

# GOLF.

A Weekly Record of "The Royal and Ancient" Game.

"Far and Sure."

[REGISTERED AS A NEWSPAPER.]

No. 288 Vol. XI.  
[COPYRIGHT.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1896.

Price Twopence.  
10s. 6d. per Annum, Post Free.



1896.

JANUARY.

- Jan. 18.—Royal Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.  
Robin Hood v. Kidderminster.  
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medals (Senior and Junior).  
Ravenscliffe: Monthly Medal.  
Northwood: "Bogey" Competition.  
Royal Epping Forest; Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).  
Willesden: Monthly Medal (Short Handicap).  
Rochester: Monthly Medal.  
West Middlesex: Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton: Captain's Prize.  
North-West Club (Londonderry): Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
Disley: Winter Silver Medal.  
Wimbledon Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Harrogate: Monthly Medal.  
East Finchley: Monthly Medal.  
Burnham (Somerset): "Bogey" Competition.  
Saltburn: Captain's Prize.  
Balham: Monthly Medal (Seniors).  
Tooting: "Bogey" Handicap.
- Jan. 19.—Disley: Schofield Prize.  
Jan. 21.—Cumbrae: Club Prize and Sweepstake.  
Jan. 22.—Meyrick (Bournemouth): Monthly "Bogey."  
Jan. 25.—Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.  
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.  
Cheadle: Fourth Winter Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup, Captain's Prize, and Monthly Medal.  
Willesden: Monthly Medal (Long Handicap).  
Royal Ashdown Forest: Monthly Medal.  
Sidecup: Monthly Medal (First and Second Class).  
Chislehurst: Monthly Medal.

- Jan. 25.—Huddersfield: Monthly Competition.  
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Romford: Captain's Prize.  
Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.  
Taplow: Monthly Medal.  
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.  
Neasden: Monthly Medal.  
Alfreton: Bronze Medal.  
Alfreton Ladies: Silver Spoon.  
Moseley: Monthly Medal.  
Glamorganshire: Monthly medal ("Bogey").  
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Disley: Annual Meeting.  
Enfield: "Bogey" Competition (Kenilworth Cup).  
Burnham (Somerset): "Bogey" Competition.  
Balham: Monthly Medal (Juniors).  
Jan. 27.—Warminster: Monthly Handicap.  
Pau: Jubilee Medal (Open Handicap by Holes).  
Jan. 28.—Bowdon Ladies: Monthly Medal.  
Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.  
Enfield: Ladies' "Bogey" Competition (Wyndcroft Prize).  
Burnham (Somerset): Monthly Gold and Silver Medal.  
Jan. 29.—Robin Hood v. Ipsley.  
Morecambe and Heysham: Captain's Prize.  
Jan. 30.—Romford Ladies: H. H. Raphael Prize.  
Wellingborough: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Cromer: Monthly Medal.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1.—Hythe: Monthly Medal.  
North-West Club (Londonderry): Monthly Medal.  
King's Norton: Monthly Challenge Cup.  
Woodbridge: President's Prize.  
Lansdown: President's Cup, Monthly Competition, and Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool: Winter Optionals.  
Macclesfield: President's Challenge Cup.  
Birkdale: Fourth Medals.  
Neasden: "Bogey" Competition.  
Finchley: Monthly Medal and Captain's Prize.  
Northwood: Monthly Medal.  
Manchester: Captain's Cup.  
Brighton and Hove: Berens Gold Medal.  
Bury: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.  
North Manchester: "Bogey" Competition.  
Woodford: Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.  
West Middlesex: "Bogey" Competition.  
Great Yarmouth: Monthly Medal.  
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Raynes Park: Monthly Medal.  
Bullwood: Monthly Medal.

## SOME "ROYAL AND ANCIENT" MEDALLISTS.

Mr. Craig Thomson, Broughty Ferry, who became a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club upwards of forty years ago, has, along with Tom Morris, recently been having his portrait painted, and, *apropos* of the occasion, a contemporary observes that besides being one of the oldest life members, Mr. Thomson has won more of the honours which the "Royal and Ancient" has to bestow than any other member of the club north of the Tay. In respect of seniority, Mr. Thomson has still a considerable lee-way to make up, Col. Thomson (of Charleton), Baron Playfair, Mr. Maitland (of Balmungo), and others, being nearly twenty years his senior in membership. But the particular point of interest is that one whose prowess on the golfing field in by-gone days is undoubted, should have passed almost completely out of the knowledge of the present generation of golfers in St. Andrews. Looking, however, to the published record of the Royal and Ancient medallists, the description of Mr. Thomson is amply borne out by what is found there. In the year 1855 he secured the gold medal of the club with the notable score of 93. This was the same year that Mr. George Glennie won the King William IV. medal with 88, establishing a record for the medal round which, for a score of years, remained unchallenged. From the year 1806 to 1836 the gold medal was the only one competed for at the autumn meeting, but in 1837 it was relegated to second place, and the medal presented to the club by King William IV. then took the premier position. But, strange to say, during all these years from 1806 onwards, it was never won at a less figure than 93, until 1876 when Mr. Alex. Stuart gained it with the score of 92. In 1853 Mr. James Balfour-Melville, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville's father, won it at 93, and twenty years later Dr. Argyll Robertson secured it at the same figure. Mr. Thomson's was, therefore, at the time, as has been said, a very notable score. At the spring meeting of 1866 he improved his position by winning the first place with the score of 92. This was also the record score for the May meeting first made in 1861 by Mr. Thos. Hodge, and which remained until 1874, when Mr. W. J. Mure lowered the flag at 90. Mr. Thomson's name appears altogether six times in the club's register of medallists, and it is certainly very pleasing to be able to call attention to one who was an exponent of first-class Golf in the historic period so long ago as 1855, and who is still to the fore, and able to represent a former generation of golfers. A contemporary of Mr. Thomson's was Admiral Maitland Dougall, of Scotsraig. Excepting Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, Admiral Dougall's record is the most illustrious in the club's annals. He figures in the medal list no less than sixteen times. His best appearances were in 1856, when he won King William IV. medal with 92, and again, in 1865, when he won the same medal with the same score. In the nine years which elapsed between these dates he was *facile princeps*, winning the Royal medal three times, the club's gold medal three times, and the Bombay medal three times. The present Amateur Champion, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville joined the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in 1873 and for a period of over twenty years he has always given a good account of himself. He began his victorious career in 1874, by winning the club's gold medal with the score of 97, and he has steadily improved in his play. Leaving out of account, for the sake of comparison, the Glennie aggregate medal, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville's name occurs sixteen times in the honours list. His best scores were in 1890, when he won the silver cross with 83, and in 1894, when he won the silver medal with 84. Next comes Mr. Alexander Stuart's name with ten wins to his credit, his best scores being in 1883, when he won the silver cross with 83, and in 1890, when he secured the silver medal with 81. A good deal has been written and said comparing favourably latter-day Golf with that of an earlier period, but in the figures quoted of representative players of the past and present generation there

is not much room for vaunting. Those who know St. Andrews green intimately, and can compare its condition thirty years ago with its present state of perfection, admit that it is many strokes easier than it used to be. In the earlier period lawn-mowers and rollers were unknown. Cut turf was plentiful, rushes and long grass were frequently encountered, bunkers had to be crossed, not evaded; to use the term "putting-green" at the high hole was a misnomer, it was little better than blown sand, whilst the journey to the end hole was a narrow way guarded on both sides by whins and rough heather.

Proceeding down the list of medallists we come to Mr. Mure Fergusson and Mr. J. E. Laidlay, each with nine wins to his credit. In 1893 Mr. Mure Fergusson, playing for the first time with a bulger, lowered the record to 79, and won the King William IV. medal. Last year he again entered the honours' list with 80. Mr. Laidlay only joined the club in 1885, and he has still a long period to add to his laurels. At the spring meeting of the past year he repeated Mr. Fergusson's score of 79, and in 1894 he won the gold medal with 80 strokes. Mr. Horace Hutchinson figures next in the list with eight wins. He appears to have been at the top of his game in 1887, when he took the silver cross at the May meeting, and the Club's gold medal at the autumn meeting, his score on each occasion being 84. Dr. Argyll Robertson and Mr. Robert Clark follow with seven wins.

Dr. Argyll Robertson's best appearances were in 1871 and in 1867, when he secured the silver medal with scores of 93 and 94. In 1867 and 1869 Mr. Robert Clark took first place at the May meetings with 92. Mr. Charles Anderson and Mr. Thomas Hodge are next on our list with six awards each. On the merits of his play, Mr. Hodge ought to have figured in the list seven times; but, on one occasion, with a winning score he was disqualified by an inadvertence at the Burn hole. Lying on the edge of the hole, he failed to play out, but, as any one would have done in match play, assumed that he had an unmissable putt, and proceeded to the next hole. In 1869 he almost repeated Mr. Glennie's performance, and with 89 strokes won King William IV. Medal. His next best score was in 1861, when he was awarded the silver cross with 92 strokes. In 1879, Mr. Charles Anderson was the first to equal the record score at the autumn meeting, and with 88 won the Royal medal. The same year Mr. W. J. Mure had lowered the medal record at the May meeting to 86. In 1880, Mr. Anderson secured the silver cross with 87 strokes. In reading over the preceding notes it is interesting to observe that Mr. W. J. Mure though he does not appear so often in the medal list as some of his contemporaries, first in 1874, and again in 1879, took the silver cross with a record score for the May meeting.

Among others who have won a prominent place in the temple of fame are:—Mr. D. Lamb and Mr. H. Lamb, Mr. J. H. Blackwell and Mr. E. Blackwell, Mr. Macfie, Mr. Everard, Mr. Fairlie and Mr. F. G. Tait. Estimating these by the frequency with which their names appear in the honours list they are among the "Minor Medallists," though their best efforts are quite in line with some of the scores already quoted. Of Mr. Tait, however, it must be said that he has his career still before him and in time he promises to eclipse the best of his predecessors. In 1894, he lowered the record for the Royal medal to 78, and was the holder of first class honours, both, at the spring and autumn meetings. With the attention that is now bestowed by those organs in the press specially devoted to recording the doings of all the most notable players, there is less danger of their claims to our respect being forgotten than was the case with the names of some of the veterans who in days of less publicity maintained the reputation of their club.

A. B.

FRY'S PURE CONCENTRATED COCOA.—Is pronounced by hygienic experts to be unrivalled as a pick-me-up, and hence invaluable as a beverage. Dyspeptics will find this cocoa, which is most easily digested, invigorating and nourishing.

FRY'S PURE CONCENTRATED COCOA.—"Remarkable for its absolute purity, its nutritive value, its pleasant taste, and its property of ready assimilation."—*Health*. 100 PRIZE MEDALS. Ask for FRY'S PURE CONCENTRATED COCOA.

GOLF IN ABERDEEN.

The old year died in Aberdeen amid fog, rain, sleet, and wind, which laid the ladies' course "under water," and stranded a gallant steam trawler on the beach close to the Balgownie course. This disaster happened on Christmas morning, so that on the margin of the links where in summer the bluebells wave in azure masses, and the golfers pursue the bewitching game, was the tragic spectacle of tempest-tossed seas and brave men fighting for dear life with the wild waves, which, a mile or so farther along, were dashing right over the lighthouse top. Thanks, however, to the skill and presence of mind of the skipper and crew, as well as to the noble exertions of the coastguardsmen, who have a pretty little settlement of cottages, gardens, lifeboats, signaling apparatus &c., between the Golf course and the river Don, close to its mouth, the crew were got ashore in safety, in ample time for their Christmas dinners, which no doubt were partaken of with due thankfulness. Shortly after—for things are not always bad even in this nether sphere, let pessimists say what they will—the half-wrecked trawler was successfully towed off the beach where she lay fast among the sand and at the mercy of the waves, and despatched for repairs; and the course having about the same time regained its normal condition, play was resumed with enthusiasm by both lady and gentleman devotees. The former played for the monthly scratch and handicap prizes on the first Monday of the year, in hazy but on the whole favourable weather. There was a good turnout of members. The scratch prize was won by Miss L. Ferguson, with a score of 69. The handicap prize was tied for by Miss L. Ferguson and Mrs. Wright, with the net score of 69. The following cards were handed in:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |            | Gross. Hcp. Net.   |          |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|
| Miss L. Ferguson ... | 69 scr. 69 | Miss C. Crane ...  | 82 7 75  |
| Mrs. Wright ...      | 73 4 69    | Miss L. Cragie ... | 83 8 75  |
| Miss G. Crane ...    | 80 7 73    | Miss Middleton ... | 88 12 76 |
| Miss Stephenson ...  | 82 8 74    | Miss T. E. Lumsden | 85 4 81  |

The enthusiasm of the Aberdeen lady golfers is not easily cooled, even by snow. One day in the waning year some of the ladies ventured out to Balgownie, when the links were white with a sharp, though short-lived storm, and one of them, it was whispered to me by a little bird, lost three balls among the snow. Surely that was carrying things a little too far.

But it is not only in the environs of the Granite City that ladies' Golf obtains in the North-East of Scotland. "Ye Ancient Game" is honoured by both sexes at various towns and health resorts on the Aberdeenshire coast and the shores of the Moray Firth, and good play is maintained, too. At some of the centres, however, ladies are placed under the disadvantage of not possessing a course of their own, and can only play per favour of the gentlemen, who are, no doubt, all that is gallant and accommodating; yet the lady-players would, no doubt, like to have a course of their own, and in all probability they will get it in time. Lady-golfing is a new departure in these northern regions, and "Rome was not built in a day."

We hope to be able to give details of the progress of the game at some of these northern centres when spring comes in and play becomes more general.

Aberdeen golfers regret the recent death, at a comparatively early age, of Mr. James Florence, who, in 1893, occupied the position of captain of the Bon-Accord Club of that city. Mr. Florence was an ardent Golf player, and, being of a cheery and kindly disposition, was a favourite with golfers and the public generally.

J. M. L.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB.

The links of this club, which are situated in Lord Kenmare's Deer Park, have been recently very much improved. Lord Kenmare gave permission to have the grass cut right through the links, and not only that, but lent a large pair-horse lawn-mower for the purpose. As the links are rent free, the members are much obliged to Lord Kenmare for this concession. In consequence of it the grass is now quite close, except for the first 120 yards from each tee, and the lies throughout the green are enormously improved. As the whole course lies through a sandy soil of a good golfing quality, the links are now, with the recent improvements, probably the finest inland links in Ireland. The monthly medal competition was held on January 4th. Out of nine starters the following sent in cards:—Col. Kirkwood, 113 less 18=95; Mr. H. R. Jones (scratch), 98; Mr. E. R. Griffin, (scratch), 100; Mr. E. Capsey, 146, less 40=106; Mr. E. Flinn, 159, less 45=114.

WILLIE DUNN v. "BADMINTON."

Just before leaving America, Willie Dunn, who is now at Biarritz for the winter, was interviewed by a reporter of the New York Sun. In the course of the interview, Dunn, who, by the way, is not considered a high authority on this side, on style, though he is a good player, but not in the front rank of professional golfers, had some outspoken criticisms to make on the theories laid down in "Badminton." As these criticisms may be of interest to the compilers of that volume, which circulates largely in the United States, and is the *vade mecum* of golfers everywhere, we reproduce them. We think Dunn's stance is altogether wrong, the only noted player who stands in the position which he advises American golfers to copy being Mr. J. E. Laidlay. The position of the average golfer, professional as well as amateur, on this side of the Atlantic at all events, approximates pretty generally to the "Badminton" position; and as the chief author of that volume may have something to say in defence of his theories, we at present only counsel American golfers not to be in a hurry to alter their styles according to the new apostle. If they do, they may have a grievous deal to unlearn.

From the same newspaper we learn that Dunn, whom the reporter styles "the famous professional golfer," laid out last year a course in the grounds of the ex-Queen Natalie of Servia, at Biarritz. Dunn taught Her Majesty the game, and she was greatly interested in it. In the spring Dunn returns to the States with his family, where he intends to reside permanently. He will be the greenkeeper of the new Ardsley Park Country Club on the Hudson River, between Dobb's Ferry and Irvington. The course is a nine-hole one, and a magnificent clubhouse is being built, commanding a view for miles up and down the Hudson river. There will be a private railroad station and a private dock for yachts.

The Sun also states that Dunn has been authorised to make arrangements with Taylor to go to America and play a match with him for a large purse to be offered by the club. Now, this is scarcely etiquette on the part of American golfers. The committee of the Ardsley Club, if they meditate such a match at the opening ceremony, ought to communicate with Taylor direct, and give him an official invitation. However willing Taylor may be to visit America he can scarcely look upon this method of inviting him as a cordial or a proper one in the circumstances. Moreover, the season is not a convenient one for his visit, as the opening ceremony is said to be fixed for May. The Championship takes place here early in June, and Taylor can scarcely rush over to America and back in a fortnight and be in a fit condition to play up to his form at Muirfield. If American golfers wish to see Taylor play they should ask him to come over for August and September. Here are Dunn's views of the style in "Badminton." In the following diagrams B is the ball, C the club, HH the hands, RF and LF the feet, and I the player's eye.

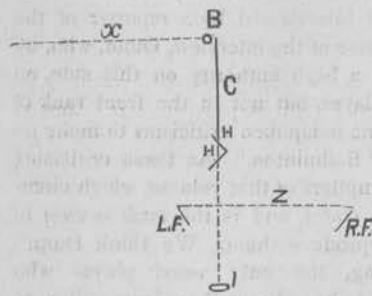
It is fair to assume that the style of most golfers in this country, where professionals are few and veterans fewer, is patterned after the form recommended by Mr. Horace Hutchinson in the Badminton volume devoted to Golf. Mr. Hutchinson is a very accomplished player, and fully able to describe for others' benefit his ideas on the proper golfing form. He takes the broad view, also, that genius may exploit itself in any form, and he draws nowhere any hard and fast line for play, contenting himself with recommending the movements which, after long reflection and practice, seem to him best. With the idea of obtaining a little wholesome criticism on Mr. Hutchinson's theories the Sun's reporter the other day had a talk with William Dunn, the well-known professional now in this country, a player of the first rank, who has always given more careful attention to the development of form than the average professional. What the Badminton book says and what Dunn says thereon may be interesting to everyone possessing the ambition of laying his hand on a Golf club:—

Badminton: "The ball should be at such a distance from the player that when the club is laid with its heel—not the centre of its face—to the ball, the end of the club shaft reaches the player's left knee as he stands upright."

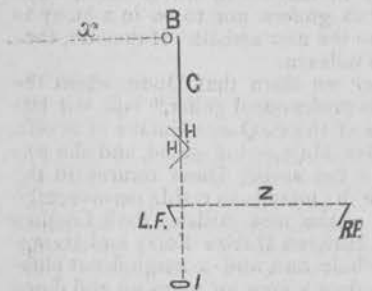
Dunn: "The centre of face of the club, and not the heel, should be laid next to the ball."

Badminton: "The right foot is two or three inches to the rear of the left foot."

Dunn: "The right foot should be about one half-inch behind the left. The diagram here shows the player to be standing not sufficiently 'behind' or to the right of the ball. Supposing the feet to be two feet apart, the left foot here is about six inches to the left of the line of the club. In the proper position the line of the club when it is at a right angle to the line of the ball's intended flight should just cut the left heel."



BADMINTON POSITION.



DUNN'S POSITION.

been allowed to turn gently with its weight on the right foot, and the right elbow is considerably above the level of the right hand."

Dunn: "The weight should remain throughout the stroke solidly on the left leg. Take the Badminton figure of the player driving. The body is swung too much; the right elbow is lifted too high, and the weight is a little too much on the right leg. There should be nothing exaggerated in the motions of the drive. The common fault of those who learn Golf from a study of books is to exaggerate the movements recommended. The drive is mainly an arm stroke, although the body is used more in it than in any other golfing stroke. It would be well for every one desiring to acquire a proper swing to hold the body perfectly still and swing the club backward and forward at the full length of the left arm. Get the swing perfected in this way before you venture to bring the body in at all. The right elbow should be in a line with the right shoulder, and not higher."

Badminton: "It is behind the head and above the right shoulder not around the shoulder, that the club must be allowed to swing."

Dunn: "That need not be contradicted, but new players must be careful, or when thinking that they have followed this direction successfully they will acquire a habit of bringing the club up too straight."

Badminton: "Let the club turn freely in the right hand, is a point to bear in mind."

Dunn: "No. The right hand, although it grips the club loosely, doesn't turn on the handle. If the right hand is permitted to turn about the club, as is recommended here, the right wrist will rise above it. That should not be. At the top of the stroke the right wrist should be below the club, not pointing straight downward like the left wrist, but still below the club."

"The advice 'slow back' holds good for all players. The power of the driving-stroke is not diminished by swinging slowly back. There should be a faint pause at the top; that is, the up and the down strokes are slightly divided. It is not one continuous motion."

Reporter: "Being at the top of the stroke what is the first muscle employed to return?"

Dunn: "The left arm. It begins to pull down, and the right hand acting as a fulcrum, the head of the club is thrown up and begins the swing which sweeps the ball away. The right arm doesn't do one-tenth of the work that is done by the left."

Badminton: "Keep your eye on the ball."

Dunn: "That is wrong. Keep your eye on the ground about a quarter of an inch behind the ball. This habit will become more

confirmed and more effective for good play if you use a low tee when striking off."

Reporter: "During what part of the stroke do you press?"

Dunn: "Pressure begins about a foot and a-half before meeting the ball."

Reporter: "Isn't another rule admissible—always press?"

Dunn: "That is quite wrong. A common and very harmful fault in players is to try to get in their strength too soon in the stroke. It is very apt to be expended before the club gets to the ball, besides making the swing untrue, and the ball may be topped or sliced, or otherwise fozzled."

Reporter: "How many clubs, besides the driver, do you use, supposing the course to be straight and true, and with good lies only?"

Dunn: "Between the tees and holes we may count on using six clubs, according to the distance to be covered by the stroke. They are the driver, brassie, cleek, medium iron, the mashie, or lofter, according to the preference of the player, and the putter."

Reporter: "On what other occasion, besides the drive from the tee, would you stand and strike in precisely the same manner prescribed for the drive?"

Dunn: "Only when you have to make a very high lofting stroke; but for that you must swing very easily, and with the club particularly loose in the hands."

Reporter: "At what distances from the hole, then, should the clubs be changed, and how does the position alter for each one?"

Dunn: "Supposing the lies to be all good, the brassie should be taken after the ball is struck from the tee, and should be used down to 150 yards from the hole. For each one of the clubs enumerated, the position changes in an equal degree and manner. The body is moved half an inch to the left, or half an inch in front of the ball, and the right foot, instead of being behind the line of the left foot, is moved forward until it is in front. This rule holds good for every new club. With each club the body goes half an inch to the left, and the right foot half an inch further forward. With the brassie the driving stroke is modified merely by the change of position. With the cleek, the same. This club should be used for distances between 150 to 135 yards, the vigour of the swing being moderated according to the circumstances. At 130 yards the cleek is laid aside and the iron comes into play, to be retained until the distance from the hole is diminished to 100 yards. Then, with many players, the mashie is preferred; but I prefer the lofter. This is laid back more, and has a larger blade, which enables one to strike the ball with greater surety. With the mashie you are very apt to hit on the heel, and the direction of the ball is uncertain. Very few players can play the mashie with satisfactory success. With what are distinctly approach shots, for those less than 100 yards in distance, the changes in the feet and body are continued down to the putting green, the body steadily moving to the left, the right foot forward, and the hands dropping down on the handle of the club, so as to shorten the grip as the distance becomes shorter and shorter. For about eighty yards the three-quarter stroke; for fifty yards the half stroke, or arm stroke, the arms moving from the elbow, with the elbow fixed; after fifty yards the quarter stroke, or wrist stroke. The wrist, however, should be always loose, and used every stroke."

"In approach shots it is safer to use the body too little than too much. Players are very apt to get the habit of turning or swaying the body too much. The motions of the arms should be especially cultivated, because they have the main duty in any stroke, and their motion ought to be perfection. The use of the body in approaching is little or nothing."

Reporter: "How about learning the game alone?"

Dunn: "People ought not to think that they can learn the game by merely reading directions from a book. They ought to have someone to watch them constantly, and to correct their faults."

Reporter: "Can you call the results satisfactory as regards the development of skill in the game in this country?"

Dunn: "Golfing skill in this country has developed rather slowly for the reason that the people here, as a rule, took the game up late in life, and they have had very little instruction in it. Most of them have had no one at all to instruct them. 'Badminton' may have done more harm than good. I find that quite a number have been relying on their reading of 'Badminton,' and the result is very bad."

Reporter: "Among Americans who have never learned the game on the other side, is there anyone who plays Golf in good form?"

Dunn: "None that I have seen."

Reporter: "Is there much prospect of improving our form here with the few instructors we have now? In other words, have we enough instructors here to improve our form as it ought to be improved?"

Dunn: "No; every club should have an instructor. I would never advise anybody to start from a book at all. It is the worst thing that can be done. If he plays by book knowledge, his instructor later on is sure to find that he has got the wrong idea. There are so many little things that need to be watched."

Reporter: "At present, then, we haven't got the foundations ready

for producing an American who will win the Open Championship in England?"

Dunn: "Oh, no; not yet. There are a few boys who are growing up, of course, and, if they are rightly trained, they can make splendid players. You won't have a man in this country, though, who will hold his own with Mr. Ball, or one of his class, on the other side for five years yet, surely; more likely ten years. Yet five years will do much."

Reporter: "Have you ever had Golf elbow?"

Dunn: "No; nor does any professional ever have Golf elbow. Golf elbow may be caused by bad form of playing, or an arm may be ruined by a miss-stroke, even without one's being aware of it at the time. The Golf elbow is caused often through pressing, by stiffening up the muscles. It is a twist of the arm. When one swings as he should swing, there is no danger of one getting a Golf elbow."

#### EDINBURGH BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society was held on January 7th in Dowell's Rooms, George Street, chiefly for the election of office-bearers in room of those who resigned over the defeat of the Council's by-law prohibiting Sunday Golf at Barnton. Mr. R. S. Bryson, captain of the club, occupied the chair at the outset. In the course of the reading of the minutes, it transpired that at December 30th there was a cash balance of about £760 in bank, and that other property brought up the club's assets to £2,610. It also appeared that Mr. Robert Menzies, S.S.C., had written that if it were competent he should like to move that the club premises and grounds at Barnton be not opened on Sunday. This, he thought, would get a decision on the question without any dubiety, and at the same time keep off the burning question of playing Golf on Sunday. The council were of opinion, the minute stated, that the motion proposed was incompetent, the meeting about to be held being a special one, and that as part of the business would be approval of the minutes, Mr. Menzies would be quite within his right to raise the question of the Council's decision at the meeting. On the minutes being submitted to the meeting, certain amendments were suggested, and, in the main, given effect to. In this connection, Mr. Edwin Adam moved that, as this was the meeting of a private club, reporters be excluded. Mr. Young spoke of the indebtedness of the club to the press, and moved that the reporters be requested to remain. On a show of hands, the retention of the reporters was agreed to by a considerable majority. The next business was the appointment of office-bearers. On the motion of Mr. A. M. Ross, seconded by Councillor Cranston, Mr. John Wilson was unanimously elected captain.

Mr. Wilson, in taking the chair, said he had some diffidence in responding to the invitation to allow himself to be nominated, and he had only done so because it was represented that he would thus meet the wishes of the great body of the members. Anything he could do to cement the good feeling of the members he would do with pleasure. Mr. James Purves, S.S.C., was afterwards appointed hon. treasurer; Mr. A. S. Muir, re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. John Macpherson, chaplain. The election of the new Council was then proceeded with. Mr. J. M. Williamson, as gold medalist, was re-elected *ex officio*, and Mr. David Purves was also re-elected unanimously by the meeting. For the other four vacancies the following nominations were received:—Messrs. James M'Cauley, S.S.C., T. G. Buchan, Robert Veitch, Joseph Higgins, A. M. Ross, C. J. Kerr, Thomas Aitken, Angus M'Donald, and J. L. Dott. On a vote being taken the following were elected:—Messrs. A. M. Ross, T. G. Buchan, T. Aitken, and Angus M'Donald. Councillor Cranston, at the close of the proceedings, said, as one who had taken a prominent part in recent proceedings connected with the club, he desired to move a vote of thanks to those who formed the retiring Council. The Society was very deeply indebted to those gentlemen for the great trouble they had taken through very troublesome times. (Applause.) Notwithstanding that he had differed very much from Mr. Kerr, he doubted whether the club would have been able to carry matters on so well as it had, had it not been for Mr. Kerr's work and assistance. (Applause.) Mr. W. Alloway seconded the motion, which was heartily agreed to. A vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson closed the meeting.

**GOLFER'S ELBOW.**—The following letter appeared in GOLF, September 13th, 1895:—"To the Editor of GOLF.—Sir, I suffered very much from this distressing complaint, and obtained no relief until I tried a preparation which I found advertised in your valuable columns. I refer to Walker's 'Semotine,' which in a little while quite cured me. I always keep a bottle of Semotine by me, and after a day's golfing invariably apply some of it to my limbs, which I am thus able to keep fit and supple. In the hope that this recommendation may be found useful to others, I am, Sir, &c., Twenty-five Years a Golfer. Ruskak's Marine Hotel, St. Andrews, Fifeshire, August 26th." In bottles, 1s. 1/6, 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Of all Chemists, Stores, &c., or will be sent post free for 3d. extra by the proprietors, Rowland Walker & Co., Limited, 468, High Road Chiswick. Wholesale, F. Newbery & Sons, London, E.C. Established 1746.

#### SOUTH BEDS GOLF CLUB.

A highly successful evening, from a social point of view, was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, under the auspices of the Luton (South Beds.) Golf Club. The *raison d'être* of the gathering was to present the M'Donald trophy, which was given to the club some months ago, and the contest for the possession of which has taken place during the last few weeks. There was, however, another and a very agreeable side to the evening's proceedings, in the shape of a concert, followed later on by a dance. The final competition for the trophy had been played earlier in the day, the game being a thirty-six hole one. Although the result was as expected, in favour of Mr. J. C. Kershaw, yet Mr. T. G. Hobbs with his long handicap made a very good fight, being only 5 holes down at the twentieth, the game finishing 8 up with 7 to play in favour of Mr. Kershaw.

The proceedings on Saturday took the form of a *café chantant*, the seats being arranged around little tables in the body of the room, while at an upper table at the end were Mr. J. W. Green, J.P., who occupied the chair, Mr. G. Elliott, Mr. J. C. Kershaw (winner of the trophy), Mr. F. Simpson (captain), and Mr. R. N. Christie (hon. secretary). There were a large number of ladies as well as gentlemen present, including most of the members of the club, and the visitors included the Mayor (Alderman Bird).

The Chairman, in formally opening the gathering, said it spoke well for the popularity of Golf in Luton. Since the opening of the pavilion a few months ago the membership had increased largely; in fact, the committee were considering whether the time had not arrived when there should be an increase in the entrance fees for joining members.

Mr. G. Elliott presented the trophy to the winner (Mr. Kershaw). It was given by Mr. John M'Donald, a Finchley player, value £20. Mr. M'Donald was to have been present and make the presentation, but he was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Kershaw, in reply, heartily thanked the club for the kind way in which they had received him. That the trophy should rest with him was his firm intention.

Later in the evening a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Christie by the members of the club, in the shape of a very handsome silver inkstand and a pair of silver candlesticks, in a design consisting of Golf clubs and balls, &c.

Mr. Simpson, in making the presentation, said, for a good Golf Club it was necessary to have a good secretary, and in that respect Luton had been very successful. Mr. Christie, with considerable help from his amiable and popular wife, had given a great impetus to the club, and, in proof of this, he might mention that the membership had risen from 35 to 110 during his secretaryship.

Mr. Christie returned suitable thanks.

The songs and duets with which the speeches were sandwiched were a capital selection, and all the performers were heartily applauded. Mr. Heath's contributions were, from a musical point of view, the *bonnes bouches* of the evening. "The Bandolino," a capital song, was sung with a great deal of grace and finish, and the "Bedouin's Love Song," and "The Norseman's Song," which Mr. Heath also contributed, were extremely well sung. The most popular song of the evening was Mr. Beck's "Goufin," the chorus of which was lustily shouted, and "The Ole Banjo," a duet by Mr. Beck and Miss Neve, went very well. Miss Waller contributed a couple of songs—"The Scent of the Lilies" and "A Life's Lesson"—and of these the former was perhaps the best. Mr. Higgins sang a couple of solos with Miss Wright, and as a solo, "Oh Promise Me," and Mr. Phillips gave, as a whistling solo, "Bid Me Discourse." The accompaniments were all played by Miss Wright, who was all an accompanist should be.

At the close of the concert the room was cleared and dancing commenced. The music was kindly provided by a number of those present, and a very enjoyable evening came to a close shortly before midnight. "God Save the Queen," "Rule Britannia," and "Auld Lang Syne," were sung at the end. [Mr. Beck was M.C. at the dance.

**CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.**—Splendid weather favoured the golfers in their club prize and sweepstake competition. The greens were heavy, but the course was in fine order. The best score was made by Mr. John Houston, 90, less 3=87. The next in order were:—Mr. Archibald Cameron, 100, less 2=98; Mr. James Wallace, 118, less 18=100; and Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 105, less 2=103. The competition for the medal presented by Mr. William Macfarlane, vice-captain of the club, was played off on Saturday, January 11th, on the links at Millport. The weather in the earlier stages of the game was delightful, but on the commencement of the second round rain fell somewhat heavily. The course was thereby rather slippery, and footing treacherous. The greens were in good condition. The following are a few of the best scores:—Mr. Archibald Cameron, 91, less 2=89; Mr. John Houston, 96, less 1=95; Mr. James Wallace, 114, less 18=96; Mr. John Reid, 98, less 2=96; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 102, less 4=98; Mr. J. W. Cooper, 105, less 6=99; Dr. J. C. M'Gown, 113, less 7=106.

## THE EXHILARATION OF GOLF.

The fine exhilarating power of Golf is felt with more than ordinary keenness by clergymen on the Mondays. The time was—and that not so very long ago—when ministers were suspected who played at Golf. Curling was a perquisite allowed some in the country; but it was a considerable time before the minister could have his Monday at Golf unmolested or un-criticised. Country people, even to this day, consider it a silly game for anybody, far less a minister. When I came to Ruthven, I laid out a fine old grass park with short holes. This course was seen from the main road. An old farmer, who on Sundays highly respected me, was heard to remark in driving past: "Mercy keep's a'! Oor meenister's heid's gane gyte; he's playin' at carrick (shinty) wi's wife." These faithful people thought that his "lesson" was the minister's main duty, just as in towns the fussy hold that a minister must be for ever soirée-havering or gossip-visiting. But now the barrier is broken through, and the men of the cloth are as free to golf as the determined Carlyle of Inveresk once made himself, in spite of persecution.

And this is a healthy sign of the broadening of religious views. The best now admit that there is a religion in pastimes. The mind must be kept quick and fresh; that can be best done by keeping the body active and trained. And no game equals Golf in its absorption of the mind and its exercise of the body without any excess. Ministers are only mortals; that makes their teaching more real and practical to life. Their endless worries would sour an angel unless they had some means of dispelling them for an hour or two occasionally. The details of their work—especially in towns—are endless, and unknown to anyone. And Golf can concentrate their mind and exhilarate their spirit, that soon the *ennui* is thrown off, and they can "buckle too" again with fresh vigour for their week's duties. It is a real advance to the tone of the religious consensus of society that the clergy are encouraged to take part in this best of games. The exhilaration takes the "Mondayishness" off them. The strung-up nerves of the previous day get toned down, the lungs are expanded by fine sea air quickly drawn in by the muscular exertion, the muscles become firmed, and the whole man is cheered.

Of course, other professional men will consider that Golf does them equal good after a pressure of work. So much the better for the argument; but then they have not the ever-recurring, sluggish Monday, coming with painful regularity. Besides, in this case, I am to keep to my text, "*Ne sutor ultra crepidam*." I will only look at the exhilaration of Golf through my own eyes.

Just four years ago, three clergymen arranged with me to have a foursome at Carnoustie. I had not played on that course since the year 1865, and till the Christmas of 1890 I had not played Golf anywhere for fifteen years. Those who used to see me play in my student days wondered at this; but, before giving up the game, I happened to be playing a match with Professor Tait against Pat. Alexander and a famous Edinburgh engineer. Dr. William Tulloch and Professor Robertson Smith accompanied us. I was paying more attention to Smith's brilliant talk than to my game, and at times I made a confounded mess. On this, Tulloch said, with a laugh, "Ah! Mack, your hand has lost its cunning." Yes; my seclusion in this out-of-the-way place prevented me from practising. Smarting under his kindly reference to my former skill, I replied, "No man will ever make such a remark about my play again." And for the fifteen years I kept my word. Dr. David Menzies, however, told me that no medicine would do me so much good as Golf, and exhorted me to begin again—nearly as a duffer. Hence my taking part in this clerical foursome.

I laid out a fair stock of clubs as to numbers, and a good stock as to quality. There is something in fancy. Never can you play with a club unless you like it. And you like it best, not because it is a beauty, but because it has a history. Though I had been "skuttering" away occasionally for a few months

on inland greens, I did not use my veterans. These were too delicate for coarse, beginner's play. But for this great Monday's match I had to select my six favourites. If it were nothing else, it would give them the air. My old driver, with the silver shield, "Thistle Golf Club, St. Andrews, 1865," jumped into my hand with a thrill of joy. It is a beautiful specimen, of the best hickory, stiff at the leather, tapering gradually to the whipping, with only about a foot of steely spring. It is very upright, to suit my exceptionally upright swing. The head is long and narrow, the face thin and putter-like, quite the reverse of the modern favourite. My long spoon (now supplanted by the brassie) is a Hugh Philp, the head of apple-tree, gracefully formed by that king of club-makers, the shaft of ash, split, not sawn, from end to end. My middle spoon (now defunct in play as a wooden club), was also a Hugh, which I got in a present from Major Boothby, after some of our great victories in a foursome. I never saw a club equal to this in point of real beauty, and I used to give the Major the chance of holing when I approached with it. It was a most deadly approach weapon. My old wooden putter was also very old. With a stiff, gracefully bent handle, once stained with aquafortis and oil, the sweet head looks as it used to do when in the "sixties," long putts were so regularly laid dead. Short and broad is this head, carefully weighted with the shaft, by filing out the lead in the centre. Age, cleaning, and oiling have obliterated the name. Yet opposite where the name was is a square ink mark on the face to catch the eye in putting. This face is thin, and the horn is exceptionally so. My iron and cleek were my instruments even before I went to College, and they are now painfully thin by continual cleaning. What they used to do! These I took with me to do honour to Carnoustie.

My clerical friends were all St. Andrews cracks in their day. They honoured me by asking me to take the worst of the three on my side. Such flattery was kindly and well meant; and I did not make any ado. This at once gave our opponents the idea that I was in my play, and I made no signs of lowering their opinion. It is half of the battle to go to Golf with the determination of winning, and with the make-believe that you are up to the mark. It is an innocent conceit; and it sometimes works miracles. Fortunately for me my partner, the Rev. Mr. Wigton, was an enthusiast, and yielded to none in his appreciation of the exhilarating powers of the game on a Monday's worn-out frame. Our opponents were the Rev. Messrs. Anlun and McRobert; the former a strong, steady, pawky player, and the latter a less powerful but more showy driver, with fine staying power through the green.

We entered the contest garbed as ordinary mortals, quite oblivious of our profession. It was a glorious day in autumn. It had taken me fully three hours, by train, road, and waiting in Dundee, to get to Carnoustie; but the look over at the links was a sufficient reward for my wearisome delay. The turf was so firm, yet elastic—indescribably thrilling. My partner distinguished himself by missing the globe off the tee. That was nothing; for there is a "burn" to cross, and he wished me to drive over it against the wind. Pawkiness comes in very serviceable at times. Discretion is the better part of valour. He said he tried to hit it, but I never believed it. McRobert heeled his ball off the course, and we would have lost nothing, had we only found our ball—a very important thing in Golf. Had I driven it out of sight? No, not that length! A rascal had "boned" it. I have seen all kinds of hangers-on at Golf; but these boys that are on the watch for you to "burn" your ball that they may earn an "honest" penny by recovering it are about the greatest nuisance. The impudence, however, is elevated into a science when a ball is taken from the regular course. My partner said that possibly an urchin would have cheek enough to offer it to us for sale on our way home.

Losing the first hole by this disagreeable misadventure, we braced ourselves up. I am not going to detail the match; it was important to us, but not to the world. Of course there were some exceptional drives, marvellous approaches, and long steals, quite sufficient to occupy our conversation at our well-earned dinner in Dundee. My partner had his opening miss on his conscience: it was his constant endeavour to wipe out the stain; and by his perseverance we succeeded in winning the match. Of course *our opponents played well*. Is it not an

MUSSELBURGH.—M'Laren's Café and Restaurant adjoins the Links. Luncheons, dinners and teas. Golf-club boxes, 7s. 6d. per annum. Rooms for meetings. Telephone, No. 4.

excusable weakness to make this remark? If we are beaten, the victory is attributable to our opponents' exceptional play; if we are victorious, the conclusion come to is that we have played with rare power. In Golf that is almost universal. We are not generous enough to admit that our opponents were off their game in any way.

And we have kept sacred that victory ever since. We never gave our opponents a chance of revenge. Anlun and McRobert have repeatedly challenged us; but we have never been able to arrange for the return match. Long will we remember this tussle on the excellent links of Carnoustie. On that brilliant autumn day we had the "Mondayishness" driven out of us. And even the thought of the match sends a rare thrill of exhilaration through me as I pen these words. So be it till I am bunkered in the great life match!

J. G. MCPHERSON.

### WILKINS' HARD LINES.

Wilkins had long desired to win the club handicap prize; but, owing to the incompetence of the committee, he had never come within five strokes of his ambition. The amount of money that Wilkins spent on patent clubs was scarcely credible. Every other day he appeared on the links with some fresh monstrosity, warranted to improve the owner's play by at least a half. Slimson, or Snark, or Snorgan, had made, or caused to be made, a phenomenal score over some links or other, solely by the help of a driving mashie, or ballasted bulger, which was clearly destined to revolutionise the game. And every new abortion added another club to Wilkins' collection. For a long time we were amused at his childlike faith in the maker's advertisements. Latterly he became a bore, for no amount of chaff deterred him from handing round each new purchase for our approval. The only person who profited by Wilkins' folly—to except the club-makers—was his caddie, who had appealed for increased pay on account of the extra weight he had to carry. Wilkins, who is generous to a fault, granted him £2 a week, and the debris of his patent clubs as a perquisite. What made Wilkins' belief in patent fads the more extraordinary was the fact that he was particularly neat handed, with considerable aptitude for mechanics. In his workshop were many Golf appliances of his own making, of quite as much use as those for which he was in the habit of paying fancy prices.

For some weeks before our autumn meeting Wilkins had not been seen on the links at the ordinary hours of play. We heard occasionally that he had been out with his caddie between five and six a.m. If asked to join in an afternoon match he pleaded business as his excuse. If we suggested that a turning-lathe was not business, then he "didn't want to get stale before medal-day." In confidence to me he admitted that he had come on wonderfully in the last week or two, and was driving 230 yards as a regular thing. With his handicap of 15 he really thought he might do something. I smiled indulgently, for driving had always been the weakest part of Wilkins' game. In private matches, when he "got his tail up," Wilkins sometimes played a short game nearly equal to our scratch man's at his best. But his habit of exploring unknown bunkers with his tee shot more than made up for occasional brilliance on the green.

The draw for the medal-round placed me last. Wilkins and his partner were immediately before us. He did not come down to the teeing-ground till just before his turn to start. He seemed nervous and disinclined to talk, and most unusual was his failure to offer a single club for inspection with a "What do you think of that, my boy?" When he was ready to drive off his caddie handed him a driver with an enormous head, and a thickness of grip, the like of which had never before been seen, even in the bag of Wilkins. Just as he swung it, I noticed a

notched metal disc in which the shaft terminated. His first drive hit a caddie of the couple in front, who were moving off the first green, and lay stone-dead. The length of the hole is close on 300 yards. Wilkins tried to look as if nothing unusual had happened, and walked away after his partner, who, as it chanced, was a 27-man. All the way round Wilkins drove like one possessed, and played his short game carefully and well. His partner soon tired of playing 5 more through the green, and contented himself with scoring for the man who seemed certain to win, not only the handicap teapot, but the scratch medal as well. With 3 and 4, and an occasional 2, Wilkins found himself with a score of 58, after putting out the fifteenth hole. Our scratch man had finished unusually well in 77. The next two holes are short and sporting. The crowd which had come out to see Wilkins break the record for the course seemed rather to unnerve him. Taking his cleek, he got badly bunkered from the tee, and holed out in 7. "Getting back to form," some envious person whispered. Even now he seemed safe to finish well, as the seventeenth hole is but an iron pitch, and the eighteenth an easy 6. Too strong a shot and a fozled putt gave him a 5, so, with 70 and 1 to play, the excitement was intense. The handicap teapot had been on Wilkins' sideboard since the ninth hole. A 6 would give him the scratch medal; a 4 would break the record of the green. His driver, long-shafted, heavy-headed, was the focussing-point of all eyes. Wilkins looked it over carefully, and turned the metal disc at the top with trembling fingers. Just as he struck the ball a loud report was heard, and he fell to the ground with a dull thud. He was picked up unconscious, and carried into the club-house. Nothing of the driver remained but some splinters, and the metal disc, which had struck Wilkins on the temple, leaving a nasty wound. I picked it up, and found the notches marked with figures ranging from 150 up to 500. Wilkins recovered consciousness in an hour, but did not attempt any explanation of the accident. He only said: "New club; my own idea; should not have tried it on a medal round." As he was very much shaken, he was assisted home and put to bed. He was not visible to callers for a day or two, and thereafter left early one morning to spend some weeks at the seaside. The scratch medal went to the scratch man. The handicap teapot became the property of a player, handicapped at 35, who, by going round all the bunkers, had finished gloriously in 111. The ball which Wilkins had driven from the last tee was not recovered for more than an hour after. It had killed a tom cat, which was sunning itself at a third-floor window in the hotel, 756 yards away. Thereafter it broke the window, and buried itself in a loaf of bread, which was lying on the table. It was Wilkins' own patent ball, with his initials stamped upon it by his own patent ball-marker, so there was absolutely no doubt about his having broken the world's driving record.

Wilkins did not return to the district for some months. The strain of playing what was nearly a record round, followed by the shock of the accident in which it ended, had told severely upon his nervous system, and he had been ordered South. I called upon him in the evening following his return in the spring. He welcomed me to his workshop, and talk turned gradually to the cause of his absence.

"About that driver?" I asked. "How did you get those tremendous tee shots?"

"Electro-motive force, automatically released by contact with the ball. It was entirely my own notion, and there is nothing against it in the rules."

"And what caused the burst-up?"

"Well, you see, I charged the club from a battery before I took it out; but I forgot about the two short holes, which we play with the cleek. Consequently, at the eighteenth hole, the accumulated force—I had it sighted for 500 yards, you know—was too much for the casing, and the thing burst. Where the ball went, the Lord only knows."

This was interesting. Evidently he had heard nothing about his record-smashing drive. His wife must have kept golfing-papers out of his way. I detailed the circumstances, not forgetting the tom cat, the window and the loaf. He listened eagerly.

"I'm glad I did that," he said; "756 yards is good. I felt sure I should break something that day. Who kept the Golf ball?"

THE FAR AND SURE GOLF BALLS are splendidly seasoned, and are 9s. 6d. per doz. for twelve dozen. Wisden's re-made Balls at 8s. are the best that can be obtained, 21, Cranbourne Street, London, W.C.

## THE GOLFER IN ART.—I.

"It's kept in a glass case at the club-house, but I brought it down to show you."

He examined it thoughtfully, and handed it back to me with a sigh. When he spoke it was with an obvious effort.

"Sorry, old man, but that's not the ball I drove."

"Nonsense," I said, sharply, "it's got your name on it."

"Yes, but unfortunately I drove a new ball from the last tee. Now this ball has been used for one round at least."

Nothing was said for some time. I felt sure that Wilkins' memory had played him false, and said so at last.

"No," he answered. "I found the ball I played the seven-teen holes with, in my bag to-day. I knew it at once by a special mark, and a hack it got from a topped tee shot at the sixteenth hole. I got bunkered there and took 7."

"Look here," I said; "that's all very well, but what I want to know is, what killed the tom cat?"

"Sunstroke," he said, promptly. "It was a very hot day."

"Moonshine," I answered. "But I'll give you that. Now about the window and the loaf of bread?"

He considered for some time, then he said

"Third floor parlour, wasn't it?"

I nodded.

"Snodgrass had those rooms,"

"Well, I know that. What about it?"

"Snodgrass had some of my patent Golf balls. He had also a habit of practising lofting shots over a table or into a hat."

"I don't see how that helps you."

"Don't you? Just listen. One of his shots struck the loaf and stuck in it. Snodgrass thought he would leave it there, and show it to his wife. His next, or some subsequent shot went through the window, and Snodgrass thought he would leave his wife to find out that for herself."

"I believe he would," I put in.

"So he bolted, forgetting about the ball sticking in the loaf, and came to the club-house where he found everyone going out to see me finish my round. He spoke to me on the fifteenth green."

"Go it, Sherlock," I said.

"And when he got back after helping me home, everyone in the hotel was talking about my wonderful drive, and the tom cat and the loaf were being handed round on separate plates. So he kept quiet, either thinking to do me a good turn or out of mere devilry. Besides, he's Scotch, and the window was plate glass."

"I know someone else who is going to keep quiet about it," I suggested.

"I can't possibly take credit for a drive I never did."

"You can't possibly help it, Wilkins. No one will believe your story. Snodgrass is in India. Besides, you can't go damaging our club's reputation, and playing skittles with official records."

Wilkins yielded at the time, and bore his former club-mates' sympathy and chaff with an equal mind. But he made no more electro-motive drivers, and spent his leisure, like Solomon in the golfing parson's vision of the New Jerusalem "on the ladies' links." I write this explanation at his request and for the peace of his conscience. This I do the more willingly because I have doubts if anyone is likely to believe it.

RIX.

## HYERES GOLF CLUB.

January 8th.—Mixed foursomes, under handicap. First round: Miss Broke and Mr. W. E. Arthur (3) beat Master J. Stirling and Mr. W. Hamlet by 1; Miss A. Blandy and Mr. P. V. Broke (plus 5) beat Miss M. G. Broke and Mr. G. R. Corbett by 1.

Second round.—Miss Broke and Mr. Arthur, Miss Blandy and Mr. Broke tied; Master J. Stirling and Mr. W. Hamlet (plus 5) beat Miss M. G. Broke and Mr. Corbett by 4.

Third round.—Miss Blandy and Mr. Broke beat Master J. Stirling and Mr. W. Hamlet by 1; Miss M. G. Broke and Mr. Corbett (2) beat Miss Broke and Mr. Arthur by 1. Winners, Miss Blandy and Mr. Broke.

January 11th.—Weekly sweepstakes handicap:—Mr. Mark E. Collet, 89, less 10=79; Mr. P. V. Broke (scratch), 83; Mr. W. E. Arthur, 96, less 12=84; Mr. G. H. Powell, 115, less 24=91.

GOLF has grown to be so large a feature of modern Anglo-Saxon life as to be almost ubiquitous. It is difficult to escape it; and even the ground of Art is not too sacred for its intrusion. We have actually seen Golf treated dramatically—*pour vive*, as by Mr. Arthur Roberts, or incidentally, as by Mr. Barrie, if we mistake not. Elsewhere the golfer may have appeared on the stage and escaped our notice: it is only a wonder that we have not had more of him. He has not left music quite alone, golfing songs have been many in number. Mercifully, he has not yet invaded the sphere of operatic music, though the notion of his invasion suggests great possibilities—of tender treatment, as he addresses himself to the short putt with a *smorzando* movement, followed by the *finale furioso* when the putt is missed. And throughout the action the dreadful stimy motive, suggested or realised, might recur hauntingly—the idea is not copyright! It would be a hard thing to say, after so much has been written about him, that he plays no part at all in literary art; yet the hard saying is very nearly the true one. We know of no golfer, as such, artistically portrayed, unless it be perhaps in that old story from the *Contes du Roi Cambrinus*, named *Le Grand Choleur*, of which Miss Bruce once published a translation in *Longman's Magazine*. And, after all, *chole* is not Golf, though possibly a lineal ancestor. The great Golf novel, like the great American novel, has yet to be written, and we may confess to a secret doubt whether, even then, it will be read.

But there is one art—an older and more primitive art than any of these, probably—in which the golfer has figured often, and figures more and more frequently as he becomes more popular—the limner's art. We find him in many of the pictures of the old Dutch artists, a familiar figure to Van der Veyde and to Van de Neer. (We know that Holland was an old home of Golf—possibly even its nursery—for does not a protectionist Act of the Scottish Parliament forbid the importation of Dutch-made Golf balls?) In most of the Dutch pictures the golfer is portrayed playing on the ice. But this is not always the case, and in a small drawing of an interior, by Rembrandt we believe, a glimpse through the open door shows us the figure of a golfer playing before the house. Earlier than the time of these Dutchmen, however, we find the golfer depicted occasionally in old missals. That which is prefixed to Mr. Andrew Lang's historical introduction to the game in the *Badminton Library* book is an instance; though in the case of this particular illustration it is not impossible for the sceptical critic to suggest that the game might equally well be hockey. It may be that the designer suffered under a similar confusion of ideas about the two games to that which possessed many Englishmen until about a decade ago. But there exists another missal, which the indefatigable Mr. Lang routed out of the British Museum comparatively lately, in which Golf, almost exactly as we know it, is, beyond all question, the game portrayed. Curiously enough one of the performers seems to be kneeling down to putt, and it looks as if one of his opponents, moved to just indignation, were expostulating with him on such a gross breach of golfing etiquette, though on what rule of present-day Golf he could convict him we are rather at a loss to know. For the most part, these old Dutchmen, and the rest of them, are not playing with any very dashing driving. Of course, they suffered under the inestimable disadvantage of living before the days of the *Badminton* book. All allowance is to be made for them.



Still, it is singular that few of the rather grotesque figures portrayed on the Dutch tiles and elsewhere, seem to have got much beyond the half-swing. Certainly, this seems to show want of enterprise on their part, which may be taken as a significant coincidence with the decadence of their naval strength. Of the pictures that survive to us of Golf since it made its home in Scotland, it is very noticeable that few of them depict the golfer in the act of making the stroke. Most of the artists seem confined by the classic tradition, and portray rest in preference to movement. Charles I. is receiving the news of the Irish rebellion on the Leith links, but he is breaking off his game to read the letter. Modern golfing manners would disapprove of such disturbing intelligence being imparted in the course of the game. The messenger should have waited till it was over. Many other pictures are familiar to us—the gentleman with his club over his shoulder, with the three-corner-hatted caddie behind, and no lack of a subtle humour in the lines of either face. Then there is he with the epaulettes and Golf clubs, and many others; but in none of them do we see the swing depicted. The man was the picture, not the style. Mr. Clark has indeed reproduced for us the quaint figure of the "Cock o' the Green," so early out on the links that he has had but time to tuck in his night-gown, and clap on his hat over his night-cap; and he is addressing himself to the ball. But this is evidently something in the nature of caricature, rather than of sober portraiture. In none of the graver pictures do we see the game in progress. There is indeed one most animated picture, in which action is everywhere—that picture of putting out at the old Ginger-beer Hole at St. Andrews, wherein players and spectators are crowding forward, more irrepressibly than even a St. Andrews gallery of to-day, and endeavouring by all manner of excited gesture to affect the laws of dynamics by which the ball is taken towards the hole. But even there the stroke has been already played, the ball has left the club, and the volition of the player has no more influence over it; even this short putt we are not allowed to see in course of execution. It detracts considerably from the interest of this picture, in which many of the figures are portraits, that we cannot readily believe that the crowding and animated gestures are a true representation of a scene in a game which we have always learned to associate—especially in the days of the older school—with all that is courteous and dignified in demeanour; and the bench and the ginger beer are so singularly close to the hole!—but perhaps the artist had to compress his space for the purposes of his picture.

Thus, in all the older pictures it will be seen that the swing was not regarded as a suitable subject for representation, except in the missals and in those paintings of the Dutchmen in which the golfer only appears as an auxiliary incident. Perhaps, in a future paper, I may be allowed to draw attention to the bolder manner in which later artists have dealt with the golfer as their subject, and the effects to which the game lends itself under the painter's brush and sculptor's tool.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

W. F. DAVIS, the professional at Newport, Rhode Island U.S.A., writes:—"I was much pleased to see the interesting article and photographs of Young Tom Morris and Davie Strath in a recent number of GOLF. I received my first lesson at Golf on the Hoylake Links from these players, and have carried their clubs on several occasions. As I often read accounts of the present day golfer, I wish these two players were alive to show how they could play."



The Bedford Golf Club have just been increasing the sporting nature of their links by adding several bunkers to holes which were, to some extent, devoid of sufficient hazards. Tom Dunn's services were obtained to plan them out. The course is a long one, covering three miles in extent, and provides an abundance of sport to the first-class player. The turf is very good.

Pursuant to the instructions of the recent special meeting, the council of the Tantallon Club have lost no time in preparing "Rules and Regulations" for the constitution of the club. A meeting to consider these was held in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, on Thursday, January 9th, when, with a few emendations, the rules were adopted, and the council thanked for the clear and concise form in which they had been framed. The rules run very much on the lines of those in force in the Prestwick Club, but they are not so elaborate. They enact that no one under the age of eighteen can be admitted a member, and in the election of members by the committee, a majority of black balls is required for exclusion, instead of the three balls provision at Prestwick. The trustees are to have all the powers of "gratuitous" trustees.

Following the adoption of a constitution by the Tantallon Club the special committee of members appointed at the last meeting to canvass those who had not replied in favour of a club-house, and inquire further into the matter, reported that over thirty additional replies mostly in favour had been received, and that 116 members were now enlisted for the scheme. The special committee also reported that Mr. A. M. Ross had offered Point Garry Cottage, recently purchased by him, to the club for the sum he paid for it, namely, £1,200, the offer to hold good till the 13th inst. They also gave a report by Mr. Henry, architect, in favour of the building, and showing how it could be converted into a club-house. Considerable discussion then took place over a proposal that a syndicate of gentlemen within the club should take over the house and admit other members who wished the privileges of the club-house, while those who preferred to remain members of the club without being members of the club-house should be allowed to do so. Eventually the Rev. J. Kerr, Dirleton, moved that the Tantallon Club as a club accept Mr. Ross's offer, and instruct the Council to carry through the purchase. Balie Kinloch Anderson seconded. Mr. John Harrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson, moved a direct negative. Mr. Kerr's motion was adopted by a large majority.

We may now, therefore, congratulate the Tantallon Club on its position, and it is specially pleasing to ourselves that the agitation begun in our columns for supplying in this way "a felt want at North Berwick," should have been brought to such a successful issue. Point Garry cottage may not be as large as some might wish, but by inhabiting that the Tantallon has now got a firm footing, and can afford to wait and keep an eye on any better situation that may turn up. As long as the club wandered outside, owners of houses were sure to hoist up their

prices, but now that it is snugly sheltered in its own home the club has a better command of the situation. Visitors to North Berwick will now, we hope, have a little more kindly welcome given to them than they have ever had before in North Berwick, and a reproach to the "Biarritz of the North" will be wiped away by the Tantallon Club when its club-house is opened, which ought to be before next season begins.

\* \* \*

Mr. Turnbull Smith, the able manager of the Life Association of Scotland, seems to specially study the tastes of golfers, which is not to be wondered at when he is a golfer himself, and President of the Duddingston Banking and Insurance Club. This year the Association's Calendar has a representation, and a splendid likeness it is, of Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville playing his second stroke in the final for the Championship at St. Andrews. The crowd depicted around the players by the artist, Mr. Michael Brown, is but a fraction of the multitude that really did follow the final on the occasion, but it contains many interesting figures. Next to Mr. Balfour-Melville, Mr. Laidlay's is the best picture, that of the opponent, Mr. Ball, being also life-like. Then, among others who are well depicted, are the late Peter McEwan, Old Tom Morris, the Kirkaldys, Peter Paxton, J. H. Taylor, Mr. Hilton, Ramsay Hunter, Kelly, Vardon, C. Gibson, and Tingey. Some fair faces among the sterner countenances relieve the scene, which, on the whole, is a first-rate work of art. Mr. Turnbull Smith may be assured that golfers heartily appreciate his attentions.

\* \* \*

The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, with the advent of 1896, have made a great step forward by the publication of *The London Scottish Regimental Gazette*, which ought to do a great work, not simply in enlisting Scotsmen in the ranks of the regiment, but in drawing Scottish people into closer social union in the great metropolis, where, it is said, there are as many brither Scots as there are in Edinburgh. The Earl of Wemyss, the Marquis of Lorne, and others, are to be contributors to the Gazette, of which Sergeants C. J. Downer and A. J. Keys are joint-editors. No. 1 has an excellent portrait and autograph of Lord Wemyss, and an introductory address by Colonel Eustace Balfour, commanding the regiment, a brother of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour. The number contains a very useful list of "Scottish Societies in London," with names and addresses of their secretaries. The weekly subscription is 3d., and the annual subscription 2s., so we shall surely hear of a wide circulation for the plucky little venture of the popular "London Scottish," which, we may say has a Golf club among its many attractions. Orders for copies should be sent to Headquarters, James Street, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.

\* \* \*

The annual report of the New Club, Musselburgh, has been sent to us, and we are glad to see such a flourishing statement on the part of a club that had a good deal of difficulty in securing a position at Musselburgh after the Honourable Company and the Burgess had abandoned the old ground. The membership of the club now stands at 143 ordinary and eighty honorary members, and the accumulated balance on the revenue account now amounts to £355 7s.—a very healthy condition of affairs. The Honourable Company still gives £150 per annum for certain privileges which the New Club continues to its members. The Scratch Medallists for the year are Mr. M. J. Brown and Dr. L. R. Gray.

\* \* \*

We are glad to see that the subscriptions for the Tom Morris Testimonial are coming in well, the last sheet issued showing an addition of £237 6s. 6d. to the fund, which now exceeds £1,000. We hope, however, to hear that £2,000 is realised before the lists are closed. Among recent contributions are Prestwick Golf Club, £41 (not enough from Tom's old green); Dalhousie Club, £32 9s.; Prince's Club, £15; Panmure Club, £11 9s. 6d.; Royal Dublin and Troon, each £10 10s.; Royal Blackheath, £8; Leasowe, £5 16s. 6d.; Brighton and Hove, Bradford and

Littlestone, each £5 5s.; Machrihanish, £5. The English clubs have generally been very liberal in their donations to the worthy cause.

\* \* \*

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Professor Guthrie Tait made a further contribution concerning "The Path of a Rotating Spherical Projectile." In the course of his observations, he said it had now been determined with absolute certainty that the utmost speed of a Golf ball was somewhere under 240 feet per second, and the natural coefficient of resistance with such an initial speed enabled the ball to remain something like six seconds in the air, and yet travel about 180 yards.

\* \* \*

Referring to a statement, published in some paper, that he will be an absentee from the Championship on account of his regiment being ordered to foreign climes, Mr. F. G. Tait says that some people seem to know more about his business than he does himself, and characterises the statement as "mere penny-a-liner's trash."

\* \* \*

The churches seem, in Scotland, to prosper in the wake of Golf. Troon, which a generation or two ago was but a hamlet, is now, chiefly owing to its Golf attractions, a popular seaside residence, so the old kirk has to disappear and a new one costing £15,000 has just been opened. Then at Cumnock, a quiet inland Ayrshire town, once famous for its snuff-boxes, a Golf course has been opened, and the next thing we hear of, is a fine new free kirk, for the building of which a daughter of the late Sheriff Crichton offers a subscription of £3,000. The alliance of Church and Golf is an old story in the North, notwithstanding serious cases over Sunday play, and evidently it is going to continue.

\* \* \*

A Manchester paper having been asked for a "large order," namely, "to state whom we consider the twelve finest golfers in the world at the present day," gives a list consisting of eight Scotchmen and four Englishmen. The value of the list may be inferred from the fact that Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, the present Champion, and all other Scottish amateurs are excluded from it. Mr. H. H. Hilton has the same fate, for which no doubt he is thankful.

\* \* \*

The East Lothian poet, who might have stimated Mr. Alfred Austin had Her Majesty known of his merits, sends a poem to the local *Courier* on the beauty of the little golfing village of Aberlady, which closes gallantly in the following lines:—

In the distance there meets your eye  
Green Luffness and gullane high  
Golf course famed on land o' Scots.  
Oh, frae maiden Kirk to John O' grots.  
There Drive and putt yont peffer burn.  
While the Noon day Sun holds on to burn.  
But where ever I may Chance to be,  
On hill or dale on land or Sea,  
To give my Virdie I am ready.  
A more delightful place you must agree  
On a long Summer day You Cannot See.  
Than the Pritty little Village o' Aberlady!

\* \* \*

As showing the progress of Golf in the city of Edinburgh, it is stated that six and a-half years ago when the Braids course was opened, there were only twenty clubs in the city; now there are 150.

\* \* \*

With the excitement of the last fortnight, it is not surprising that we have no news of Golf matches on the links at Jobannesburg. The day that Dr. Jameson crossed the frontier with his brave little band of rescuers, we received a subscription for GOLF to be sent to Jobannesburg golfers.

Mr. John Penn, M.P., gave a supper and ball to the servants at Archerfield, and *employés* on the estate, on the second night of the New year, a number of the tradespeople in the district also receiving invitations. Mr. J. Hutchison, Golf-club maker, North Berwick, in acknowledging the welcome given to the visitors, referred to the well-known hospitality of Mr. Penn in the district. This, he said, was not confined to one class, but extended through a numerous community, causing to circulate through the district a constant stream of visitors and sportsmen, which must all tend to the benefit of the district. As one of the many who felt the benefit of the residence of such a gentleman in their midst, he had the greatest pleasure possible in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Health of Mr. Penn and the Misses Penn." This was responded to with great enthusiasm.

\* \* \*

Dunbar has lost one of its best friends by the death of Mr. Charles W. Mackinlay, merchant, Leith, which took place very suddenly, from peritonitis, at Inverness. Mr. Mackinlay had a house in the town, where he resided in summer, that he might enjoy Golf, of which he was enthusiastically fond. He was a liberal giver to every object that concerned the town's good, and the Golf links on more than one occasion benefited by his liberality. In connection with the recent epidemic in the town, the deceased gentleman erected a Pasteur filter at the shore, at a cost of £150. He will be much missed.

\* \* \*

We have received from Mr. R. Ramsbottom, of the well-known Sportsman's Depot, Market Street, Manchester, a sample of a new ball which he is bringing out, called the "Daisy" Golf ball. We have tried it, and have found it in all respects to be satisfactory. It is hard, well and cleanly moulded, flies well, both off wooden and iron clubs, and is neither too brisk nor too unresponsive on the putting green. The painting of the ball is particularly noticeable for its excellence, being, we understand, made up of some new composition designed and patented by Mr. Ramsbottom's ingenuity. A good ball with bad paint is worse than an eyesore to the player; it is a nuisance, and puts him off his game. We are glad to see, therefore, that increasing attention is being paid to the painting of the ball, and we hope that Mr. Ramsbottom will earn the deserved reward of his enterprise, in the sale of the "Daisy" ball.

\* \* \*

The Ravenscliffe Golf Club, Bradford, had a very successful ball on the 10th inst., at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford. It was the second annual event of the kind, and attracted an attendance of some eighty couples. A full programme of dances was run through, to the music of Blackburn's Band. Three "leap year dances" formed an interesting feature in the programme, and afforded the ladies opportunities, of which they did not fail to take advantage, of choosing their own partners. The reversal of ordinary ball-room procedure provoked much amusement, and helped materially to make all go merry as a marriage bell. The comfort and convenience of the members and their friends were well looked after by Mr. Lionel Cresswell (the captain and hon. secretary), who was M.C., and the stewards, Mr. J. Benn, jun., Dr. Honeyburne, Mr. C. Philipp, Mr. Frank Pilley, and Mr. Frank Watson. For the supper, which was well served, a menu had been prepared containing appropriate references to the Royal and Ancient and its devotees. The first place was given to a villainous plagiarism on the immortal William, as follows:—"Good digestion e'er did wait on golfer's appetite." On arriving at dessert, "the green" was naturally reached, and as a testimony to the abstemiousness of the Ravenscliffe golfers the "last word" was: "Care not for me; I can go hence alone." Presumably this did not mean that a golfer, any more than any other man, would impolitely decline to escort a fair lady after the ball.

\* \* \*

Our interesting American contemporary, *The Spirit of the Times*, says that a number of prominent golfers, in America, among the members of the Larchmont Yacht Club, have

succeeded in interesting other members of the club in the fascinating game of Golf. The leaven of Golf has done its work, and the result is that the yachtsmen have decided to lay out a nine-hole course on the fields just above the grounds on which the pigeon-shooting matches are held. Messrs. L. B. Stoddart and D. G. Henderson have the supervision of the laying-out of the course.

\* \* \*

Willie Norton, of the Lakewood Golf Club, New Jersey, has been challenged by T. Gourlay, the professional of the Baltusrol Golf Club, to play a home and home match for 100 dols. a side.

\* \* \*

A nine-hole course is being laid out on a tract of land west of the Presidio, near San Francisco, Cal., and society is taking an active interest in the game. William Robertson, of Burlingame, San Mateo, will be the professional. The links will doubtless be ready for play by the middle of January, and a club-house will be erected on the grounds. A club will shortly be organised, and will be known as the San Francisco Golf Club. Mr. Harry Babcock is the leading spirit in this new enterprise.

\* \* \*

A correspondent asks us to state that in the "Tee Shot" last week dealing with Mr. Hillène's treatment of the game of draughts in his article, "The Recreations of Women," he should have written "Wilkinson" instead of "Rawlinson" as the author of the learned work on Egypt.

\* \* \*

Willie Park was in London last week, on his way to lay out a green a short distance off. During his short visit he sampled three metropolitan greens—Romford, Mitcham, and Tooting. At the end of the week he played a foursome at Mitcham in the forenoon, and had a single in the afternoon with Gourlay Dunn. A fine match resulted in a win for Park, who was round in 82. The following day, at Tooting, Mr. A. Mackay, partnered with Peter Paxton, played Mr. A. J. Robertson and Willie Park, A well-contested match in the forenoon resulted in the two last-named winning by 2, the afternoon round also going to them by 3 and 2 to play. Both Paxton and Park played a splendid game throughout.

\* \* \*

The letter in last week's issue headed "A Lesson from the Autumn Meetings," was, by a printer's error, stated to be signed "John L. Lord." It should have been Mr. John L. Low, the well-known player.

\* \* \*

Mr. A. H. Scott, Golf-club maker, Earlsferry, Fife, has recently invented and patented a new cleek, which he has named the "Invincible." The chief feature of the new cleek is that the bottom edge is rounded, instead of being left sharp as in the usual cleek-head. By this method the cutting of the turf will be done away with to a very great extent, and the golfer who tops his ball will not require to use a new one at the next hole, as the hacking of a ball with the new cleek will be an impossibility. It will prove a boon to everybody, from the green-keeper downwards, and we wish Mr. Scott every success with his new venture. His patent unbreakable neck drivers are already well-known and used in many places; his patent cleek is bound to follow suit.

=====

NAIRN.—The Pullar medal was competed for at Nairn on Saturday, January, 11th. The day being exceptionally fine, a good number of golfers entered the competition. The medal was won by Mr. A. M. Simpson with a score of 88, less 7=81. The other scores handed in were:—Mr. T. Millors, 96, less 13=83; Mr. J. G. Annan (scratch), 85; Mr. M. Murray, 89, less 3=86; Mr. Tom Macgregor, 99, less 12=87; Mr. Mitchell, 102, less 15=87; Col. Young, 104, less 15=89; Mr. E. E. Simpson, 102, less 9=93.



### THE SINGLE PLAYER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Referring to your answer to "C. P. G. C.," in last week's issue, it seems to me that a "single player" cannot refuse to allow a match to pass him, for he is not playing the game of Golf (see Rule I.), and therefore has no status on the green.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
E. W.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I note in this week's issue a query on the question of the right to pass a single player. I remember when playing with Old Tom, and had just passed a single player who, of course, made no objection (but asked us to pass), that I sounded the old man to find what his views were. "Ah, weel," he said, "ye ken the very first rule o' gouf says that the game of Golf is played by two or more players." His inference was, of course, that this man had no more status than an ordinary person walking on the links. I think he was right.

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

### THE PENALTY STROKE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am obliged for your reply to my last letter, and have been much interested in the correspondence that has recently appeared in GOLF, in reference to a "Penalty Stroke." I had no idea that there were such a variety of opinions on what should be a very simple point. It is quite time that we had a new code of rules, and I would be very pleased to support any association formed for the purpose of constructing new rules for the game. I do not consider the rules as they stand are worth amending. They would only become more involved and more inconsistent than they are at present. The new rules should be written on a clean sheet.

On Saturday last I was an onlooker at the finish of a very close foursome match, when a point on the "penalty stroke" was referred to me. The match was "all even" at the sixteenth hole. On the seventeenth green both sides had played "the like," when A, whose ball was five to six yards from the hole, had to play. He is usually a very careful and skilful player on the green, but I suppose the excitement of the moment caused him to touch and slightly move the ball with his putter.

One stroke was lost in consequence, but the point referred to me was whether A or his partner B should now play. From Rules 25 and 39 I decided that A should play, as the movement of the ball was a "penalty stroke," as A certainly was "not making a stroke" when he moved the ball with his putter. It was admitted by all that he moved the ball (at rest) accidentally when addressing it.

Now I fear, on referring to your article in GOLF, that you would not agree with my ruling; but, with the actual facts before you, as shortly stated above, I would be much obliged by having your decision on this particular case. A and B won the match by 1 hole, but C and D claimed the seventeenth hole (which was halved) under Rule VI., and, therefore contend that the match was halved.

I do not see how the accidental movement of the ball by A could be counted as his stroke. If this is argued, then it certainly was a foul stroke—*i.e.*, a push—which would cause the loss of the hole under Rule IV.

Do you agree with your correspondent that, if a player moves his ball with his club, or anything else, when not making a stroke, that the ball must be replaced, and the movement counted as the player's stroke? and that, when a ball has been played into water, the player must lift it, and play a second time, before his partner in a foursome would be allowed to play the ball?

I am, Sir, &c.,

Manchester, January 6th.

W. E. R. D.

[We are clearly of opinion that your decision was wrong. The movement of the ball you describe was, to all intents and purposes, an actual stroke, and B, not A, should have played next. If both sides agreed to accept your decision in the matter, then the result of the match must stand as played out; if not, then A and B lost the hole. We do not agree with the queries in the last paragraph.—Ed.]

### THE RECREATIONS OF WOMEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Permit me to thank your correspondent for a friendly notice of the above article, and for his valuable notes on Draughts.

To enumerate and treat exhaustively every amusement which even now finds favour in the eyes of Beauty would be to presume too much upon the space at the disposal of an indulgent editor.

A popular game was dismissed with three lines; as a description, this was indeed inadequate.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
HENRY J. HILLÉNNE.

### "THE BAP" DRIVER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see in your last week's issue (or possibly the week before) special mention made of the new club brought out by J. Aitken, of Portrush—"The Bap."

Whoever made this statement is misinformed, as the "Bap" driver was invented and named by myself, in conjunction with W. Rea, the local professional at Randalstown, co. Antrim.

Other club-makers have imitated this club, but, neither in wood nor in workmanship can any of these imitations come up to the "Baps" made by Rea.

Mr. Gray, I understand, got one of Rea's "Baps" when in Ireland.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
W.

### GOLF IN JAMAICA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I dare say your readers and all lovers of Golf will be interested to hear of a club in this far-away land. Appropriately enough, we inaugurated the club on the eve of St. Andrew's Day. We have at present about thirty members, and hope soon to have our links in order. We have got a nine-hole course at Brumalia, a cattle penn (*i.e.*, farm), within a mile of Mandeville, Mr. James Daly Lewis, the owner, having kindly given us the rights there. Our bunkers are stone walls, loose, like those in Derbyshire, gullies, clumps of bamboo, a pond, patches of outcropping limestone (this very deadly and trying

to clubs), and one bunker consisting of about a square acre of what is locally called "sleep and wake" (the sensitive plant), and walled all round. Our links are not by any means ideal, but when we get the greens in order, they will afford a lover of the game fair sport; and we shall be glad to see members of any Golf clubs that may find their way out here. Mandeville is a lovely spot, over 2,000 feet above the sea, with a railway within four miles. There is a hotel and lots of other accommodation, besides a club where all Englishmen will find a welcome.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
WALTER W. WYNNE.

Mandeville, Jamaica,  
December 23rd.

THE BADMINTON BOOK AND ST. ANDREWS SCORES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Had I known sooner that your "Indian Correspondent" was one so well qualified to speak on golfing subjects as Mr. J. G. Tait, I should not have quoted from memory merely, but waited till I could verify quotation. For all misquotation or misinterpretation I must apologise.

Meanwhile, though I should like to admit, as Mr. Tait says I do, all that he contends, I cannot permit him to infer that my now saying that the widening of the St. Andrews course helps a man to go round under 80, is inconsistent with my remark, made at the time of the first publication of the Badminton Book, that the extra width made not the slightest difference then in a score below 80. A score below 80 then meant much more perfect Golf than it means to-day, partly because (and here I am in full agreement with Mr. Tait) the putting greens are much better, and partly because (where I am at variance with him), the turf on the course, in my opinion, is a deal harder now than "twelve years ago."

I quite agree with Mr. Tait, that the general standard of first-class amateur play has improved, and that it is mainly attributable to the causes he indicates; but I still cannot help thinking that the longer run of the ball, on the harder turf, is the chief factor in the lower scores, and I believe that if Mr. Tait were to return, as I hope he may, and play over the old course again, he would share that opinion.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
HORACE G. HUTCHINSON.

CLUB ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I assume by "club servant" that your correspondent refers to a club professional. If so, the analogy of a groom to him is false, and therefore the deduction false also. A professional is an officer of his club, and therefore the authority to whom "Wants Coaching" appealed advised him rightly. While it is bad form to lure servants to leave their masters, it is by no means uncommon to offer officials in every rank of life a move to better pay and prospects, without consultation with those under whom they are employed. Whether in any particular case it has been done wisely must depend upon whether it was done from selfish motives or solely for the benefit of the professional.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
COACH.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For the benefit of many players on this side of the Atlantic will you kindly answer through the columns of your paper the following questions:—

(1.) Rule XII., medal play, St. Andrews rules, reads as follows: "The penalty for a breach of any rule shall be disqualification."

What is meant by "any rule," the rules for medal play, or

the ordinary St. Andrews rules for Golf? Is a player disqualified for a violation of Rule IV. (pushing, scraping, &c.)? Of Rule X., XI., XII., above all XIV.? Is a player who by accident makes an impression in the sand of a bunker in addressing his ball thereby disqualified?

If Rule XII. (medal play) applies only to the other rules of medal play, what is the penalty of a violation of a rule which in match play is punished by the loss of the hole?

(2.) Under Rule VIII., medal play, may a ball always be teed under a penalty of two strokes?

A, playing from the tee, merely displaces his ball, may he re-tee it and play four? Has the player the option of deciding what "a difficulty" is?

(3.) Where do you find in the St. Andrews' Rules IV. and XIV. (as amended) the authority for your definition of a stroke as given in your article on "The Penalty Stroke" in your issue of December 6th, "the act of striking, attempting to strike, or moving the ball with the club." Does not the intention to hit the ball constitute a stroke?

(4.) What is the recognised authority in Great Britain—the St. Andrews' Rules or Mr. Ronald Ross? Is a dispute on the rules settled by traditional custom or by an appeal to the wording of the rules themselves? And, lastly, where can I find the "proper" rules spoken of by Mr. Ross?

An answer to the above questions would greatly oblige.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A. AMERICAN.

[The whole ethics of disqualification were clearly and fully set out in answer to a correspondent in Vol. IX., p. 343. A copy of the paper has been forwarded to you. The medal rules are certain exceptions, wherein it has not been found expedient (we do not say it is impossible) to assimilate the match rules; and all the rule means to convey is that disqualification may or shall be imposed for any breach of a rule wherein the penalty is not stated. A violation of Rule IV. would be disqualification; of Rules X. and XI., loss of a stroke; of Rule XII., disqualification, and of Rule XIV., loss of a stroke, or disqualification, according to the judgment of the committee. We think, however, that disqualification is too severe. (2) As popularly understood, and as generally played on this side, "a difficulty" is interpreted to mean a very bad lie in a bunker—practically an unplayable ball, or at least a position in which half-a-dozen strokes might be lost in extricating the ball. We should say that the case you put would be an abuse of the liberty afforded by the rule, though there is nothing to prevent a player from re-teeing every shot so long as he cares to pay the penalty. But that is not Golf. (3) It is obviously a common-sense interpretation of the rule, and the nature of a stroke. How can golfers, American or otherwise, unless endowed with the powers of Svengali, define "intention," unless through the translated medium of "the act of striking, attempting to strike, or moving the ball with the club?" (4) There is no authority in your sense of a National Association, but the Royal and Ancient are our Golf legislators. Disputes are settled in Golf much as they are settled in law, by the light of ancient custom, and the wording of the statutes. We know of no other rules except those upon which you put so many acute questions, and in grasping the import of which you appear to have spent your time so profitably, and let us hope to the benefit and enlightenment of your brother-golfers in the States.—ED.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. E. R. D.—(1) No; we think not. The rule has reference more to action which shall improve the lie of the ball or give the player some advantage, not the mere casual touching of a blade of grass in a ditch. (2 and 3) Yes, it means what you surmise. (4) Yes, the same as match play rule. (5) These conundrums have been put years ago, and answered. In each case the player who has to play the odd first would lose the hole; but we have frequently suggested the application of common sense where both balls have been lost, and have advised players to begin that hole *de novo*. (9) This point has also been fully set out in previous volumes. It would be a rub of the green, or if the opponent thought that an advantage had been gained in the drop, and that it was not quite fair, he is at liberty to call for a re-drop. You should get access to the earlier volumes and study the points therein set out in detail.

APPROACH SHOT.—Any rubber stamp maker in Fleet Street will supply you. There was an advertisement in the paper some time ago to this effect.

CLEEK.—A paper containing an interesting article on the cleek shot, and imparting the information you require, will be sent to you on receipt of sixpence.

## CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn match competitions (singles) terminated recently with the following result.

Ladies.—First round.—Mrs. Rowarth (30), beat Miss Russell (36), by 2 up; Miss M. Bradbury (24), walked over, Miss Maud Andrews having scratched; Miss Boyce (36), beat Miss Green (36), by 8 up and 6 to play; Mrs. Woodhead (12), beat Mrs. Greenfield, (27) by 4 up and 2 to play.

Second round.—Miss A. H. Bradbury (23), beat Miss Drake (33), by 3 up and 2 to play; Miss Bradbury (36), beat Miss H. Marval (36), by 2 up and 1 to play; Miss M. Bradbury beat Mrs. Rowarth by 1 up; Mrs. Woodhead beat Miss Boyce by 5 up and 4 to play.

Third round.—Miss A. H. Bradbury walked over, Miss Bradbury having scratched; Mrs. Woodhead beat Miss M. Bradbury by 9 up and 8 to play.

Final.—Miss A. H. Bradbury and Mrs. Woodhead met in the final. Mrs. Woodhead, a rapidly improving player, was unfortunately out of form, and Miss Bradbury playing a strong game, won by 5 up and 4 to play.

Gentlemen.—First Round—Rev. R. Lovett (20), walked over, Mr. E. L. Arnold having retired in his favour; Dr. Sims Woodhead (16), walked over, Mr. J. Millar having scratched; Mr. E. J. Hunt (12), walked over, Mr. F. J. Tickner having scratched; Mr. J. J. Hayes (12) beat Mr. R. Stewart Bain (16) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. E. Last (10) beat Mr. J. Hopgood (20) by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. W. S. de Mattos (3), walked over, Mr. W. Williams having scratched; Mr. T. Ravenhill (20), walked over, Dr. Cameron having scratched; Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams (10) beat Mr. D. F. Russell by 2 up and 1 to play.

Second Round.—Dr. Woodhead beat Rev. R. Lovett by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. J. Hayes beat Mr. E. J. Hunt by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. C. E. Last walked over, Mr. W. S. de Mattos having scratched; Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams beat Mr. T. Ravenhill by 2 up and 1 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. J. J. Hayes beat Dr. Woodhead by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. E. Last beat Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams by 5 up and 4 to play.

Final.—Mr. C. E. Last being out of form on the day of the final round, Mr. J. J. Hayes, who was playing a steady game, won by 7 up and 5 to play.

The annual competition for the Compton (handicap) challenge cup was held on December 27th. Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams, who has lately distinguished himself by winning the November and December monthly medals, again came to the front on this occasion. Detailed scores:—Mr. S. G. Wallis Adams (cup and sweepstakes), 93, less 6=87; Mr. A. E. Rowarth, 107, less 12=95; Mr. E. L. Arnold, 113, less 15=98. Several others made no returns.

---

"I AM SEVEN."

(The Wordsworth of a Beginner.)

—, A simple sort,  
That lightly cries out "Fore!"  
And tops the ball with every club,  
Can he know how to score?

I met a fellow on the links,  
He'd done the round he said,  
His swing was quick, with many a curl,  
As he brought it round his head.

He had a calm, contented air,  
And he in red was clad,  
His score seemed fair—yes, very fair—  
And yet his style *was* bad.

"Strokes at this hole, now tell me Sir,  
How many may you be!"  
"How many?—Why, seven in all," he said,  
And, wondering, looked at me.

"And how is that, I pray you tell."  
He answered, "Seven are they.  
Two balls I drove from off the tee  
Which in the bunker lay."

"Theirs was a bad, a beastly lie,  
My first one and the other,  
So to the tee again went I,  
And—over with another."

"Two shots that in the bunker lie,  
*Another* from the tee,  
Yet you are seven—I pray you tell  
Dear Sir, how this may be."

Then did that simple man reply,  
"The thing is plain to see,  
Two of them in the bunker lie—  
I topped them at the tee;"

"The third went over far enough,  
The fourth, a ripping shot;  
The fifth lay on the green, and so,  
Two putts make up the lot."

"You're talking rot, my dear good man,  
When you say *that* makes seven,  
If two were in the bunker laid.  
Then you must be eleven."

"I'm not so green as I may seem,"  
The simple man replied,  
"Twelve yards—no more—they went, I swore,  
For they lay side by side."

"My drives, just there, I oft mishit,  
And bunkered I am then,  
So while upon the ground I sit  
My caddie goes for them."

"But often after fozzling, Sir,  
When the lie is good and fair,  
I make a clever mashie shot  
And get the ball from there."

"The first that went was a bad top;  
Among the stones it lay  
Until the caddie picked it up—  
He said I could not play."

"So then a second swipe I made;  
But where the whins are high,  
The second one could not be played—  
'Confound it all said I!'"

"But when a third—though off the toe—  
Carried it far and wide,  
A good cleek forced the ball to go  
Right up to the green's side."

How many are you then, said I,  
Unless it be eleven?"  
Quick was the simple man's reply,  
"Oh, bother! I am seven."

"But two were bunkered, and picked up,  
Which makes your score eleven."  
'Twas throwing words away, for still  
That simple man would have his will,  
And said, "Bosh! I am seven."

F. W. B.

---

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All Communications for Publication to be addressed to "The Editor, GOLF, 80, Chancery Lane, W.C." Cheques and Postal Orders to be crossed "London and South-Western Bank, Fleet Street Branch."

Competitions intended for the current week's issue of the paper must reach the Office not later than **Tuesday Morning**.

No notice can be taken of anonymous communications.

All Business Communications and Advertisements to be addressed to the Publisher at the above address.



**BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, January 8th :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. |     |       | Gross. Hcp. Net.  |     |        |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| *Miss Finch      | 99  | 20 79 | Miss M. Leaver    | 117 | 30 87  |
| Mrs. Warner      | 101 | 18 83 | Mrs. Carrol-Otway | 129 | 22 107 |
| Mrs. Gatey       | 108 | 25 83 | Miss A. Clare     | 139 | 30 109 |

\* Winner.

**BELTON PARK v. NOTTS.**

A match took place on the 9th January at Bulwell, between the above clubs, with the following result :—

| BELTON PARK.              |    | NOTTS.              |    |
|---------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Holes.                    |    | Holes.              |    |
| Mr. A. M. Treadgold       | 0  | Mr. J. Hall         | 7  |
| Mr. B. C. Thompson        | 4  | Mr. C. R. Hemingway | 0  |
| Mr. W. L. de B. Thorold   | 1  | Mr. J. C. Warren    | 0  |
| Mr. S. MacRae             | 0  | Mr. H. M. Robinson  | 0  |
| Mr. A. H. Worrall         | 2  | Mr. J. Bowes        | 0  |
| Mr. W. E. Thompson        | 4  | Mr. W. P. Snook     | 0  |
| Mr. F. W. Thompson        | 6  | Mr. E. A. Coutts    | 0  |
| Rev. E. A. Gillett        | 0  | Mr. J. Johnstone    | 4  |
| Mr. T. S. Pearson-Gregory | 0  | Mr. F. T. Green     | 4  |
| Capt. C. A. Young         | 4  | Mr. J. Bright       | 0  |
|                           | 21 |                     | 15 |

**BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.**

The two winners of the preliminary rounds for the prize presented by the hon. secretary of the Birkdale Golf Club (Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell), on Saturday, January 11th, played off for possession. The weather was fine and cool, and many players engaged in practice. The final tie was under special handicap and by medal play. In the end, the Rev. W. Scott, who received 1 stroke, defeated Mr. Stafford Bateman by 3 up and 1 to play.

Ladies.—The fourth competition for the ladies' medal, on the links of the Birkdale Golf Club has given a good win-in for Miss L. Cheetham, with 7 points to spare. Chief scores :—Miss L. Cheetham, 68, plus 6=74; Mrs. Chalmers, 80, plus 2=82; Miss F. M. Coney, 80, plus 2=82; Mrs. Corkhill, 93, less 7=86; Mrs. Jones 118, less 30=88; Miss Hesketh, 104, less 15=89.

**BRIGHTON AND HOVE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

The quarterly competition for the challenge bowl took place on Saturday, January 4th, and was won by Miss Reid with 101, less 24=77; Mrs. Dill was second; Miss Bell third. Fourteen others started.

Monthly medal, January 8th :—Miss Sanders, 109, less 16=93; Miss Reid, 117, less 22=95; Miss Heathcote, 100, less 4=96; Mrs. F. Cripps, 125, less 27=98; Miss Belfour, 129, less 30=99. Miss Sanders won the medal and half-dozen balls; Miss Reid won the silver buckle; Miss Heathcote won the scratch brooch. Miss Sanders won the putting competition after a tie with Miss Bell; score, 21 for nine holes.

**CHISWICK LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal was competed for on Wednesday, January 8th, with the following results :—Miss Sands, 133, less 26=107; Mrs. Finnis, 124, less 14=110; Miss Malet, 127, less 12=115. No other returns.

**COUNTY DOWN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal of this club was played at Newcastle on Tuesday, January 7th, in perfect golfing weather, considering which, it is a wonder the scoring was so high. Miss F. Brush was returned winner, with 115, less 8=107, Miss Tyrrell being second, with 115, less 4, =111.

**DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. |     |       | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |     |        |
|------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. J. Wells     | 93  | 10 83 | Mr. P. B. Chadfield | 117 | 20 97  |
| Mr. J. N. Nutt   | 91  | 6 85  | Mr. F. Brailsford   | 116 | 18 98  |
| Mr. W. H. Cary   | 95  | 10 85 | Mr. P. Hawkrigge    | 122 | 18 104 |
| Mr. A. H. Snape  | 116 | 20 96 | Mr. C. K. Eddowes   | 127 | 18 109 |

No returns from eight competitors.

**DINARD GOLF CLUB.**

The Christmas meeting of the Dinard Golf Club was held on December 27th, 28th, 30th, and 31st, and concluded on January 1st. The attendance was very good, and the prizes were keenly contested for. Twenty-one competitors entered for the captain's prize, which was for match play, and was finally won (after five heats) by Mr. Fitzroy Chapman, who defeated Mr. R. Forbes by 5 up and 3 to play. On Monday, December 30th, a prize under handicap was given by Mr. G. Winthrop Folsom, with the following result :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.   |     |       | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |     |       |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| *Sir F. Blackwood, |     |       | Mr. E. Richard      | 119 | 30 89 |
| Bart.              | 114 | 30 84 | Mr. W. Fitzherbert- |     |       |
| Mr. A. A. Cammell  | 85  | +1 86 | Brockholes          | 107 | 17 90 |
| Mr. W. Bazalgette  | 88  | 2 86  | Mr. H. Cuthbert     | 107 | 13 94 |
| Mr. A. H. Harrison | 97  | 11 86 | Captain Goodrich,   |     |       |
| Captain Needham,   |     |       | R.N.                | 127 | 30 97 |
| R.N.               | 98  | 12 86 | Mr. J. E. Cook      | 122 | 23 99 |
| Mr. E. C. Moffat   | 110 | 22 88 | Mr. J. W. Davy      | 129 | 30 99 |

\* Winner.

Twenty-two entered.

Also, on the same day, a prize, given by Mrs. Duncan Cryder for ladies, under handicap, was competed for over the ladies' links with the following result :—Mrs. Walter Stephenson, 109, less 20=89 (winner); Miss Blackwood, 118, less 21=97; Miss Clifford, 126, less 27=99. Seven entered.

On Tuesday, December 31st, a mixed foursome competition took place on the mens' links, on a perfect spring-like day, and was contested with great interest by sixteen couples. Scores :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.                                    |     |          |
|---|-----|----------|
| Miss Fitzherbert-Brockholes and Mr. A. A. Cammell   | 115 | 3 112    |
| Miss Folsom and Mr. R. Forbes                       | 126 | 9 116½   |
| Miss Blackwood and Mr. D. Cryder                    | 124 | 7 117    |
| Miss G. Edge and Col. V. Forbes                     | 126 | 6 120    |
| Mrs. Fitzherbert-Brockholes and Mr. W. Fitzherbert- |     |          |
| Brockholes  | 130 | 9 121    |
| Miss Brydon and Sir George Duntze, Bart.            | 122 | scr. 122 |
| Mrs. Walter Stephenson and Capt. Needham, R.N.      | 125 | scr. 125 |
| Miss Pomeroy and Sir Francis Blackwood, Bart.       | 137 | 7½ 129½  |
| Miss Edge and Capt. Bill                            | 137 | 6 131    |
| Miss Clifford and Major Galton                      | 153 | 15 138   |

Sixteen couples entered.

On New Year's Day, the last of the meeting, a somewhat novel competition took place. A prize was given by Captain Bill, one of the oldest members of the club, under special handicap and medal play, for a competition in which players had to start from the seventh tee, and play over a course which led them all round the links and back, to hole out at the sixth hole. It was marked by flags fixed at the eighth, ninth, and tenth greens, thence round the Coastguard Hut, near the twelfth tee, and thence back, round flags placed at the third and fifth greens, each mark had to be passed on the left hand. This competition created considerable amusement and interest, partly from its novelty and partly from the character of the ground, which lent itself in a peculiar way to a cross-country course of this nature. The distance was about two and a-half miles, and the time taken by the leading couple was one hour and thirty-two minutes, which was very good considering the difficult nature of the course, the many hazards that intercepted it, and the proximity of two or three marks to the edge of the cliffs. The scores were as under :—

| Gross Hcp. Net.    |    |         | Gross Hcp. Net.      |    |       |
|--------------------|----|---------|----------------------|----|-------|
| Mr. W. Bazalgette  | 50 | scr. 50 | Mr. F. Chapman       | 66 | 7 59  |
| Mr. D. Cryder      | 59 | 8 51    | Sir G. Duntze, Bart. | 70 | 5 65  |
| Mr. A. A. Cammell  | 53 | scr. 53 | Mr. W. Fitzherbert-  |    |       |
| Mr. A. H. Harrison | 59 | 6 53    | Brockholes           | 74 | 8 66  |
| Mr. H. Cuthbert    | 62 | 8 54    | Col. V. Forbes       | 79 | 12 67 |
| Mr. C. B. Palmer   | 60 | 6 54    | Capt. Needham, R.N.  | 74 | 6 68  |
| Mr. E. F. Ames     | 66 | 8 58    |                      |    |       |

Twenty-two entered.

The monthly medal was played for on the 4th inst., with the following results :—Gentlemen—Sir George Duntze, Bart., 90, less 9=81; Mr. E. Christophers, 100, less 14=86; Mr. W. Fitzherbert-

Brockholes, 104, less 17=87; Mr. E. F. Ames, 104, less 17=87; Col. Garnet, 100, less 9=91; Mr. J. E. Cooke, 118, less 22=96. Nineteen entered.

Ladies:—Miss Brydon, 109, less 18=91; Mrs. W. Stephenson, 112, less 15=97; Miss Bucknell, 125, less 20=105; Miss Folsom, 140, less 35=105. Ten entered.

A prize was given in the autumn by Mr. H. Wellesley for the best three net aggregate scores out of seven rounds, the result being as follows:—Sir G. Duntze, Bart., 98, less 12=86, 92, less 12=80, 93, less 12=81, total 247; Mr. A. A. Cammell (scr.) 79, 88, plus 1=89, 83, plus 1=84, total 252; Mr. D. Cryder, 102, less 20=82, 108, less 20=88, 107, less 20=87, total 257; Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., 112, less 30=82, 120, less 30=90, 118, less 30=88, total 260. Fourteen competitors entered.

#### EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal was held on the Braids on Tuesday, December 3rd. There were only a few members. The wind was blowing very strong, which caused the result to be as follows:—Medal—Mr. J. K. Chisholm, 108, less 20=88; Dr. H. M. Baylis, 116, less 24=92; Mr. Ed. Peck, 120, less 20=100.

The competition for the monthly medal was held on the Braids on January 7th. A few members only turned out. The greens were in a very bad condition, owing to the moist weather. Mr. Wm. Johnston, 79, plus 4=83; Mr. J. K. Chisholm, 107, less 18=89. Mr. Chisholm having won the monthly medal oftener than any other member, gets the charm for 1895-6.

#### FORFARSHIRE.

The last of the winter monthly handicap "Bogey" competitions in connection with the Dalhousie Club took place on Saturday, January 11th on Carnoustie links. None of the players succeeded in beating the "Colonel," although the scores of some of the handicap players were very good. Mr. J. S. M'Walter (6), gained the first prize in the sweepstake with 1 down; Mr. James Duncan (4), and who was 2 down, secured the second prize; while Mr. G. K. Smith (14), took third place, being 3 holes down.

#### GORING AND STREATLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, January 4th.—Gentlemen: Mr. F. H. O. Nash, 109, less 7=102; Mr. J. E. Bateson, 110, less 7=103. Ladies, no entries.

#### GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The January competition for the monthly medal, "Bogey," took place on Saturday, January 11th, and resulted in Colonel Pott taking the first place with a halved match, Mr. R. R. Frederick running second with 1 down. The course was in good order, but the atmosphere decidedly thick.

#### HONOR OAK AND FOREST HILL GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' medal:—Mrs. Rhys Davids, 99. Mr. Rickard's medal—Mr. H. S. Macpherson, 91 net. Mr. H. Scott Macpherson's medal—Dr. Oakley, 93 net. Mr. Hunt's scratch medal—Mr. H. Paterson, 98.

#### HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal and sweepstakes took place on Monday, January 6th. Following are the scores:—Rev. E. Ulyat, 106, less 21=85; Mr. C. F. Gurney-Hervey, 100, less 14=86; Rev. H. E. Thursby, 94, less 7=87; Dr. B. G. Sumpter, 103, less 16=87; Rev. W. H. Waller, 115, less 20=95; Mr. O. R. B. Johnstone, 111, less 15=96; Rev. N. Morgan Brown, 126, less 25=101. The monthly medal and two-thirds sweepstakes were won by Rev. E. Ulyat, Mr. C. F. Gurney-Hervey winning one-third.

#### ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The last monthly medal competition of the year 1895, which was postponed from December on account of snow, was played on Saturday last. The weather was favourable, and the greens being in capital condition, there was some low scoring. Mr. Sykes returned a 75 net, and was looked upon as a certain winner, but his score was eclipsed by Mr. Watson's 72. Both these gentlemen have shown consistent improvement of late, so that their success was no surprise. Mr. Sykes and Mr. J. Cooper Shaw took the first and second prizes in the optional sweep. Twenty-two players took out cards. Scores:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.       |          | Gross. Hcp. Net.       |           |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Mr. W. Watson ...      | 94 22 72 | Mr. J. C. McDowall ... | 99 14 85  |
| Mr. J. C. Sykes ...    | 97 22 75 | Mr. P. N. Lee ...      | 92 6 86   |
| Mr. J. Cooper Shaw ... | 87 7 80  | Rev. W. A. Spence ...  | 105 18 87 |
| Mr. A. H. Bampton ...  | 93 10 83 | Mr. S. M. Yoxall ...   | 99 10 89  |
| Mr. A. W. Godby ...    | 93 8 85  | Mr. R. G. Scott ...    | 110 20 90 |

#### KETTERING v. BURGHLEY PARK.

Played at Stamford on Saturday, January 11th:—

| KETTERING.           |    | BURGHLEY PARK.           |   |
|----------------------|----|--------------------------|---|
| Holes.               |    | Holes.                   |   |
| Mr. W. Meadows ...   | 3  | Mr. W. W. Lowe ...       | 0 |
| Mr. C. Saunders ...  | 5  | Rev. R. C. Faithfull ... | 0 |
| Mr. T. Widdowson ... | 0  | Mr. C. W. Day ...        | 3 |
| Mr. A. Barlow ...    | 0  | Mr. H. B. Waite ...      | 2 |
| Mr. J. Thompson ...  | 1  | Mr. H. V. Iggulden ...   | 0 |
| Mr. H. A. Cooper ... | 0  | Mr. R. Wyche, jun. ...   | 1 |
| Mr. B. B. Baker ...  | 3  | Mr. E. W. Beale ...      | 0 |
|                      | 12 |                          | 6 |

#### LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal played on Saturday, January 11th, in calm but dull weather:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.          |          | Gross. Hcp. Net.             |           |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| *Mr. R. H. Hedderwick ... | 88 4 84  | Mr. H. B. Sedgwick ...       | 104 15 89 |
| Mr. J. Fleming ...        | 95 10 85 | Sir T.M.F. Parkyn, Bart. ... | 107 16 91 |
| Mr. L. R. Erskine ...     | 92 6 86  | Mr. G. Brace Colt ...        | 102 7 95  |

\* Winner.

Twelve others gave in no returns.

Ladies' monthly medal Saturday, January 11th:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.        |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.       |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Miss Hilda Stringer ... | 99 10 89  | Miss Mary Stringer ... | 106 14 92 |
| Miss E. Rowlandson ...  | 108 18 90 | Miss D. Rowlandson ... | 104 8 96  |
| Miss W. Rowlandson ...  | 100 9 91  | Miss Mayo ...          | 117 18 99 |
| Miss Stringer ...       | 94 2 92   |                        |           |

Four others no returns.

#### MID SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competitions, played on Tuesday, January 7th.

First division:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |            | Gross. Hcp. Net.        |            |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Miss K. A. Burke ... | 107 13 94  | Mrs. Britton-Holmes ... | 119 12 107 |
| Miss C. Morgan ...   | 101 4 97   | Miss R. Ashmore ...     | 132 16 116 |
| Mrs. Dalbiac ...     | 120 18 102 | Miss A. Roberts ...     | 127 4 123  |
| Miss M. Bowyer ...   | 114 10 104 |                         |            |

Second division:—

| Gross Hcp. Net.       |           | Gross Hcp. Net.   |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Mrs. J. Woodd ...     | 114 21 93 | Mrs. Hepburn ...  | 117 20 97  |
| Mrs. Marson ...       | 116 22 94 | Miss Bigwood ...  | 127 30 97  |
| Miss E. R. Morgan ... | 125 30 95 | Mrs. Harrison ... | 124 20 104 |
| Mrs. Coote ...        | 118 22 96 |                   |            |

#### MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal day was January 4th. The weather was fairly favourable, and there was some good play round the well-kept links. The scores are as follows. Gentlemen:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.         |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.        |            |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| *Rev. H. Summerhayes ... | 94 10 84  | Mr. Lawrence Grist ...  | 99 6 93    |
| †Mr. C. R. Barton ...    | 113 22 91 | Mr. R. W. Turner ...    | 107 14 93  |
| Mr. R. Lewis Grist ...   | 95 4 91   | Mr. H. H. Stephens ...  | 112 14 98  |
|                          |           | Mr. J. T. Woolright ... | 119 19 100 |

\* Senior medal. † Junior medal.

No returns:—Messrs. C. F. Chamberlain, Wm. Davies, J. Ritchie, H. A. Armitage, E. F. Chamberlain.

Ladies:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.        |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.  |            |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| *Miss L. Smith ...      | 95 15 80  | Mrs. Pollock ...  | 112 18 94  |
| Miss J. Smith ...       | 102 15 87 | Mrs. Storry ...   | 102 6 96   |
| Mrs. E. Chamberlain ... | 101 13 88 | Mrs. Davies ...   | 103 6 97   |
| †Miss Clara Playne ...  | 115 25 90 | Miss E. Grist ... | 122 23 99  |
|                         |           | Miss McQuade ...  | 117 17 100 |

\* Senior medal. † Junior medal.

No returns, or their scores exceeded 100:—Miss May Morton, Miss Ramsey, and Miss Woolright.

#### MEYRICK GOLF CLUB.

The December competition against "Bogey" was won by the captain, Mr. G. E. Bridge. Col. Rebbeck, the deputy captain, tied with Dr. Curtis for second place, which carried with it a prize given by Dr. Curtis. On playing off the tie, Col. Rebbeck defeated Dr. Curtis. The former took the second prize, and the latter a prize given by Mr. Andrews for the best net score—as for medal play—of any member not being a winner of any prize in the above or former competitions.

"Halo."—The play during the present week will be for a special



prize, a putter, presented by the deputy-captain, Col. Rebbeck. The prize will be adjudged to the player whose ten best scores made during the week shall represent in the aggregate the lowest return for ten rounds. Results of 1896 competitions to date:—January monthly medal competition, Dr. Curtis. First week—1, Mr. Brewster; 2, Rev. R. S. Simpson; 3, Dr. Curtis. "Halo."—Second week, under handicap—1, Dr. Curtis; 2, Mr. Bridge, jun.; 3, Mr. S. A. Foreman.

**MORETON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, played January 8th:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |     |    | Gross. Hcp. Net. |                     |     |    |     |
|----------------------|-----|----|------------------|---------------------|-----|----|-----|
| Miss W. Jackson ...  | 105 | 26 | 79               | Miss K. Castle ...  | 116 | 26 | 90  |
| Mrs. Wright ...      | 108 | 24 | 84               | Miss Jackson ...    | 110 | 16 | 94  |
| Miss M. Lea ...      | 108 | 22 | 86               | Miss Mackel ...     | 117 | 23 | 94  |
| Miss Edith Smyth ... | 114 | 28 | 86               | Miss Ellen M. Smyth | 108 | 11 | 97  |
| Miss M. Ball ...     | 93  | 5  | 88               | Miss K. Ball ...    | 105 | 5  | 100 |

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

**MUSWELL HILL GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, January:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.        |    |    | Gross. Hcp. Net. |                      |     |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|------------------|----------------------|-----|----|----|
| Mr. Colin Brown ...     | 96 | 18 | 78               | Mr. J. W. James ...  | 94  | 7  | 87 |
| Mr. F. H. Jerson ...    | 98 | 18 | 80               | Mr. W. MacGregor ... | 97  | 8  | 89 |
| Mr. H. Collet ...       | 95 | 13 | 82               | Mr. A. B. Smith ...  | 101 | 12 | 89 |
| Mr. Alex. Macgregor ... | 95 | 11 | 84               | Mr. J. B. Shaw ...   | 100 | 10 | 90 |
| Mr. F. H. Swinstead ... | 95 | 9  | 86               | Mr. F. B. Smith ...  | 100 | 10 | 90 |
| Mr. G. H. Swinstead ... | 91 | 4  | 87               | Mr. J. Walker ...    | 100 | 10 | 90 |
|                         |    |    |                  | Mr. W. Love ...      | 102 | 12 | 90 |

**NEEDLES AND FRESHWATER GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly sweepstake.—Mr. C. H. Hands, 104, less 16=88; Mr. C. H. Bowden-Smith, 108, less 19=89; Mr. J. Dover, 108, less 17=91; Mr. H. Boulton, 140, less 28=112.

Seely bowl (handicap limited to 18).—Mr. C. H. Hands, 96, less 16=80; Mr. J. Dover, 104, less 17=87; Mr. G. Pickering, 111, less 18=93; Mr. W. Cleveland Swayne, 125, less 18=107.

Ward cup ("Bogey" competition).—Mr. C. H. Bowden-Smith (14), 4 down; Mr. W. Cleveland-Swayne (26), 5 down; Mr. J. Dover (13), 10 down.

**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly cup.—Mr. C. Clive, 111, less 25=86; Mr. T. R. Barton, 103, less 10=93; Mr. S. K. Thornley, 109, less 14=95. No returns from Messrs. Barker, Horne, R. Clive, L. Clive, Davenport, Symonds, and Howitt.

**NORWICH GOLF CLUB.**

The January monthly medal competition was played over the Hellesdon Links on Thursday, January 9th, with the following result, the first class being restricted to a handicap of 12:—First Class—Mr. C. H. A. Lock, scratch, 89; Mr. W. D. Harmer, 100, less 10=90.

Second Class—Mr. B. F. K. O'Malley, 102, less 13=89; Mr. E. Nutthall, 110, less 20=90; Mr. J. C. Tingey, 109, less 18=91; Mr. E. T. Boardman, 106, less 13=93; Mr. J. A. Harmer, 114, less 20=94; Mr. J. de Carle Smith, 118, less 20=98. Other competitors handed in cards over 100 net, or made no returns.

**NOTTS GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal winners from July to December, 1895, played off on Saturday last with the following result. The light was very bad during the day, and accounts for the heavy scores. First division:—

|                         | 1st Rnd. | 2nd Rnd. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|------|
| Mr. F. T. Green ...     | 103      | 99       | 22   | 180  |
| Mr. A. N. Bromley ...   | 93       | 101      | 12   | 182  |
| Mr. J. Harris ...       | 98       | 108      | 14   | 192  |
| Mr. T. G. Mellors ...   | 110      | 111      | 26   | 195  |
| Mr. C. R. Hemingway ... | 102      | 108      | 8    | 202  |

Messrs. E. A. Coutts and Wm. Bridgett did not return their cards.

Second division:—

|                         | 1st Rnd. | 2nd Rnd. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|------|
| Mr. C. A. Rastall ...   | 115      | 95       | 38   | 172  |
| Mr. G. A. Smith ...     | 105      | 104      | 32   | 177  |
| Rev. J. F. Branford ... | 108      | 117      | 32   | 193  |
| Mr. A. Baker ...        | 120      | 110      | 32   | 198  |
| Mr. T. McCulloch ...    | 124      | 116      | 38   | 202  |

**PAU GOLF CLUB.**

Result of Harrison cup.—Third round:—Mr. C. C. Church, 78 net; Mr. H. Tyser, 84; Mr. C. Cuthbertson, 88; Prince de Rohan, 88; Mr. E. Livingstone, 89; Major Levett, 100

Brooke cup.—First round:—Prince de Rohan, 83 net; Mr. G. Harrison, 85; Mr. C. Hutchings, 86; Mr. S. Platt, 89; Mr. H. Watkins, 89; Mr. H. Tyser, 90; Mr. R. Boreel, 91; Mr. C. C. Church, 96; Major Levett, 99.

Brooke cup.—Second round:—Prince de Rohan (winner), 89; Mr. C. Cuthbertson, 87; Mr. H. Watkins, 92; Mr. P. Hanney, 95; Major Levett, 95. Messrs. G. Harrison, C. Hutchings, S. Platt, Tyser, R. Boreel, MacFarlane, E. Livingstone, J. Mellor, no returns.

**PORTMARNOCK GOLF CLUB.**

The first monthly competition for the New year was played over the links at Sutton on January 11th, when splendid golfing weather brought out a very fair entry, and, what with competitors and those indulging in foursomes and friendly matches, the links were crowded to rather an uncomfortable degree. It was expected that the new course of eighteen holes would be played, but a commencement has been postponed for a few weeks longer to allow the new greens to have a little extra attention. However, by next medal day the competition will be played over the extended course. Though the weather, from a golfer's point of view, was all that could be desired, the scoring, notwithstanding, was rather high, probably the want of practice telling against steady play. Mr. R. D. Livingstone, with a gross score of 96, less 12 handicap, and Mr. H. C. Roper, with 114, less 30, tied with a net score of 84, 1 below par; and for second honours, Mr. W. H. Boyd and Mr. C. Hill made another tie, with 86. The following were the best returns made:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.          |     |    | Gross. Hcp. Net. |                      |     |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----|----|------------------|----------------------|-----|----|----|
| Mr. R. D. Livingstone ... | 96  | 12 | 84               | Mr. A. Bailey ...    | 119 | 30 | 89 |
| Mr. H. C. Roper ...       | 114 | 30 | 84               | Mr. C. E. Bowker ... | 110 | 18 | 92 |
| Mr. W. H. Boyd ...        | 104 | 18 | 86               | Mr. N. S. Black ...  | 111 | 18 | 93 |
| Mr. C. Hill ...           | 104 | 18 | 86               | Mr. W. H. Roper ...  | 111 | 18 | 93 |
| Mr. W. C. Pickeman ...    | 94  | 6  | 88               | Mr. J. E. Scott ...  | 115 | 21 | 94 |

About twenty other cards, with net scores over 95.

**REDHILL AND KEIGATE GOLF CLUB.**

The following scores were returned in the monthly medal competition on the 4th instant:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |     |      | Gross. Hcp. Net. |                          |     |    |     |
|----------------------|-----|------|------------------|--------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| *Mr. C. L. Reade ... | 86  | 3    | 83               | Dr. W. A. Berridge ...   | 110 | 17 | 93  |
| †Mr. L. Horner ...   | 85  | scr. | 85               | Rev. R. J. Woodhouse ... | 106 | 9  | 97  |
| Dr. H. J. Cooper ... | 105 | 20   | 85               | Mr. J. W. Fairey ...     | 126 | 27 | 99  |
| Rev. J. H. Bland ... | 98  | 12   | 86               | Mr. M. E. Hughes         |     |    |     |
| Mr. W. J. Dyer ...   | 104 | 15   | 89               | Hughes ...               | 124 | 24 | 100 |
| Mr. A. H. Allen ...  | 114 | 22   | 92               |                          |     |    |     |

\* Winner of Turner medal, under handicap.

† Winner of gold scratch medal and prize.

**ROMFORD GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal, January 11th.—Mr. F. Lawrence, 87, less 2=85; Mr. G. W. Bates, 109, less 15=94; Mr. F. H. Spackman, 107, less 11=96; Mr. G. Pearson, 99, less 2=97; Mr. C. C. Knowles, 114, less 12=102.

**ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.**

Result of competition of monthly medal, played on Tuesday, January 7th.—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.       |     |    |     | Gross. Hcp. Net.       |     |    |     |
|------------------------|-----|----|-----|------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| Mr. F. S. Ireland ...  | 112 | +5 | 117 | Mr. G. C. Snelling ... | 151 | 25 | 126 |
| Mr. E. C. Fraser ...   | 123 | 6  | 117 | Mr. W. J. Dyer ...     | 143 | 16 | 127 |
| Mr. C. B. Lindsay ...  | 136 | 17 | 119 | Mr. J. G. Gibson ...   | 130 | 2  | 128 |
| Mr. H. Gillon ...      | 124 | 3  | 121 | Mr. R. Winch ...       | 142 | 14 | 128 |
| Mr. W. C. Johnson ...  | 144 | 23 | 121 | Mr. J. E. Crickmer ... | 155 | 25 | 130 |
| Surg.-Col. Staples ... | 136 | 14 | 122 | Mr. W. R. M. Glasier   | 162 | 31 | 131 |
| Mr. W. G. Kentish ...  | 150 | 28 | 122 | Rev. J. H. Ellis ...   | 146 | 14 | 132 |
| Mr. W. E. Hughes ...   | 128 | 5  | 123 | Mr. R. Whyte ...       | 136 | 3  | 133 |
| Major Penrose ...      | 144 | 21 | 123 | Mr. W. Murray ...      | 155 | 21 | 134 |
| Mr. E. W. Sampson ...  | 142 | 16 | 126 | Mr. G. W. Smyth ...    | 150 | 19 | 137 |

No returns from two members.

**ROYAL EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

The winter meeting of this club was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 7th and 8th. The weather was excellent for Golf, and the course was in capital condition. On Tuesday, Mrs. Ryder Richardson, with the fine score of 74, carried off the monthly medal,

and Miss Dowker was the winner of the club prize for the best monthly medallist of 1895. In the afternoon, Miss Mayo secured the prize presented by Miss G. Mills for the lowest score under handicap against "Bogey." On Wednesday, Miss M. E. Phillips took the scratch medal and prize, and also the prize presented by Mrs. T. S. Whitfield for the lowest aggregate scores made at the meetings in May, October, and January. Miss Lane won the club prize for the lowest score under handicap, and Miss A. Scott the prize presented by Miss M. Lawrence for the lowest score under handicap made in the second round. Scores—Tuesday:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.           |            | Gross. Hcp. Net.       |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Mrs. Ryder Richard-son ... | 74 scr. 74 | Miss M. C. Reed ...    | 84 scr. 84 |
| Miss Lane ...              | 93 18 75   | Miss Hatfield ...      | 93 9 84    |
| Miss J. Curteis ...        | 87 11 76   | Miss M. Gregg ...      | 95 11 84   |
| Mrs. Gordon Dill ...       | 89 12 77   | Mrs. Barry ...         | 91 6 85    |
| Miss Mayo ...              | 93 15 78   | Miss Lawrence ...      | 100 14 86  |
| Miss Dowker ...            | 82 2 80    | Mrs. Pott ...          | 109 20 89  |
| Miss M. E. Phillips        | 79 +2 81   | Miss H. Lambert ...    | 99 9 90    |
| Miss Ritson ...            | 85 2 83    | Miss O. Hoare ...      | 98 6 92    |
| Miss M. Smith ...          | 87 4 83    | Miss Starkie Bence ... | 90 +3 93   |
| Miss Edgell ...            | 93 10 83   | Miss L. Hoare ...      | 112 18 94  |
|                            |            | Miss Champion ...      | 124 24 100 |

Wednesday:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.           |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |            |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Miss Lane ...              | 83 15 68  | Miss Ritson ...     | 83 2 81    |
| Miss A. Scott ...          | 95 24 71  | Miss Edgell ...     | 91 10 81   |
| Miss Hatfield ...          | 86 9 77   | Miss H. Lambert ... | 91 9 82    |
| Mrs. Gordon Dill ...       | 89 12 77  | Miss M. C. Reid ... | 83 scr. 83 |
| Miss Whitfield ...         | 101 24 77 | Miss M. Smith ...   | 87 4 83    |
| Miss M. E. Phillips        | 78 +2 80  | Miss Lawrence ...   | 100 14 86  |
| Mrs. Barry ...             | 86 6 80   | Miss Brownrigg ...  | 111 24 87  |
| Miss Mayo ...              | 94 14 80  | Miss L. Hoare ...   | 110 18 92  |
| Mrs. Ryder Richard-son ... | 80 +1 81  | Miss Starkie Bence  | 90 +3 93   |

At the annual general meeting of the club, held on Tuesday, January 7th, Miss M. C. Reid was elected captain for the ensuing year.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. The third competition of the winter series.

| Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Mr. G. T. Petherick | 101 13 88 | Capt. Johnstone ... | 122 29 93 |
| Mr. W. Wilkinson    | 102 12 90 | Maj. H. Y. Hext ... | 112 16 96 |
| Mr. Mathews ...     | 112 19 93 | Mr. Melvill Sandys  | 109 12 97 |

Messrs. Bannerman, Elliot, Every, C. H. Hext, E. Magor, G. Magor, and Young-Jamieson, retired.

Ladies' club.—Monthly medal, played January 7th: Miss Burgess, 106, less 20=86; Miss Magor, 122, less 34=88; Miss Every, 100, 7=93; Mrs. Simpson, 98, less 5=93; Mrs. Bannerman, 101, less 5=96.

SALTBURN GOLF CLUB.

Mr. J. F. Whitwell (captain) and Mr. F. O'Connell Jones tied on Saturday, January 11th, for the club medal, with 93 net.

The captain's prize will in future be played for on the third Saturday in each month, the next competition taking place on January 18th.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

In fine golfing weather, and with links in capital order, the first monthly medal competition for the year came off on Saturday, 11th inst. Messrs. Barton and Masefield tied with fair scores of 84 each. Eighteen played. Lowest scores:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.     |           |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Mr. R. B. Masefield  | 94 10 84  | Capt. H. D. Hull ... | 112 20 92 |
| Mr. W. J. Barton ... | 96 12 84  | Rev. W. F. Eaton ... | 107 15 92 |
| Mr. W. M. Cundell    | 97 12 85  | Mr. A. D. Ingram ... | 105 11 94 |
| Mr. Hugh Thomson     | 91 5 86   | Mr. H. J. Savill ... | 110 15 95 |
| Mr. E. Bedford ...   | 102 14 88 | Mr. A. J. Jack ...   | 110 13 97 |
| Mr. F. G. Bampfylde  | 97 8 89   |                      |           |

ST. DAVID'S (HARLECH) GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, January 4th.—A bright Maylike day brought out a good muster of players. Best scores as follows:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.            |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.       |            |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Mr. A. Osmond Wil-liams ... | 94 6 88   | Mr. C. Lloyd Carson    | 102 5 97   |
| Mr. H. J. Wright ...        | 113 21 92 | Mr. W. N. Griffith ... | 118 17 101 |
| Mr. T. W. Jones ...         | 112 18 94 | Mr. G. Ashmore ...     | 116 14 102 |
|                             |           | Mr. R. P. Allaway ...  | 118 12 106 |

SOUTH BEDS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly score competition in connection with the Green trophy, was played on Saturday, when thirteen entered. In connection with the competition, a prize of a bulger driver, made of Persimmon wood, was given to the player having the smallest net score, the club being the gift of Winton, the club-maker, of Montrose, through his agent, Dryerre & Co., of Park Street. Following are the scores:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.              |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| *Mr. W. Dixon ...             | 116 27 89 | Mr. H. Blundell ... | 118 13 105 |
| *Mr. E. W. Greato-<br>rex ... | 109 12 97 | Mr. A. N. Davis ... | 160 54 106 |
| Mr. A. Higgins ...            | 124 27 97 | Mr. T. G. Hobbs ... | 139 33 106 |
| Mr. G. Fyson ...              | 116 18 98 | Mr. A. J. Giles ... | 157 42 114 |
| Mr. C. H. Osborne             | 105 6 99  | Mr. H. Cumberland   | 132 15 117 |
| Mr. R. N. Christie            | 109 9 100 | Mr. F. Simpson ...  | 129 9 120  |

\* Entered for final stages of trophy competition.

Mr. F. L. Neve, no return.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The winners in the second series of last year's monthly medal competitions played off on Saturday, on the links at Churchtown, when Mr. G. F. Smith was successful in the first division, and Mr. C. Legh in the second. In the new series of monthly medal competitions, Mr. W. G. Clinning headed the first division with 81 net, and also took the first sweepstake. Messrs. J. E. Pearson and W. E. Mason divided the second and third sweepstakes, Mr. J. D. Dixon put in a win in the second division. Scores. First division:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.      |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.      |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Mr. W. G. Clinning    | 91 10 81  | Mr. G. F. Pearson ... | 97 6 91   |
| Mr. J. E. Pearson ... | 83 1 82   | Mr. S. A. Ashington   | 98 7 91   |
| Mr. W. E. Mason ...   | 92 10 82  | Mr. W. E. Buckley     | 101 9 92  |
| Mr. G. F. Smith ...   | 81 +4 85  | Mr. W. M. Wyld ...    | 101 8 93  |
| Mr. W. T. Rowley      | 93 5 88   | Mr. E. Leese ...      | 99 5 94   |
| Mr. F. D. Irvine ...  | 96 7 89   | Mr. W. Thompson       | 105 10 95 |
| Mr. F. Bindloss ...   | 93 3 90   | Mr. G. S. Ball ...    | 104 8 96  |
| Mr. C. Legh ...       | 102 12 90 | Mr. J. C. Heald ...   | 111 15 96 |

Second division.—Mr. J. G. Dixon, 117, less 30=87; Mr. W. H. Crook, 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. B. Richardson, 111, less 17=94; Mr. Jas. Dewhurst, 115, less 16=99; Mr. T. T. Lee-Jones, 120, less 20=100. The following were over 100 net or made no return:—Messrs. T. O. Clinning, W. Ball, A. Entwisle, H. B. Barlow, H. Kidson, H. A. Matear, W. H. Watson, W. Rostorne, and H. Brighthouse.

STANMORE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, January 5th, the monthly medal competitions took place, with the following results:—Winner, President's medal, Mr. P. Coles, 100, less 15=85; Winner, Mr. Grinling's medal, Mr. J. H. Hartley, 114, less 20=94:—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.      |            |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Mr. P. Coles ...    | 100 15 85 | Mr. J. H. Hartley ... | 114 20 94  |
| Mr. S. T. Klein ... | 99 13 86  | Mr. W. H. Horsley     | 111 16 95  |
| Mr. J. Woods ...    | 101 14 87 | Mr. F. K. Horley ...  | 103 6 97   |
| Mr. W. B. Dove ...  | 96 6 90   | Mr. O. O. Wrigley ... | 113 15 98  |
| Mr. A. N. Weir ...  | 106 12 94 | Mr. A. O. Dunn ...    | 115 16 99  |
| Mr. E. Hart ...     | 107 13 94 | Mr. G. Jeffreys ...   | 116 15 101 |

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.

At Sandwich on Saturday, January 11th, the monthly medal competition resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. A. R. Leggatt, 88, less 6=82; 2nd, Sir B. Edwards, 96, less 13=83; and 3rd, Mr. W. Gay, 93, less 9=84.

ST. NEOTS v. HUNTINGDON.

On January 4th, over the Huntingdon Links the St. Neots team suffered defeat by 20 holes, the result of the last match at St. Neots being thus reversed. Score:—

| ST. NEOTS.              |        | HUNTINGDON.             |        |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
|                         | Holes. |                         | Holes. |
| Mr. Percy C. Tomson     | ... 0  | Capt. Kinloch ...       | ... 9  |
| Mr. A. B. Brackenbury   | ... 0  | Mr. A. C. Sweeting ...  | ... 8  |
| Mr. J. A. Ennals ...    | ... 0  | Mr. Ross Tillard ...    | ... 0  |
| Rev. N. Royds ...       | ... 0  | Gen. Bevan ...          | ... 3  |
| Mr. A. W. McNish ...    | ... 0  | Mr. J. E. H. Vernon ... | ... 6  |
| Mr. S. G. Wilkinson ... | ... 6  | Mr. E. G. Brown ...     | ... 0  |
|                         | 6      |                         | 26     |

**TIMPERLEY GOLF CLUB.**

The ladies' monthly medal competition was held on January 3rd, and resulted as follows. First class :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.   |          | Gross. Hcp. Net.   |          |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Miss Cressy ...    | 50 7 43  | Miss M. Taylor ... | 69 13 56 |
| Miss Ogden ...     | 59 10 49 | Miss J. Taylor ... | 73 15 58 |
| Miss James... ..   | 59 9 50  | Mrs. Dippie ...    | 76 17 59 |
| Mrs. Saatweber ... | 71 18 53 | Miss S. Taylor ... | 77 13 64 |
| Miss A. James ...  | 64 9 55  |                    |          |

Second class :—Mrs. Nunn, 83, less 18=65; Mrs. Owen, 90, less 10=80; Miss Taylor, 83, less 3=80. On playing off the tie, Miss Taylor won with a net score of 76.

**TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.**

December 26th, handicap, eighteen holes, for prizes given by Messrs. J. Le Fleming, sen., and C. Bent :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.            |            | Gross. Hcp. Net.     |           |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Mr. J. Le Fleming, sen. ... | 101 28 73  | *Mr. Geo. Furley ... | 94 16 78  |
| Rev. A. Lucas ...           | 89 14 75   | Mr. C. W. Carles ... | 96 15 81  |
| Mr. S. Kennington           | 79 4 75    | †Mr. C. Bent ...     | 98 13 85  |
| *Mr. E. K. Le Fleming ...   | 78 scr. 78 | Mr. J. E. James ...  | 112 24 88 |
|                             |            | Mr. R. Preston ...   | 127 30 97 |

\* Divided first prize. † Second prize.

January 8th, ladies' monthly challenge medal and prize, given by Mr. J. Le Fleming, sen. :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.        |          | Gross. Hcp. Net.     |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| *Mrs. J. Le Fleming     | 55 12 43 | Miss M. L. Hall ...  | 61 10 51 |
| †Miss Le Fleming...     | 49 4 45  | Mrs. G. Furley ...   | 63 12 51 |
| Miss M. M. Beeching ... | 62 12 50 | Miss F. Beeching ... | 70 16 54 |

\* Medal. † Prize.

**TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.**

Gold medal competition, played on Saturday, January 11th. Played for by the winners of monthly medals during 1895. Mr. F. E. Badham, 87, less 7=80; Mr. J. C. Bayldon, 98, less 10=88; Mr. O. E. Coles, 95, less 6=89; Mr. E. C. Evelyn, 111, less 12=99; Messrs. D. M. Mason, R. Morris Collier and C. H. Dorman, no return.

**TRAFFORD GOLF CLUB.**

The medal for the month was played for here on Saturday, January 11th, Mr. S. B. Graves coming in first with a good round of 92, less 2=90; Mr. Lund obtaining the second sweepstake money. Scores :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.          |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Mr. S. B. Graves ...      | 92 2 90   | Mr. F. A. Langley   | 110 15 95 |
| Mr. W. Lund ...           | 103 10 93 | Mr. T. M. Hart ...  | 110 12 98 |
| Mr. S. Foster Jackson ... | 108 13 95 | Mr. H. S. Willcocks | 114 16 98 |
|                           |           | Rev. D. Dority ...  | 111 12 99 |

Twenty-two took out cards.

Ninety-two gross is a record for these links by a member of the club, the Rev. H. H. Brayshaw holding it before with 93 gross.

**TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.**

Sixth competition for prize presented by Mr. W. S. Burrell. Played Thursday, January 9th. Result :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.     |            | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Mr. J. E. Meikle ... | 103 19 84  | Mr. Jas. Hedley ... | 98 8 90   |
| Mr. F. E. Thew ...   | 91 6 85    | Mr. R. V. Batey ... | 101 11 90 |
| Mr. J. S. Brown ...  | 93 7 86    | Mr. A. M. Dunn ...  | 103 10 93 |
| Mr. C. A. Ridley ... | 89 scr. 89 | Mr. R. Steel ...    | 105 11 94 |
| Mr. G. F. Charlton   | 94 5 89    | Mr. A. E. Carr ...  | 110 16 94 |
| Mr. J. W. Carr ...   | 94 5 89    | Mr. H. H. Blair ... | 99 4 95   |
| Mr. H. E. Edwards    | 104 15 89  |                     |           |

The rest were over 100 net or made no returns.

**WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal handicap competitions were held over the club course at Bushey on Saturday last. Handicaps of 12 and under :—Mr. F. W. Watts, 94, less 11=83; Mr. Isidore Clifford, 97, less 11=86; Mr. B. M. Barton, 94, less 5=89; Mr. D. Scholes, 108, less 12=96; Mr. B. Schofield, 108, less 11=97. Handicaps over 12 :—Mr. E. A. Horne, 106, less 16=90; Mr. T. J. Williams, 107, less 17=90; Mr. E. C. Browne, 128, less 23=105; Mr. G. B. W. Digby, 133, less 22=111.

**WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.**

The fourth winter competition took place on Saturday. Mr. J. H. Milne won the Boddington cup, and qualified for the final competition for the memento, and won the first sweepstakes. Mr. H. Lathbury won the Haworth Cup, and qualified for the memento, as Mr. Judge Parry had previously won the cup this season. Messrs. J. J. Brickhill and A. H. Dixon divided the second and third sweepstakes. The following scores were returned :—Boddington cup.—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.       |          | Gross. Hcp. Net.    |          |
|------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Mr. J. H. Milne ...    | 86 5 81  | Mr. T. A. Bradley   | 86 1 85  |
| Mr. J. J. Brickhill... | 84 2 82  | Mr. J. D. Hobkirk   | 93 8 85  |
| Mr. A. H. Dixon...     | 92 10 82 | Mr. J. A. Tweedale  | 90 3 87  |
| Mr. R. A. Bradley      | 89 5 84  | Mr. C. S. Hoare ... | 92 +2 94 |

Haworth cup :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net.    |           | Gross. Hcp. Net.     |            |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Mr. H. Lathbury ... | 96 12 84  | Mr. R. Cobbett ...   | 121 30 91  |
| Mr. Judge Parry ... | 97 13 84  | Mr. W. Wood ...      | 105 13 92  |
| Mr. P. Swanwick ... | 98 13 85  | Mr. E. J. Lovell ... | 110 18 92  |
| Mr. J. A. Penny ... | 102 17 85 | Mr. Beaumont ...     | 106 12 94  |
| Mr. R. A. Tatton... | 101 13 88 | Mr. Stoehr...        | 112 14 98  |
| Mr. T. Tatham ...   | 104 15 89 | Mr. W. H. Welsh      | 113 13 100 |
| Mr. R.Y. Sidebottom | 107 16 91 |                      |            |

SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the scratch monthly medals and prizes was played over Leith links on Friday and Saturday, January 10th and 11th, and resulted as follows :—Scratch medal, Mr. W. M. Archibald, 87. Monthly medal and first prize, Mr. H. M. Wallace, 88, less 9=79; second and third, Messrs. A. Clark, 98, less 13=85, and A. M. Johnston, 89, less 4=85 (tied); fourth, Mr. J. Munro, 104, less 18=86.

**Vol. X., now ready, price 6s. Binding Covers and Index, 3s.**

The Glasgow Herald says :—"The tenth volume of GOLF has all the well-known features of previous numbers of this readable and comprehensive record of the 'Royal and Ancient Game.' The special reports of the Championship contests and professional matches are interesting and historically valuable, while many of the general articles are above the average in importance. With this volume within reach, a golfer should hardly ever find an odd hour hanging heavily on his hands."

**Wanted.**

PROFESSIONALS, CLUB AND BALL MAKERS, &c.

WANTED.—First-class Head Makers.—Apply, T. DUNN & SON, Golf Pavilion, Bournemouth.

**J. H. TAYLOR, Champion Golfer, 1894 & 1895.**

TAYLOR'S Registered Putter, as used by him in the last two Championships, price 6s. 6d.

**CANN & TAYLOR, Golf Club and Ball Makers, WINCHESTER, HANTS.**

TRADE SUPPLIED.

CLUBS FOR 1896.—A List of the Names and Addresses of over 2,000 Social, Yacht and Golf Clubs frequented by the English in all parts of the World.—Edited by E. C. Austen Leigh, M.A. Leatherette, fcp. 8vo., price 1s., post free, 1s. 2d. London: Spottiswoode and Co., New Street Square, E.C.

**Wanted.**

WANTED.—Gutta Golf Ball Cuttings in any quantities. 2d. per pound will be paid for all clean trimmings.—Apply, H. ROFE, 18, Ashfield Road, Urmston, Lancashire.

## Hotel Notices.

**EASTBOURNE.—THE CLIFTON HOTEL.—A** Modern Hotel of the first class; beautifully furnished and decorated; electric light throughout; sanitation perfect. Handsome drawing, reading, smoking and billiard rooms. Exceptionally good cuisine. Three minutes' walk from the Sea and Devonshire Park, and Twelve minutes from Golf Links. Faces full South. Winter terms, *en pension*, Two and a-half Guineas.—MISS CURRY, Manageress.

**BEN RHYDDING HYDRO. HOTEL, ILKLEY.—** Situated in 80 acres of private grounds and gardens; picturesque and sporting Golf Links in upper park; 650 feet above sea-level, and adjoining Rumbold's Moor. Greens in excellent condition; private lessons by first-class Professional. Large covered Racquet Court. Table d'Hote, 7 o'clock.—For terms and particulars, apply to J. I. KIRBY, Managing Director, Ben Rhydding, Yorkshire. Telephone No. 7029.

**THE CAMBRIAN HOTEL—**Borth, Cardiganshire, facing Sea; mild Climate; adjoining best Links (eighteen holes) in Wales. Open through the winter for the convenience of Golfers. Special reduced Tariff.—J. HOHENBERG, Proprietor.

**CHATSWORTH.—BASLOW HYDRO.—**Delightfully situated and overlooking Chatsworth Park, Derbyshire. An ideal Winter Residence. Liberal table. Winter terms from 35s. per week. **THE NEW GOLF LINKS**, situated within four minutes' walk of the House, **ARE NOW OPEN FOR PLAY.** Professional on the Course. Trains met at Rowsley and Grindleford stations.

**MAELOG LAKE HOTEL, TY-CROES, ANGLESEY.—** Bright, mild climate, no east winds. Dry, sporting Links adjoin Hotel and sea; capital rabbit and wild-fowl Shooting over the warrens and farms rented by owner, and reserved for visitors. Trout Fishing from February 1st. Moderate inclusive Tariff.—Proprietor, T. J. COTTRELL.

### GOLF BALLS RE-MADE AS GOOD AS NEW.

Paint Guaranteed not to Chip.

Price 1s. 6d. per dozen.

Highly recommended by leading Players. A trial solicited. All Balls sent quickly returned.

**W. BUTLER, Golf Club & Ball Maker, RHYL, NORTH WALES.**

### GOLF BALL PAINT

Golfers and Ball Makers wanting a first class paint, with over Forty years' test, try ALEX. CLARK & SON, Montrose, N.B. In tins, post free, 9d. & 1s. J. H. TAYLOR, Champion Golfer, says:—"I have given your paint a thorough trial and find it answers admirably."

### ALL GOLFERS

USE

## "SEMOTINE"

An Embrocation that Acts like Magic.

Of all Chemists and Stores.

## VAUGHTON.

Gothic Works,  
BIRMINGHAM.



Medals, Badges, Cups, Shields.

Monthly Medals.

LISTS FREE.

## COCOA for GOLFERS.

"The finest Cocoa that experience can produce or that money can buy."

# Fry's

PURE CONCENTRATED

# Cocoa

"Easily prepared. Should be obtainable at all Golf Greens. There is nothing so delightful and stimulating as a cup of Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa after a round of the Links."

Over 100 Prize Medals and Diplomas.

**J. S. FRY & SONS,** BRISTOL, LONDON,  
AND SYDNEY, N.S.W.

## RAMSAY HUNTER, Golf Club and Ball Maker,

Has always a large stock of well-seasoned Clubs, and of "HUNTER'S" well known Golf Balls, as played with by all the Champion Players.

TRADE SUPPLIED.

OLD BALLS RE-MADE EQUAL TO NEW.

## SANDWICH, KENT.

### LE GOLF EN ANGLETERRE. (Deuxième édition illustrée).

Containing an account in French of the Golf Clubs in France; by F. W. MARIASSY. Copies may be had at GOLF, 80, Chancery Lane, W.C. Price 1s. 6d.

## JOHN AITKEN,

Golf Club and Ball Maker,

PORTRUSH, IRELAND,

Has secured a quantity of the best, well-seasoned Irish Beech. Aitken's speciality is the broad-headed Driver, known as "The Bap." Large stock to choose from. All other requisites of the game kept in stock.

Golfers are invited to try "The Bap" Driver for Long Driving.

### ADVERTISEMENTS IN "GOLF."

Are charged as follows:—

Per Page (½ and ¼ in proportion) .. .. . 28 Os. 0d.  
Per Inch (4 cols. to page) .. .. . 4s. 6d.

Club notices, Matches &c., Four lines, 3s. 6d., and 6d. per line after.  
Wanted Advs. for Professionals, &c.; Houses and Apartments to Let; Properties to Let and Wanted, Four lines 3s. 6d., 6d. per line after (Prepaid).

For Advertisement Spaces Apply to  
**GREENBERG & CO., 80, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.**