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In the "Final Recollections of a Diplomatist," by the Right Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold, Bart., the following perplexing passage occurs :—"I was introduced by des Graz, the kindest-hearted of men, to try for distraction the game of golf, which he had lately introduced at the Hague, and which has proved a solace to men in far greater trouble than mine. Although we never became proficient at golf, both my wife and I took to it very kindly and drove most days to the nine hole links which Baron de Briennen had laid out round his picturesque racecourse at Clingendaal. . Golf became quite the rage in Dutch society at this time, and the fashion extended from the Hague to provincial centres. . . des Graz may well claim it as a feather in his cap that he was the first to introduce this fascinating pastime to their notice." Was this really an introduction or merely a reintroduction after a sleep of centuries to Dutch Rip van Winkles ?

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