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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 23.—Kemp Town : Monthly Medal.  
Moseley : Monthly Handicap.  
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.  
Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.  
Alfreton : Bronze Medal.  
Alfreton : Ladies ; Silver Spoon.  
Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Prize.  
Crookham : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.  
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Captain's Prize.  
Sidcup : First and Second Class Monthly Competition.  
Chislehurst : Monthly Medal.  
Willesden : Monthly Medal.  
Neasden : Monthly Medal.  
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
Woodford : Captain's Prize (Final).  
West Herts : Bogey Competition.  
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup, Captain's Prize,  
Monthly Medal.  
Derbyshire v. Leicester.  
Taplow : Monthly Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.  
Hampstead v. Finchley (at Hampstead).  
Chester : Committee's Cup.  
Kenilworth v. Kidderminster (at Kenilworth).  
Hythe : Monthly Medal.  
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Formby : Monthly Competitions.  
Hyères : Silver Challenge Cup.  
Feb. 26.—Warminster : Monthly Handicap.

- Feb. 26.—Waveney Valley : Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 27.—Wakefield Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Feb. 28.—Bentley Green : Monthly Medal.  
Wellingborough : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.

MARCH.

- Mar. 1.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Woodbridge : President's Prize.  
Mar. 2.—Chester : Mr. Best's Prize (Final).  
Bowdon : Captain's Cup.  
Kenilworth v. Sutton Coldfield (at Kenilworth).  
Monifieth : Medal Day.  
Leicester v. Nottingham.  
Hullwood : Monthly Medal.  
Macclesfield : President's Challenge Cup and Monthly Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prize.  
Birkdale : Medal Competitions.  
Neasden : "Bogey" Competition.  
Fairfield : Monthly Medal.  
North West Club (Londonderry) : Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton : Monthly Challenge Cup.  
Raynes Park : Monthly Medal.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire : Club Cup.  
Anson (Manchester) : Club Gold Medal.  
Stanmore : Monthly Medals.  
Wakefield : Lee Cup.  
Mar. 2, 13 & 16.—Kenilworth : Albert Jones Prize.  
Mar. 3.—Redhill and Reigate : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 4.—Woodbridge : Monthly Medal.  
Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 5.—Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Mid-Surrey Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 5 & 15.—Whitley : "Bogey" Competition.  
Mar. 6.—Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant ; Macnab  
Challenge Cup and Badge.  
Lyme Regis : Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton Ladies : Challenge Prize.  
Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 7.—Derbyshire : Ladies ; Silver Medal.  
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.  
Woodbridge : Ladies ; President's Prize.  
Mar. 7 & 9.—Leicester : Monthly Medal.  
Mar. 8.—Pau : Havemeyer Prize.  
Pau Ladies : Havemeyer Prize.  
Mar. 9.—Ventnor : Henderson Prize.  
Hampstead : Monthly Medal Challenge Cup.  
Derbyshire : Trollope Gold Medal (Second Division).  
Chester : First Monthly Competition.  
Kenilworth : Kenilworth Cup.  
Pau : Annual Meeting.  
Southend-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.  
Wilmslow : Scratch Medal.  
Macclesfield : Club Prizes for Foursomes.

## MIDLAND GOLF UNION.

A meeting of representatives of various Golf Clubs was held, at the invitation of the Notts Golf Club, at the George Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 9th.

The Rev. R. Waltham having been voted to the chair, it was resolved that Mr. E. A. Coutts take a record of the proceedings. Mr. Coutts read a letter from the Editor of GOLF approving the scheme for formation of the Union.

It was resolved that a Golf Union be formed for the counties of Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Northampton, Lincoln, and Rutland, and that such Union be called "The Midland Golf Union."

It was also resolved that the Union consist of representatives of *bonâ fide* Golf Clubs in the counties above named.

The unanimous opinion was that such a Union would further the interests of the game, and improve the play of the members generally, and, with such objects in view, it is hoped that the scheme will meet with the hearty support of all the clubs in the counties named.

It was suggested that the first Championship meeting should be held on the links of the Notts Golf Club, at Bulwell Forest.

The following suggestions were made as to the government of the Union:—

- (1) That the governing body be styled the Council, and that the entire management be vested in it.
- (2) That the Council consist of representatives from each club of the Union, elected in accordance with Resolution 6.
- (3) That the officers of the Union consist of a president, a captain, a secretary (who shall also act as treasurer), and an assistant secretary. The captain and assistant secretary shall be the captain and secretary of the club on whose green the Golf meeting of the year is to be held.
- (4) That the officers of the Union be elected yearly, at the annual meeting of the Council.
- (5) That the place for the annual meeting of the Council be fixed at the annual meeting, to be held in the month of March in each year, and at least one month's notice of such meeting to be given to the secretary of each club in the Union.
- (6) That the representation of each club on the Council be in proportion to its playing membership. Clubs with a playing membership of under 100 to have one representative; clubs over 100 to have two.
- (7) That clubs shall pay an annual subscription of half-a-guinea for each 50 or part of 50 playing members, with a maximum subscription of two guineas. All subscriptions shall become due on January 1st in each year. No club whose subscription is in arrear at the time of the meeting shall be entitled to vote at such meeting.
- (8) The secretary shall keep in a book correct minutes of the proceedings of the Council, and shall produce the book at all meetings thereof. He shall summon all meetings of the Council, and shall prepare and send copies of the financial statement (duly audited), to the secretary of each club in the Union, at least fourteen days before the Annual Meeting. He shall also enrol clubs in membership, and give all notices required by the rules for the time being. He shall also receive and dispose of, according to the instructions of the Council, all moneys received and paid by the Union, and shall generally act in accordance with the instructions of the Council.
- (9) That a special meeting be convened at any time by the secretary himself, or by written request to him from the representatives of any three clubs in the Union. A clear month's notice of the business to be transacted at such meeting shall be given to the clubs

belonging to the Union, and only business of which such notice has been given shall be considered.

- (10) No regulation of the Union shall be repealed or altered, and no new regulation shall be made, save by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Council, and one month's notice of such proposed alteration or addition shall be given to each club belonging to the Union. It was further suggested that the Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of May in each year, at which there shall be an individual contest, open to all *bonâ fide* playing members of each club in the Union; also a competition to decide the Amateur Club Championship, each club to be represented by a team of four. The entrance fee to be 2s. 6d. for the individual contest, and 5s. for the club competition.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Notts Golf Club terminated the proceedings.

A further meeting will be held at the George Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 9th next, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a committee and officers, and making the final arrangements.

## A BALLADE OF GOLF.

(After A. L.)

The burden of long driving: "Swipe away!  
Lo, thou art seven under, mayhap more."  
So shall thy caddie comfortingly say—  
"Play up, sir (two can pass, sir). Ho, fo-ore!  
Yea, thou art in for even a record score."  
And thou to rival Rolland shalt aspire,  
When lo, a bunker baulks thee—ne'er before—  
"That is the end of every man's desire."

The burden of approaching: when thy stay-  
ing powers are gone, and thou, at every pore  
Perspiring, pitch not in thy wonted way—  
Thy clinking cleek shots, whether swift or slower,  
Succeed in naught but rending sad and sore  
A Morris' heart and turf; thou dost not fire  
In the fierce fight to thirst th' opponent's gore—  
"That is the end of every man's desire."\*

The burden of dead putting: when, in gay  
Doublet disporting by the sounding shore,  
Thou hol'st a putt; so in that very day,  
Even from the Northlands to the distant Nore,  
Thy fame is raised abroad 'mid Brit and Boer;  
And the loud ring shall raise thee high and higher:  
Thou'st won a hole the Fates could not restore—  
"That is the end of every man's desire."

## L'ENVOI.

Practice thy driving—get thy ball to soar  
And eke thy putting, (*metri causâ*) sire,  
That thou may'st never have above a four—  
"That is the end of every man's desire."

B.

—*Alma Mater* (Aberdeen University Magazine),  
January 23rd, 1895.

\* If he be your opponent.

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## FROZEN OUT.

PERHAPS no place on the surface of the earth lies under such misconception in regard to its winter climate as St. Andrews: the average Southron, if sent there at that season by his doctor, would doubtless receive his marching orders in much the same spirit as the Russian unfortunates ordered to all sorts of places with names ending in chinsk, jansk, or omsk, each of which may in turn boast the lowest temperature of the habitable globe; happy places where your whisky or vodka, assuming you are allowed it, is served out in slabs and fish, part of winter provend, frozen outside the shops, do stand upright upon their tails in the streets. Far from being exposed to such rigours as this, St. Andrews, as a matter of fact, can boast a winter climate singularly open and equable; notoriously it is the worst place you could fix upon if you care for skating or curling; for ice comes there laggingly, days after neighbours round about have been disporting themselves thereon, according to their respective fancies. But if ice comes "limping lamely" (like its opposite, Vulcan, in "Rejected Addresses"), so also does snow but rarely bother the golfer, for which blessing he is duly thankful; having outgrown one's snowballing days, one now holds it anathema, except for tobogganing, for which, unluckily, there are no facilities. It might be asserted that the mean winter temperature at St. Andrews would compare with that of the middle of England, and be at no great disadvantage in the matter of severity; but then what particular months should be understood as constituting winter ought to be accurately defined; inasmuch as with the advent of spring one freely admits the climate usually verges on the detestable—at that time an iron constitution, especially a liver of brass, is required, a liver upon which the vultures of Tityus, *ἐκάρει ἐ πρήμηνω*, would be powerless to make impression. In spring a bitter, parching east wind holds the field, drying up every vestige of sap in the human frame; making the golfer's leather grip too slippery for words, resin, pitch, heelball, and all similar applications notwithstanding. Considering what an important part is played by the grip of all clubs used for driving, it has often been matter of surprise to the present writer that golfers, as a rule, seem to trouble themselves so little about it, and yet what a wide range there is between extremes of thick and thin; Bobby Kirk, for instance, one verily believes, would have played without any grip at all, if he could have held on to the bare wood; at any rate his play club used to feel about as thick as a lead pencil in the hand. At the other end of the scale we might select Capt. W. H. Burn, some of whose drivers simply "lick creation" for podginess of grip—a small-handed short-fingered person could with difficulty accomplish the circuit. Which of the two is right? Both probably; but certainly neither of these two could use the other's weapons. The proper way would be after having found out by long experience the thickness exactly suited to one's own hand, to have a gauge made, to which every club in our possession should conform. Many and many a bad drive is made by reason of the club turning in the left hand owing to the grip being too thin, the hand not being properly filled up, so to speak; for comfort, one ought to feel the club sticking like wax to the palm, yet without consciously severe muscular effort. Again, if the grip be too thick, power somehow seems to be lost; and there arises an uncomfortable suspicion that one is being mastered by one's club. Again, one can hardly say that the material of which the grip is composed has reached an altogether ideal state of perfection; it is most nearly ap-

proached, in the writer's personal opinion, by one which bears the somewhat ungrammatical name of "The Reliable." This material exhibits an appearance closely resembling that of an Eclipse ball cut in two, and in marrow freezing weather, such as we have described, is truly delightful to play with. Whether it will be equally satisfactory in wet, extreme heat, damp, fogs, or other variations from the normal (whatever that may be), the writer is as yet unable to say, from lack of sufficient experience. An old leather of the right sort is good; black with the dirt of ages must it be. Such an one clings lovingly to the hand, and in all weathers; but they are hard to come by, and it does not seem that they can be satisfactorily manufactured to order. No self-respecting Golfer starts out to play with a bran-new leather; at least the leather is new, but the first thing he does is to make it look as old as possible, smearing it with pitch and defiling its fair surface, for, apart from convenience, to omit this is to stamp oneself as of the baser sort; of whom there have been seen sundry awful examples, with eight or ten clubs, *all* new, each leather as immaculate as when it came out of the shop, as, of course, it had done just a few minutes previously.

Starting with the quite original subject of the weather, this article appears to have lost itself in by-paths it was not intended to enter. The idea had been, one now remembers, to congratulate those golfers who have more strings to their bow, more resources than Golf; for this present year is one of those rare exceptions that prove the rule we ventured to lay down about the St. Andrews climate in the winter. Of frost there has been sufficient to make a convert to curling of one eminent golfer, Mr. F. G. Tait, who, however, would prefer skating, but that at the moment; as it happens, he has no proper boots handy; and, in truth, to one who has solved the inner mystery of the bracket-turn, albeit at the expense of many sore bones, skating, as a matter of course, presents a wealth of attractions. But watch him at the rink. It is easy to see that the qualities which have won him name and fame at Golf will also stand him in good stead here. There is "Wullie" Greig, too, who fought him such a doughty fight at Prestwick in the Amateur Championship. Listen to his sharp, decided, "Brooms up!"—an excellent curler, also if faille, as one would suppose from his sturdy proportions and good eye. David Leitch, also; there, in one rink, is a trio of golfers, "ill to beat," all of them as keen on curling as on Golf. But the ice is all against them to-day—a terrible bias. By no manner of cunning shall you break the line (as you would say at Golf) if you want to "draw" a shot. Provokingly will it go down a hill, either to right or left; no such putt could be laid dead, for it is a hogsback all the way.

Wednesday, February 6th, was a day that will live in the recollection; the recent American product, the blizzard, was upon us. At some early hour of the morning it began to bliz by presenting itself as a wind of nearly hurricane force, driving minute particles of snow and ice before it. This too in such volume, in such blackness of darkness, that at midday a pair of eyes, never baffled by minutest print, nor by "Bradshaw," in the worst of lights, might with difficulty read the "Scotsman." The kindly-disposed in the household fed the birds, poor little storm-tossed wanderers; but they amply repaid the trouble. On a window-sill of usual dimensions assembled such a variety as you may perhaps match in the Aristophanic country of that name, and, indeed, from the row they made, one might well have supposed them to be settling all the details of their "Nephelococcuguia" up aloft—settling them, too, not without strife. Starling, blackbird, sparrow,

robin, thrush, blue-tit, in such numbers, such a closely compact, struggling mass, that there seemed standing-room for not a unit the more. Two or three sea-gulls wheel often within a yard of the window, but cannot summon up courage to tarry; a crow perches on a post, quickly to swoop down on any morsel of toast dropped by the small fry, but, ere he can gather it, must dig deep, deep in the soft snow where it has fallen; a couple of jackdaws croak in a tree, moodily. It would seem as though their natural pertness had for the nonce been quite effectually wet-blanketed by the driving snow. At it they go, the small birds, when, "Soft! we are observed," one may fancy them whispering. A whirl of wings, and they are gone on the instant up into a bush near by, where they sit, all looking the same way. It was a cat, and they had been stalked; but Baudrons (see Glossary to Burns) took nothing for her pains, and, ere long, trotted away, outwitted. The whole scene was one to enjoy—a scene for a naturalist, and Mr. Grant Allen would have described it with graceful pen. Soon tidings are to hand of trains snowed up on the St. Andrews line, also between Tayport and Leuchars. Nothing of the kind has happened for long years—not since Davie Strath was alive, when he, and Captain Burn aforesaid, were caught in the neighbourhood of Guard Bridge, and had to plod home as best they might. Such a fate, even now, overtakes Old Tom, who, snowed up in a drift at Stravithie, has to make his way back. He survives it somehow, for, although old like the minstrel, he is nowise infirm. Yet he tells you that his legs "are a wee sair," and small wonder, wading back through snow up to his knees. Thus in ignominy ended his curling expedition to Boarhills. So Golf is no more; inches deep (eight or nine on the level) lies the snow; degrees of frost run well into the twenties; even in this favoured spot, "this side is Hiems, Winter"—

When icicles hang by the wall,  
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,  
And Tom bears logs into the hall,  
And milk comes frozen home in pail.

Therefore, for exercise must the frozen-out golfer extract what comfort he may from curling, or otherwise—from threes, eights; grapevines, and the rest, according to his inclination. Either ay he is not so very much to be pitted.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

THE competition of the Formby Golf Club, Lancashire, fixed to be played on February 16th, is postponed, on account of snow, until February 23rd.

ACHES AND SPRAINS!—When a Peer out in the mountains of Chinese Tartary gives a Panamik coolie some Elliman's Embrocation to rub in for a sprain, and the coolie drinks it by mistake, and exclaims, "It is good," you have evidence that Elliman's Embrocation is harmless. Proof:—"To one of the Panamik coolies, who had sprained his knee, I gave some Elliman's Embrocation, in one of our tin teacups, and thought I had made him understand he was to rub it in, but to my horror, and before I could stop him, he swallowed the lotion, and in a very short space of time was sprawling on his stomach, choking and spluttering; but as soon as he recovered his breath, he got up and salaamed, saying it was very good. So, as he seemed quite pleased and none the worse, I did not enlighten him as to his mistake."—Page 13. Quoted from "The Pamirs," by the Earl of Dunmore, F.R.G.S., 1893. Elliman's Universal Embrocation for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Sore Throat from cold, Chest Colds, Stiffness, Cramp, Bronchitis, &c., is an excellent good thing. 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. Prepared only by Elliman, Sons, and Co., Slough, England.

## EXHIBITION OF SPORTING PICTURES.

The gallery of Henry Graves, 6, Pall Mall, S.W., is well known to golfers on account of Douglas Adam's pictures of the Carnarvonshire Links, prints of which are hanging in many club-houses in England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Spring Exhibition this year contains a collection of sporting pictures by Mr. C. J. Burt; oil paintings of various sizes, the greater number being devoted to the sport of shooting; "Walking the Turnips," "Durham—Grouse Driving," and "Derbyshire—With the Drivers," are titles requiring little explanation. The grouse-driving picture is the most pleasing of this series, and a sportsman would probably be delighted at the number and strength of the birds flying in flocks over the purple heather, within range of the shooters behind their boxes. The large picture of haymaking in Worcestershire, which instantly attracts the eye on entering the gallery, is by no means in Mr. Burt's best form. It is conventional, patchy, and while giving the suggestion of fine possibilities, these seem to have escaped almost within a hair's breadth of being caught and placed on the canvas. The scene must be truly lovely, but the loveliness in the painting is marred by a certain stiffness; one might almost believe the picture to have been composed in scraps in the studio, rather than painted under the influence of a June sun and a bright blue sky. Far more pleasing is the picture of Rhyl Sands, in quiet grey tones, the houses somewhat in shadow, with a light on the twinkling sea-waves, the tide rolling lazily in on the ridged sand-strip. There is good work in the large picture entitled "Enchanted Shapes of Wondrous Mists," a Sutherland scene, with puffs of light clouds wreathing the hill-sides, and rolling up from a frothy rock-studded stream. There is open air and reality in this picture, the artist is where he loves to be, in the wilds of the Scotch mountains, with wild-fowl and cattle as his only living companions.

"Bisley Common" seems tame after this, but it is a picture which will appeal to and please a very large class of sportsmen, and is well executed and by no means inartistic, in spite of the unpromising theme. "Wild Duck-shooting," "The Gamekeeper's Gibbet," "Trout-fishing, North Wales," and "A Breezy Day" are all likely to secure admirers, and those who are especially fond of these particular sports will be grateful to Mr. Burt for his careful studies of the scenes dear to them.

Passing out from this collection of sporting pictures, the visitor will be much interested to see some of Lady Butler's well-known battle pictures—notably the picture of "The Camel Corps," with the splendid delineations of the various types of Eastern soldiery; "The Stoppage on a Forced March," an incident in the Peninsular War, and "The Battle-field of Tel-el-Kebir." Mr. Graves can also show the original "Reynard and Trapped Rabbit," by Landseer, and a beautiful early work of Sidney Cooper. Mr. Graves' gallery being in a position that is easily accessible, is likely to be visited by many lovers of the sports to which Mr. Burt has devoted his talents.

THE following is a Frenchman's description of a recent Golf Tournament at Hyères. It is amusing to notice how he jumbles up football and Golf:—Le cirque de l'ancien hippodrome du Moulin Premier, était, samedi, le rendez-vous de tout ce que Hyères compte de plus select dans la colonie hivernante. Sur la pelouse, un millier de personnes ont pris place pour suivre les péripéties du jeu de football. Plus de trente concurrents se disputent le prix du président d'honneur, M. le prince de Rohan, lequel prix consiste en une magnifique boîte contenant six couverts d'or massif, d'une valeur de 800 francs au minimum. Après plusieurs heures de lutte héroïque, les différents candidats sont successivement évincés. Deux adversaires, MM. Roberts et G. R. Corbett restent seuls en présence. Ce dernier est définitivement vainqueur à un petit nombre de points. Les attelages retournent en ville en longue file précédés du char Hyères Golf Club. A bientôt semblable réunion.

HALO.—A NEW GOLF GAME.

This game is played either on lawn or carpet, the arches or tunnels through which the ball is played being constructed with a flat lower plate, having side flanges. In the centre of each flange is a small hole through which an iron pin or a flat-headed drugget nail is driven, according as the game is played in the garden or the house. These tunnels are exactly of a width representing the two points between which a golf ball must travel to drop into a golf hole in the ordinary game. In setting out the game a central point is settled on and two circles are described from that point, one representing the central ring, which must be marked in whiting on the grass, and in French chalk upon the carpet, and the other representing the circle upon the circumference of which the six tunnels are placed.

As an example, a full-sized court would have a central ring of 12in. diameter and an outside circle of 20ft. diameter. To arrange the proper places for the tunnels draw a straight line through the centre, across the large circle, and place tunnels No. 1 and No. 4 opposite each other, with their exit ends in line with this cross-line and their right-hand corners (exit end) on the points where the cross-line cuts the circumference of the large circle. Then from the same points measure 10ft. direct to the circumference right and left, and these new points will be the exact positions for the right hand corners (exit end) of the other 4 tunnels, taking care in each instance that the exit ends are respectively in line with a radius drawn from the centre of the central ring. The position of the "tee" will be 12ft. away from the centre of the central ring on a radius drawn therefrom, and cutting the larger circle, midway between No. 1 and No. 6 tunnels, and the finishing post will be at a corresponding point on a radius midway between No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels.

For smaller courts good dimensions are 9in. rings to 14ft. circles, and 7½in. rings to 12ft. circles.

With each set of the game a triangular tape measure is provided, which gives the radii of the circles and the positions of the tunnels exactly.

Each tunnel is numbered, and its exit end is indicated by an arrow; and they must be played in order of the numbers, and passed through in the direction of the arrows. It will be seen at a glance, therefore, that it is quite impossible to get through any consecutively numbered tunnel in a single stroke after

passing through the previous one, and this is one remarkable feature of the game which entirely distinguishes it from any imitation of croquet or its descendants.

"Halo" is played with golf balls and metal putters, and the "finishing post," or "dummy," is any light cylindrical object 1½ inch diameter, set up in a such a way that it is easily knocked over.

MEDAL PLAY.—At "Halo" each competitor completes his round by himself before any other player starts, and the "dummy" is not played at until he has passed through the agreed upon number of tunnels. On starting from the "tee" (which is never revisited after the first stroke), a player is

entitled to 2 strokes; after passing through a tunnel, he is entitled to 1 stroke; and after laying his ball within the central ring (line balls are in, as at billiards), he is entitled to 2 strokes.

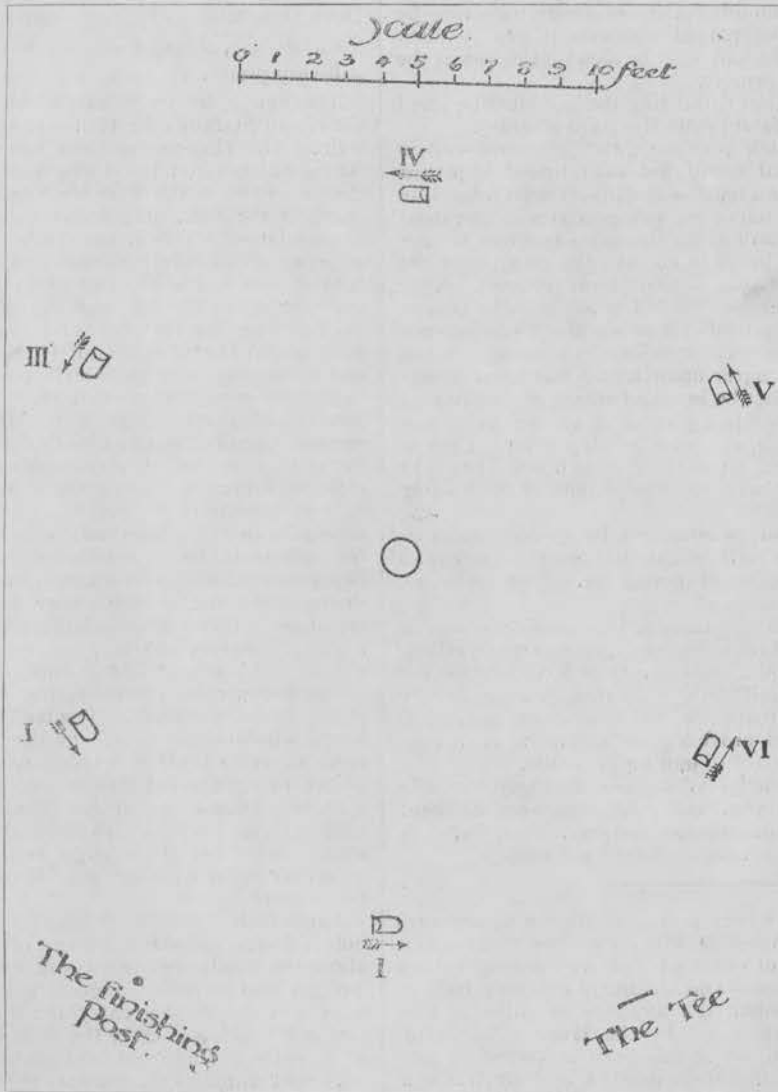
The score is reckoned by *breaks* not *strokes*, and the end of a break comes when the player fails to pass through a tunnel or to lodge his ball in the central ring with the last stroke he is entitled to. If in starting from the "tee" a player succeeds in lodging his ball in the central ring at his first stroke, he keeps the second stroke, which the tee gives him, in reserve, to assist him at his first breakdown, as will be understood from the following examples:

—A plays for position at No. 1 gets through it and lays his ball in position for No. 2 (end of first break); he then goes through No. 2 and lays his ball in position for No. 3 (end of second break); and so on until he finds himself through No. 6 with one stroke more to complete his sixth break (having made no mistakes); if the round is for more than 6 tunnels, he goes on and lays his ball in position for No. 1 again, but if the round is for 6 tunnels only, he endeavours with the last stroke of his sixth break

to knock over the "dummy." If he succeeds he has done the round in six breaks, but if he does not knock it over he must go on shooting at it till he does succeed, each additional shot counting as an additional break.

B plays to lodge himself in the ring off the "tee," and does so in his second stroke, which entitles him to two more strokes. He then lays his ball in position for No. 1, gets through it, and plays to lodge himself in the central ring. Here he has only one stroke, so if he fails this is the end of the first break, but should he lodge within the ring he gets two more strokes to go on with to No. 2, and is still in the same break.

In this mode of play, if a player makes no mistake, he gets through No. 6 in his first break, and if he then also knocks down the "dummy," he has done a "best possible" for a round



of six. It will be seen from the foregoing examples that A, who takes *six breaks* only, makes 12 *strokes*, whereas B, who only takes *one break*, makes as many as 20 *strokes*.

Lodging the ball in the ring in the first stroke from the "tee" is called "stealing a march," and if B had done this, and later on made a mistake, instead of that mistake ending the break he would have utilised his reserve stroke, and would have continued playing his *first break*. Missing a tunnel ends the break, and each stroke taken to recover position counts as a break. A ball which stops in a tunnel ends a break, but before commencing the next break it may be teed just in front without penalty. In passing through No. 2, if the ball stops so near the "dummy" as to interfere with play or the player, it may be teed without penalty a few inches away, but no nearer the central ring. Under no other circumstances may this be done, but the ball must be played wherever it lies. When boundary lines are used the ball must be teed on the line at the point it went out without penalty.

After lodging a ball in the central ring the ball must be lifted and placed outside, 4in. distant from the point of entry.

**MATCH PLAY.**—In match play the game is commenced in the same way as in a medal round, but each tunnel is played separately, and goes to the credit of the player who takes it in fewest breaks, and the match to the player who wins the most "tunnels." The player who has the honour plays from the tee, and continues till his first break is ended; the other does the same, after which, if necessary, the first player resumes. After finishing No. 1, each player tees his ball at any point he pleases between No. 1 and No. 2, provided it be on the circumference of the large circle; and so on throughout the round. When the last "tunnel" of the agree-upon round has been passed through, the "dummy" must be knocked down, any additional breaks expended in so doing being counted to the last "tunnel." Stimies are allowable, and may be played for. Excepting in the case of "stimies," an adversary's ball may always be lifted, and must *never be played on* under penalty of terminating the break.

**HANDICAPS.**—These can be arranged by giving breaks or "stolen marches," or by having one or more inner circles within the central ring, the better player having to lodge his ball in a smaller circle than his adversary.

"Halo" has been especially designed to provide scientific practice for "putting," and improves one's game in a marvellous way. The game is also admirably suited to form part of the appointments of every Golf club, a charge being made to members either by the round or by time; and periodical putting competitions would prove a great additional attraction, and quickly raise the standard of putting generally.

**TABLE "HALO."**—A variety of this game, arranged for table use, having a board of its own and rules somewhat different from the above, affords first-rate amusement. Golf balls, or ivory balls of the same size, and small cues are used.

GOLF-BALL makers have been preparing for the spring and summer demand, which this year will come upon them with a rush, after the long spell of enforced inactivity among golfers caused by the frost. A new and distinctly different ball, in appearance at least, will solicit the attention of golfers. It is the "Henley" ball, manufactured by the Henley Telegraph Works Company, Limited, which has been in course of preparation for the market during some months, and which is now ready for play. The gutta of which the ball is made is of the finest; but the ball is different from other balls on the market, inasmuch as the nicking is entirely on novel lines. It is grooved in a series of rings, divided into compartments and curiously interwoven with the happiest effect to the eye, as well as utility in scoring the longest flight. The name "Henley" is printed on two sides of the ball, and this, together with its novelty above described, prevents a player from taking refuge in the well-worn excuse attached to playing the wrong ball—namely, that he did not know the one from the other, owing to their similarity of nicking, though coming from the factory of different makers. Another ball, by the same firm, is the "Melfort," an old-established favourite among golfers, and one of the soundest balls that can be played with. Both balls are well seasoned, and exceedingly well painted for the roughest play.

## ASHBOURNE (DERBYSHIRE) GOLF CLUB.

This club has for some three years past been carried on in the face of difficulties, in a great measure owing to the inability of the club to obtain suitable links and accommodation at an accessible distance from the members. During the winter this difficulty has been overcome, and the members have just removed to the new quarters, though not without some feelings of regret at leaving the place where many of them had their first introduction to the game. The old links were remarkable for the very pretty scenery surrounding them, which embraced the Dove Dale Hills and a large portion of the Dove Valley; and the new links, although unable to rival the old as to this, are still very pretty.

The new links are situated within a mile from the station on the North Staffordshire Railway, and conveyances meet every train. The club-rooms have been obtained at the Boothby Arms, which is on the links, and immediately in front of the club windows is the first tee, the last hole being within 100 yards of the door. Here can be obtained very excellent accommodation, stabling, and beds. The links consist of over 40 acres of fine old permanent pasture, and are on a dry, sandy subsoil, the turf being fine short turf, remarkably free from weed or rank herbage, and the putting-greens are large and good. The services of W. Lowe, the professional of the Buxton and High Peak Golf Club, were obtained in planning and laying-out the links, which are in radius 2,450 yards. W. Lowe was very pleased with the contour and features of the ground, describing it as of the best possible inland golfing ground, naturally adapted in the position of the hazards, &c., for the game, and, allowing with the growth of the club for eighteen holes. As during the summer many anglers and other visitors come to reside in the neighbourhood of Ashbourne, and especially to Dove Dale, which is distant about three miles, it will no doubt be of interest to them to know of good links being opened, and will induce them to bring their clubs with them, and join the club either as permanent or temporary members. The present president of the club is Major Corbet, and the honorary secretary is Captain Macbean, Church Street House, Ashbourne. The groundsman is W. Phillips.

The following is a description of the holes:—No. 1 Hole (Long Hole), 380 yards.—The tee, which is in front of the clubhouse windows, is situated in the middle of a rather narrow field, about 60 yards in breadth, and about 110 yards in front of the first hazard, a hedge and ditch; but, this cleared with a drive, a brassie and an iron shot should land you up to the green, if you keep on the line and do not stray into the fence, which comes out at an angle some 50 yards from the hole, or an erratic approach take you into the burn. The hole should be accomplished in 5.

No. 2 Hole (Boothby Hole), 270 yards.—This is a very pretty hole, as, teeing off from the end of the second field, a drive of about 100 yards will carry you over the burn, a low hedge beyond, and leave you on good ground for your second, whilst a good drive will also carry the cart track beyond, and leave you in a position to carry the next hazard, a fence on the top of a gently-sloping band, and enable you to be on the green with your third. This is a very pretty hole, and rewards good play without punishing an only moderate player, and should be done in 5.

No. 3 Hole (Midfield Hole), 285 yards.—Teeing off from behind the last hazard, a good drive will take us over this and on to the top of the sloping ground, midway for the next hole, and a brassie should land us up to the green, and the ball should be holed in 4.

No. 4 Hole (Henmore Hole), 200 yards.—This hole requires a straight drive of some 100 yards to carry all intervening obstacles, as a sliced ball will be out of bounds, and, as the river makes a bend almost into the line of the hole, which also brings out the fence, straight driving is rewarded. Having carried the hazard (ditch and fence), a short approach should lay the ball on the green, and should be holed in 4.

No. 5 Hole (Corner Hole), 340 yards.—Teeing off from the boundary of the links, the line of this hole extends in a

diagonal line, firstly, up a rising slope, which, if our drive carries so far, will leave us in a good position to carry the ditch and fence forming the hazard, with a brassie, and care being taken to be to the right of the dry ditch running to the hole. The hole is guarded by scrubby bushes and the ditch. The hole should be done in 6.

No. 6 Hole (Paper House Hole), 270 yards.—Driving off for this hole in the direction of the third hole again, it is necessary to keep on the line, or a little to the left, to avoid the farm buildings and house; with our second we must carry the hazard, or we shall be left to play our third from a much-used track, alongside which runs the ditch and hedge. The hole is a fair 5.

No. 7 (Short Hole), 160 yards.—Teeing off some 40 yards behind a considerable pond, which lies in wait for a topped or fozled ball, and 20 yards in front of which is a fence, our first, should we have passed these in safety, will be on good ground, affording an opportunity for being up to the hole in 2, and holed in 3.

No. 8 (Brook Hole), 310 yards.—Teeing off from the orchard hedge, the first hazard will require a very powerful driver to carry, and an ordinary player must be content to carry it with his second, and keep on the line, as a sliced or misdirected ball will be caught by the brook, which here bends into the course. With our third we must carry the cart track, and also the burn, or else play short of the latter, and then approach; if we carry it, we shall be up, or nearly so, the green being some 15 or 20 yards beyond. This hole should be accomplished in 6.

No. 9 (Home Hole), 200 yards.—Recrossing the burn for the last hole, we tee our ball about 50 yards in the rear thereof, and a straight drive is necessary to clear the burn and a piece of marshy and broken ground beyond; whilst if we stray to the right or left, the drive will, in the former case, be out of bounds, and in the latter, we risk its being snatched by the bushes on the brook-side. Keeping on the line, we have then to negotiate the most thrilling and pretty stroke that can be imagined, as the hole is situated in a square green, guarded on three sides by fences, and on the fourth by a road, and is only about 27 yards across. It requires a very well-judged shot to be dead with the second, and it is not usually done under 5.

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#### GOLF AT BRADFORD.

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Bradford in Yorkshire is being strongly affected by the Golf fever. The Bradford St. Andrews Club, henceforward to be known as the Bradford Club, was commenced in a humble sort of way in 1891. It has grown in membership to about 200, and the entrance fee is now fixed at the substantial figure of three guineas, notwithstanding that the links are situated on unenclosed moorland at Baildon. During the past year £205 has been spent on the links, including £90 expended in the extension of the course under the advice of Tom Morris. The club has also built for itself a neat and commodious club-house at a cost of £500. Now another club, intended largely for Bradford people, has been started, and a nine-hole course has been laid out at Ravenscliffe, about four miles from the centre of the borough, and ready of access. The links is well supplied with hazards in two deep quarries, two woods, a road and a number of walls. The course has in it the making of a good, sporting links, and already the club boasts a membership of eighty. Another club, which is for most practical purposes a Bradford Club, is that of Birkenshaw. This club is laying out a new and much improved course at a distance of about five miles from the centre of Bradford, and it is fully expected that this step will have the effect of greatly improving the fortunes of the club. The most interesting hole on the course will be the "Cockpit," located on the spot where the last cock-fight in the district took place. The course has a length of 2,750 yards for the nine holes, and two deep gulleys, with a stream in the bottom of one of them, intersect the course in a way that adds greatly to its sporting character. Ditches, hedges, a wood and other obstacles provide a variety of hazards. It is intended to open the new course in the spring.

#### THE HUNGER-BITTEN CADDIE.

"No enemy but winter and rough weather."

AT a time when starvation and misery are abroad in the land the purse of charity is always open. During the past month or six weeks the appeals to the aid of the charitable have been more than usually numerous at this season of the year; and yet with every disposition to alleviate the lot of the stricken and unfortunate in material fortune all that charity has been able to do is to tender an inadequate palliative of the widespread, abnormal misery. For during this time we have been suffering from weather "cruel as death, and hungry as the grave": such weather that the fluid, inconsequent memory of the oldest inhabitant—that repository of wise saws and modern instances—cannot parallel. The mercury in the thermometer has been bunkered below zero for weeks on end, and, according to all appearances at the moment of writing, there is no prospect of placing it fair on the course of vernal sunshine and tepid showers. The gaunt spectres of starvation and death have daily stalked our streets, levying their toll with a lavish hand on the unfed, unhoused, uncared-for outcast. Tidal rivers have been frozen over with ice sufficiently thick and strong to bear a loaded waggon and its strong team of horses. Large ships of merchandise have been as firmly embedded in ice as probably the "Fram" of Frithjof Nansen is at this moment in some unknown region of the North Pole. Thousands of sea-mews and other rare birds from the sea, unfamiliar to the haunts of the city dweller, have forsaken their rocky promontories far remote from civilisation's bustling distractions; and through stress of hunger have subdued their instinctive dread of man and his ways so far as to take the bread almost from his hand, and to roost in the eaves and amid the smoky chimneys of his noisy, clattering thoroughfares. The unusual severity of the weather has paralysed commerce everywhere, and has dislocated all the smooth-working machinery of industrial activity. Cabmen, omnibus drivers, sentries, policemen, and others whose vocations take them out of doors in all kinds of weather, have been frozen to death as they sat in their seats, like the timber waggoner in Canada, or as they stood for a few minutes drowsily at their posts. In fact, it is such weather as travellers tell us exists normally in Russia and Siberia, and is far removed from the humid, fog-laden atmosphere to which we have, as a rule, been accustomed.

And what of the caddie during all this time? Golf, like other out-door sports of a similar character, has been practically at a standstill for nearly six weeks. The links have been frozen hard and covered with snow, rendering play almost impossible, except to a few, who still wish to take their exercise in hygienic doses. The poor caddie, in a dreadfully acute sense, has found his occupation gone, and with it the means either to feed himself or to help to minister to the wants of those dependent upon him. He has, for the most part, left the links, and has gone to recruit that hungry, shivering, sad-eyed, desperate army known to politicians and municipal authorities as "the unemployed." The existence of the caddie and all that he entails is the only blemish in connection with a game which is otherwise so fruitful of the most wholesome influences. The multiplication of those useful assistants, dumb-caddies, appears neither to diminish the supply of the living analogue, nor to eradicate the wish on the part of a player to have his clubs carried for him, or to obtain aid to help him to find a badly-hit ball off the course. His necessity, therefore, is admitted as one of the inseparable adjuncts to the playing of the game in its highest forms of

extracting enjoyment from it. If experience shows that this is the attitude of mind prevalent among golfers on the subject, then the logical outcome of their position is that the whole caddie question should be looked squarely in the face. The old attitude of careless indifference and neglect ought to be, and, we are glad to say, is being, abandoned, and a complete re-casting of ideas in connection with the treatment of the caddie is called for. Let it be granted that the caddie receives a fair day's wage for a day's work by no means laborious or irksome, and that he is neither picturesque nor inviting in exterior; still, if he attaches himself to a club, is of good behaviour, always patient and willing to have his services hired at the regulation tariff, knows how to make a tee, what clubs are employed at different points of the game, is silent and immovable on the stroke, he has by constant employment at a club extending over, perhaps, years, made himself, almost on invitation, a regular servant of the club. It is not, therefore, a sympathetic or kindly attitude on the part of employer towards employed to cast him adrift on his own resources at a time like the present, when employment of any kind for which he may be expected to be fitted by previous training cannot possibly be obtained.

The type of caddie found haunting the courses of all large clubs near towns is too varied and bewildering for classification. Generally, it may be said that he is a man or a youth who has had his chance in life, and has failed unutterably "to take the occasion when it served." Sometimes he is an ex-soldier, who has spent a couple of decades of active service in India, and has retired from the army with a shilling a day pension, and who finds the carrying of clubs on breezy links a congenial method of supplementing the narrow gratuity of a grateful country. Sometimes he is an ex-policeman, too poor in health to withstand the exacting claims of his rigorous calling; sometimes he is a plumber, who works fitfully at his trade—generally when there is an epidemic of burst water-pipes—but who always returns, be his absences long or short, to the congenial environment of the links. Sometimes they are men of good education and business training, whose morn of roseate hope and brightened prospects and social happiness has set in the chill evening gloom of wasted opportunities, blasted hopes, penury, debt, drink, and ineffable domestic misery. The memory of better days, and the vain regrets at the futility of their recall, are the chastened load of sorrow which they wistfully carry with them through bunker and over putting-green, but, like a moral stone of Sisyphus, can never be stopped rolling in retrospect with the flight of years. Sometimes they are veritable "rolling stones," rovers over the world, trained to no calling in particular, but able to lend a hand here and a hand there for a mouthful of bread or a drop of drink. They are imbued with a stern, crude, philosophic spirit, to take the rough and the smooth in life with engaging simplicity and buoyancy; they are never elated, nor unduly depressed, be the circumstances what they may. Others, again, are youths who have fallen into the ways of Golf Clubs and golfers, as soon as their not too profitably spent school-days were closed, and, having no trade at their finger-ends, but having a widowed mother to support, they have elected to remain in the groove they have hollowed out, rather than wrench themselves away and seek the rough-and-tumble of another and more profitable calling. These are instances of the class with which every golfer is familiar; and he may, from his own experience on the links, multiply the type of social flotsam and jetsam which crosses his path wherever he goes in pursuit of his favourite pastime.

Now, in all large well-organised town Golf clubs there is a method of dealing with a crisis like the present. It is by

the institution of a Caddies' Benefit Fund, which ought to be a permanent institution, in connection with the constitution and working of the club. Wherever such a benefit fund has been provided it has been found to work satisfactorily, and free from those elements of demoralising abuse which are inseparable from indiscriminate charity. The mainstay of such a fund is undoubtedly the free contributions of members; for, although the ideal state of things is to persuade the caddies themselves to contribute a few pence a week in good seasons, it is found, at least in metropolitan clubs, that there is no alacrity shown to fall in with the suggestion. Probably the caddies think that, as their services are so much dependent on the caprice of the weather, their earnings are too precarious to allow of depletion, even to the extent of a few pence. But taking the small, voluntary contributions of members themselves, it is wonderful how the contents of the caddies' box, placed, say, in the smoking-room of the club, increase by the addition of a few odd coppers now and again throughout the year. This fund is, of course, taken charge of by the committee, and when weather like the present occurs, compelling caddies unprovided for in this way to beg, starve or die in the streets, the money is sparingly doled out to relieve the most necessitous cases of distress. There is no danger of abuse, for if a caddie has been any length of time attached to a club his circumstances and previous history are well known; and the committee make it a special point to investigate each case closely. This Benefit Fund, however, might be extended in scope to include gifts of old clothes, boots, and stockings from the members to the committee of the club, these disused articles to be distributed as time and circumstances call for among the most urgent cases. Another suggestion offered is that a Caddies' Benefit Fund might count upon a fairly steady source of income by the levying of a small percentage upon every sweepstakes competition played among the members of the club. It is an indirect, but effective, method of securing contributions to a praiseworthy object which no golfer would feel, and for the maintenance of which we should hope that he would not demur.

We are glad to note that a certain amount of awakening to responsibilities is taking place in connection with this subject. The present stress of weather has forced the caddie and his distress on the attention of many Golf club executives; and they are responding with all the hearty sympathy we should have expected from them. One good free meal during the day has recently been given to the caddies connected with the West Lancashire, the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society at Musselburgh, and the Tooting Bec Golf Clubs; and probably the same action has been taken by many other clubs of which we have not yet heard. But think of it, ye golfers! One good meal in twenty-four hours—far from enough, as Shakespeare says, to—

Cloy the hungry edge of appetite  
By bare imagination of a feast.

To insufficient food has to be added the scantiest of clothing and dilapidated boots. With the elements of such a picture as that the imagination must be dull, indeed that cannot realise approximately the bitterness and misery of such a lot. All that we plead for now is that the caddie should be looked at with a more tolerant and sympathetic eye than was the practice of old. If such a policy is generally adopted, Golf clubs will reap their reward not only in heightening the feeling of "esprit de corps" among the caddies themselves, but in better and more faithful service. Caddies will be constrained to look upon the clubs that have aided them in the moment of their direst need as organisations in whose welfare they have a personal



interest; and in this way much may be done to remove a reproach attaching to the game, and to solve a difficult and most delicate problem.

#### THE LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The Fourth annual general meeting of the Leicestershire Golf Club, was held on Friday, February 15th, 1895, at the Leicestershire Club, Leicester, Mr. J. A. Corah, the retiring president, in the chair.

The report of the Council and audited statement of accounts were received and adopted.

The report of the Council states that the past year has been an eventful one in the history of the club. The links has been considerably improved, and three new putting-greens have been laid out, while with the kind permission of Mr. Powys-Keck, a new club-house has been built in a very convenient situation and with ample accommodation for a large number of lady and gentlemen members. The putting-greens laid down in 1893 are now in excellent order, and the green has been improved by cutting and rolling. At the end of the year 1893 the club consisted of eighty-four members. It now numbers 129. Of these seventy-nine are resident playing members, nine non-playing members, five honorary members, eight non-resident members, one temporary member under Rule XII., and twenty-seven are ladies. A gratifying feature is the increase in the number of lady members. This increase is the immediate result of the better accommodation provided for their comfort. The Council hope that it may soon be possible to arrange separate links for lady players and to institute competitions amongst them. Eventually, no doubt, it will be possible to establish a distinct Ladies' Golf Club affiliated to the Leicester Golf Club.

Turning to the important question of Finance, the Council notice from the revenue account in the balance sheet that the total income of the club for the year 1894, from all sources, was about £220, as against 180 in 1893, an increase of £40. The expenditure has been about £240, an excess of £20 over the income. In foreign matches the club has certainly improved its position, and considering the fact that its match teams consist almost entirely of players who have taken up the game recently and too late in life for anything like first-class play, their record of three wins out of eight matches is very creditable. The hopes of the club in this respect rest upon the younger generation, and with a view to encouraging school-boys to take up and practise the game, a rule has been passed by which they are allowed to use the links during their holidays on payment of a nominal subscription.

On the proposition of Mr. C. J. Billson, it was unanimously resolved that the name of the club should be altered from "The Leicester Golf Club," to "The Leicestershire Golf Club."

On the proposition of Mr. B. W. Russell it was unanimously resolved that Clerks in Holy Orders within the town or county of Leicester may become members upon the same terms as non-resident members, *i.e.*, at half the usual entrance fee and subscription.

Mr. J. A. Corah was unanimously re-elected president of the club for the coming year, and the other officers of the club were also re-elected. On the proposition of the president it was resolved that with a view to reducing the debt upon the new club-house, a Golf Ball should be held in Easter week, and a Ball committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements.

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#### NEW BYE-LAWS FOR ST. ANDREWS LINKS.

AS readers of GOLF will remember (*vide* "Tee Shots." May 11th, 1894), a Bill was promoted in Parliament last session, authorising the Burgh of St. Andrews to buy from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club that portion of St. Andrews links abutting on the sea to the right of the first hole at the Swilcan, up to the mouth of the Eden, which the club had bought from Mr. Cheape at a cost of £5,000. An arrangement was made between the town and the club with reference to the playing rights of ratepayers over the new course, the prominent points being the upkeep of the old and the new course by the club, the payment of an annual rent, and the closing of the new course to the general public, except on certain payments, and other restrictions, in the months of July, August, and September. By the arrangement made before the Select Committee of the House of Commons the Royal and Ancient are to have the making of the regulations for play on both the old and the new courses, subject to the veto of the Town Council. In the interval work has been in progress on the new course; and as it will not be long before it is open for play, the Green Committee of the Royal and Ancient have issued a tentative code of local bye-laws, simply in order to form the basis for criticism and discussion among local golfers and the ratepayers of St. Andrews. They had not to wait long before a dissonant note of objection was struck; and probably, as time goes on, the discussion will wax more vigorous and warm, until eventually the rules may form, like the Links question, a test question for candidates at the local Town Council elections.

The criticism at present has been focussed on Rules 2 and 8. It is pleaded against them that these two rules savour too much of class legislation; that is to say, that they are all in favour of what has been termed "The Gentleman Golfer," or, in other words, the player of abundant leisure and opportunities. We confess that we do not concur in that view. To an outsider, free from local prejudices, the rules commend themselves as being brief, practical, and clear. The Green Committee naturally look at the problem they have to deal with in a broad and liberal spirit. What is that problem? To secure the fairest opportunities for the playing of the game to all and sundry without distinction of class, and Rule 2 places members of the Royal and Ancient and the general public outside on a sound footing of equality. If one suggestion might be offered upon this particular rule, it is that 4 p.m. is a little too early for the closing of the lists, at least in the summer months. Visitors arriving at St. Andrews by train later than that hour will run the risk of spending the following day in absolute idleness and weariness of spirit, watching the earlier comers teeing off. That rule, therefore, might very well be extended to 6 p.m. in the summer and autumn months.

In our judgment, Rule 8 is an admirable one, and ought long ago to have formed a distinctive feature in the playing code of the game itself. For the first time it is authoritatively stated that the single player has no *locus standi* on the links, and is bound to yield place to singles and foursomes in the same way as the three-ball match. The critics, who object to this rule, assert that artisans and shopkeepers

will be prevented from utilising a spare evening hour for practice. Very true, and pity 'tis 'tis true; but we would appeal to them to take a broader and less personally selfish view of the question. They ought to think of the hundreds of other players on the green properly and regularly equipped, who, at some inconvenience and sacrifice, have secured their places in the ballot. In such a case as this, the greatest good of the greatest number of players is the sound policy to adopt; but if a single player, or a string of single players leading from the Swilcan to the Eden, could monopolise the whole of the green, then some other game than that of the royal and ancient pastime would be in vogue, for it certainly would not be Golf. It remains, therefore, for the would-be single player to bethink himself of the playing courtesies due from him to other golfers, and to make some little effort—and at St. Andrews of all places in the world, this is not an insuperable difficulty—to secure, as other players have secured, a partner, and to play the game as it has always been played during the course of its history.

Another point which appears to us to be worthy of attention is the wide power given to the starter in the settlement of disputes. It is probably the best method which could be adopted of cutting a Gordian knot created by the angry contention of a crowd of eager, hot-headed players all wishful to tee off at the same instant. But the official must needs be a man of supreme tact, firmness of character, prompt in decision, scrupulously fair, in order to inspire general confidence in his judgments, and able and willing on occasion to enforce obedience to his decrees. One would not lightly envy such a man his responsibilities; they are not to be undertaken with a jocund heart. What was, in the imagination of the player before he started, and before a dispute arose at the tee as to precedence, to be a "billy" of a second shot across the Swilcan, will, at the memory of the bickering he has just passed through, shrink into an impotent, fozzled scuff, and a buried ball in the muddy waters of that classic stream. No; neither will roses strew the path of that starter, nor will blessings be showered upon his head!

The following are the rules:—

1. The starter will be present from 9 a.m. till noon, and from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m., and shall start the players in accordance with the times in the time-table.
2. Applications for order of starting must be made by card, which must be placed in the starter's box, or in a box at the post-office, not later than 4 p.m. on the previous day, and, for a Monday, not later than 4 p.m. on the previous Saturday. Application may also be made by post-cards, which will be treated in the same way as the cards. The cards and post-cards shall each afternoon be mixed and balloted, and effect given to the hour applied for, in the order in which they come out of the ballot. Should the hour named be already taken, the nearest disengaged one will be allotted, either before or after, as directed.
3. Applicants, whether singles or foursomes, must enter their opponents' names as well as their own on the cards and post-cards. In the case of foursomes, three names shall be sufficient.
4. A list of the order of starting for each day will be posted at the starter's box and at the post-office on the previous evening about 6 o'clock.
5. Any party not ready to start immediately when its number is called loses its turn, and must wait for the first vacancy.
6. In the event of unpropitious weather, or other accidental circumstances, rendering it impossible to adhere to the time as entered in the list, the starter is empowered to despatch matches in rotation by their numbers only, and the regulations as to time will be cancelled.
7. Any dispute which may arise must be left to the decision of the starter.

8. A player without an opponent cannot have a number allotted to him, nor can he be recognised as having any standing on the green. Parties playing three or more balls must allow two-ball matches to pass them.

9. No special arrangements will be made for stranger clubs coming to St. Andrews for their club competitions.

10. The Green Committee reserve the right to suspend or alter any of the above rules, and to make special arrangements for medal days, championships, and important local competitions.

*Note.*—The above rules shall apply to both the old course and the new one, except that, in the months of July, August, and September, applications for numbers on the new course can only be made by members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, ratepayers of St. Andrews (including their children), the proprietor of Strathyrum and his family and guests, and persons provided with a ticket of admission from the Green Committee.

Application cards can be had from the starter, and are also to be found in the club, at the different hotels, the various club-makers' shops, and at the post-office.

#### CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held at the Volunteer Inn, Crookham, on Saturday, February 9th. The president, Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P., was prevented from attending by a previous engagement. The captain, Mr. A. C. Bartholomew, was voted to the chair, and there were present Messrs. G. S. Edwards, A. H. Evans, F. N. Garry, E. J. Maguire, B. Rendall, the hon. secretary, Rev. H. H. Skrine, and Rev. J. Stewart.

The following officers were elected for the present year:—President, Mr. Mount, M.P.; captain, Mr. A. B. Cook; committee, Messrs. A. C. Bartholomew, W. H. Belcher, A. H. Evans, W. P. Godwin, F. Q. Louch, E. J. Maguire, B. Rendall, Rev. J. Stewart, with the president, captain, and the hon. secretary, *ex officio*; handicapping committee, Messrs. A. E. Bartholomew, W. H. Belcher, A. B. Cook, A. H. Evans, and B. Rendall; greens committee, Mr. E. J. Maguire, Rev. H. H. Skrine, and Rev. J. Stewart; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. H. H. Skrine, Greenham Vicarage, Newbury; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. N. Garry; green-keeper, G. W. Milsom.

The Secretary then read his report for the past year, which showed that it had been one of steady progress to the club. They had, however, lost during the year a faithful servant, whose death had left a gap which was very difficult to fill. The late green-keeper, A. S. Denness, was one who had endeared himself to all the members, not only for his zeal and energy, but also for his genial manner and constantly sustained interest in the affairs of the club. The steady prosperity of the club since his appointment in 1891 was very mainly due to his care and attention. His place had been filled temporarily, partly by the appointment of his son as labourer on the greens, and partly by the appointment of G. W. Milsom to generally superintend the work. As regards membership during the past year, ten members had withdrawn from the club, and twenty-four had been elected. The number at the end of the year stood at ninety-six, as against eighty-two at the end of 1893. The club stood financially in a better position than it had been since its reconstruction in 1891, the balance in hand being £25 16s. 4d., added to which there was a balance of £4 5s. on the prize account, which had been opened in 1891, and which had not been dealt with since that year, mainly owing to the return of the Crookham Cup from Westward Ho! making a further prize at present uncalled for. In addition to the club prizes, the captain had given a prize at the autumn meeting, and following the lead of the Reading and District members in 1893, the Newbury and District members gave the bogey prize for 1894.

The club had played seven matches with other clubs, four of which had been won, and three lost.

In addition to these club matches, Mr. S. S. Wollaston brought a team and played the Marlborough masters at Crookham, and won the match by 28 holes. The final for the monthly medal resulted in a win for Mr. S. S. Wollaston, 88 less 9 = 79, after a tie with Mr. W. H. Belcher. The final for the monthly "Bogey" resulted in a tie between Mr. A. B. Cook and Mr. E. J. Maguire.



THE LESSONS ON GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have been much interested and edified by the perusal of your series of "Lessons on Golf," concluded in the issue of GOLF of the 15th inst. I learned the game at St. Andrews when a boy, and played there when at the Madras College and the University, between the years 1836 and 1842. Owing to long absence in India, I discontinued the game for many years. But I resumed it about ten years ago; and my love for it is intense up to the present time, though I have completed my sixty-ninth year. Perhaps it may interest you to know that I am the son of the late Mr. George Fullarton Carnegie, of Pittarrow, author of "Golfiana." I consider your lessons most valuable. The foundation is so sound—the principle of the proper circle—while the details arising out of that principle are most carefully elaborated. Finally, "Coach" has explained everything with a remarkable clearness, conciseness, and simplicity.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
G. F. CARNEGIE,  
Major-General late Bengal Staff Corps.  
Brooklands, Ramsgate.

TAYLOR'S GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see that a correspondent writes in your last issue that Scotland could claim that Taylor, the Champion, learnt his Golf from Charles Gibson. Allow me to point out that Taylor could play a good game, about scratch, when Gibson took charge of Westward Ho! links. Taylor and Golf both grew up together, and practice has brought him to be the player we find him to-day, so I think we can justly claim him as a pure English golfer.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
PROFESSIONAL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I wish to correct the statement which appeared in your last week's issue. On several occasions I have had the honour imputed to me, through your columns, of being the one who taught J. H. Taylor (Champion), his Golf. I am sorry I cannot claim that honour. Taylor, like the majority of professionals, learned the game when a caddie. That was before I came to Westward Ho! Taylor was one of the men who worked on the links at Westward Ho! when I secured for him the post of professional to the Burnham Golf Club, Somerset. Soon after that he played Andrew Kirkaldy, then professional to the Winchester Golf Club, a home and home match, which he won on both greens. It was after this match,

when I was on a visit to North Berwick and Musselburgh that most of the professionals were anxious to know all about him, and whether he was a good player. I told them if ever they played with him they would soon find that out; and I think they have.

I am Sir, etc.,  
C. GIBSON.

Golf club-maker, Westward Ho!

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. C.—If no rule as to the snow was settled before the competitors started, the player is, of course, disqualified.

CECIL H. NORTON.—It is undoubtedly in the power of the committee to make any rules, or modification of existing rules they please for the government of a competition, provided that the competitors as a whole, do not lodge a specific objection, calling in question the unfairness of the arrangement. The previous answer to which you refer, was given on the broad basis of the existing well-known and generally observed provision prohibiting a competitor from playing with a professional, and had no reference to the "contracting out" arrangement made by the committee. If the arrangement has been in vogue during the competition, we do not see that there ought to be an objection raised now for the disqualification of the lady, seeing that the arrangement was perfectly well understood, and generally acquiesced in. All the same, we think that the committee are unwise to fly in the face of the general prohibitory practice, and that they would be better advised to respect the prevailing prejudice against the undesirableness of the arrangement.

MYE BROKEN CLEEKE.

There be sore spytes that vexe ye soule,  
And buffets rude on bruyssed cheeke;  
Much neede there ys of strycte controul,  
Behayour mylde and conducte meeke.  
Crumbes yn mye bedde I cannot thole,  
I doe deteste ye Easte Wynde bleake,  
Yet I doe gryeve beyonde ye whole,  
Mye broken Cleeke!

Erstwhyle I hearde ye matyns tolle  
Each daye that maketh uppe ye weeke;  
At evensong I softly stole  
Where on ye lynks Greeke meeteth Greeke;  
There could I make ye balle outrolle  
Ye bunkeres whych ye duffers seeke,  
I tumble nowe yn everye hole—  
Mye broken Cleeke!

Styll pressyng forward to ye goale  
Bye devious wayes and pathes oblyque,  
Enmeshed yn sande, engulphed yn shoale,  
Ye foyle of everye faulte and freake—  
As Bloodye Mary's hearte payde tolle  
(When Calays fell) to payne and pyque—  
So, yn mye broken hearte mye dole,  
Mye broken Cleeke!

HARRY BELL.

THE half-yearly statutory meeting of the Aberlady, Gullane, and North Berwick Railway Company was held in Edinburgh—Mr. G. B. Wieland, chairman. The balance-sheet was approved, and the following directors were appointed, viz., Mr. G. B. Wieland, Mr. Henry Grierson, Mr. John Jordan, and Mr. D. R. Kemp. This railway does not seem to be getting much farrarder, and its prospects are not brightened by the wrangle that goes on apace anent the drainage and water-supply of Gullane.

## Our Ladies' Letter.

MY DEAR LADY GOLFERS,—As if to counteract what the daily papers call the "prolonged frost," a fire must needs mysteriously and unnecessarily create a disturbance, somewhat too warming, in the printing offices of our valuable weekly. In truth, such an occurrence is no joke, and involves endless correspondence and inconvenience. However, all's well that ends well, and GOLF emerged from its fiery ordeal up to time and presented itself to its expectant readers on its usual Friday morning.

A fine assemblage of lady golfers have been skating on the Wimbledon Lake, among others Miss Starkie Bence, who has been elected by the Ladies' Golf Union to act on the sub-committee with Mr. Arthur Adams, Miss Issette Pearson, Mrs. Miller, and four Irish representatives for the arrangements of the forthcoming Ladies' Championship Meeting at Portrush, the dates of which are fixed for May 22, 23, 24. There is little doubt that the event this year will attract a great many well-known lady golfers from all parts, but it is the fixed purpose of the Union to arrange matters so that there shall be no waste of time, in order that the contest may be concluded within the three days named. Few people outside the actual committee are aware of the difficulties, time, expense, and worry involved in arranging all the details of such an event as the Ladies' Championship, and the Union is certainly fortunate in having the services of a secretary with such genuine enthusiasm as Miss Pearson, who spares herself no exertion in securing the success of the annual undertaking.

The Ranelagh Club, where so pleasant a Ladies' Meeting took place last autumn, has been holding high revel during this glacial period, and the Ice Carnival held there will long be remembered as a picturesque and fairylike scene. The question of County Golf is being seriously and ably discussed by "Niblick." Ladies have fortunately their Union as an authority for appeal in difficulties, yet much might be done to promote union among the Counties in respect of Golf and the arrangement of County matches. The County Cup for the Sussex and Kent Ladies' Golf Clubs proved that such undertakings are met with great interest by the Clubs concerned.

Ladies who are about to empty their cupboards and commence the "throwing away" of discarded household and personal rubbish before the approaching spring-cleaning may be glad to hear of Messrs. Johnson, Dymond & Son's weekly "rubbish" (?) sales, at the City Auction Rooms, at 38 and 39, Gracechurch Street, E.C., where every class of goods is disposed of. Full particulars will be supplied on application to the firm. For those who are changing houses the information is likely to be very valuable, and involves no trouble or anxiety.

In reply to a correspondent from a well-known suburb with respect to massage for a muscular strain, I cannot speak from personal knowledge. Many doctors employ their special masseurs and masseuses, but there is an institution for the Courtois system in 5, Bentinck Street, Cavendish Square, W., and the Secretary will furnish all particulars.

That ordinary rubbing will relieve a strain is now generally known, and in cases of stiff neck, or great fatigue from walking, hunting, skating, or golfing, ordinary turpentine, well rubbed in, is an excellent cure; or Elliman's embrocation. I have known strong ammonia, about a tablespoonful in a big bath, with very warm water, decidedly strengthening and refreshing. But the lady-golfer in question has probably been over-exerting herself, and should rest from violent exercise for a time.

I am of opinion that many golfers will be all the better for this long spell of rest from their favourite game. Practice makes perfect, undoubtedly, but I have seen many cases of over-practice, for which nature has this winter given a cure which few can evade, as even in the South the links have been under snow. That all lady-golfers will have benefited both in play and in health from this dry cold after an exceptionally damp autumn and Christmas-tide, is the hearty wish of their sincere friend,

LADY TATTLER.



The first annual dinner of the North Manchester Golf Club was held on February 13th, the captain, Mr. Edward Holt, J.P., occupied the chair. About seventy tickets were issued, and, after the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales" had been proposed from the chair, Mr. Platt-Higgins proposed the toast of "The Golf Club" in a humorous speech. This was responded to by the captain, who stated that the club had been very successful, and its membership was now over 150. Dr. Braddon, J.P., one of the vice-presidents of the club, then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. J. G. Groves, who related his first experiences of the game of Golf. Subsequently a smoking concert took place. Songs were contributed by Messrs. G. E. Bryant, W. H. Norton, Fred. Hilton, Grierson, Todd, and others. Mr. McNiven also gave two humorous Scotch songs, and Mr. J. A. Bayley a solo on the flute. Mr. S. Wrigley gave two solos on the autoharp. Mr. Clifton Barritt accompanied on the piano, and also gave several humorous songs and sketches in excellent style. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was passed. The Menu invited the golfers to observe these precepts:—"Slow back," "Don't 'press,'" and "Keep your eye on the—Menu!" which was as follows:—

- "Tee off."
- Hors D'œuvre.
- "Fore!"
- Clear "Links" (*à la* Mock Turtle).
- Purée à la Reine (aux Fines Herbs from the "Greens").
- "One More."
- "Stymied" Turbot.
- Stewed Eels (from "The Reservoir").
- "Two More."
- "Mashie" of Veal.
- Braised Turkey à la "St. Andrews."
- "One off Two."
- Sirloin of Beef (Scotch) and Yorkshire Pudding.
- Saddle of Mutton à la "Sheepfoot Lane."
- "The Odd."
- Pheasants (Caught in "The Trap").
- Sweets (and "The Like").
- Golf Pudding.
- Crème à la Vanille (and "Two to Play").
- Gelée au Fruit ("Sliced").
- Ice Pudding.
- DESSERT.
- "All Square."

In playing off the final heat of the Billard Handicap at the Golfers' Club, Mr. A. H. Chamberlain (O. 70) beat Major C. B. Waller (R. 45) by 75.

Lord Rayleigh, the discoverer of the new gas in the air, which has been called "Argon," because of its inertness, is a brother-in-law of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour. From all accounts, the discovery is one of the first importance. Even golfers, who have so much to do with the air, ought to take an interest in the new gas.

A correspondent writes with reference to a Golfers' Association:—"Just now the necessities of Golf are restoring the Heptarchy, as though, at present, small unions are being formed; yet, at no distant date, they may very probably resolve themselves into:—1, London and South-East; 2, Hampshire and West England; 3, Wales; 4, Lancashire and Cheshire; 5, Yorkshire and North England; 6, Midlands; 7, Norfolk and East England. Scotland might be divided into:—1, St. Andrews and North; 2, Edinburgh and East; 3, Glasgow or Prestwich and West; and the Irish Union now exists. This gives a Golf Parliament of six English, one Welsh, three Scotch, one Irish—eleven constituencies, with representatives in fair proportion to the number of clubs and their members.

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Arrangements are being made for the playing of the Parliamentary Golf match. The committee who have taken charge of it for the last four years have arranged that entries shall close at the end of this week, in order that play may begin early in March.

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No doubt lovers of Golf living in London, and especially in the vicinity of Paddington Station, as well as those in the district of Taplow, Maidenhead, and Windsor, will appreciate the information that new life has been infused into the Taplow Golf Club. An influential committee have taken it in hand, and H. Peck, late of Ranelagh, has been selected as professional. Negotiations are progressing with a view to secure the links on a long tenure. The club-house is situated midway between Taplow station and the links, but it is proposed to build a larger one on the course shortly. The links are ten minutes' walk from the station, where a convenient service of trains from Paddington already exists. It is also proposed to approach the Railway Company to endeavour to procure special fares for members of the club. A limited number of gentlemen will be elected at the present subscription without entrance fee. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the secretary, at the club.

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North Berwick seems to be alive to the necessity of upholding its sanitary reputation, and a drainage scheme, costing £1,300, is to be carried out immediately, from the designs of Messrs. Belfrage and Carfrae, C.E.

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Loch Lomond, "Queen of Scottish Lakes," has for a time been completely frozen over, an event of rare occurrence in its history. Saturday was a gala day on the loch, when it was estimated that at least 30,000 persons were on the ice, the occasion which brought the most of them together being the first carnival of the newly-formed Scottish National Skating Association, which has had a very successful season. A shinty match, projected, did not come off for want of players, but the "roaring" game went on merrily on the Auchendennan Bay. Cricketers are to have a game on the ice this week, arrangements for which are in the hands of Mr. Allan, secretary of the Western Cricket Union. The game is to be played with skates on. As the ice is very thick, a few holes might be made, and a game of Golf in old Dutch style might be brought off, to signalise still further a memorable season.

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Curling, not content with invading and capturing the House of Commons, has proceeded (by resolution) against the House of Lords, and brought the gilded chamber under the spell of Jack Frost. On Saturday last a bonspiel was played between four members of the House of Lords and four members of the Wimbledon Curling Club, on the pond of the latter. The Marquis of Huntly skipped the rink of the Lords, his "third stone" being the Marquis of Breadalbane, his "second" Lord Tweedmouth, and his "lead" the Duke of Roxburghe. The rink of the Wimbledon Club consisted of Mr. R. Muir (skip) and Messrs. Crawford, Franklin, Adams, and Nelson. The game was very keen and interesting, and ended in a draw, each side scoring twenty-one points. It is needless to say that both Commons and Lords several times during the day pursued the policy of "filling up the cup."

At the annual supper of Glasgow Golf Club on Friday night last, Mr. J. R. Motion, captain of the club, stated that the committee in charge of the new ground at Blackhill had practically settled everything, and were only waiting the formal sanction of the Caledonian Railway Company for access to the ground. They had been fortunate in securing this ground on advantageous terms, and by the time they got absolute possession in May 1896 the strength of the club would have been greatly augmented. With regard to Gailes, they trusted that with the opening of the spring they would have a practically reconstructed course there, which would be of a more diversified nature than hitherto. The committee in charge proposed to invite twelve professional golfers of the first quality to play for prizes on the day preceding the competition for Messrs. Edwards' trophy. Dr. Oglivie, who was intrusted with presenting Mr. William Doleman, one of the oldest members of the club, with his portrait, said their guest had thrown a special lustre on the Glasgow Club for a quarter of a century. He was known as the "Grand Old Man" of Golf. (Applause)

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A four-rink curling match, between the "frozen-out" golfers of Selkirk and the non-golfers, was played on the Haining Loch on Saturday, when the golfers gave a practical illustration of the alliance between Golf and curling by beating their opponents to the tune of 13 shots.

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Mr. Richard Cowe, whose name will be remembered in connection with the horse-training law case of Gullane Links, is now manager of Mr. King's training establishment at Ayr. Mr. John Fergusson, well known in East Lothian as a cross-country rider of the first water, has also gone to Ayr to act as secretary and assistant to Mr. King.

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Mrs. Alec. Tweedie has written a racy and readable story entitled "Wilton Q. C.," which gives an account of life in the Scottish Highlands during the grouse-shooting season, love, as usual, coming in to make the sport on the moors more romantic than it might otherwise be.

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A Golf match organised by the Hyères Golf Club was played at Hyères on February 17th. The Prince de Rohan won the prize offered by the municipality. The Mayor of Hyères, who distributed the prizes, expressed the great interest which he took in all the fêtes given by the British Colony. These gatherings added much, he said, to the gaiety and amusement of the town.

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Mr. Muir, the secretary of the Burgess Golfing Society, has appealed to Edinburgh golfers on behalf of the Musselburgh caddies, many of whom, he says, are "literally starving," owing to the severity of the storm and the want of employment. This matter of relief for the poor caddies we referred to last week. We believe that at every Golf centre just now relief is needed. Golfers willing to befriend the caddies will readily find means of doing so. In this case, *bis dat qui cito dat* is specially true.

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THE LAWS OF ANCIENT GOLF.—A TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR BALFOUR.

Now Jolly Arthur is our King,  
The King of golfing laddies;  
And he, at Chislehurst, has said,  
Before the English caddies,

Four hundred years have amply proved  
With hazards, holes, and bunkers,  
'Tis not the arrow, but the ball,  
The Englishman that conquers.

—From *The Idler* for February.

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Mr. Hilton, writing in the *Sporting Chronicle*, has the following remarks on the Golfer's Driving Attitude:—"Some few years back, the correct attitude when addressing the ball in the act of driving was considered to have the ball almost opposite the left foot, which latter was placed some few inches more forward than the right, this attitude apparently enabling the player to obtain the full use of the weight of the shoulders in

propelling the ball, and this attitude was advocated in 'Badminton' as the correct stance, and at the time of the issue of the book in question was the attitude most freely adhered to. Of late years the stance amongst the leading players has been gradually revolutionised, until now the majority of the players, whether they take the ball off the right or left foot, all stand somewhat open—that is, with the left foot placed some few inches behind the right foot, as, although this position may somewhat restrict the freedom of the shoulders, this, in a way, is an advantage, as it compels the player to strike with the arms alone, and so enables him to drive with more accuracy. Of the leading players, Messrs. Ball and Tait both stand very open—that is, with the left foot considerably behind the right, but whereas the former takes the ball from nearer the right foot, the latter has it almost opposite the left foot. Rolland, on the other hand, adheres to the old style, with the ball opposite the left foot, and the left foot in front of the right; and this, no doubt, enables him to obtain to a certain extent the excessive length in his strokes. Mr. Laidlay has been always considered the left-foot player 'in extreme,' but in some photos taken at the Amateur Championship meeting at Hoylake last year, it was noticeable that he was also standing somewhat open.

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At the present time, when Golf is having rather the worst of it, we may cheer the hearts of frozen-out players by a song to the tune of "Clean Pease Strae," from the "Golfers' Year Book" of 1866, which we dare say few have seen before:—

When Tom and me were caddies,  
Our pastimes were but sma'—  
A game at common shinty,  
Or playin' at the ba';  
But lang since then a game we ken,  
Enticin' great and sma';  
A king, I ween, aroun' Leith green  
Has often gowff'd the ba'.

Wi' glorious Gowff, brave Scotia's game,  
Oor youth comes back ance mair,  
When swift and free as birds on wing,  
Oor balls fly through the air.  
The rays o' fortune's golden star  
Most earthly ills can cure;  
Gowff helps to keep the others "far,"  
Or makes their absence "sure."

When ice is keen, the curlin' steen  
Wi' birr gaes straucht awa';  
And cricket on the meadow green  
Seems manly, brisk and braw;  
But, laddie, tak' a club in han',  
Then tee and drive the ba',  
Ye'll find the Royal game o' Gowff  
Is better than them a'.

Oor Volunteers wi' guns an' spears,  
Keep foreign foes in awe,  
Noo Britain's youth shield North and South,  
Laiigh cot and stately ha';  
Sae ne'er a foe shall Scotland fear,  
While Scotland's game we play,  
Though we should leave the puttin' green  
To buckle for the tray.

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A general meeting of the members of the Thorntree Golf Club, Prestonpans, was held on Thursday—Mr. James Dewar, chairman. There was a full attendance of members. It was unanimously agreed to reconstitute the club as at 1st January last, with the adoption of the old rules, subject to any revision rendered necessary through the said reconstitution. It was unanimously agreed that old members residing in the parishes of Prestonpans and Tranent be admitted members, within one month, by payment of 10s., that the first fifty after that pay 10s. of entry money additional; and special arrangements were made for summer visitors. The office-bearers were then elected as follows:—Captain, Mr. Francis Cadell; vice-captain, Mr. C. Lamb; treasurer, Mr. James Dewar; joint secretaries, Messrs. George Hunter and E. Johnston; committee, Messrs. James M'Kerron, D. Adams, G. Clark, J. Sandilands, A. Inglis, James Kay, T. Hare, T. M'Walter, and Provost Edgar.



## CANNES GOLF CLUB.

The competition for a prize for ladies kindly given by the Duke of Cambridge (Sir John Burns giving a second prize), took place on Tuesday, February 12th, in beautiful weather, and resulted as follows:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
*Mrs. Stubbs ...	58	6 52	Mrs. W. Clark ...	79	12 67
†Miss Whigham ...	48	+6 54	Miss Halford ...	70	2 68
Mrs. Shelton ...	61	5 56	Miss K. Duncombe.	75	7 68
Miss Shelton ...	66	9 57	Mrs. Walker ...	90	15 75
Miss Schenley ...	75	14 61	Miss Butler ...	88	12 76
Mrs. Archie Keen ...	67	5 62	Mrs. Barlow Webb.	85	8 77
Miss Burns... ..	81	15 66	Miss M. Burns ...	101	13 88

\* Winner of the Duke of Cambridge's prize.

† Winner of Sir John Burns' prize.

On the same day a prize for men, given by General Viscomte de Bernis, and a second, again kindly given by Sir John Burns, were competed for, the winner of the latter holding the Castle Wemys challenge cup for the year. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Geo. Thorne ...	115	24 91	Mr. C. N. Ridley ...	117	18 99
Mr. W. M. Allen ...	103	10 93	Mr. J. B. Dugdale...	130	28 102
Col. Woodward ...	113	14 99	Mr. W. C. Clark ...	120	11 109
Col. Mackenzie Fraser	108	9 99			

On Wednesday, February 13th, a competition, limited to the permanent members of the club, took place for the *medailles d'honneur*, presented by the town of Cannes, first and second prizes. Gentlemen:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Hewetson ...	108	12 96	Col. Woodward ...	121	14 107
Mr. Geo. Thorne ...	116	16 100	Mr. W. Clarke ...	123	11 112
Mr. W. M. Allen... ..	109	9 100			

Ladies:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Mabel E. Clark	61	9 52	Miss Whigham ...	56	+7 63
Miss Shelton ...	64	9 55	Mrs. W. Clark ...	73	9 64
Mrs. Stubbs ...	60	4 56	Miss W. Clark ...	77	9 68
Mrs. Shelton ...	62	5 57			

The competition for prizes kindly given by Mrs. Woodward, were played for in dull, cloudy weather on February 16th, with the following results:—

Ladies.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Tennant ...	51	+4 55	Mrs. Archer Keen...	62	4 58
Mrs. Stubbs ...	61	4 57	Miss Whigham ...	56	+7 63
Mrs. Shelton ...	62	5 57			

Gentlemen.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Radcliffe ...	86	7 79	Mr. C. N. Ridley ...	127	18 109
Mr. G. W. Hillyard	92	4 88	Col. Cragg... ..	133	24 109
Mr. E. Hewetson ...	108	11 97	Mr. G. Thorne ...	127	14 113

Many others made no returns.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The second competition of the year for the monthly medal of the above club took place on Saturday last at Newcastle, and resulted in a win by Dr. Magill. The links were quite free from snow, except for occasional drifts around ditches and bunkers. The scoring was high and is accounted for by the long spell of frost which gave players no opportunity to keep up their game. The ground was in fine playing order, and the new course bids fair to outshine any of its predecessors. The following cards under 100 net were returned :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Magill ...	103	18	85	Mr. F. L. Heyn ...	123	26	97
Mr. F. Hoey ...	108	16	92	Mr. W. H. Smiles...	109	10	99
Mr. P. T. Trousdale	119	26	93				

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION FORMER PUPILS GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held in the school on Friday, February 15th, when the secretary submitted his report for the past year, which showed the affairs of the club to be in a flourishing condition, and that there was a membership of nearly one hundred. The office-bearers for the ensuing season were elected, viz. :—Hon. president, Mr. R. M. Ferguson, LL.D.; president, Mr. John B. Buist, M.D.; captain, Mr. James Stevenson; vice-captain, Mr. John McCulloch; committee, Messrs. A. Henderson, R. L. McDonald, Tom Ainslie, D. Johnston, Campbell Smith, and John Stevenson; secretary, Mr. Walter Oliphant, 21, York Place, Edinburgh.

HYERES GOLF CLUB.

February 16th.—The Hyères challenge cup, presented by the Corporation of Hyères, was won by the Prince R. de Rohan. The following were the scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Prince R. de Rohan	99	16	83	Mr. G. R. Corbett .	104	16	88
Mr. F. J. Patton ...	84	scr.	84	Mr. R. H. Caird ...	91	2	89
Mr. J. F.E. Bowring	86	2	84	Mr. S. Peel ...	99	7	92
Mr. J. Roberts ..	94	9	85	Rev. H. L. Bellasis	109	12	97
Mr. M. E. Collet ...	96	11	85	Mr. J. R. Corbett .	107	18	99

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The competition in connection with the monthly medal took place on Saturday. Low returns were impossible, owing to the frozen condition of the ground. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Maclure ...	99	12	87	Mr. A. C. Knight ...	97	2	95
Mr. W. Lund ...	101	12	89	Mr. C. S. Allott ...	128	27	101
Mr. H. H. Brayshaw	93	3	90	Mr. R. L. Taylor ...	115	12	103

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The Seely bowl competition took place on January 28th. On account of snow and frost the Ward cup and Monthly sweepstakes were played for on February 12th and 13th, instead of January 29th and 30th.

Seely bowl handicap, limited to 18.—Lieut. R. N. Lockhart, 104, less 15=18; Mr. F. Tankard, 98, less 6=92. The rest sent in no returns.

Ward cup, "Bogey" play.—Dr. C. H. Hand (11), 2 down; Mr. J. Doon (15), 4 down; Lieut. R. N. Lockhart (11), 6 down; Lieut. C. G. Pritchard (17), 7 down; Capt. Hoblyn (18), 11 down. The rest sent in no returns.

Monthly sweepstake.—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Lieut. C. G. Pritchard ...	108	22	86	Lieut. R. N. Lockhart ...	108	15	93
Dr. C. H. Hands ...	104	15	89	Capt. H. A. Inglis...	111	15	96
Mr. J. Doon ...	109	20	89	Capt. A. T. Cuming	132	20	112

The rest sent in no returns.

The Ladies' monthly sweepstakes were postponed till February 14th. In consequence of a high wind and frozen snow on the course the following were the only returns :—Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford, 107, less 7=100; Miss Agnes Nicholson, 121, less 19=102; Miss Hamond Graeme, 133, less 25=108.

NORTH BERWICK.

On Saturday the links were more suitable for play than for a week or two past, the snow over the course having given way to the fresher weather except occasional patches in the hollows. A fair number of players took advantage of the pleasant weather on Saturday in the way of friendly matches, and amongst the games engaged in was a three-ball encounter between Ben Sayers, Davie Grant, and George Sayers. Ben playing the better of the two balls of his opponents. A stiff task was evidently set him, but Ben kept his ground well, the match being neck-and-neck throughout. With 2 to play, Grant and George Sayers stood 1 up, but Bernard again made the match square at Point-Garry-in. Ben and Davie both pulled their tee drives for the home hole and required 5 each. Getting down a good putt on the home green, George Sayers finished with a 4, and he and Grant accordingly won the stiffest of games by a hole.

PAU GOLF CLUB.

Jubilee medal handicap limited to eighteen strokes. By holes.

First day.—Mr. K. McFarlane (6) beat Mr. E. Livingstone (14); Mr. G. Harrison (12) beat Mr. C. Cuthbertson (10); Mr. R. J. Boreel (scr.) beat Mr. E. Scarisbrick (18); Mr. Martin Smith (12), a bye (Mr. H. Tollemache scratched); Mr. W. F. North (18) beat Mr. A. D. Clark (10); Mr. C. Ponsonby (4) beat Major Levett; Mr. Shand Harvey (13) beat Mr. D. M. Macnab (18); Mr. W. Kane (5), Captain Banbury (9), Mr. S. Platt (12), Mr. J. Mellor (5), Colonel McLaren (13), Mr. P. Hankey (12), Mr. J. Boit (17), Mr. H. G. Ross (12), and Mr. S. Williams, byes.

Second day.—Mr. G. Harrison beat Mr. K. McFarlane; Mr. R. J. Boreel beat Mr. Martin Smith; Mr. W. F. North beat Mr. C. Ponsonby; Mr. Shand-Harvey (10) beat Mr. W. Kane; Captain Banbury beat Mr. S. Platt; Colonel McLaren beat Mr. J. Mellor; Mr. J. Boit beat Mr. P. Hankey; Mr. H. G. Ross, a bye (Mr. S. Williams scratched).

Third day.—Mr. G. Harrison beat Mr. R. J. Boreel; Mr. W. F. North beat Mr. Shand-Harvey; Captain Banbury beat Colonel McLaren; Mr. H. G. Ross beat Mr. J. Boit.

Fourth day.—Mr. W. F. North beat Mr. G. Harrison; Captain Banbury beat Mr. H. G. Ross.

Final.—Mr. W. F. North beat Captain Banbury by 5 up and 3 to play, having played a good and steady game throughout the week. The weather was fine throughout the competition.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The Ladies' monthly competition, postponed from the 4th, was played off on the 11th inst. The state of the ground consequent on the severe frost materially affected the scores, which were as follows :—Miss M. Pennant, 97, plus 2=99; Miss Haynes, 124, less 20=104; Miss Mainwaring, 111, less 6=105.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Bombay and monthly medals has been further postponed until Tuesday, March 5th. The March monthly medal will be played on Tuesday, March 19th.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Tuesday, February 12th, but the frozen state of the ground was much against low scoring. Result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Franks ...	88	6	82	Miss Rivett-Carnac.	105	16	89
Miss Mabel Smith...	95	6	89	Miss H. Lambert..	102	12	90
Miss M. Gregg ...	101	12	89	Miss Winter ...	115	22	93

No returns from the remainder.

## SALTBURN GOLF CLUB.

Owing to the heavy snow-storm the monthly medal competition could not be played last Saturday. It will be played on Saturday, 23rd inst., if play is practicable.

THE Rev. John Glasse, of Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh, a keen golfer, has received the degree of D.D., from St. Andrews University.

THE frozen-out golfers of Innerleven Golf Club, played at curling against those of the Leven Thistle Club, and lost by 10 shots.

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