whose soul such a spectacle tickles,
Would always refer to the lot as "the pickles."

There was Grandmamma Wiggins, and Grandpapa Jones,
In the jars at each end, little heaps of dried bones,
There was Sister Maria, and Great-uncle Joe,
And Aunt Sarah Jane, and a cousin or so,
And lest doubt should arise where the relics were stabled,
Each jar—like a jam pot—was carefully labelled.

And Susy and I learnt to love them at last,
These powdered remains of a day that was past ;
Twice a week with our own hands we carefully dusted
The family tombs with which we'd been entrusted ;
For we hoped with such care her behest to fulfil,
That we both might be found in Aunt Julia Ann's will.

At first, with a proper reserve, I am sure,
We mentioned no name without prefixing "poor,"
But as custom inured us, we raised up the lid,
To look at the ashes which each vessel hid,
And to guess which was livelier, pretty, or duller,
By the size of the heap, and the depth of the colour.

Now it happened one day we'd a morning to spare,
And Susy was dusting the jars with great care,
When it suddenly struck her 'twould be a good plan,
And be sure to give pleasure to Aunt Julia Ann,
If she turned out the ashes from where they lay sleeping
And scrubbed out the jars, put apart for their keeping.

'Twas an ill-fated notion that entered her head,
For at once we proceeded to do what she said ;
And here let me mention that nothing more rash is,
Than thoughtlessly rousing your pedigree's ashes,
For before the affair may be finished and done,
You may heartily wish that you'd never begun.

We carefully lifted the jars from the shelf,
And I moved down the heavy ones gently myself,
While Susy spread out on the best parlour floor
A newspaper sheet, into which she could pour
The pulverised relics, each separate mound
In front of its jar, as it stood on the ground.

The sight of these ancestors all in a row
Filled Susy's soft heart, with compassionate woe,
And pausing, she said, in a mood lachrymose,
" 'Tis true they're enjoying a well-*urned* repose,"
Quite forgetting two things, first, the morning was gusty,
And secondly, all our relations were dusty.

Now Grandpapa Jones she'd just put on the floor,
In a heap, when a puff of wind came through the door,
And before we could catch them, by luck or by grace,
Our relations were scattered all over the place,
And all (I would fain leave it out of this ballad)
Got mixed in a regular family salad.

For Grandmamma Wiggins mixed up with Aunt Jane,
And Great-uncle Joe we shall ne'er see again ;
He was whisked through the window and on to the lawn,
While Susy and I wished we'd never been born ;
But 'twas no use to stand his departure regretting,
We'd to rescue the rest from their sudden upsetting.

So Susy went down on the floor on her knees,
Resisting a strong inclination to sneeze,
To sort each relation was out of the question,
We vetoed the plan at the very suggestion ;
They were scattered and mixed up all over the room,
We could only collect them again with a broom.

We spent the best part of a fine afternoon,
Refilling the jars with the help of a spoon ;
But as Great-uncle Joe had gone off in a puff,
When it came to replacing, there wasn't enough ;
And alas ! we had come to the end of the bones,
While the jar was still empty for Grandpapa Jones.

We scraped and we pinched with the greatest of care,
It was all of no use, we were plunged in despair,
Till Susy exclaimed, "Why these silly regrets ?
Of course, there's one way,—you must smoke cigarettes.
A truce to these sighings and half-hearted groans,
We'll never be *done* for a Grandpapa Jones !"

So I smoked cigarettes till the evening waxed late,
And Susy collected the ash in a plate ;
Even then we considered we'd hardly enough,
So dusted grey pepper on top of the stuff ;
Then we filled up the jar with the pleasing reflection,
That Grandpapa Jones could now challenge detection.

All the same, when Aunt Julia came home the next day,
We quaked as she peeped where her relatives lay
In the jars as they stood on the best parlour fixture,
To look at each sample of ancestral mixture ;
And we thought of her will, and of possible loans,
As she neared the big jar, labelled "Grandpapa Jones."

She sneezed seven times as she opened the urn,
While we feared every moment the truth she'd discern ;
But no ! And we scarce could restrain our elation,
As she shut down the lid, with but one observation,
Which she gasped through the coughing, we both thought
would choke her,
"I never knew Grandpapa Jones was a smoker."

And she never discovered from that day to this,
That the family ash-heaps had all gone amiss.
The rose by the window, that year, was a show,
Which we fancy was owing to Great-uncle Joe.
She has made us her heirs, with but one stipulation,
That her end shall be peace—in a jar, through cremation.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY

A COMPETITION, open to professionals only, will be held on Portrush Links on Thursday, Friday, and (if necessary) Saturday, September 12th, 13th, and 14th. Prizes to the amount of £100 will be given, and will be divided as follows :—First prize, £30 ; second prize, £15 ; two prizes, £7 10s. each ; four prizes, £5 each ; eight prizes, £2 10s. each. Entries close with the house-steward at the club-house, Portrush, County Antrim, on Saturday, September 7th. Entrance-fee of 5s. must accompany each entry. Play will be by holes, in accordance with the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Each game will consist of one round of eighteen holes, but in the final thirty-six holes will be played. In the event of a tie in any round, competitors will continue to play until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the match will be considered won. Valuable prizes will also be given for a mixed competition by amateurs and professionals, to be held on the 14th.



ANDREW KIRKALDY *v.* WILLIE FERNIE.—There is, it seems, every likelihood that the challenge by Andrew Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, to play Willie Fernie, of Troon, over three greens, for £100, will lead to an interesting match. Fernie, it is understood, is quite prepared for the encounter, and the preliminaries have been arranged and the money lodged. Play, however, will not take place until the beginning of October, in view of the important professional tournaments at Portrush and Nairn next month. Two of the greens will be St. Andrews and Troon, and the third green will be decided by lot before the match begins.

The Luffness New Golf Club has issued a neat little *brochure* containing the rules and regulations of the club, with a list of members; the number at present being fully 200, while the number provided for under the rule is 650. Golfers who wish to have the advantage of this splendid course would be wise to take advantage of this chance of being in the list, especially as there is little likelihood of the proposal to remove the Old Luffness Club to Gosford ever coming to much, and the subscription will be raised after November 12th, 1895. The *brochure* of the new club has a representation of the Leconfield gold medal.

To judge by the number of competitions recorded during the past fortnight, August appears to be the month which ladies most affect for their competitions, the fair sex having been quite to the front lately at St. Andrews, Prestwick, North Berwick, Gullane, Kinghorn, Innerleven, Troon, Hawick, and other Scottish greens, while in England their "meets" have been "too numerous to mention." It would appear as if a dead set were about to be made against the ladies who are bold enough to play over the gentlemen's course, and at Machrihanish we believe prohibition is spoken of, while in the new North Berwick Rules they are limited to certain hours. This is hard lines for ladies who are masters of the game, but it is the large company of the duffer players who are to blame.

Sir David Evans, a former Lord Mayor of London, with Lady Evans and family, are staying at the Rectory, North Berwick, and every day the ex-Mayor, with some of his friends, may be seen among the frequenters of the links.

Lord Wolseley, who is to be our new Commander in Chief, is said on one occasion to have given this memorable advice to a young subaltern—"If you want to get on in the army, you must do your best to get killed." "Timothy" says that Wolseley's advice is well-known among golfers under the following disguise, "If you want to get on at Golf, you must do your best to lie dead."

The same correspondent says that the best *driver* is undoubtedly that of the West of Scotland Railway express train which so recently astonished the East Company and

the world by swiping from Euston to Aberdeen in 8 hours 32 minutes—a distance of 540 miles in 512 minutes, or a rate of 67¼ miles an hour, deducting stoppages.

The Hon. Evan Charteris, with Ben Sayers as partner, after defeating Mr. A. M. Ross and his partner, Mr. G. L. M'Ewan, at North Berwick, played a return match at Luffness, when they were again victorious, but only by 1 hole on each round. The scoring was superb, viz., 75 and 76 for first round, and 76 and 77 respectively for the second.

Cyclists are beginning to be afraid that, owing to the agitation on the matter, a tax will soon be put on their wheels. Golf-clubs and caddies will likely come next.

Messrs. A. & D. Padon, St., Andrews Square, Edinburgh, are selling enormous quantities of the Silvertown ball at 9s. a dozen. The firm receive the balls from the company unpainted, and paint them on their own account in the most satisfactory manner. They are also making up balls, in capital style, at less than 2d. each. The Edinburgh Store advertises Silvertowns at 9s. 6d. a dozen, "paint guaranteed," which is making a strong bid for golfers' patronage.

A foursome, which attracted a good deal of attention at Gullane last week, was that between Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Miss M. Aitchison against Mr. J. C. Baldwin and Miss M. Aitken, the two gentlemen being well-known excellent players, and the two ladies being also in the first rank. The former couple had the advantage in both rounds played. In the course of the match some fine play was witnessed.

The Irish Open Amateur Championship meeting will be held on the links of the Royal Portrush Golf Club, at Portrush, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 10th to 14th, under the auspices of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

In our issue of August 16th, it was erroneously stated that the score of 71 made by R. Jones, the professional at Littlehampton, was made at Northampton. The score was made by Jones while playing with Mr. Norman Dawson over the Littlehampton course on August 7th.

Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P., is to be the new captain of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. It was at Wimbledon that the hon. member first learned to play the game, and since he joined the club he has made immense progress in his play. He is particularly strong off the tee, and through the green in his creak play. It takes a good scratch player to give him a third. We believe the new captain's election will be a popular one among the members. Mr. Seton-Karr has the reputation of being one of the best shots in the House of Commons.

A correspondent writes:—"I should like to call your attention to the action of the Morecambe Golf Club, which as a well-wisher of the game, I trust is unusual. Robert Tait, having seen an advertisement by the Morecambe Club for a professional, wrote applying for the situation, and forwarded his testimonials. Not having heard anything, he some time after wrote to the secretary to return his testimonials to enable him to apply elsewhere. He has since written several times, and has forwarded stamps for postage, but has received no reply. After waiting three weeks, he consulted a solicitor, and on Friday last, this gentleman wrote for a return of the testimonials, and informing them of the loss his client had sustained, but no reply has been received. I have played Golf now for some three or four years, and have always found the members and officials of the clubs I have come in contact with most

courteous and obliging, and a spirit among golfers I have not noticed in any other game, which should be maintained. I think you will agree with me, that professionals are deserving of better treatment than this, and in the interests of the game, I would ask you to call attention to this in the next issue of your paper." No doubt the committee of the club will now give their kind attention to the remonstrance, which, in the circumstances, seems to be well justified.

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A Golf match, on the principle of "No work, no pay," was got up at St. Andrews on Saturday, August 24th. A lover of the game offered a five-pound note to either of the two Kirkaldys, Andrew or Hugh, or to Willie Auchterlonie, provided any of them did the round in 76, or less. After a stiff fight, Willie Auchterlonie brought the issue to the last hole, and just lost the fiver by a single putt.

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There does not appear to be any likelihood of the challenge issued by Andrew Kirkaldy and Archie Simpson resulting in a match; and now Andrew and Willie Fernie are to play a single for £100 on St. Andrews and Troon, with a third round to be decided by ballot. Fernie was Champion some years ago, and still retains his fine form, as was evinced by his play in the month of June last, when he was in St. Andrews.

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Mr. Murray, the publisher, is at present residing in St. Andrews. Mr. Murray is an old golfer, and is enjoying himself on the green.

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The Dalziel Patent Tee was exhibited at St. Andrews in the Calcutta Cup week. It is constructed of indiarubber, and in shape is something like a boot sole, with an opening in the centre to allow of the disc on which the ball rests to be elevated or depressed. A small caddie, who was enlarging on the merits of the patent, affirmed that, by the aid of the screw, you could raise the tee as high as the Eiffel Tower.

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With reference to the "Tee Shot" which appeared in our columns from *Golfing*, our American contemporary, to the effect that Tom Morris was likely to visit the golfing greens in America some time in the month of October next, it is now said that the announcement, to say the least, is premature. There is no likelihood of the G. O. M. of Golf visiting America this year, and at his time of life it will need some considerable persuasion to get Tom to undertake a voyage across the Atlantic.

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The town of Nairn is finding it to its advantage to advertise the attractions of its links, and it offers the sum of £54, to be played for by professional golfers on September 17th next. There is also to be a tournament for amateurs on September 18th and 19th.

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On Saturday, at Brancaster, Messrs. Lee Barber, and J. H. Mannall, played their best ball against Mr. H. M. Bell. The former started well, and were 1 up at the turn; in coming home they increased their lead to 3, but the Scotchman stuck to his guns, and was just able to square the match.

MIXED DOUBLES AT GULLANE.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 19th, 20th and 21st, a competition by holes was played at Gullane. There were several very close matches, and in the final the players tied. On playing off the tie the match went to the last hole. The winners played splendid Golf throughout. Mr. L. L. Bilton and Miss H. Bilton beat Mr. J. Mackenzie and Miss Robertson by 2 holes after a tie.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

BIDEFORD.—The anonymous letter writer is always a coward and a cad, and yours fulfils the justice of the axiom exactly.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In playing the last hole on the Seascale Links, my partner sliced his drive badly, and in consequence had to play his second shot over the club-house—a small building which stands upon the course. He took his brassie and lashed his ball clean through the open door of the dressing-room, where, after rushing up and down the walls, visiting the floor and ceiling, breaking a comb, and horribly frightening two elderly gentlemen, it finally rested in peace upon the boards. My friend claimed to be allowed to play it out from where it lay; I said he should bring it out and drop it, losing a stroke. The local rules seemingly did not cover the case, and as the dispute clouded the brightness of a fortnight's holiday and threatens to mar a friendship of years, be good enough to say which of us was right.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. B.

[This is almost too laughable for serious decision. The player had two courses open to him—to try to play the ball out without imperilling the limbs and the lives of the occupants of the club-house, or endangering the glass ware of the establishment; or to give up the hole. In asking to play the ball as it lay he was within his rights, but we also think that the offer to allow the ball to be brought out and dropped with the loss of a stroke was a generous one, and ought to have been gratefully accepted.—ED.]

STYLES OF PLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The very interesting contributions of Mr. Laidlaw Purves and Mr. Horace Hutchinson on this subject have been a disappointment. It was felt that the subject would open up a discussion that would tend to settle many of the vexed questions as to the best style of play. Style does not appear to matter much to the professionals. With a club in their hands from children, they frequently seem to defy theories and methods; but to amateurs (especially those who have taken up the game late in life), style is of the greatest importance; to them, so little will make a difference; and if we could only have a recognised standard of excellence in style, as adopted by the majority of our leading players, it would do much to simplify the game.

We owe so much to Mr. Horace Hutchinson that we must look to him, for one, to keep us up to date, and I think he must admit that some of his instructions in "Badminton" do not fit in with recent observations, set forth so carefully by Mr. Laidlaw Purves, and which I can fully endorse by my own observations, made at Open and Amateur Championship meetings.

The following points require settling:—

1. Should the right foot be advanced in driving? The majority of first-class players appear to do so.
2. Should the driver be held short or long? and is anything gained in carry by a long hold?

3. Should the driver be held loose by the right hand? Many first-class players laugh at the loose right-hand theory.

4. Should the swing be longer than the horizontal? The majority of our leading players do not appear to swing further round than the horizontal, or very slightly so.

It will be seen how an answer to these questions will affect an amateur's play. For instance, if it can be shown that a long, full swing, say, beyond the horizontal, does not help him; if a loose right hand is no assistance, and if holding at the end of his driver will not lengthen his carry, he will at once be relieved of difficulties which only tend to make him less accurate. At the same time much will be done to simplify the game.

How is it that we seldom have opinions from the leading players themselves? Is it that they ignore style? If so, it is indeed strange that so subtle and difficult a game can be played without method.

I am, Sir, &c.,
K. P.

P.S.—The question of iron play appears to be settled, nearly all good players playing off the right foot; and putting may be left to the fancy of the player.

COUNTY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—You suggested some little time ago, when referring, in GOLF, to the letter sent round by the Hants and Isle of Wight County Golf Association, on the subject of County Golf, that a digest of the replies received would be of interest. I think we have now received the opinions of most of the clubs who desire to express them, though replies still come in at intervals. I may as well, therefore, give briefly the result of our canvass as far as it has gone.

Looking at the replies as a whole, one is struck with the very general interest expressed in the idea of "County Golf;" also with the great modesty which seems to be innate in Golf Clubs. This particular trait was, I think, observed and commented on in GOLF by a correspondent some weeks ago. The result of this modesty is that many clubs, while anxious for the realisation of some scheme of "County Golf," feel that any one of the other clubs in their county were better qualified to take the initiative, and consequently the first step, proverbially so costly, is not taken. This, I think, accounts for the fact that there are as yet only four counties that have organised associations, while so many clubs would like to see this accomplished in their own counties.

In order to classify the replies somewhat, I have divided them into four groups, the rest, which do not come under any of these heads, are merely acknowledgments of the letter, and promises (not yet fulfilled!) that the opinion of the club-committee shall follow. The replies come from nearly fifty clubs in twenty-four different counties, and may be divided thus:—

1. Favourable	...	...	...	...	...	28
2. Unfavourable	...	...	...	...	...	2
3. "Cannot see their way to take any action in the matter"	...	...	...	...	...	3
4. "Waiting to see what happens in other clubs"	...	...	...	...	...	2

I think, in the replies, of one at least, of the three clubs that "cannot see their way to take any action," I can read an unfavourable opinion between the lines. But of the two clubs who express their disapproval of the idea, one does not consider its opinion as representing that of the county in which it is located. Clubs in the counties of Hampshire, Norfolk, and Yorkshire were not written to, as we may assume they are in favour of County Golf.

Several correspondents express the opinion that County Golf is bound to come sooner or later, and I think the general tenor of the replies so far received tends to confirm this opinion. It remains now to put to a practical test the interest attaching to, and the value of Inter-County matches. This will be done very shortly, as the first Inter-County Golf match, that between

Hampshire and Yorkshire, will take place on September 26th on the links of the Cleveland Golf Club at Redcar, Yorkshire, and the return match at Bembridge (Isle of Wight), on October 8th.

Several other matches will, I expect, follow during the autumn. Of the success or otherwise of these matches you, Mr. Editor, will be sure to hear from many sources.

Hoping that I have succeeded in conveying to you a correct idea of the various opinions expressed on this subject.

I am, Sir, &c.,
P. F. MORTON, Hon. Secretary.
Hants and Isle of Wight County Golf Association.

GOLF AT BRANCASTER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—After seeing Brancaster for the first time, I cannot refrain from giving you a short account, however feeble, of first impressions. Of course, I had heard and read about it frequently, and had formed high expectations, but I did not expect to find a course to which nature had been so remarkably kind. It reminds me of Luffness in the days when there were marshes, and at the ninth hole the likeness to the Eden is striking. The turf is not of such an excellent character as to be able to stand the amount of play that the links of the Lothians and of Fife have to submit to, but there are comparatively few bad lies on the course, and some of the greens, say the fifth, eighth, ninth, fourteenth, and last, are as wide and good as need be, showing what can be done to improve a naturally thin soil.

The sea marsh gives a distinctive character to the course, and whether it is purple with lavender (*Statice Limonium*), or covered with the tide, forms a beautiful feature in the scene. At the eighth hole, it may be more or less beautiful, according to the result of the tee shot; I consider this one of the most sporting holes that I ever had the pleasure of playing. Was it by accident or design that there is a sort of natural bench at the teeing-ground, on which golfers can sit and watch those in front playing two or three more? It is generally quite enough for poor souls to cross the Rubicon, but in this case there are two Rubicons, and we must out-Cæsar Cæsar to ensure success. The ninth hole is nearly as sporting as the famous Island Hole of the Machrie course, Islay, but is not so difficult. The last hole of all is one of the best, and the green, or rather the surrounding bunkers, must often give rise to scenes as good as a play, when one is sitting at ease in the balcony of the clubhouse, watching the faces and gestures of the finishing couples.

I saw a curious incident at the seventeenth hole yesterday. Tingey made a half-shot, which landed close to the water's edge. On coming up, we found the ball a foot and a half behind the spot where it had landed on some wet, rather firm sand, the slight slope being towards the water! I can only account for it from the fact that Tingey puts a lot of spin on the ball when making an approach.

I am Sir, &c.,
H. M. B.

Brancaster, August 24th.

GOLFER'S ELBOW.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to "Another Cripple's" letter *re* Golf Elbow, I recommend him to try "Halviva Embrocation"; rub well morning and evening. It cured me and many others whom I know. While using the embrocation rest is advisable, and after resuming Golf the rubbing should be continued for some time.

I am, Sir, &c.,
NO LONGER A CRIPPLE

Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal.
August 24th, 1895.



MR. LAIDLAY AND HUGH KIRKALDY.

On the the invitation of Mr. J. E. Laiday, Hugh Kirkaldy, the St. Andrews professional, paid a visit, on the 20th, to the Leven and Lundin course, and the couple played three rounds of the links. The fact that two such well-known exponents of the game had started to play from the Largo end, soon became known, and before half-a-dozen holes were decided a crowd of several hundred persons were following the game, many golfers lifting their own clubs and becoming spectators. In the first round both men played a steady game. Going out from Largo, the professional, on reaching Leven, was 2 holes up, the amateur having made here an undesirable acquaintance with the Scoonie Burn. On the return journey Kirkaldy opened well, winning the tenth and eleventh holes, and thus securing a lead of 4. The next hole was halved. After this Mr. Laidlay came away in brilliant fashion, beating his opponent at each of the succeeding three holes, two of which, including the one over the mile dyke, were taken in 3. The remaining three holes being halved, Kirkaldy was 1 up on the round. The following are the scores:—Hugh Kirkaldy.—Out—6 4 4 4 5 4 4 5=40; in—4 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 5=38; total 78. Mr. Laidlay.—Out—5 4 4 5 5 4 5 4 7=43; in—5 4 4 3 3 4 4 5=36; total 79. In the opening half of the second round neither player was in his best form, nothing below a 4 being recorded, and the majority being 5's and 6's. The professional, although not getting into particular difficulties, was even 2 above par for the first hole. They were all even at the turn. Going home the amateur had some very bad luck, being in three bunkers before he reached the Dyke, while the professional made what was regarded as a record for the half-round, taking four holes in 3 each, having only one 5, the remainder being 4's. He was 4 up on the round. The following were the scores:—Kirkaldy.—Out—7 5 4 5 4 5 5 5 6=46; in—4 3 3 4 3 3 4 4 5=33; total 79. Mr. Laidlay.—Out—6 5 5 5 6 5 4 5=46; in—8 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 4=41; total 87. The third round was characterised by steady play. Again they were all even at the Leven end, and Mr. Laidlay, who had an almost unbroken record of 4's, was 1 up. He was thus 4 holes down on the day's play. The scores in the last round were:—Mr. Laidlay.—Out—5 5 4 4 5 5 3 6=42; in—4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4=37; total 79. Kirkaldy.—Out—6 4 4 5 6 4 4 3 6=42; in—6 3 4 6 4 4 5 4 4=40; total 82.

DORNOCH TOURNAMENT.

The annual autumn meeting and tournament was opened at Dornoch on Thursday, August 22nd, under ideal circumstances, the weather and condition of the greens being perfect. A large number of visitors witnessed the start, and the entry was the largest for many years back, and included players from all parts of the country. The thirty-one couples were despatched in the following order:—Messrs. Hugh M'Intosh (Edinburgh) and J. M'Donald (Dornoch); Messrs. Alexander Birnie (Inverness) and Alexander Innes (Dornoch); Dr. Maxwell (Glencorse) and Mr. George Munro (Bridge of Earn); Messrs. George Robb (Burgess Club, Edinburgh) and George Gunn (Dornoch); Messrs. George Lawson (Tantallon) and Hugh Munro (Dornoch); Messrs. A. Nimmo (Royal and Ancient) and Malcolm M'Donald (Dornoch); Messrs. A. F. Steele (Inverness) and William Mackay (Dornoch); Messrs. George Todd (Glasgow) and John Morrison (Dornoch); Messrs. G. H. Grand (Royal and Ancient) and David Bruce (Dornoch); Messrs. F. H. Todd (National Bank Club) and J. Sutherland (Dornoch); Prof. Mackintosh (Edinburgh) and Mr. Alexander Angus (Dornoch); Messrs. D. S. M'Diarmid (Glasgow) and George Bridgeford (Dornoch); Messrs. R. D. Barclay (Leven) and John Anderson (Dornoch); Messrs. H. Wintringham (Great Grimsby) and Thomas Munro (Dornoch); Mr. Charles Barrow (London) and Capt. Leslie; Messrs. J. G. Couper (Glencorse) and R. Rintoul (Glasgow); Messrs. James Rankin (Edinburgh) and Hugh Munro, sen. (Dornoch); Messrs. W. T. M'Diarmid (Glasgow) and Alick Ross (Dornoch); Capt. Fraser (East Yorks) and Mr. Charles Gillespie (Dornoch); Messrs. George Gibb (York) and W. S. Fraser (Dor-

noch); Messrs. P. Rintoul (Glasgow) and George Mackintosh (Dornoch); Messrs. W. Todd (Glasgow) and Thomas Ross (Dornoch); Messrs. R. M'Queen (Edinburgh) and George Matheson; Messrs. W. M. Lindsay (Oxford University) and John Ross (Aldershot); Messrs. J. Smethurst (Great Grimsby) and W. G. Moore (Dornoch); Messrs. Thomas Wintringham (Great Grimsby) and Donald Mackay (Dornoch); Mr. E. Hill Thomson (St. Andrews) and Provost Sutherland (Dornoch); Messrs. D. M'Queen, jun. (Edinburgh) and David Peters (Dornoch); Mr. W. P. Lindsay (Edinburgh) and Dr. M'Lauchlan (Dornoch); Mr. John Mackenzie (Inverness) and Rev. D. Grant (Dornoch); Messrs. R. M'Rae (Dornoch) and W. Wilson (Dornoch). It was an arrangement, and one that met with general approval, that the better class of players should be drawn against one another, and play at the head of the list. Accordingly, it was pretty certain that the winner of the club's silver medal and the accompanying gold medallion (the blue ribbon of the meeting) would be amongst the first ten couples to finish, and so it turned out. The first to return a good card was Mr. George Lawson of the Tantallon Club, 85; but he was almost immediately followed by Mr. Hugh Munro, a local player, with 83. Soon after, Mr. M. Macdonald handed in an 83, and these were leading for some time. Attention was now directed to Mr. William Mackay, a likely winner, and last year's runner-up, but he managed only an 84. Mr. A. Nimmo, having torn up his card, the one player now likely to alter matters, who had not finished, was Mr. J. Sutherland, the present holder of the medal. Although taking a 5 to the last hole, in consequence of missing a short pitch close up to the green, Mr. Sutherland was able to hand in a card of 81, and with it won the medal and gold medallion for the eighth year in succession. Mr. Sutherland won the medal last year with an 80. Messrs. M'Donald and Munro tied for the second scratch prize, and on playing off, Mr. M'Donald won. The Murray vase, a handsome challenge cup, presented to the club by Dr. H. Murray, Glasgow, and competed for under handicap at the spring and autumn meetings, fell to Mr. Donald Mackay with an aggregate score of 169 for the two rounds. Sixteen other prizes were competed for under handicap, and were gained by the following competitors:—1, Mr. Thomas Wintringham, 97, less 16=81; 2, Mr. George Lawson, 85, less 1=84; 3, Mr. George Gunn, 89, less 6=83; 4, Mr. H. Mackintosh, 90, less 7=83; 5, Mr. H. Munro, 83, plus 1=84; 6, Mr. A. F. Steele, 86, less 2=84; 7, Mr. F. H. Todd, 88, less 4=84; 8, Mr. George Robb, 90, less 6=84; 9, Mr. Hugh Munro, 92, less 8=84; 10, Mr. George Bridgeford, 92, less 8=84; 11, Mr. Donald Mackay, 92, less 8=84 (three a tie); 12, Mr. J. G. Cooper, 93, less 9=84; 13, Mr. William Mackay, 84, plus 1=85; 14, Mr. Thomas Munro, 93, less 8=85; and 15, Mr. Alexander Ross, 93, less 8=85 (tie); 16, Mr. George Mackintosh, 93, less 7=86. The result of an optional sweepstake competition in the afternoon was:—1, Dr. Maxwell, Edinburgh, 86, less 3=83; 2, Mr. Alexander Angus, 91, less 8=83; 3, Mr. Alexander Innes, 86, less 2=84; 4, Mr. David Bruce, 88, less 4=84; 5, Mr. M. M'Donald, 84, plus 1=85.

The autumn meeting and tournament was continued on Friday under as favourable circumstances as those of Thursday, and again the entry was a large one. The forenoon round decided the Ospisdale silver quach scratch award, and a number of handicap prizes.

Anything below 80 on this course must be regarded as first-class Golf, and the distinction of breaking this score during the meeting fell to Mr. William M'Kay, a young player of great promise. Curiously enough, Mr. M'Kay was the first to finish, and his magnificent card of 78 won him the Ospisdale quach. The only other score of importance was a splendid 80 (39 and 41) made by Mr. Hugh Munro, one of the two who tied for second place in the chief event of Thursday. A scratch prize, open to visitors only, was tied for by Messrs. A. F. Steele (Inverness) and George Lawson (Tantallon), at 89; while a similar one, open to handicap, fell to Mr. R. M'Queen, with 97, less 18=79. A Golf bag and box of balls was won by Dr. M'Lauchlan (Dornoch) with 88, less 18=70. In addition to these there were several other minor prizes and sweepstakes. The afternoon was devoted to a team competition for the Northern Counties challenge trophy, a magnificent cup of the value of forty guineas. A team of fifteen players drawn from the visitors played a similar number of the local members of the club, and the former were successful by eight holes. Mr. M'Hardy, captain of the Inverness Club, was appointed custodian of the trophy for the year. This is the first occasion that the trophy has been taken from the home club since 1889, when Glasgow won it.

TOURNAMENT AT ELIE.

The annual Golf tournament in connection with the Elie Recreation Park was held on Thursday and Friday, August 22nd and 23rd. On Thursday forenoon the ladies' and gentlemen's scratch and handicap competitions took place. In the ladies' scratch competition fifteen couples entered, the winner being Miss Pearson with a score of 33; and Miss L. Pearson being second with a score of 34. Other scores:—Miss Parsons, 35; Miss Bethune, 37; Miss Ethel Paterson, 38; Miss Roger, 38; Miss M. Dalzell, 38. In the ladies' handicap competition

twenty couples entered, the winner being Miss Parsons with a score of 32, less 1=31, which beat the previous record for ladies by 1 stroke; Miss Fawsitt being second with a score of 35, less 3=32. Other scores:—Miss Roger, 34, plus 1=35; Miss L. Pearson, 36, less 1=35; Miss Orr Paterson, 37, less 2=35; Miss M. Hay, 43, less 7=36; Mrs. Bieneman, 42, less 6=36; Miss K. Fowler, 39, less 3=36; Miss D. Glover, 45, less 8=37; Miss A. Wightman, 46, less 9=37; Miss K. Paterson, 38, less 1=37. In the gentlemen's handicap, twenty couples entered, the winner being Mr. W. G. Glover, who also beat the previous record for gentlemen by 1 stroke, with a score of 30; Mr. W. Adam being second with a score of 31. In the gentlemen's handicap competition, twenty couples entered, Mr. D. Currie being first with a score of 30, less 2=28; and second, Mr. C. E. Fawsitt, 33, less 2=31. In the afternoon the mixed double competition took place. Forty couples entered. Those who played in the second last round were:—Miss L. V. Ross and Mr. J. Scott Davidson, plus 2; Mrs. Gowans and Mr. W. A. Gilbert (scratch); Miss N. Gray and W. Adam, plus 2; and Miss D. Glover and Mr. W. Gibson, plus 2. Those who played in the second last round were:—Mrs. Gowans and Mr. W. A. Gilbert; and Miss D. Glover and Mr. W. Gibson. The final was postponed until Saturday morning (August 24th), when Mrs. Gowans and Mr. W. A. Gilbert were the winners.

ABERDEEN.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club held their usual monthly competition for the scratch and handicap prizes on August 21st and 24th, over the usual links course. On comparing the cards at the close, it was found that Mr. L. Anderson, with the score of 81, had won the scratch prize, while the same score, plus 3, gave him the handicap prize for first-class players. The handicap prize for second-class players was won by Mr. H. M. Nicolls with a score of 90, less 6=84. Among the remaining cards, the following had the lowest figures:—Mr. T. Reith, 85; Mr. A. Cooper, 89; Mr. C. J. Beattie, 90; Mr. D. Jessiman, 93; Mr. Jas. R. Smith, 94; Mr. A. T. Webster, 94; Mr. N. Shaw, 95; and Mr. G. Hendry, 95.

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—The first-class members of this club competed on Wednesday and Saturday, August 21st and 24th, for the Jute Mill prize. Mr. William Smart, with the creditable score of 76 (scratch) was first, his score being as follows:—Out, 3 5 6 4 4 5 3 4 3=37; in, 4 3 4 5 4 3 4 5 7=39; total, 76; Mr. W. Mair, 88, less 8=80, second; and Mr. C. Smith, 92, less 10=82, third. The second-class members competed at the same time for Mr. J. M'Intosh's prize, when Mr. C. M'Kenzie, 107, less 18=89, was first; Messrs. J. Braik and R. Herd tying for second and third place with 95 each.

ABERDOVEY GOLF CLUB.

The lady members and visitors competed for a silver medal on August 22nd. Several clubs were represented, as will be seen below. The course was fifteen holes on the gentlemen's links. The following scores were returned:—Mrs. H. C. Willock (Wimbledon), scratch, 85; Mrs. Pridmore (Coventry), 109, less 15=94; Miss E. C. Abernethy (Guildford), 124, less 30=94; Miss Tomlin (Aberdovey), 130, less 28=102; Mrs. Jupp (Malvern), 137, less 30=107.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup was competed for on Saturday, August 3rd, and was won by Mr. C. T. Wade. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. T. Wade ...	100 18 82	Mr. A. E. Wilson-	
Mr. S. P. Leitner ...	109 22 87	Browne ...	95 5 90
Mr. P. H. Yates ...	118 30 88	Mr. A. Bernays ...	112 19 93
Mr. O. Airy ...	93 5 88		

Several others made no returns, or were over 100.

Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne completed a round in 37 as follows:—4 5 4 4 3 4 5 3 5=37. He just missed doing a 36, as the ball hung over the lip of the hole at the last putt.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

Mr. S. T. Gooden's prize (an artist's proof etching, after the original picture by L. Alma Tadema, R.A., "He Loves Me—He Loves Me Not;" etched by Leopold Lawenstam), played August 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. A. Slee ...	91 16 75	Mr. W. F. Thomp-	
Mr. J. L. Godlee ...	85 8 77	son ...	92 7 85
Mr. W. F. Gorton ...	86 5 81	Mr. C. E. Salmon ...	98 11 87
Mr. E. V. Long-		Mr. Pryce Cuxson ...	107 20 87
staffe ...	93 11 82	Mr. H. E. Wootten ...	99 12 87
Mr. John Fry ...	100 17 83	Mr. A. F. Stewart ...	77 9 90
Mr. H. Weller Rich-		Mr. P. A. Bull ...	105 15 90
ards ...	97 13 84	Mr. R. F. Davies ...	109 18 91

About forty members competed. The remainder made no returns or were over 100.

ALDEBURGH v. GREAT YARMOUTH.

The return match against Great Yarmouth Golf Club (local team), played at Aldeburgh August 22nd, was won by the home team by 20 holes:—

ALDEBURGH.		GREAT YARMOUTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	0	Mr. F. J. Hope ...	0
Mr. A. F. Stewart ...	0	Rev. A. E. Black ...	0
Mr. W. F. Thompson ...	0	Mr. C. Hope ...	1
Mr. J. L. Godlee ...	8	Rev. H. Arnold ...	0
Mr. J. V. Thompson ...	5	Rev. J. Dredge ...	0
Mr. E. V. Longstaffe ...	8	Gen. Dixon ...	0
	21		1

BEXHILL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played August 21st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. B. Escolme ...	89 17 72	Mr. W. G. Mac-	
Mr. A. R. Inskipp ...	85 10 75	gregor ...	94 8 86
Mr. W. G. Carpenter ...	103 24 79	Mr. R. W. Smith ...	104 15 89
Mr. D. H. Benwell ...	103 20 83	Mr. C. J. Oakeley ...	106 14 92
		Mr. W. R. Skinner ...	107 15 92

These links are being enlarged, and it is hoped that by the winter there will be eighteen holes ready to play over, and that the clubhouse accommodation will be much enlarged and improved.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played at Bournemouth, August 15th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. A. Sanderson ...	91 17 74	Mr. A. Pontifex ...	88 6 82
Dr. J. G. Harsant ...	87 13 74	Col. H. D. Fryer ...	90 7 83
Mr. E. W. Charlton ...	91 12 79	Dr. H. W. Robson-	
Mr. F. H. Haviland ...	85 5 80	Burrowes ...	89 6 83

Dr. Harsant won on playing off the tie. Scores high on account of the long grass. No returns from others.

BUDE v. NORTHAM.

The members of the Northam Working Men's Golf Club travelled to Bude on Thursday, August 22nd, and played a match with the members of the Bude Club, and, considering the number of blind holes, and that none of the Northam team had ever been over the links (which are difficult and tricky to strangers), the result is very creditable to the working men.

BUDE.

NORTHAM.

	Holes.		Holes.
Jeffery (professional) ...	0	Mr. P. Andrew ...	0
Mr. Archdale ...	1	Mr. H. Cawsey ...	0
Mr. Carver ...	0	Mr. F. Sanders ...	0
Major Miles ...	0	Mr. W. H. Adams ...	1
Dr. Shepperd ...	0	Mr. J. Hutchings ...	3
Mr. C. H. Parry ...	0	Mr. E. Main ...	0
Mr. J. E. Partington ...	3	Mr. T. Sanders ...	0
Mr. F. G. Johnstone ...	0	Mr. L. Chapple ...	3
Dr. Ewens ...	0	Mr. J. Braund ...	5
Mr. E. N. Vowler ...	0	Mr. B. Andrews ...	2
Mr. C. W. Newton ...	0	Mr. W. Fisher ...	0
Mr. W. E. Tarbet ...	0	Mr. C. Sanders ...	0
Mr. G. B. Vowler ...	0	Mr. G. Goss ...	8
Mr. E. P. Hebblethwaite ...	3	Mr. W. Hearn ...	0
Mr. T. C. Taylor ...	3	Mr. Taylor ...	0
	10		22

Northam won by 12 holes.

DUNBLANE v. ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.

A match between Dunblane and students of St. Andrews University was played over the Hydropathic Golf course on Tuesday, the 20th. Result:—

DUNBLANE.

ST. ANDREWS.

	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Sinclair ...	0	Mr. J. B. Wilson ...	7
Mr. D. M'Lauchlan ...	4	Mr. R. Blair ...	0
Mr. A. Davidson ...	5	Mr. A. Philp ...	0
Mr. R. M. Christie ...	2	Mr. J. S. Tulloch ...	0
Mr. D. T. Reid ...	0	Mr. T. B. Wilson ...	6
Mr. J. F. Robertson ...	3	Mr. A. B. Barty ...	0
Mr. R. Macintyre ...	3	Mr. J. Menzies ...	0
Mr. W. E. Tetlow ...	0	Mr. J. Barty ...	3
Mr. G. C. Macnaughton ...	0	Mr. A. B. Wilson ...	4
	17		20

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, August 17th, the final round for the Committee's cups was played. Mr. Henry Tollemache, M.P., was the only absentee in the first class, and Mr. F. O. Evans in the second class, the limit handicap for the former class being originally twelve or less.

First-class :—Mr. R. Wilkinson, 95, less 11=84; Dr. Renton, 82, plus 3=85; Mr. E. W. Swetenham, 105, less 8=97.

Second-class :—Mr. N. D. Jolliffe, 99, less 15=84; Captain Dorling, 103, less 12=91; Mr. L. Rowley, 99, less 6=93; Mr. J. M. Frost, 111, less 17=94.

FORFARSHIRE.

The club-house which has just been erected on Carnoustie links by the members of the Carnoustie Ladies' Golf Club, was formally opened on Saturday afternoon by the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, ex-M.P. Mr. David Anderson, The Grange, presided. Mr. Ramsay, in declaring the club-house open, stated that very much of the prosperity of the burgh was due to the splendid golfing facilities which they possessed, the links, in the opinion of experts, being second to none. The opening of the Ladies' Golf Club-house, he thought, formed a fitting end to the formation and completion of the links. Mrs. Ramsay was afterwards enrolled an honorary member of the club, and was presented with a silver-mounted putter by Mrs. W. Caesar.

The return half of the annual home-and-home match in foursomes between the Montrose Mercantile and Carnoustie Clubs was played over the Montrose course on Saturday. There were about forty players a-side, and the home men won by 16 holes. Among the best scores were :—Mr. William Smith, 79; Messrs. W. Findlay and W. Valentine, 83; Messrs. C. Thom and J. G. Cobb, 84; Messrs. James Findlay and G. M. Smith, 84; Messrs. James Kydd and C. Kydd, 84; Messrs. W. Middleton and John Clark, 86; Messrs. R. Rutherford and R. Ferrier, 87; Messrs. D. C. Clark and F. Robertson, 88.

A special competition in connection with the Montrose Ladies' Club was concluded on Saturday for a gold watch pendant presented by Dr. and Mrs. Soutar, Montrose. Forty-three competitors entered. In the final, Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Mrs. Ferme.

The medals competition of the Dundee Advertiser Golf Club took place on Monifieth Links on Saturday, August 24th. The prizes were won as follows :—First class—First and second average and first and second sweep, Mr. John Macrae (88) and Mr. Thomas Knox (88), tie; third prize and third sweep, Mr. Arthur Forsyth (89); fourth sweep, Mr. Alexander Davidson (99). Second class—First average and first sweep, Mr. David Anderson (99); second average, Mr. David Nicoll; second sweep, Mr. John Livingston and Mr. John Wynd, tie. In the third class the prize was won by Mr. Donald Murie. Returns under 100 were handed in by Mr. Alexander Bowman, 94; Mr. John Inglis, 95; Mr. Allan Bell, 96; and Mr. J. D. Brown, 99. The medals were won by Messrs. John Macrae, David R. Anderson, and Donald Murie.

ISLAY GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 17th inst., the Machrie Links presented a lively and gay appearance in consequence of the interest centred in the second annual competition for the valuable Lagavulin quaiich presented to the club by the captain, Mr. P. Mackie.

The competition consisted of two rounds of the course, and commenced at 11 a.m. Nervous players were subjected to a trying ordeal in having to play the first hole in view of a large number of spectators, and the result was many topped balls and fozzled approaches. The burn lay quietly ready to snatch its prey, and was not disappointed. No. 1 hole (Texa) should be got in 4, but only four of the players who handed in their cards, succeeded in holing out under 5. One was fortunate in starting with a 3, fourteen took 5, and the others varied from 6 to 10. During the first round many of the best players got into difficulties at the "Scotsman's Maiden," "Manip," or "Mount Zion," and the scoring on the whole, was not creditable. The lowest score, viz., 87, less 3=84, was made by Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, Norwich; Prof. Chiene was second with a net score of 85, and Messrs. T. A. Ireland and G. W. Orr tied for the third place with 89 net.

Notwithstanding misfortune on the first round, hope reigned in the breasts of many when they started the afternoon's play, even those who were nearly last, buoyed themselves up with the hope that they might come in first. It is whispered, and if one can judge from the expression of faces, it is feared with some truth, that joy instead of sorrow prevailed when Mr. Deuchar was seen to commence fozzling on his way to the first hole, which cost him 8 instead of his former 4. On the afternoon's cards having been handed in, it was found that Mr. Deuchar was out of the running, having taken 100 to the round. Mr. G. W. Orr was first with 88, less 9=79; Mr. G. L. Chiene second with 87, less 7=80; and Mr. P. Reid third with 90, less 7=83. Mr. F. M. Orr did the second round in 85, which was the lowest scratch score for the day. It may be mentioned that Mr. Orr holds, in company with Mr. A. Stuart, the amateur record (79) for the course. The winner of the quaiich, Mr. G. W. Orr, upon being presented with

the trophy, was heartily cheered by the disappointed competitors, and cordially congratulated on his play. The following are a few of the lowest scores :—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. W. Orr	98	88	9	168
Mr. G. L. Chiene... ..	97	87	7	170
Prof. Chiene	97	100	12	173
Mr. Peter Reid	100	90	7	176
Mr. A. C. Robertson	91	87	scr.	178
Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar	87	100	3	181
Mr. F. M. Orr	97	85	scr.	182
Mr. N. M'Intyre	110	108	17	184
Mr. T. A. Ireland... ..	95	102	6	185

ISLE OF WIGHT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, the 23rd inst., the captain's (H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg) prize was competed for against a "Bogey" score fixed at 82. Twenty-seven members entered, and no doubt many more would have done so only for the committee having to confine the time for the competition to the forenoon, in order that the winner might be ascertained before H.R.H. arrived on the links to present her prize.

Miss Jessie Gordon (21), of Shanklin, proved to be the happy winner with the very creditable position of 3 up. Mrs. Sapte Blake (36), also of Shanklin, followed not far off, being all even. The remainder were down in the following order :—Miss Isabel Ward, Miss Goldney, Mrs. J. F. C. Hamilton, Miss Knox, Miss Cozens, Miss Blake, Miss Pigou, Miss Hilda Moreton, Mrs. G. Harrison, Miss M. Thorneycroft, Miss Evelyn Moreton, Miss Dudley Ward, Miss Lawrence Browne, Mrs. Denman Murray, Miss Sutton, Miss Manning, Miss V. Browne, Mrs. Graham Shedden, Miss Livingstone, and Miss Roscow Sheddin.

At three o'clock H.R.H. The Princess Henry of Battenberg, attended by Miss Minnie Cochrane and Colonel Donald Browne, having lunched (with Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Macdonald-Moreton, drove on to the links, and was received by the committee and a large gathering of members at the pavilion. After the committee had been presented, H.R.H. proceeded at once to present her prize, a handsome silver goblet. Mrs. Macdonald-Moreton then, on behalf of the club, presented H.R.H. with a beautifully made putter—copy of a Philp—the work of Messrs. Patrick, of Leven and Wimbledon, and silver-mounted and engraved by Messrs. Briggs, of St. James' Street. Subsequently several members gave exhibition of their driving powers and putting, in which latter H.R.H. joined very successfully.

The weather was brilliant, with a refreshing breeze. Tea was served in a marquee, and after about an hour's visit, H.R.H. left on her return to Osborne, amidst hearty cheers.

Tolmie, professional of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club, kindly presented a silver-plated putter to the lady second on the list of competitors—Mrs. Sapte Blake.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. R. S. Boddington's prize formed the attraction for the lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on Wednesday, August 21st, when the day was all that could be wished, and the ladies' links, over which the competition was played, were in good order. It was the fourth competition for the prize, but many of the competitors were evidently dissatisfied with their scores, and did not make any returns. The last gross scores were made by Mrs. Miller and Miss C. Salt, 112 each. The scores under 130 net were :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. Verity, Lytham	114	25	89
Miss Holloway, St. Anne's	116	25	91
Mrs. J. B. Parkinson, Cheadle	115	18	97
Miss C. Salt, Lytham	112	14	98
Mrs. T. W. Shaw, Sharples, Bolton	124	25	99
Miss E. Salt, Lytham	117	16	101
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park	112	9	103
Mrs. Albrecht, Manchester	121	17	104
Miss Hulton, Bolton	130	25	105
Miss Read, Bolton	152	25	127

The winner was therefore Mrs. Verity. Up to the present time the winners are—Miss Maud Salt, Miss Florence Watson, Mrs. Tate, and Mrs. Verity. After the six competitions are completed, the six winners will play off for the prize (36 holes, under special handicap) at the ladies' autumn meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd.

NORTH BERWICK.

On August 21st, in favourable weather, the annual tournament in mixed doubles, among the ladies and gentlemen connected with the North Berwick Ladies' Club was opened. Forty-four players were entered, and in the course of the afternoon the home green presented

a bright aspect with competitors and interested spectators. A handsome prize was offered for the lady player of the winning couple.

In the final round Miss Blanche Anderson and Mr. C. L. Dalziel beat Miss Blyth and Mr. James Mylne by 8 up and 6 to play. As the lady competitor of the winning couple, Miss Anderson, carried off the prize of a handsome travelling clock.

The members of the Ladies' Club of North Berwick held their annual medal meeting over their fine course on Friday, August 23rd, some sixty-two players being engaged. In addition to the club gold medal a handsome allowance award was presented by Mrs. Gillies Smith, and four other prizes were offered from the club.

Among the forenoon competitors was Miss Blanche Anderson, and as the lady winner in the mixed double tournament of the previous day, her play attracted not a little interest. Miss Anderson gave promise of a good performance in the medal competition, opening in an auspicious style with a 2 and a 3 respectively. She secured the first four holes at one under an average of 3's, getting a second 2 at the fourth green. Miss Anderson completed the first round of nine holes in 30, and with a 31 at the second venture, she returned a card of 61. This was the best actual of the forenoon play.

The play in the afternoon, notwithstanding the wet weather, produced several capital scores, including that of the medallist for the day, Miss Elsie Blyth. Starting with a 2 in promising style for the first hole, Miss Blyth had another 2 at the fifth green, taking the first five holes in an average of one under 3's. Miss Blyth, as the result of quite a brilliant game, completed the first round in the outstanding total of 28. A score of 32 in the second venture gave her the double round in 60, and this sufficed to gain for her the gold medal for the second season in succession. Miss Coventry Gillies Smith also showed a finished and creditable game, finishing with 61, and accordingly tying with Miss Anderson for second place in merit order. Mrs. D. A. Stevenson carried off the handicap honours of the day with a net score of 57. Principal returns were as follows:—Miss Blyth, scratch, 60 (winner of gold medal); Mrs. D. A. Stevenson, 75, less 18=57 (winner of first handicap prize); Miss J. F. Mylne, 70, less 12=58, and Miss V. Thomas, 76, less 18=58, tie; Miss Dalziel, 66, less 6=60, and Miss S. Mure, 76, less 16=60, tie; Miss Blanche Anderson, scratch, 61; Miss C. Gillies Smith, scratch, 61; Miss A. Montgomery, 71, less 10=61; Miss Mabel Thomson, 74, less 12=62; Miss N. Graham, 69, less 6=63; Miss Hunter, 71, less 8=63; Miss Orphoot, 71, less 8=63; Miss A. Chalmers, 79, less 16=63; Miss N. Roberts, 81, less 18=63; Miss Edith M'Culloch, 66, less 2=64; Miss M. H. Aitken, 68, less 3=65; Miss H. F. Aitken, 72, less 7=65; Miss F. H. Veitch, 72, less 7=65; Miss Madeline Campbell, scratch, 66; Miss Ethel M'Culloch, 69, less 2=67; Miss Eveline Campbell, 71, less 4=67; Miss Edith Campbell, 73, less 6=67; Miss E. M. Mylne, 76, less 9=67; Miss A. Gillies Smith, 66, plus 2=68; Miss C. Brown, 76, less 8=68; Miss Dorothy Campbell, 82, less 14=68; Miss Loudon, 77, 8=69; Miss A. M. Peplow, 79, less 10=69; Miss F. C. S. Veitch, 87, less 18=69; Mrs. Sheriff, scratch, 71; Miss A. Cheyne, 91, less 18=73; Miss N. Aitchison, 91, less 18=73; Miss Muriel Campbell, 92, less 16=76.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE v. MOSELEY.

Played on the ground of the former at Packington on Saturday, August 17th, and won by Moseley by six holes. Score:—

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.		MOSELEY.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. T. R. Barton	...	Mr. F. H. Elderton	...
Mr. H. J. Nutt	...	Mr. T. W. Piggott	...
Mr. E. W. Mason	...	Mr. G. T. Piggott	...
Mr. R. Clive	...	Mr. W. Tolkien	...
Mr. S. K. Thornley	...	Mr. T. Hadley	...
Mr. C. Townsend	...	Mr. P. H. Willmot	...
	11		17

Majority for Moseley, 6 holes.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

Wednesday, the 21st, was, without doubt, the hottest day this summer, but in spite of the great heat the children's annual competition was brought to a most successful issue. Over forty young golfers started, their ages varying from 2½ to 19 years. They were divided into classes as given below. The prizes were given away by Mr. R. W. Brown in the club-room before a large gathering of invited guests, when a hearty vote of thanks was given to the hon. treasurer for the great trouble he had taken to make the meeting such a success.

Boys.—Medal limited to the sons of members, under 16 years of age:—G. Francis, jun., 111 and Allan Graham, 111, tie. The tie was played off in the afternoon when G. Francis, jun., won with 109, Allan Graham being 111.

First class (over 12 and under 16), over a course of eighteen holes:—W. Charles (scratch), 96, wins first prize; R. S. Segar, 112, less

15=97, wins second prize; G. Francis, 111, less 10=101, wins third prize; Allan Graham, 111, less 2=109; W. Segar, 129, less 15=114; R. Travis, 145, less 20=125; G. Comber, 155, less 20=135.

Second class, age nine and under twelve. Over a course of thirteen holes:—J. B. Cochrane (scratch), 88 (wins first prize); E. P. Comber, 107, less 3=104 (wins second prize); H. M. Carr, (scratch), 114 (wins third prize); R. C. Lowndes, 118, less 3=115; D. Brown, 142, less 16=126.

Third class, under nine years. Over a course of five holes:—Pat. Cochran (scratch), 37 (wins first prize); D. Ryalls, 41, less 2=39, and N. Travis, 45, less 6=39 (tied for second and third prizes); N. Ryalls, 62, less 8=54; E. N. Reynolds, 64, less 8=56.

Special class, youths over sixteen years. Over a course of eighteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
*Otho Glover	...	92	scr.	92	C. Nicholson	...	101	scr.	101
†L. Darbyshire	...	95	2	93	B. Ryan	...	102	scr.	102
‡N. Francis	...	102	8	94	E. Howarth	...	112	10	102
W. Howarth	...	102	4	98	H. Comber	...	121	15	106
A. Cochran	...	109	10	99					

* Wins first prize. † Wins second prize. ‡ Wins third prize.

Girls.—Special class, over sixteen years. Over a course of thirteen holes:—Miss Hettie Cook, 92 (wins first prize); Miss Segar, 93 (wins second prize); Miss Stokes Roberts, 98.

First class, over twelve and under sixteen, over a course of eight holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
*Miss May Sinclair	52	5	47	Miss Lilly Willett	...	65	10	55	
†Miss Elsie Glover	53	5	48	Miss E. Comber	...	73	10	63	
Miss Nora Cook	...	50	scr.	50	Miss Bessie Banks	...	79	12	67
Miss Marian Banks	63	10	53						

* First prize. † Second prize.

Second class, under twelve years of age, over a course of five holes:—Miss K. Lott, 42 (first prize); Miss K. Francis, 45 (second prize); Miss D. Banks, 54 (third prize); Miss E. M. Archer, 59; Miss F. Cook, 63; Miss K. M. Comber, 64; Miss M. Brown, 67; Miss K. Lowndes, 77; Miss N. Archer, 96.

Special class, boys and girls under five years, over a course of two holes:—Master T. Lott, 22 (first prize); Miss P. Cook, 31 (second prize); Master L. Banks, 47; Miss Gladys Reynolds, 82.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS v. TROON LADIES.

Teams numbering fourteen a side met on the links of the former club on Monday afternoon, August 19th, for a friendly game of one round or nine holes. The weather was all that could be desired, and the visitors and friends turned out in large numbers. The following are the results:—

ST. NICHOLAS.			TROON.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Miss Lamb	...	1	Miss Mary Bishop	...	0
Mrs. Ord Mackenzie	...	2	Miss Bishop	...	0
Miss Stodart	...	4	Miss Ivy Clark	...	0
Miss Roger	...	0	Miss K. Bishop	...	0
Miss Gilfillan	...	1	Miss Bessie Walker	...	0
Miss Patrick	...	2	Mrs. Newbigging	...	0
Mrs. Caird Miller	...	0	Miss Julia Park	...	1
Miss Orr	...	1	Miss Ethel Robertson	...	0
Mrs. Mouat	...	0	Miss Grace Robertson	...	1
Miss W. J. Alison	...	1	Miss Grace Glen	...	0
Miss J. Wyllie	...	0	Miss Daisy Clark	...	0
Miss W. Alison	...	0	Miss Mabel Dickie	...	4
Miss A. M. Griffin	...	0	Miss Sarah Brown	...	2
Miss Wilson	...	2	Miss A. M. Ross	...	0
		14			8

SALTBURN v. HARROGATE.

A match was played on Wednesday, August 21st, between these clubs, upon the links of the latter. Unfortunately, the visiting team were unable to play their full strength, some of their players at the last moment being prevented from coming. The following was the result of the match:—

SALTBURN.			HARROGATE.		
Holes.			Holes.		
Mr. J. T. Walton	...	0	Mr. C. E. Pronger	...	14
Mr. A. H. Arden	...	0	Mr. A. McCarthy	...	2
Mr. J. Roddam	...	0	Mr. J. M. Fawcett	...	2
Rev. M. E. Flowers	...	0	Mr. C. R. Caird	...	3
		0			21

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The third annual competition for the Filmer-Bennett challenge cup took place on Saturday, August 24th, over the links at Ganton. Mr. H. B. McCarthy secured the cup for the year with a winning score of 86, less 4=82, and receives a gold memento medal. The following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. B. McCarthy	86	4	82	Mr. L. P. Edwards	110	18	92
Mr. C. G. Broad-				Mr. H. Leslie	109	16	93
wood	84	scr.	84	Mr. J. Sykes	111	18	93
Mr. C. E. Brumell	101	14	87	Mr. A. Barron	115	18	97
Rev. A. W. Swayne	100	11	89	Capt. F. E. Freeth	113	14	99
Mr. W. H. Hudson	107	15	92				

No returns from the remaining competitors.

Mrs. Ellershaw won the ladies' monthly medal, which was played for on the same day.

SEASCALE AND VISITORS v. WEST CUMBERLAND.

This match was played on the Seascale links on Saturday, August 17th, and resulted in an easy win for Seascale. The greens were in splendid condition:—

SEASCALE AND VISITORS.		WEST CUMBERLAND.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. Robertson Walker (Seascale)	2	Dr. Hightet	0
Mr. R.H. Prestwich (Formby)	9	Mr. R. S. U. Thompson	0
Mr. T. Pegram (Seascale)	12	Mr. W. L. Fletcher	0
Rev. J. T. Taylor (Huddersfield)	1	Mr. J. L. Smith	0
Mr. N.N. Thompson (Seascale)	3	Mr. R. H. Hodgson	0
Mr. Arthur Shaw (Huddersfield)	1	Mr. D. Fraser	0
Mr. P. S. Russell (Seascale)	0	Mr. G. S. Wilson	0
Mr. F. O. Evans (Chester)	0	Mr. E.M. Woodward (Chester), substitute	3
Mr. H. W. Jefferson (Seascale)	7	Rev. Mr. Cropper	0
Mr. T.G. Beaumont (Huddersfield)	10	Mr. Cecil Thompson	0
Mr. A. G. Russell (Seascale)	13	Mr. R. H. Highton	0
Mr. W. Chambers (Wallasey)	5	Mr. J. W. Wilson	0
	63		3

The return match was played at Siddick on Saturday last, and again resulted in a win for Seascale and Visitors. The greens were in perfect order:—

SEASCALE.		WEST CUMBERLAND.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. N. N. Thompson	0	Dr. McKerrow	10
Mr. W. J. Chambers (Wallasey)	5	Rev. J. T. Pollock	0
Mr. P. S. Russell	0	Mr. J. L. Smith	1
Mr. H. W. Jefferson	3	Mr. D. Fraser	0
Mr. J. C. Russell	0	Mr. W. L. Fletcher	9
Mr. E. H. Carr (Sale)	13	Mr. J. W. Wilson	0
Mr. W. Owen (Timperley)	1	Mr. R. H. Williamson	0
Mr. H. Braithwaite	3	Rev. J. Cropper	0
	25		20

A gentlemen's foursome match was played on the Seascale links on Thursday, August 15th, and resulted as follows:—Mr. Arthur Shaw (Huddersfield) and Mr. J. W. Kaye (Dewsbury District), beat Mr. R. S. U. Thompson (West Cumberland) and Rev. Mr. Langham (Huddersfield), by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. Carter (Huddersfield) and Mr. J. Riddell (Didsbury), beat Mr. O. Lofthouse (Royal Blackheath) and Rev. Mr. Taylor (Huddersfield), by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. T. G. Beaumont (Huddersfield) and Mr. W. T. Titterington (Fulneck), beat Mr. H. W. Jefferson (Seascale) and Mr. R. Smith (Seascale), by 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. R. Lord (Southport) and Mr. E. O. Evans (Chester), beat Mr. A. Wheatley (Raynes Park) and Mr. E. M. Woodward (Chester), by 1 up.

Second round:—Messrs. Shaw and Kaye, beat Messrs. Carter and Riddell, by 5 up and 3 to play; Messrs. Lord and Evans, beat Messrs. Beaumont and Titterington, by 2 up.

Final:—Messrs. Lord and Evans beat Messrs. Shaw and Kaye, by 5 up and 3 to play.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

Club cup.—This monthly competition was held on the Seaton Links on Saturday, August 24th, a strong northerly wind prevailing, rendering scoring difficult. Mr. R. Balfour, however (the winner), is a player who rises superior to weather conditions, and, starting from scratch, played a grand round of 81, Mr. J. Robson being second, with a good round of 86, less 1=85, Mr. T. Danby being third, with a score of 97, less 11=86.

SHERINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly medal competition took place on Monday, August 19th, in excellent weather, Mrs. Walter Bartlett being the winner with the net score of 62. The following scores were returned:—Mrs. Walter Bartlett (18), 62; Miss G. Cremer (7), 64; Miss Murray (14), 67; Mrs. Bramley (4), 72; Miss Moore (8), 77; Miss Cremer (13), 83.

SOUTH BEDS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bogey" competition on Saturday, August 24th, drew but a small muster, many members being out of town:—Mr. F. Simpson (7), 6 down (winner of short handicap); Mr. E. Gilder (16), 7 down (winner of long handicap); Mr. C. H. Osborne (6), 8 down; Mr. W. Randall (10), 9 down; Dr. Underwood (17), 11 down; Mr. G. Barford (14), 12 down; Mr. F. H. Shoosmith (20), 12 down; Mr. E. W. Greatorex (10), 13 down; Mr. O. Booth (16), 13 down.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition for gentlemen connected with the above club, for a handicap sweepstakes, took place on Saturday, August 17th. The following (of whom twelve competed) entered, viz:—Col. Willock, Col. Rogers, Capt. Fair, and Messrs. Barton, Bridge, E. Bridge, Birkett, Campbell, Davy, G. Dill, Huish, Ironside, Jenkins, Parton, and Parsons. Col. Rogers (20) and Mr. G. Dill (15) tied for first place, with a net score of 68 each, while Mr. Barton (7) was third, with 72 net.

The play was very interesting, the ladies kindly officiating as scorers, while the condition of the greens, and the way in which the grass had been kept under by the new management, justifies the hope of a most successful future for the club. Any doubt as to the interest of the neighbouring families in the success of the club was amply dispelled by the unprecedentedly large and representative attendance, and the enthusiasm shown over the various competitors.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

On August 21st, a ladies' competition was held. The first prize, a silver photograph frame and sweet-dish, was offered by Mr. A. C. Herbert. Second prize, Golf balls. Returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. E. C. Davidson	116	34	82	Miss K. M. Hickling	105	10	95
Mrs. A. Vertue	121	34	87	Mrs. E. W. Howard	124	18	106
Mrs. R. E. Yerburch	125	34	91	Miss A. F. Foster	130	20	110
Mrs. A. W. George	104	12	92	Miss Catling	126	12	114
Miss L. F. Staines	99	6	93				

STANMORE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly ladies' cup competition of the club took place on Saturday, August 17th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss F. Griffith	94	16	78	Miss M. C. Cobb	97	9	88
Miss Jackson	94	10	84	Miss M. M. Cobb	104	8	96
Mrs. Begbie	92	7	85	Mrs. Bluhm	133	12	121
Mrs. H. Grinling	109	22	87				

ST. ANDREWS.

A three-ball match for a money stake was played over the St. Andrews links on Saturday evening, the players being Andrew Kirkaldy, Hugh Kirkaldy, and W. Auchterlonie. A special prize of £5 was also offered to any of the players who handed in a score of 76. None of the players, however, touched this figure, Auchterlonie, who was lowest, being 77, winning over Andrew Kirkaldy, who was 83, and Hugh Kirkaldy, who was 86. Notwithstanding the heavy condition of the course on Thursday, August 22nd, owing to the heavy rain, Andrew Kirkaldy in a match against Mr. Mitchell Innes made the excellent score of 77 over the old course. His detailed score was made up as follows:—Out, 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 3 4=38; in, 5 3 4 4 5 5 5 4 4=39, total 77.

ST. DAVID'S GOLF CLUB (HARLECH, N. WALES).

August 24th.—Ladies' competition for clubs presented by Mr. A. A. Bourne. Optional sweepstakes. Ten competitors:—Miss Florence Smith, 70, less 9=61; Mrs. A. A. Bourne, 78, less 16=62; Mrs. R. P. Allaway, 74, less 9=65; Miss Rachel Smith, 71, less 6=65. Other cards not returned or over 70 net.

THE ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

A competition, open to visitors only (members of recognised Golf-clubs), was held on the Cromer Links on Wednesday last. It should be explained that the competitors are visitors who join the club as temporary members during their stay here. The prizes offered by the

club were a silver medal, first prize, and a bronze medal, second prize. Upwards of thirty entered. The winners were—First, Mr. C. P. Dixon, Bulwell Forest, Nottingham; second, Mr. W. Gregory, Beckenham Golf Club. The same two players carried off first and second in the optional sweepstakes, the third share falling to Mr. A. N. Weir. Among the scores handed in were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. P. Dixon ...	107	18	89	Mr. W. Lyle ...	113	18	95
Mr. W. Gregory ...	109	18	91	Mr. W. A. W. Scott	102	5	97
Mr. A. N. Weir ...	105	12	93	Mr. R. W. Hammond	115	18	97
Mr. E. W. Howson..	107	14	93	Mr. P. Watkin-			
Mr. W. W. Dymond	103	9	94	Browne ...	117	18	99
Mr. W. Guillemard..	113	18	95	Mr. A. L. Ellis ...	117	18	99

Several made no return.

TROON.

The first half of a seventy-two hole match—Willie Fernie, the Troon professional, against Mr. E. D. Prothero and Mr. J. A. Neilson—was played over Troon Links on Thursday, August 22nd, in very fine weather. Fernie allowed each of the amateurs a third in the first round. Fernie holed out in 72 as follows:—Out, 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 =37; in, 5 5 4 4 4 3 3 4 3 =35; and was leading Mr. Prothero by one hole and Mr. Neilson by six holes. The afternoon round was again productive of some good Golf, but neither Mr. Prothero nor Fernie were quite up to their forenoon form. As it was, Fernie was round in 75, viz.:—Out, 5 5 3 4 4 4 6 4 4 =39; in, 4 5 4 4 5 4 4 2 4 =36. He squared the round with Mr. Prothero, and added four holes to his lead against Mr. Neilson. Fernie is therefore leading by one hole from Mr. Prothero and ten holes from Mr. Neilson on the 36 holes. The match is home-and-home, and the second half will therefore be played over Prestwick.

The concluding half was played over Prestwick Golf Links on Friday, the weather being showery. Fernie was off his putting all day, the play in the first round finding him 4 holes down to Mr. Prothero, and 5 holes down to Mr. Neilson, who, in good form, was round in 79. Much better Golf was played in the afternoon by the professional, and but for his missing three short putts at the second, the fourteenth, and the eighteenth, he would have established an easy record. At the long hole, going out, he pulled his tee stroke into the bunker, and was again bunkered short of the green. He, nevertheless, holed in 6. The game between Mr. Prothero and Fernie, who had taken two holes off going out, was of a very exciting character. Coming home, only one hole separated them till the close, when they squared the match at the last hole, which Mr. Prothero won. Fernie won against Mr. Neilson by 6 up and 5 to play. The professional's afternoon round was 76, made up as follows—Out, 4 3 5 4 3 4 3 5 6 =37; in, 5 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 =39, total 76.

The ladies of Troon Golf Club held their annual scratch and handicap competition over a double round of the links of twelve holes on the 22nd. The weather was very fine, and there was a large attendance of both competitors and spectators. Result of the competition:—Miss Ivy Clark and Miss Mary Bishop tied for scratch prize at 63, and Misses Cowan, Dickie, and Campbell tied for the handicap at 59, less odds.

The tie for the Lagavulin medal, presented by Mr. A. H. Holm, was played off between Mr. D. Fullarton, jun., and Mr. J. A. Shaw, on Saturday, August 24th. Mr. Shaw played from scratch, and Mr. Fullarton had 3 strokes on the round, the game being one of thirty-six holes. There was a very strong wind blowing from the north. In the

first round Mr. Fullarton played a fine game, and easily led Mr. Shaw on his merits; but in the second round the latter made up much leeway, and Mr. Fullarton came within measurable distance of losing the trophy. As it was, he won by 4 strokes, the scores being—Mr. Fullarton, 82, 94=176, less 6=170; Mr. Shaw, 88, 86=174.

The following are the results of the fourth round for the Anderson cup, which was finished on Saturday, August 24th:—Mr. R. Fullarton (3) beat Mr. G. A. Templeton (5); Mr. D. Fullarton, jun. (4) beat Mr. N. D. McMichael (6); Mr. John Dundas (6) beat Mr. T. H. Walker (2), absent; Mr. Philip Robertson (5) beat Mr. W. Fulton (4).

WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the above club was held on the links at West Bay in glorious weather on Thursday, August 15th, and considerable interest was taken in the events enumerated below:—Scratch cup.—Mr. F. A. Stephens, 86; Mr. J. Gundry, 96; Mr. C. M. F. Luttrell, 98; Mr. H. Manley, 103; Mr. F. W. Crick, 112; Mr. J. A. Stephens, 121; Mr. J. Suttill, 124. Five others made no return. Mr. F. A. Stephens did a scratch round, and also made a record for the single round, viz., 41; Mr. J. Gundry took second, and Mr. C. M. F. Luttrell the third prize. Handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. F. A. Stephens	86	10	76	Mr. A. E. Houl-			
†Mr. C. M. F. Lut-				brook ...	107	18	89
trell ...	98	16	82	Mr. F. W. Crick	112	18	94
‡Mr. A. Whetham	108	25	83	Mr. H. A. Wilson...	126	29	97
Mr. H. Manley ...	103	19	84	Mr. J. A. Stephens	121	23	98
Mr. J. Gundry ...	96	8	88	Mr. J. Suttill ...	124	20	104
				Mr. T. A. Colfox ...	133	29	104

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize.

Ten others made no return.

Ladies' and gentlemen's foursomes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. A. Whetham and Miss E. Legge ...	67	14	53
†Mr. J. T. Stephens and Mrs. Walker ...	63	6	57
Mr. H. Symonds and Miss K. Legge ...	73	16	57
Mr. J. Gundry and Miss Maunsell ...	61	3	58
Mr. H. Manley and Miss E. M. Stephens ...	72	14	58
Mr. F. B. L. Maunsell and Mrs. T. A. Colfox...	65	6	59
Mr. J. A. Stephens and Mrs. Clibborn...	73	14	59
Mr. A. E. Houlbrook and Miss Warburton ...	74	14	60
Mr. A. N. Stephens and Miss N. de Pau'a ...	76	14	62
Mr. F. A. Stephens and Mrs. Symonds...	63	scr.	63
Mr. E. J. Bevan and Mrs. A. N. Stephens ...	80	16	64

* First prizes. † Second prizes.

One couple made no return.

Driving competition (tea entries).—1st prize, Mr. H. Manley, 150, 157, 204=511 yards; 2nd prize, Mr. A. E. Houlbrook, 154, 164, 140, =458 yards.

WINDERMERE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, August 17th, the third monthly "Bogey" competition, under handicap, was played over a course of one round (eighteen holes). The weather was all that could be desired, but there was a very short entry list. The following were the only cards returned:—Mr. S. J. Bowler, 4 down; Mr. E. Holt, 6 down; Mr. G. H. Briggs, 7 down; Mr. Alex. Hamilton, 8 down. The first three of the above therefore gain places in the final, to be played in October, and Mr. S. J. Bowler, as the winner of the above monthly competition, also takes the memento given by the club.

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WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, August 24th, the usual monthly "Bogey" competition was played at Bushey. Handicaps 12 and under:—Dr. J. Herbert Walker, 2 down; Mr. A. Butcher, 4 down; Mr. F. W. Graham, 4 down; Mr. S. Hirst, 5 down. Handicaps over 12:—Mr. T. J. Williams, 7 down; Mr. Ernest Taylor, 10 down; Mr. C. H. Carlisle, 11 down.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals were played for on Saturday, August 24th. The score returned by Mr. Bantock Pierpoint for the long handicap, did not come as a surprise—after many attempts with the same handicap, this member at last kept up to his practice play and secured a popular win with a wonderful well score, which will now enable the handicappers to promote him to the short division. The best scores returned were:—

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†Mr. W. F. Mapleston	86	8	78	Mr. Franklin Ross	76	+7	83
				Mr. A. F. J. Hunter	93	4	89

* Winner of long handicap medal.
† Winner of short handicap medal.

LEVEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—Another mixed foursome competition was held on Saturday. There was over ninety players. The weather was very favourable, although rain had fallen heavily all morning. The lowest score was made by Miss M. P. Wilkie and Mr. G. Wilkie, who returned a record score of 62. The prize-winners were:—1, Miss M. P. Wilkie and Mr. G. Wilkie, 62, plus 1=63; 2, Miss Wilkie and Mr. G. L. Crole, 68, less 3=65; 3 and 4 (tie), Miss L. Gordon Glassford and Mr. D. Gordon Glassford, 66 (scratch), and Miss Hetherington and Mr. A. Dewar, 75, less 9=66; 5, Miss Sunter and Mr. Eric Turnbull, 73, less 6=67.

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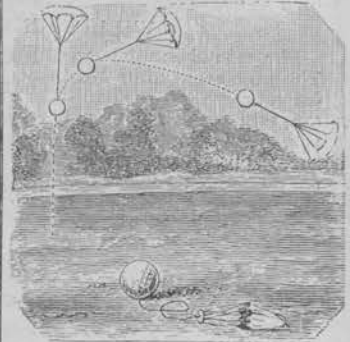
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