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SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 30.—Edinburgh Institution: Autumn Meeting (at North Berwick).
West Lancashire: Monthly Competition.
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin: The Lumsden Medal.
Headingley: The Captain's Prize.
Moffat: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Competition.
Weston-Super-Mare: Monthly Medal.
Cheadle: Sixth Summer Competition.
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize; and Monthly Medal.
Islay: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal.
County Down: Annisley Cup; Captain's Prize.
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Marple: Monthly Medal and Captain's Cup.
West Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Royal Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal and Yewhurst Clubs. Entries close for the Autumn Foursomes.
Southwold: Quarterly Silver Challenge Medal (Gross).
Sept. 30 and following week.—Royal Jersey: Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 2.—Hunstanton: Monthly Medal.

- Oct. 2 to 7.—Royal North Devon: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 3.—Blackheath Ladies: Valerie Cup.
Alloa: Ladies' Competitions.
Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
Royal Cornwall Ladies: Monthly Competition.
Royal Blackheath: Glennie Medal; Penn Cup; Monthly Medal.
Oct. 3 to 6.—Royal Liverpool: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 4.—Blackheath Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Oct. 4 & 5.—Inner-even: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 5.—Rochester Ladies v. Blackheath Ladies (at Blackheath).
Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.
Oct. 5 & 7.—Guildford: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 5, 6 & 7.—Glasgow Evening Times Tournament.
Oct. 6.—Royal Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Oct. 6 & 7.—Royal Eastbourne: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 7.—West Cornwall: Bolitho Challenge Cup (Scratch).
Didsbury: Autumn Meeting.
Tooting: Monthly Medal; Club Dinner.
Cheadle: Summer Medal (Final).
Seaton Carew: Gray Trophy.
Rochester: Earl of Darnley Challenge Cup.
Alloa: The Champion Gold Medal.
Brighton and Hove: Berens Gold Medal.
Woodford: Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Fortnightly Medal.
Leicester: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe: Captain's Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.
Ilkley: Buckley Cup.
Royal County, Portrush: Hole Competition.
Oct. 9.—Royal County, Portrush: Open Score and Driving Competitions.
Oct. 7, 14, 17, 19, & 21.—Wimbledon Ladies: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 11 to 14.—Glamorganshire: Monthly Medal.
Oct. 13 & 14.—Tooting: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 14.—West Cornwall: Club Prize (Scratch).
Rochester v. Royal Engineers (at Chatham).
Seaton Carew: Monthly Handicap.
Alloa: Club Prize.
Leasowe: Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Fortnightly Medal (Final).
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
Royal Isle of Wight: Monthly Medal.
Disley: Silver Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Scratch and Quarterly Medal.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: Marling Silver Challenge Cup.
Crookham: "Bogey" Competition.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies: Monthly Medal.

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SEVEN WEEKS' GOLF.

BY "JANE ANNIE."

Of all places in the world to learn Golf, I fancy my initial venture was made in the queerest, viz., the heart of the Strand! but still the fact remains that I first learnt to handle niblick, putter, driver, brassy, on the ninth green of the ladies' links at the Savoy Theatre! "Ambition grows by what it feeds upon," as Dr. Watts remarked, and as I was soon able to hole out in 1 from the tee (the tee was my pocket, where I carried the ball, which I carefully placed on the lip of the hole every night—we only played at night), I quickly began to yearn for a larger field for my exertions; and finding the air of the Savoy links none too invigorating, I hailed with joy the announcement that Mr. D'Oyly Carte had considerably arranged a seven weeks' golfing tour for myself and companions, personally conducted by the Composer; and a very pleasant seven weeks we had, owing to the hospitality of the different clubs we visited, and of which I propose to give a few particulars which may serve as a sort of "Golfing Baedeker" to the travelling enthusiast!

On July 16th we embarked for Glasgow per Midland Rail, and after a long band rehearsal on the Monday (we always golfed at night to music), a council of war was held, the whereabouts of the links ascertained, the clubs furnished up (the Stage-manager called them "props" but he knew nothing of the game then. He subsequently hit a ball *once* on Newcastle Town Moor, and was very proud of the feat), and on the Tuesday we sallied forth to do battle with any "canny Scot" we might meet in Alexandra Park, our team consisting of myself ("Jane Annie"), Mr. Proctor, Mr. Jack Warrior and our own Composer, Signor Ernesto Fordi, the two latter being beginners and under my tuition, Mr. Proctor being a golfer of some considerable standing (about sixteen stone in fact), able to drive a long ball, though seldom in the right direction.

We were successful in most of our matches during the week, Mr. Proctor going round once in 87, a most creditable performance considering there was not a bunker of any sort on the course; a fact which naturally led the two tyros (as usual), to think that it was an "easy game to master," indeed, they said as much, but Mr. Proctor made no answer beyond muttering something about "seaside links" and "sand bunkers!"

With the natural adaptability to circumstances possessed in a marked degree by all artistic geniuses, we became very Scotch during our week in Glasgow, a result easily attained in our case by using the prefix "Mac" to everything and everybody; as thus, Mr. Proctor, addressing his caddie, whose name was Hamilton, would say, "Mac-Hamilton, wull ye gie me the Mac-Putter av ye plaze!" This was very successful while we were in the North, but as we worked our way Southward and the habit had become a second nature to us, it gave rise to considerable doubts as to our nationality, more especially when practised by the Composer, Signor Ernesto, who, owing to the purchase of an elaborate pair of white buckskin boots, had been re-christened "Marchese di Blanci hoofi," thereby being frequently taken for an Italian-Irish Count of Scotch extraction!

From Glasgow to Newcastle, where the Town Moor welcomed us, with very long holes, very long grass, and very long faces (round in 130 or thereabouts); in fact the Town Moor was too much for us, especially on one particular day when the Yeomanry were out, the horses carefully galloping over the greens in spite of the wishes of the riders to proceed in another direction. We sought safety from them at Ryton, a delightful little course some few miles out, where we were hospitably received by Mr. Charlton, and where you could pause during the game and watch them netting salmon in the Tyne, together with an occasional Golf-ball, the penalty of a "slice" (most people would work in a joke here, *re* "slice" and "salmon," but there is no joking about "Jane Annie").

Newcastle also provided our first day on a seaside links, the sporting little course of Newbiggin affording a fresh experience to our two new-beginners (another chance of a joke disregarded); and here it was, that Mr. Proctor and I looked on with quiet gratification at the other two in a SAND-BUNKER for the FIRST TIME! Ha, Ha!

Jack Warrior got out in about ten strokes, and then lay down to rest a little, while his caddie fetched him a drink; meanwhile we all watched the Composer, who kept appearing and disappearing in a cloud composed of dislodged sand, waving clubs, and anathemas scored for the double-bass of the booming ocean! During a pause in the entertainment, we cautiously put our heads over the precipice and found our Composer taking a well-earned four bars rest, then, taking up his bâton once more, he went from "adagio," through "allegretto" to "presto!" and finally came out on the *back* beat of the twenty-fourth bar, remarking, after some expressions in Italian which were Greek to me, "I give up the hole!"—which was considerate of him, and much wiser than saying, as some people would under similar circumstances, "I've played two more!" at least, that was the way our host, Mr. Wood put it, though I don't think he was alluding to the members of his own club. However, this experience of bunkers instilled, if possible, a stronger feeling of sympathy on the part of the Composer for his orchestra, when, as happened occasionally on the tour, the members thereof got badly bunkered with some of the dance music!

From Newcastle we journeyed to Manchester, where, thanks to Mr. Cumming, of the *Courier*, we were made welcome at Wilmslow and Bowdon, the latter being by far the best inland links we met with on the tour, and the scene of a great "four-some" between Mr. Cumming and Mr. Proctor, and Mr. Woolf and Gourlay, the professional—the latter pair being dormy 3, and the former succeeding in halving the match, cheered on to demi-victory by the presence of beauty and art in the persons of myself and the composer—I representing of course the beauty, or the art, at the option of the reader.

Sheffield was our next happy hunting-ground, but all inquiries as to a Golf course were fruitless, until owing to the dogged determination of Mr. Proctor (I might almost say the "bull-dogged!"), we unearthed an intelligent station-master who "had seen gentlemen with Golf sticks—(shade of St. Golfe, what a degradation for clubs!)—who booked to some station a little way out—he didn't quite know which." This was enough to put us on the track of course—(another hidden joke!)—and we promptly proceeded to storm the office of the *Sheffield Independent*, one of the Leader-writers of which paper is a well-known player, and who kindly made us free of the links at Shireoaks, where Tait of Musselburgh holds professional sway—a nice course of nine holes—one of them 640 yards long—and some beautiful quarries to drive into, or over for choice. Here, too, we first came across girl-caddies, and I must say I like them. Boys I find generally know too much, and don't hesitate to criticise your play, which is exasperating to a girl twice as old and as tall as they are.

From Sheffield we migrated to Bradford, where at present Golf is almost an unknown quantity (this is an expression of Mr. Proctor's, who is kindly editing my letter—some people would say he's my ghost, but that would be personal, and besides, he does not look like one.) Indeed, but for a small but charming section of the British army located there—"quartered" is I believe the correct word, but it does not apply in this instance, as the section referred to does not do things by "halves" much less "quarters," besides I like the army, it is so polite and handsome)—we should have come badly off for matches, though the members of the club at Baildon were most considerate when we did come across them. We had what I believe is called a "field-day" with the army, our Mr. Warrior gallantly leading his forces to defeat in one foursome, and the army as gallantly refusing to win the second engagement, so that arrangements were made to fight to an amicable finish on some future occasion, when both sides may have recruited!—Dear me, how easily one drops into a military style!—quite the easiest style to get over that I know.

From Bradford on to Birmingham, where Mr. Palmer Burke welcomed us at Sutton Coldfield—a charming course in a lovely park, with only one drawback, an enormous quantity of flies, which greeted our coming with demonstrative joy and in-

numerable and unwished for marks of appreciation. Fortunately for me, I always carry in hot weather a little flacon of toilet vinegar, which, applied to the skin, renders it undesirable as a fly-perch; but the Composer, Mr. Warrior and Mr. Proctor, were instantly seized upon as new dishes—(on their *entrée*, of course),—and treated accordingly; the members of the club with whom we played being severely left alone, having probably been sampled on former occasions. I have heard a tale of a golfer at Felixstowe blaming the larks singing round him, for want of a better excuse for a fozzled drive; but for real enjoyment of the beauties of nature I recommend that golfer to try a drive with both eyes shut and head wagging to and fro! Larks are not in it with flies. I tried it—before applying the vinegar—and before I opened my eyes I distinctly heard my ball laugh at being left on the tee! But I had my revenge. I gave it vinegar the next stroke, and exclaimed, with Hezekiah Brown, "There were no flies on him!" I am indebted to the Composer for this quotation. I do not know Mr. H. Brown, but Signor Ernesto says there is an ode in his honour which is worthy of being a second national anthem.

From Birmingham we returned to Manchester for the last week of the tour, and this was indeed a gala week in every way—five days' Golf out of the six, and two of them on sea-side links.

Our old friends Bowdon and Wilmslow occupied the Monday and Tuesday, the senior partner in the firm—(you see how, being in Manchester, I gracefully adopt the commercial style)—again providing the better Golf of the two, although the mountaineering at Wilmslow possesses attractions not to be disputed.

Wednesday was devoted to the West Lancashire Golf Club, at Hall Road, where the Golf is almost perfect, and the clubhouse quite so; in fact, a more luxurious home for golfers could not well be imagined.

The Thursday saw us at Southport—rather a long journey to play one round, but well worth the trouble when "personally conducted" by such a host as Mr. T. D. Lingard, and affording one of the best days' golfing of the tour, a longer course than the majority of those we visited, and no impossible penalties for want of direction in driving (this is a remark of Mr. Proctor's). Then back to Manchester, a final round or so at Wilmslow on the Saturday, and an enthusiastic audience at night to see the last of "Jane Annie" on the ladies' links at the Theatre Royal, and thus ended a most delightful seven weeks' theatrical golfing tour. Mr. Proctor says I must wind up with poetry, and as I don't know any, he suggests my using the well-known couplets on the game written by the Bard of Avon:—

"Come forth all ye who healde and action seeke,
And dryve ye rubber balle withe shapely cleke!
Thus shall your minde and harte be made more pure,
With grate endeav'rings to go far and sure!"

RUTLAND BARRINGTON.

MORTONHALL GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).—This club held its autumn meeting at Mortonhall, on the 22nd, in favourable weather, when the club scratch gold medal and several handicap prizes, including one presented by Mr. James Ainslie, were competed for. Two rounds of the original nine-hole course were played, and the putting-greens were found to be in perfect order. Fifty-six members turned out, and the play throughout showed a decided improvement. Mr. Duncan M'Laren, the captain, won the gold medal, and he also obtained Mr. Ainslie's prize for the lowest score under handicap. The other prize-takers were:—2, Mr. J. M. Roberts, 97, less 14=83; 3, 4, and 5 (a tie), Mr. William Anderson, 98, less 10=88; Mr. Charles Moxon, 100, less 12=88; Mr. A. M. Runciman, 94, less 6=88.

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CARRY AND RUN.

IN my former article (GOLF, August 25th, 1893) I confined my remarks to the first stage of the flight of a ball—especially in the case of a long drive—and I showed how immensely important to the length of carry is the underspin which a good player manages to give to the ball. During the last week or two I have fortunately obtained an excessively simple method of establishing, beyond cavil (for the benefit of those who are impervious to mathematical reasoning), the existence of this underspin, and of measuring its amount with considerable accuracy. Messrs. A. F. Macfie and Frank Fairlie were kind enough to give me their assistance in these experiments, and it will be allowed by all golfers that, for steadiness and for uniform accuracy of hitting, they will well bear comparison with any two players who could be named. As there is absolutely no possibility of serious error in the process of measurement which was adopted, the results of these experiments may be unconditionally accepted as data for future reasoning, although the experiments themselves occupied only an hour or two on each of two successive days. The mere direct proof of the *existence* of underspin in all good driving is, from my point of view, altogether superfluous—though it may perhaps be useful to that unique authority on Golf who writes to you under the name of "Rifleman" (September 1st, 1893), who makes at least one gigantic blunder in every sentence of his letter, and "feels sure," or "quite believes," that a "well-driven ball rotates with an overspin"! But, as I proceed to show, the *measurement* of the usual amount of underspin is essential to the investigation of the "run" of the ball after its fall.

In dealing with carry alone, the data which have to be taken into consideration, besides the initial conditions of speed and inclination, are the two forces (in, and perpendicular to, the direction of motion) due to the resistance of the air. The first of these we know to be, at least nearly, proportional to the square of the speed; the second is proportional to the speed directly—at least, if we assume that the amount of the spin is but little affected during the short period of flight. The coefficient of direct resistance has been, at least approximately, determined by Bashforth as the result of direct experiments, but it is very different with the transverse force. Neither the amount of spin, nor the requisite coefficient, has hitherto been separately determined; and even their product, the quotient of the transverse force by the speed, has hitherto been only roughly approximated to by the help of considerations founded on the results of heeling. Such as they are, however, these data enable us to give a general sketch at least of the problem of carry.

But when we try to investigate the circumstances of rebound, the actual *rate of spin* becomes an essential feature of the question; and here I had, till within the last few days, absolutely no data to go upon. I had been for some time endeavouring to devise some simple method of measuring the spin, but each of those which occurred to me required apparatus not usually accessible in golfing quarters. A remark, however, was made to me by Mr. W. Wilson, the well-known St. Andrews maker of cleek-heads, which enabled me to settle the matter at once, and in a manner almost ridiculously simple. Mr. Wilson had constructed a machine for testing the comparative driving-powers of various players, so far, at least, as initial speed is concerned. In using this machine he noticed that the leathern thong, by which the ball was attached to his indicator, was almost invariably found to be twisted after each experiment; and, having read my article on "Carry," he mentioned this fact

to me as a proof of the correctness of what I had written regarding the presence of underspin in every long drive. For the twist, when the circumstances of the drive were good, was always in the sense due to underspin. I saw at once that here was the germ of a perfectly complete, as well as absolutely direct, solution of the problem. For all that is required is to attach firmly to the ball a long, loose, untwisted tape; fix its other end; drive the ball into a mass of clay at a short, measured, distance; and, taking it out, count the number of turns required to untwist the tape. The speed of the ball at starting is, at least approximately, known, and the rotation is, of course, stopped instantaneously by the clay, while the counting of the turns of the tape is the only additional measure required. For the benefit of "Rifleman," and others of his creed, I may be pardoned if I point out that the tape is laid out perpendicular to the direction of the drive.

The averages of a number of groups of such measurements, in each of which the individual experiments agreed remarkably well with one another, are as follows—the distance from the tee to the clay being arbitrarily varied back and forward from nearly 8 feet down to about 3:—

Mr. A. F. Macfie	...	Bulger	...	1 turn in 2 feet
"	"	Panza	...	1 " 2'4 "
Mr. F. Fairlie	...	Driver	...	1 " 2'3 "
"	"	Driver with grooved iron plate	...	1 " 2'2 "
"	"	Smooth cleek	...	1 " 2'3 "
"	"	Grooved cleek	...	1 " 1'8 "
"	"	Smooth cleek (wrist shot)	...	1 " 1'5 "

The alterations of distance from the tee to the clay were made partly for the purpose of eliminating any possible terminal error in reckoning the twist, partly in order to secure hitting the clay (which did not expose a very large surface) when the player was using a club not familiar to him. It is rather singular to notice that the space rate of spin is of the same order as the twist of the old Enfield rifle, and therefore of the projectile from it. It was noticed that with all the grooved clubs the axis of rotation of the ball was almost exactly horizontal. With the smooth faces this was in general only approximately true; in one trial with Mr. Macfie's cleek the axis was all but vertical.

What we wish, however, is the rate of rotation of the ball or (what is more to the purpose for the applications) the linear speed of the ball's equator due to the rotation. If we take the average initial speed of the driver shots, above, as 300 foot-seconds, we easily see that the ball rotates about 130 to 140 times per second; so that, its diameter being $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, the equatorial speed is a little over 60 feet per second. I must frankly confess that I was unprepared for the magnitude of these results; although the very large effects known to be due to spin had led me to expect something considerable. The balls driven by a full swipe of a smooth cleek seem to have nearly the same spin as those from the ordinary driver; those from the grooved cleek considerably more. In the case of the wrist-shots (inclination 1 in 5, say, and carry 40 to 50 yards) it must be remembered that the initial speed is much less than in the drives, and thus that 1 rotation per 1.5 feet (in their case) would probably correspond, for lawful comparison with the drives, to 1 turn in rather more than 3 feet—something under 100 turns per second, or equatorial speed somewhere about 40 foot-seconds. I need scarcely add that Mr. Macfie was perfectly successful in making cleek drives absolutely free from spin, by simply causing the head to move (at impact) in a direction perpendicular to the face—in which case, of course, there was no trace of twist on the tape—and that, when it was proposed to him, he topped

the ball and gave the tape a much greater amount of twist (this time, however, showing overspin) than had been measured in any of the other experiments.

The remarkable amount of spin given by the smooth cleek (though the special skill of the performers must be carefully remembered) shows that the amount of slipping on it is not very considerable. That there *is* slipping is fully proved by the greater spin given by the grooved cleek when wielded by the same players. The full investigation of the process by which the spin is given by any club would be a matter not only of great difficulty, but (which is far worse) of considerable uncertainty, in consequence of the large amount of deformation which the ball suffers. The ball, while flattened on the face of the club, could not have the rotation measured in the experiments above, and must therefore have obtained at least the greater part of it during the latest stage of the restitution, when it had nearly recovered from distortion. This gives a hint as to some possible, or rather *certain*, advantages to be gained by the use of a very hard ball, provided always that the grooved surfaces can "grip" it. But it is probable that these balls may have corresponding, perhaps unduly great, disadvantages. Trial only can settle this point; but the suggestion is one to be borne in mind. To sum up this part of the work, we may look upon 40 to 60 feet per second as the average equatorial speed of a well-struck ball, when it is not specially "nickit wi' the iron" so as to give it exceptionally rapid back-spin.

The course which the ball pursues after reaching the ground depends to a very great extent upon circumstances so purely accidental that they cannot be made the subject of calculation. There are, however, some general principles which may be laid down. These, though simple enough, are of great importance; and yet they seem to be very little known; so that a short notice of them may be useful. What seems most to puzzle the majority, of people who think of the subject, is the contrast between the results of aerial friction, and those of friction between two solids (as, for instance, a billiard ball and the table). For the same spin, which tends to shorten the path of a Golf ball by making it "dook," actually quickens its forward motion when it reaches the ground; while that which prolongs its flight, and therefore increases its carry, retards, perhaps even actually reverses, its forward motion when it acts between the ball and the grass.

It is commonly supposed that, if a ball has underspin, it must necessarily recoil, or at least stop dead, when it reaches the ground. But such results are usually the exception, not the rule. In general it requires a relatively considerable amount of underspin, in comparison with the horizontal speed of the ball, to produce even the dead fall.

Perhaps the simplest mode of dealing with the subject in a popular manner is to begin by seeking under what conditions of fall there will be no change in the horizontal speed of the ball. We suppose the ground to be level, and hard enough not to be sensibly dented. Now the only cause which can finitely alter the horizontal speed of the ball is a horizontal impulse. This, under the circumstances, can arise only from friction between the ball and the ground. But impulsive friction between two solids necessarily involves finite relative motion of the parts of the surfaces which come into contact. Hence, in order that there may be no sudden change of spin or of horizontal speed, the point of the ball which first reaches the ground must be moving *vertically* at impact. In other words, this point must be moving horizontally backwards relatively to the centre of the ball, in consequence of the spin, at the exact rate at which the horizontal motion of

the ball (as a whole) carries it forwards. In yet other words, if the ball had no vertical motion, it would behave precisely as if it were *rolling* on the ground.

The rotation in this case is of course overspin; the result of topping. If the ball be rotating faster than this, in relation to its horizontal speed, its horizontal motion will be quickened by the impulse on the ground; if slower, it will be retarded. And *à fortiori*, if it have underspin, its horizontal motion must be retarded. That the horizontal motion may be destroyed, *i.e.*, that the ball may stop dead, the surface speed due to the underspin must exceed the horizontal translatory speed in the ratio 5 to 2.

Such, at least, is the result of theory, on the hypothesis that there is no slipping, and that the ball behaves (so far as the present question is concerned) as if it and the ground were both perfectly hard. This cannot be very far from the truth, but it is quite impossible to assign either the direction or the limits of the error.

Thus, in order that a ball, with underspin to the amount measured above, may fall dead, its horizontal speed must not exceed 24 foot-seconds. This is practically unattainable, as the result of an ordinary drive, unless the initial inclination be very much greater than is at all usual.

In what precedes, I have given data which will enable most of the critics of my former paper to answer their own remarks or inquiries. The exception is "Rifleman," already referred to, who has (it would seem) been able to trace an increase of tendency to overspin, due to the difference of density of the air above and below a Golf ball! When we consider that this difference, at its very greatest, can barely amount to *one hundred thousandth* part of the whole, while it may be altogether non-existent (when the air is still and the ground below it heated by the sun), we may form some conception of the astounding delicacy of this measurement! With an investigator and experimenter of such superhuman power and exactness I feel myself quite unable to cope, except by saying, in the language I recently heard used by a little caddie to a bigger one, "Hit yer ain size."

P. G. TAIT.

MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB.

Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, and B. Sayers, North Berwick, have been spending a few days on these links, the latter for the first time. They are charmed with the course, and with its varied and natural hazards.

A foursome was played on Thursday, the 21st, when the two professionals played two strong members of the club, Mr. Welsh, of Cambridge, and Mr. Lyon, Machrihanish, but the professionals had an easy win, being 5 up and 4 to play in each of two rounds of eighteen holes. Mr. Lyon was not in his usual good form. A third round (foursome) came off in the early evening between Kirkaldy with Mr. Dan Greenlees, and Sayers with Mr. Welsh, finishing all even.

Much interest was centred in a single on Friday between the two professionals, for a money prize by the club. A large concourse of visitors and lady and gentlemen golfers from Campbeltown followed the players during the forenoon and afternoon. A strong north-west gale was blowing all day, which made low scores well-nigh impossible, and a few sharp showers made the greens rather tricky; but notwithstanding the score of each on the second round (80) was remarkable against such a gale, and well equal to 75 on any ordinary day. The driving and approaches were splendidly played throughout by both professionals, while the holing out, especially of Kirkaldy, was deadly. In the forenoon round, Kirkaldy was 3 holes up, with a score of 84, and Sayers' card showed 87. In the afternoon round, each professional scored 80, holing equally, Kirkaldy thus winning by 3 on the thirty-six holes obtained on the first round. The cards read:—first round: Kirkaldy, out, 6 5 4 5 5 5 5 4=44; in, 4 5 5 6 4 3 3 5 5=40, total 84. Sayers, out, 6 5 3 5 5 7 6 4 5=46; in, 4 5 3 6 5 4 4 5 5=41, total 87. Second round: Kirkaldy, out, 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 4 5=42; in, 4 6 4 5 4 4 3 4 4=38, total 80. Sayers, out, 5 4 4 5 4 6 5 4 3=40; in, 5 5 5 4 4 3 4 6 4=40, total 80.

Reviews.

DODO. By E. F. Benson. 2 vols. London: Methuen, 1893.

In a certain circle "Dodo" has been read and discussed since its appearance in the early summer, and those in the secret have laughed over the clever caricatures of which the book is mainly composed. The archbishop's son has clearly scored a great success, whatever may be said of his work from an artistic and moral point of view. His success is fairly earned by the firm, bold style in which he has sketched one and all of his characters. The story concerns but few persons, but those few are life-like and not easily forgotten, and they hold the attention and interest of the reader from first to last. To give a bald extract of "Dodo's" rattling and entertaining conversation is scarcely fair. She is an odious character, without a redeeming virtue; she betrays her husband, does her best to ruin a man whose only fault was a blind admiration of her wicked self; and her last state is far worse than her first. Nevertheless, she is brilliant, fascinating, and never wearisome, qualities which go far in a book, at any rate; but a disjointed extract from her flow of small-talk gives an impression of weakness and school-girlism which depart from the truth. The worst point in the book is the death of the deluded Marquis. We have read of such endings and death-bed scenes in all ordinary sporting novels. Certainly he had to die, and being too brave to commit suicide the disposing of him was difficult; but we could wish for something more in keeping with the daring originality of the rest of the book.

THE SILVER DOMINO. 1 vol. London: Lamley and Co. 1893.

Another great success of the season. The first point is the question of the authorship. Like the "mysterious musicians" who haunt seaside places, and enchant romantic nursery maids, a halo hangs round this anonymous author. There is a great deal said about the author by himself. He tells us incidentally that he is a very great personage indeed, and that he is acquainted with every public character from the Prince of Wales to "Labby." He speaks of them all in a flippancy, familiar style, gaily pointing out their errors and vices, which he contrasts invariably with his own infallibility and virtues. We expected to laugh tremendously over this book; a grim smile came sometimes whenever the author grew exceptionally self-satisfied. The wit is chiefly composed of an utter absence of self-restraint on matters where most authors have refrained from sharpening their wits. It is a book which shallow people will accept as clever, because it treats of all things bitterly; sneers at humanity, and puffs up its petty opinion as if it were some divinely-inspired utterance. Nothing is easier than all-round sneering, especially if it be anonymous; and in this case the reasons for the concealment are obvious, the greatest being that it is the only inducement to read the book through, or, indeed, to begin it at all. The perpetual "I" of this anonymous prophet must weary even the most ardent admirer of the romantic, mysterious, discontented and rancorous style of author. We cannot resist saying to this anonymous one, as Rudyard Kipling's German said to the ourang-outang, "There is too much Ego in your Cosmos."

A CHRONICLE OF SMALL BEER. John Reid. 1 vol. London: Isbister & Co. 1893.

To turn from characters and subjects purely *fin de siècle*, to humour and pathos founded on a knowledge of and sympathy with the simpler elements of humanity, is refreshing and bracing. One regains self-respect, and hopes for something better for mankind at large than the gallows, or at best penal servitude for life. The small beer consists of scenes and stories from the life of a small boy, but each scene is an idyll, a tale which holds us enthralled and leaves us delighted. "Johnny" is a fine lad, and keeps the world in which he moves alive with his adventures, his friendships, his mishaps, and his scrapes. "The Fight in the Coup" is a thrilling tale of an uneven encounter, in which the conqueror behaves magnanimously, after administering a well-deserved drubbing to his impertinent adversary. "Two Dead Rats" is full of humour, and nothing

so good has been written of schoolboys since the immortal "Tom Brown." "The Great Stake" is like some story of Kipling's without the catch-words; while even that great student of boy-nature, the author of "David Copperfield," has not drawn boy-life and character more delicately, or with truer instinct and sympathy, than has the author of these chronicles.

We want more of "Johnny" as a youth and as a man, for he must have lived every minute of his life, whether for pain or for pleasure, and have something worthy to record of his most trivial experiences.

THE GOLFERS' CLUB.—A club for Golfers is about to be re-established at Whitehall Court, S.W., on the following conditions:—The directorate will re-construct the club, re-furnish, and open it on the 1st October, 1893, and in consideration of the fact that the members of the St. Andrew's Club had only enjoyed the use of the club for a few months prior to its closing, they will, on the re-opening of the club, be granted six months' membership free from annual subscription. The accommodation will consist of:—Ground Floor.—Entrance hall, secretary's office, smoking room, and lavatories. Ground Floor, River Front.—Dining and private dining rooms. First Floor.—Smoking and reading rooms, overlooking Embankment Gardens; as well as billiard, card, and a number of bed rooms. The future subscription will be £4 4s. for town, and £2 2s. for country members. There will be no honorary members. Mr. W. F. Branston, is the secretary (*pro tem*).

WE have received from Mr. R. Ramsbottom, The Sportsman's Dépôt, 81, Market Street, Manchester, a new scoring tablet to be worn on the cuff of the sleeve. It is a thin, flexible strip of ivory about three inches long, ruled to register two rounds of a player and his partner. A thin india rubber band passes from top to bottom, and this fixes the scoring tablet on the cuff. Mr. Ramsbottom's tablet is certainly an ingenious little scoring device for saving time and labour to players in the course of a medal round.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' CLUB.—The closing competition of this club for the season was held on the ladies' course, Elie, on Friday last, the ties being played off on Saturday. Despite the cold wind that was blowing there was a good turn-out of players, there being thirty-seven entries for the ladies' and gentlemen's singles, and twenty-two couples for the mixed foursomes. In the scratch competition twenty-seven holes were played, and in the handicap eighteen holes. Miss Parsons won the Cairnie challenge cup with a score of 71, less 2=59, and she also won the first scratch prize with the score of 104, Miss Pearson being second with 105. The gentlemen's handicap prize—a box of choice cigars presented by Messrs. Rutherford & Kay, wine merchants, Edinburgh—was won by Mr. N. G. Park with the score of 67, less 4=53, Mr. A. E. Park being second with 65. The gentlemen's first scratch prize was won by Mr. T. R. Outhwaite with the extremely good score of 91, Mr. A. E. Park being second with 103. In the mixed foursomes the first prize was won by Mr. C. F. Scott and Miss Ferguson, and the second by Mr. T. R. Outhwaite and Mrs. Taylor. The following are the principal scores:—Ladies' Handicap—1, Miss Parsons, 71, less 2=59; 2, Miss E. Parsons, 71, less 1=70; 3, Mrs. Taylor, 76, less 5=71, and Miss Pearson, 69, plus 2=71, equal; 5, Miss D. Ferguson, 77, less 4=73; 6, Miss Brown, scratch, 75. Gentlemen's Handicap—1, Mr. N. G. Park, 67, less 4=63; 2, Mr. A. E. Park, scratch, 65; 3, Mr. Fish, 71, less 5=66; 4, Mr. T. R. Outhwaite, 61, plus 6=67; Mr. C. J. Goringe, 71, less 4=67, and Mr. C. F. Scott, 71, less 4=67, equal. At the close of the competition the prizes were presented by Mrs. Outhwaite. The secretary reported that Lady Anstruther, of Balcaskie, the lady patron of the club, had written expressing her regret at being unable to be present, and intimating that she would present a prize to be played for next year.

GLASGOW THISTLE.—The opening competition of the newly-formed Glasgow Thistle Golf Club took place on Saturday afternoon at Alexandra Park. The competition was arranged for the fixing of handicap allowances, but it included an optional sweepstake. There was a large turn-out of members, and the course was in very good condition, although the strong wind which prevailed all afternoon precluded exceptional scoring. The best scores were the following:—Mr. James Scott, 78; Mr. F. Allan, 81; Mr. Thomas M'Lellan, 83; Mr. James Herd, 84; Mr. R. Boyle, 86.

THE GULLANE LINKS AGREEMENT.

IT is not surprising that, with the enormous development of Golf, one of the best and most famous of links on the East Coast of Scotland—Gullane—should have become at times so crowded with players as to necessitate some decided effort being made to take proper care of the course and to regulate the play. Last week we published the Draft Agreement between the Superior of the Common and the Gullane Golf Club, under which it is proposed that this work, so laudable in itself, should be carried out. As impartial guardians of what we believe to be the best interests of golfers and the game of Golf, we regret that we cannot throw the old slipper of "good luck" after the couple who have just entered on their honeymoon at Gullane, with the countenance and hearty support of the great majority who attended the matrimonial meeting of the club on Saturday week last. The affair was altogether a *mariage de convenance*, and it was significant that the priest of the parish refused his benediction, and protested against such an alliance. Our earnest desire is certainly to see Gullane Green preserved and improved, but we do not like the look of this draft agreement. The way in which it has been brought about does not augur well for its future success. The movement has a panic-stricken appearance about it, which is displeasing. With undue haste it has been rushed through. The parties to the agreement did not hitherto agree. The arrangement into which they have entered so hastily they will most likely repent of leisurely. The peace they have brought is not "with honour." It is a patched-up peace, and in the near future it is sure to be broken. It is the proud boast of those who have drawn up the Gullane agreement and induced the club to adopt it, that "no questions of property rights were raised or were affected by the agreement"; in other words, it settled nothing. This is supposed to be the saving clause under Article 1st of the draft:—

The granting of the privilege hereby conferred shall not prejudice the claims which any member of the said Gullane Golf Club may have to a servitude or other right of playing Golf, or any other rights or servitudes which they may have as feuars or proprietors at Gullane, which claims of the feuars and proprietors at Gullane, and the first party's objections thereto, are hereby expressly reserved.

This clause reveals the confusion that exists as regards golfing rights at Gullane. The proprietor of Dirleton claims power to grant the privilege of golfing on the links to the public and the feuars; the public claims, or used to claim, a right to play Golf at Gullane. (This, be it noted, was the very *raison d'être* of the Gullane Club, which refused to build its club-house on Dirleton property when hints of objections to the public rights of golfing were thrown out.) Then the feuars of Gullane (or heritors thereof, as George Steven, the stalwart defender of their rights, used to call them) claim an indisputable right to play Golf on the links as their forbears have done "from time immemorial." It is held by many (and this view was argued in our columns under date October 21, 1892), that Lord Low's decision on the horse-training case affected the question of Golf, though others took an opposite view of the decision. Cowe, the horse-trainer against whom action was taken, based his case in great measure on the golfing rights of the community, but Lord Low, while deciding that Gullane Common was so much the property of the complainant (the proprietor of Dirleton Estate) as to entitle her to interdict horse training, distinguished Golf from horse-training, and while interdicting horse-training, his Lordship's verdict is reported (*vide* GOLF, Vol. IV., p. 425) in these terms:—

He did not wish to say one word suggesting that the use of the links as a Golf course could be prohibited by the complainant or any one else. . . . The prayer of the note asked that the respondent should be interdicted from exercising or training horses upon Gullane Common, or otherwise trespassing on the same lands. His Lordship was not quite sure what the general words which he had quoted referred to, but it seemed to be clear that the only matter in regard to which the complainant desired or could claim interdict was the training of horses. He should, therefore, limit the decree, which he would pronounce to that part of the prayer which dealt with horse-training.

The italics above are ours, and they show on what ground so many supposed that Lord Low had rather gone in favour of golfing rights than against them.

When the horse-training case was to come up, subscriptions far and near were sent in to form a fund for safeguarding the interests of Golf as far as these might be involved, and when some of our correspondents in the South, some time after the decision, threw doubts on the good faith of their Northern friends in the matter, Mr. St. Clair Cunningham, the secretary of the committee, in a letter in our columns, wrote (*vide GOLF*, November 11th, 1892):—

What has been now decided is that Mr. Cowe was not entitled to train his horses on the Common, while interdict (or injunction) against trespassing on the links, which necessarily includes golfing, has been refused. The case thus, as a whole, has resulted in maintaining the *status quo* as regards Golf, and disappointing the wishes and hopes of Mrs. Ogilvy and the private-green men.

Such is an account of the confused situation. With its draft agreement the committee of the Gullane Club have rushed in where the proverbial angels might well have feared to tread. They now promise order, good government, and good Golf to all concerned. Generally, it may be right "not to look a gift horse in the mouth," but in this case the golfer may well say, *Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes*. Let us suppose that no one raises objections—that all goes on quietly under this new régime. Grant that all rights or questions of rights are reserved by the draft agreement. The basis of the agreement is that the proprietor of Dirleton has power to grant the privilege of golfing at Gullane. The agreement based on this is tentative; but if it works, say what the Gullane Club members may, they will find that whatever their own views may have been they have, by their action, been advancing the views of the proprietor aforesaid, year by year strengthening the Dirleton Estate claim, and filching away the rights of golfers who happen to be outside the membership of the Gullane Club. They make a rope to hang themselves, for if after their five years' lease is out the donor of their tentative privilege is tired of them, their position will be worse than it was before they entered into the agreement. Why was it with difficulty that a lease for a longer period than a single year could be got? Why was a five years' lease the longest that could be got? If the proprietor, or proprietrix, of Dirleton could give a twenty-one years' lease to the Honourable Company at Muirfield, why refuse this at Gullane if the right of property existed there?

The fatal flaw in the Draft Agreement is undoubtedly the omission therefrom of the feuars, or proprietors, of Gullane as parties to the compact. An agreement between the proprietor of Dirleton and the feuars of Gullane might have been difficult to overturn. An agreement between the proprietor and the general public is not worth the paper it is written upon. Doubtless some of the feuars are members of the Gullane Golf Club. As such, they do not, however, represent the community of Gullane, but the public. What is now going on at St. Andrews may well be a warning to

the Gullane community. There the predecessors of the council bartered away their rights, and now an Act of Parliament is required to get them back. Golf has made Gullane; the place is growing rapidly, and, when a railway brings it nearer to the general public, with whom Golf is a never-lessening passion, Gullane Links will be in still greater demand. Their value will rise, and, if the feuars of Gullane do not now assert their rights, notwithstanding the apparent safeguards of the present agreement, they, like the people of St. Andrews, may have great difficulty in asserting them at a future time. The difficulty will be the greater the longer the present shadowy, unsubstantial agreement is allowed to continue, and, while the "unearned increment" increases in value to the proprietor, the common rights of the community will become a vanishing quantity.

The club has looked the difficulties in the face, but, like the Highland minister, has passed them by. Those difficulties will come up again, and the whole question of Golf at Gullane will eventually have to be settled. The question should have been settled now, as we argued in the article already referred to (*GOLF*, October 21st, 1892). The proprietor's claim should have been raised against the golfing claim just as it was against the horse-training claim. If golfers who are feuars at Gullane, or golfers who are of "the general public," have no right to play on Gullane links they ought to be plainly told so, and then the way is clear for a permanent arrangement that no one can upset. Over and over again the kindness of the proprietor in allowing Golf to go on without hindrance at Gullane, has been referred to. But there is another side to this kindness. If from time immemorial the people of Gullane have golfed on the links without asking anybody's leave; if the weavers of Aberlady and Dirleton were wont, as they were, to have their annual Golf match there on Handsel Monday; if the old East Lothian Club can look back on fifty years of undisturbed quarterly meetings at Gullane, during which, and with the assistance of such generous friends as Mr. Alexander Whytock, the green was made a first-rate fifteen-hole course; if the Gullane Club, without recognising any of these or any superior, took possession of the ground in 1882, and for eleven years kept the green, making it one of the finest eighteen-hole courses, and all the time the proprietor stood by, this was cruelty and not kindness. The Gullane agreement is very far from being a solution of the difficulty. The primary question to settle first of all is this: Is Gullane to be a private course, or is it not? As the agreement stands the framers have omitted to consider one important factor—the public. Whatever agreement is made the parties to it may rest assured that some public-spirited citizens will arise to bid defiance to their rule and their restrictions.

LOTHIAN CLUB.—On Monday, 18th, the members of the Lothian Golf Club held a competition for a very valuable and handsome cup presented by Mr. M^rBride, Glasgow, and other prizes, over Gullane course. At the commencement the weather was rather wet and boisterous, but after half-an-hour the rain cleared off, but still a stiff breeze blew, which militated considerably against the scoring. The following were found to be the prize-winners:—1st prize and cup, Mr. Thomas Barker; 2nd, Mr. Robert Marlow; 3rd, Mr. George Wallace; 4th, Mr. G. Tait; 5th, Mr. R. Gravet; 6th, Mr. J. M^rNeil; 7th, tie (afterwards divided) between Messrs. H. Waters and W. Wood.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held their autumn competition for prizes over the Braids on Monday. A strong wind interfered greatly with the players. Sixteen members turned out. The following are the prize-winners with their scores:—1st, Mr. G. N. Bonar, 98, less 27=71; 2nd, Mr. A. M^rFarlane, 96, less 17=79; 3rd, Mr. W. Boa, 103, less 21=82; 4th, Mr. W. M^rCurrach, 102, less 16=86; 5th and 6th (tie), Mr. J. Allan, 106, less 19=87; and Mr. R. Coultts, 100, less 13=87; 7th, Mr. R. Rodger, 102, less 14=88.



The Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P., has been visiting North Berwick, and seeing the game of Golf. Rumour has it that he has even been initiated into the mysteries of the great art at Archerfield, where Mr. John Penn, M.P. for Lewisham, is now staying as tenant of house and shootings, and where there is a good private links. Mr. Goschen having taken Mr. Balfour's place in the House of Commons, the Leader of the Opposition succeeded Mr. Goschen at North Berwick, on which links, and at Archerfield, he has engaged in several matches, his enthusiasm for the game showing no sign of abatement. Every golfer will wish him enjoyment after his long and arduous work in the House. A new edition of Mr. Balfour's "Defence of Philosophic Doubt" is announced by Macmillan.

Gosford, the seat of the Earl of Wemyss, was a scene of brilliancy on Thursday last, the occasion being the golden wedding of Lord and Lady Wemyss. The palatial building and grounds were crowded with the gathering of high and humble, invited by the noble couple to celebrate the event, and refreshments without stint were served in two large tents on the lawn. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who is a visitor at North Berwick, headed the list of celebrities present. In the ante-room might be seen displayed on the wall some specimens of very ancient-looking Golf clubs used by the present Earl's grandfather, whose portrait they surround, and who was a keen golfer. On Gosford links one of the Royal Jameses used to play the game, and, indeed, Gosford must have been one of the earliest golfing places in Scotland. The present Earl, Lord Elcho, M.P., and other members of the family are all players of the old game.

As the congestion at the Edinburgh Braids course continues as great as ever, owing to the number of players, the Parks Committee have decided to make a new course of nine holes at a cost of £300. The committee have also resolved to recommend that a water supply should be introduced at the Braids for the use of the general public, at a cost of £79. The same committee at their last meeting recommended that no action should be taken with reference to the request by the Cluny trustees for an expression of opinion regarding the application by the tenant of the refreshment house at the starting-point of the course for a wine and beer license. Water may, therefore, in the meantime suffice to wet the golfer's whistle. An omnibus now runs from the Morningside Station and tramway terminus to the Braid course and Mortonhall. This is a much needed improvement which ought to be encouraged.

A nine-hole Golf course is being laid out in the neighbourhood of Kirkcudbright, and though "the Sands of Dee" may be wanting, the views of the beautiful Dee Valley from some of the high-lying putting-greens are splendid. Visitors to this lovely part of Galloway may therefore take their clubs with them.

The Machrihanish caddies are said to be on the eve of a strike. Their present allowance is 9d. a round with 6d. for lunch, and they are going for 1s. a round. This is not an

unreasonable demand. It must be remembered that the majority of them walk from Campbeltown and back—twelve miles each day, and counting the two rounds of the course as six miles more, a wage of 1s. 6d., with what can be saved out of the 6d. allowed for lunch, is not such as to secure a fortune for the Campbeltown caddie. The golfers might prevent any strike by being reasonable.

Referring to an article in a former number on "Left-handedness," and the advisability of studying the use of the left hand for golfing purposes, it is interesting to hear that at Grantown, the fashionable resort on the Spey, where Golf was introduced by a left-handed player, nearly every one uses the left hand in play. A visitor to the place lately found that it was difficult to get a right-hand club. This statement, if correct, is very interesting.

The secretary of a Northern Golf Club, lately on tour round the links of the East Coast accompanied by his wife, entered the names in one of the Visitors' Books jocularly thus:—"Mr. and lady-attendant." The guidwife, at the next place of stay, repaid the joke by the following entry:—"Mrs. and message-boy."

"Mr. Pillings Waggott, whose pate has been wagging in the pillory in your own and other papers," writes "Scrutator," "has lately been severely punished for the simple error of making the shaft of a club 'go right through the socket.' Is every club-maker to be pilloried in such a public way because some one has patented a certain club of the kind? Anderson, the well-known maker, sends the driver shaft through the socket. Is this an infringement, or another patent, and where does it end? It is time the shaft of ridicule were sent through the socket of the whole patent club business by some 'wag 'ot' who would not be so ready to apologise."

"Broken Links," a new story by Mrs. Alexander, is announced to run in a weekly paper. Is it for golfers who are careful not to replace the turf?

New Golf greens grow apace. Herne Bay will soon be added to the increasing number of our seaside Golf links. A club is being formed there. Colonel Seely, M.P., has just had a nine-hole course laid out at Brooke, his seat in the Isle of Wight; and Mr. Robert Smith has also had a private nine-hole course made at Goldings, his seat in Hertford. Both courses were laid out by Tom Dunn, the Tooting professional.

Mr. E. C. Lindsay, while playing in a match with Captain Schuzler, holed the sixteenth hole at Littlestone in one stroke. The distance is 213 yards, and the shot was played with an old McEwan short spoon. The hole is a "blind" one, which makes the performance more remarkable.

Mr. Claude Johnson's patent wooden club, which is meeting with a good sale, and the design of which has been fully set forth on the advertisement cover, is also admirably adapted for ladies. It is made lighter in the head and not so long in the shaft, and in every way it is finely balanced. A very useful element in the manufacture of these clubs is the numbering of the heads. A player, whether lady or gentleman, who finds a head which suits perfectly, and wishes it replaced, has only to send the number to the maker, who supplies the exact duplicate as to weight and lie. Mr. A. Teen, 18, Eastcombe Terrace, Blackheath, is the maker.

On September 19th, J. Rowe, the Royal Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells professional, playing round with Mr. E. H. Wilkie, in rough and showery weather, tied the professional record here (Hugh Kirkaldy's and Jack Ross') with the splendid score of 73. Details: Out, 4 3 5 4 4 5 4 4 4 = 37, in, 5 2 4 4 5 4 5 4 3 = 36, total, 73.



AN INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I write to state that lately I have made some cleeks and irons with the shaft going right through the socket, and which I find is an infringement on Carruthers' Patent. I am very sorry for having made the blunder, and have withdrawn from the market all that I have made, and hereby apologise for having made the infringement.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THOMAS P. WAGGOTT.

49, Comiston Road, Edinburgh,
September 15th, 1893.

In reference to the above, this does not affect my "Patent Cleek," which I claim to be the easiest playing, longest driving cleek yet made, 7s. 6d. post free.—Waggott, Musselburgh and Edinburgh.—ADVT.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly give me an answer to the following?—When addressing my ball from the first tee I happened to touch it with my driver, and moved it off the tee. My opponent said that would count one stroke. Is this so?

I am, Sir, &c.,
N. C.

[No; it is not a stroke. A ball accidentally displaced from the tee while the player is addressing it may be replaced without penalty.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Is there any reason why my caddie cannot go to the top of a hill and give me the direction to a "blind" hole, say 100 yards away? A question arose as follows:—I sent on my caddie some 50 yards to the top of a brae, where he stood to show me the line I should take for my next stroke. He stood there while I made my stroke. My opponent said I had lost the hole, as the boy should have left his position before I struck the ball. The whole question is that my playing over the caddie's head lost me the hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,
GOLFER'S RIDGE.

Coventry Golf Club.

[It is the first time we have heard of the hole being claimed in such circumstances. It is a very common practice for a player to send his caddie forward to give the line to a blind hole where there is no flag on the brae to indicate the line. There is no rule against it. The case is different if the player strikes his caddie in playing the shot; then the hole is lost, but not otherwise.—ED.]

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB.

INTERESTING FOURSOME.

On the conclusion of the very successful Championship meeting at Newcastle (County Down) several of the cross-Channel cracks journeyed to Carnalea on Monday last to test the golfing capabilities of the pretty green of the Royal Belfast Golf Club, which is at once the headquarters of Golf in Ireland, and the "Royal and Ancient" of the "distressful country." During the forenoon several good matches and social foursomes took place, and after luncheon a grand foursome was arranged with Messrs. J. Ball, jun. (Royal Liverpool) and D. L. Low (Monifieth), against Messrs. J. H. and W. B. Taylor, of the Carlton Golf Club, Edinburgh. Mr. Ball's unique position in the golfing world is so well known as to require no recapitulation, and the Brothers Taylor, who are regarded as about the strongest amateur "foursome" combination in Scotland, won, it will be remembered, the trophy presented by the *Glasgow Evening Times* at Prestwick in 1891. Mr. David Low is also a fine player, and embracing as it did such a galaxy of golfing talent, which, indeed, had never before been brought together in Ireland, the foursome was watched with immense interest by a goodly crowd of golfers, and also by many ladies.

The game, which consisted of two rounds of the green (eighteen holes), was closely contested all through, and some splendid play was exhibited. As will be seen from the particulars of the match, Messrs. Ball and Low won by 2 up and 1 to play.

First round.—First hole, Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. Low both drove long straight balls before a strong north-westerly breeze, and each lay just up to the edge of the green, right and left of the flag. Mr. W. Taylor being weak with his approach, the hole went to Mr. Ball and Mr. Low in 3, as against their opponents' 4. Second hole.—Two long drives, Mr. W. Taylor overdriving Mr. Ball by about ten yards; approaching was rather weak on both sides, and a half in 5 was the result. Third hole.—Good driving again, but second shots not up; both balls lay dead in 4, but the "Brothers" were apparently hopelessly stymied. Mr. J. Taylor, however, just managed to screw round the seemingly fatal stymie, and amid well merited applause another halved hole in 5 was recorded. Fourth hole.—Mr. Ball had the longest drive here, well over the direction-post; but Mr. Low rather fozzled his second. The Messrs. Taylor were better on the green, and this time it was Mr. Ball and Mr. Low who were stymied. The Champion, not to be gainsaid "hoist the engineer with his own petard," and with a truly marvellous putt got round and to the bottom, halving the hole in 5. Fifth hole.—Both had fine drives here, and got well up with second. Mr. Low's third, however, overran the hole and Mr. Ball not getting out a long putt the Messrs. Taylor won their first hole in 5—all square. Sixth hole.—This was halved in 4 after it seemed quite on the cards that the Messrs. Taylor should have won in 3. Seventh hole.—Both on the green in 2 after indifferent drives. The Edinburgh men had rather the worst of it there, but Mr. W. B. Taylor bringing off a fine putt, the hole was halved in 4. Eighth hole.—Nothing remarkable, and after some ding-dong play a half in 5 resulted. Ninth hole.—Mr. J. Taylor drove a long ball in the teeth of the wind, but a slight slice carried him over the bank towards the sea, and being unable to find the ball, the hole went to Messrs. Ball and Low; the match at the end of the first round standing in their favour by 1 up.

Second Round.—First Hole.—Mr. Ball and Mr. W. Taylor got well up to the green with their drives, and the hole was halved in 4. Second hole.—Both drives off the line, the Messrs. Taylor having the worst of it in heavy grass. Mr. Ball got the better approach, and afterwards, with a fine putt, credited his side with the hole in 4 as against 5. Messrs. Ball and Low 2 up. Third hole.—Mr. Ball in difficulties with his drive to the left. Mr. Low made a good effort to recover, but the Messrs. Taylor ultimately won the hole in a moderate 5. Fourth hole.—Both balls off the line to the right, Mr. Low's worst, but with strong play on the part of the Champion, they secured the hole in 5. Fifth hole.—Mr. W. B. Taylor failed to carry the bunker, and two more were played getting over; the fourth was well up, but the loss could not be retrieved, and Messrs. Ball and Low getting down in 5 stood 3 up. Sixth Hole.—Finely played by the Messrs. Taylor, and won in 3, their opponents missing the putt for a half. Seventh hole.—Neither drive was good here, but Mr. J. Taylor, playing a fine approach, shot from the right-hand side of the big bunker, got up, and finally the hole was halved in 4, leaving Messrs. Ball and Low dorny 2. Eighth hole.—Two splendid drives against the wind. Mr. W. B. Taylor unfortunately somewhat fozzled the

second, and on the green they had played 2 more. Rather a present of a half was made to them in 5, but it did not serve, however, and Messrs. Ball and Low were left winners of a most interesting and hotly contested match by 2 up and 1 to play.

During the match Alex. Day, of Musselburgh, the popular professional of the Royal Belfast Club, acted as fore-caddie, and held the flag. The English and Scottish golfers who were present during the day expressed themselves very much pleased with the Carnalea Links, where, in the short time that the club has had possession of its new course, wonders have been done in the way of bringing in ground for play. A fine club-house has been erected, in the Swiss chalet style, at a cost of about £2,000, and under the experienced eye and with the untiring energy of Mr. Henry Herdman, the hon. secretary, backed up by a strong council possessed of ample funds, no doubt in a year or so there will be few nine-hole courses in the country able to give any odds to the very picturesque green on the shores of the Belfast Lough at Carnalea.

W. J. MARTIN.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of members of the Melbourne Golf Club was held at the Café Anglais, on July 26th; Mr. J. M. Bruce, the captain of the club, occupying the chair.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that members might congratulate themselves that the zeal of Golf Club players had not abated during the past year. A large number of gentlemen had kindly become members of the club at its initiation in order to give it a start, but they all could hardly be expected to continue their membership, seeing that several were not players. The number who had retired had, however, been more than made up by new playing members. (Hear, hear.) The balance-sheet showed that members had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the satisfactory state of the funds of the club. A fact worthy of notice was that several Golf Clubs had been established in different parts of the Colony, and he was glad to see Mr. Balfour, one of the founders of the Geelong Club present at the meeting. The admission of ladies as associates of the club had been attended with the greatest success. Some eighty ladies had joined, and they would form a valuable auxiliary to the club. The interest in the game of Golf was increasing, and those who had been recently initiated in it showed an enthusiasm which indicated that it was destined to take firm root among the healthy pastimes of Australians. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. T. Brentnall seconded the motion. Setting aside expenses of an incidental nature, which were not likely to occur again, there was an even balance between revenue and expenditure, and members had good reason to be more than satisfied with the financial result of the year's operations. The outlook for the coming year was better than the last, as the club was getting an acquisition of playing members. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was agreed to.

Sir W. J. Clarke was elected president for the ensuing year, in room of Sir James MacBain, deceased.

The following officers were also elected:—Mr. Justice Hodges, Sir Frederick Sargood, and Mr. John Simson, vice-presidents; Mr. J. M. Bruce, captain; Mr. T. J. Finlay, vice-captain; Dr. J. H. MacFarland, Mr. D. Finlayson, and Mr. L. K. S. Mackinnon, members of council; Mr. T. Brentnall, hon. treasurer; and Mr. W. Nimmo, hon. secretary.

At the conclusion of the meeting the annual dinner was held. Mr. Bruce occupied the chair, and had on his right the newly-elected president, Sir W. J. Clarke, and Mr. J. Paterson, and on his left Major Sebright and the Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor A. Snowden).

The Chairman proposed the health of the president, Sir W. J. Clarke. Nothing could have been more appropriate than to elect him, seeing that Lady Clarke was the president of the lady associates.

Sir W. J. Clarke, in responding, said he was extremely pleased to be elected to the position of president, although he was not likely to be an active member of the club. Such a game as Golf ought to be very attractive, and he and Lady Clarke would do all they could to make the club popular.

Mr. D. Finlayson proposed the health of the chairman, observing that it was mainly owing to the efforts of Mr. Bruce that the club had been established. Consequently he was looked upon as its father. (Hear, hear.) Not content with starting it, Mr. Bruce's interest in it remained unabated, and he was one of the club's best players. All wished to see him on the links for many years to come. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman, in responding, said that the club had been established just "in the nick of time." There was little doubt that a game of Golf once or twice in the week made a man more fit to perform the duties devolving upon him in the battle of life.



ABERDEEN.

The autumn meeting of the Aberdeen Club was held over the club's private course at Balgownie links on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week. Proceedings began with the annual general autumn meeting of the club, which was held on Wednesday in the Palace Hotel, Mr. A. J. W. Storie, captain, presiding. The annual accounts and report by the council were submitted and approved of. From the accounts it appears that the financial position of the club is steadily improving, and that the membership has increased very rapidly during the past year, the number of members on the roll at end of year being 271. A new club-house was in course of being erected for the Ladies' Club, which had also a flourishing membership. The advisability of extending the course by acquiring additional ground was remitted to the captain and council to be dealt with by them. A new rule was passed whereby the appointment of all the officers of the club, with the exception of the auditor, was vested in the hands of the council. Mr. Storie was unanimously reappointed captain for the ensuing year, and Sheriff Robertson and Mr. L. Mackinnon, *yost.*, to the vacancies in the Council caused by the retirement of Mr. J. F. Lumsden and Mr. W. C. H. Jopp. Mr. Harvey Hall, C.A., was reappointed auditor.

The meeting proper opened on Thursday, when the Charles Chalmers cup (scratch) and the Fordyce gold cross (handicap) were the trophies played for. The weather was very unfavourable, drenching showers of rain falling all day, accompanied by a strong north-easterly wind. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, twenty-five couples started, and on completing their rounds it was found that Mr. J. M. Ferguson, with the excellent score of 79, had won both prizes. The following are a few of the best cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. M. Ferguson	79	scr.	79	Mr. M. M. Duncan	90	5	85
Mr. D. Littlejohn	87	7	80	Mr. J. S. Butchart	95	10	85
Dr. J. S. Riddell	94	14	80	Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	92	6	86
Mr. R. M. Williamson	94	12	82	Mr. J. Davidson	94	8	86
Mr. J. M. Duncan	86	3	83	Mr. G. A. Boyes	104	18	86
Mr. J. A. Montgomerie	93	10	83	Mr. W. F. Orr	87	scr.	87
Mr. G. B. Shirras	97	14	83	Mr. John Clarke	89	2	87
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	84	scr.	84	Capt. H. V. Brooke	89	2	87
Mr. G. G. Whyte	100	16	84	Mr. T. Todd	91	3	88
Mr. A. W. Mitchell	90	5	85	Mr. J. R. Whyte	94	6	88
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	90	5	85	Dr. James Moir	95	6	89

There was a slight improvement in the weather on Friday, when the club's gold medal (scratch), was the prize played for. There was less rain, but the wind was still high, and the weather bitterly cold. Fifteen couples started, and at the close it was found that Messrs. R. A. Nicholson and J. Burnet-Craigie had tied for possession of the medal with scores of 83. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 83; Mr. J. Burnet-Craigie, 83; Mr. M. M. Duncan, 85; Mr. T. Todd, 86; Mr. A. W. Mitchell, 87; Mr. W. F. Orr, 87; Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, 83; Mr. J. M. Duncan, 91; Mr. Mr. R. D. Leslie, 91; Dr. J. Ogilvie, 91; Mr. J. A. Adamson, 92; Mr. J. O. Kemp, 92; Mr. James Davidson, 95; Mr. D. Littlejohn, 95; Mr. W. Mackenzie, 97.

The meeting closed on Saturday, when the final competition for the Adam cup took place. The cup has been played for monthly throughout the season, and the twelve monthly winners had to play off two rounds of the links for final possession. The following are the names of the monthly winners and their handicaps, as well as the order in which they started on the final journey:—Mr. A. J. W. Storie (8), *v.* Mr. R. M. Williamson (10); Mr. W. R. Reid (6), *v.* Mr. M. H. Mackie (8); Mr. W. C. H. Jopp (5), *v.* Mr. T. Todd (3); Mr. M. M. Duncan (4), *v.* Dr. J. S. Riddell (10); Mr. J. M. Ferguson (scratch), *v.* Professor Harrower (8); Mr. J. O. Kemp (6), *v.* Mr. J. G. Paull (10). When the two rounds had been completed, it was found that Messrs. M. M. Duncan and A. J. W. Storie (the captain of the club)

had tied for possession of the trophy with the net scores of 179. The following are the lowest scores returned:—Mr. M. M. Duncan, 187, less 8=179; Mr. A. J. W. Storie, 195, less 16=179; Mr. T. Todd, 186, less 6=180; Mr. W. R. Reid, 192, less 12=180; Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, 191, less 10=181; Prof. Harrower, 197, less 16=181; Mr. J. O. Kemp, 194, less 12=182. The tie for the club's gold medal (scratch), was also played off between Mr. R. A. Nicholson and Mr. J. Burnet-Craigie, Mr. Nicholson winning by 3 strokes.

BECKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The September monthly competition took place on the 23rd inst., with the following result.

Handicaps not exceeding 18:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. H. R. Latter..	101 18 83	Mr. C. H. McEwen	106 12 94
Mr. B. H. Latter ...	105 18 87	Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	100 5 95
Mr. W. Rait ...	100 13 87	Mr. T. F. Kerr ...	104 9 95
Mr. A. J. Ayden ...	99 9 90	Mr. W. H. Dees ...	111 15 96
Mr. E. C. Bliss ...	109 18 91	Mr. J. A. McHary..	115 18 97
Mr. F. Link ...	107 14 93		

* Winner of the gold medal.

Handicaps exceeding 18:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. R. Stephenson ...	107 30 77	Mr. S. A. Boulton...	114 27 87
Dr. S. Perkins ...	114 36 78	Mr. F. W. Cooke ...	120 33 87
Mr. W. B. Bishop...	108 30 78	Dr. F. Sturges ...	124 36 88
Mr. J. Gibb ...	117 36 81	Mr. H. C. Bond ...	121 33 88
Mr. F. Alpe ...	117 36 81	Mr. A. S. Main ...	114 25 89
Mr. D. Link ...	107 23 84	Mr. L. Hinton ...	119 30 89
Mr. H. Doble ...	113 27 86	Mr. W. Gregory ...	127 36 91
Mr. J. C. Holmes...	111 25 86	Mr. W. R. Speechley	128 35 93
Mr. H. P. Spottiswode ...	123 36 87	Mr. R. H. Ivatt ...	121 27 94
		Mr. J. Reid ...	133 36 97
		Mr. P. Alliston ...	130 33 97

* Winner of the silver medal.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal and optional sweepstakes, 23rd September:—Mr. T. G. Dickson, 106, less 18=88; Mr. W. A. Milner, 107, less 18=89; Mr. H. Shipton, 101, less 9=92; Mr. E. Micholls, 106, less 11=95; Mr. W. L. Shipton, 109, less 14=95; Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 101, less 4=97; Mr. C. Coventry, 107, less 10=97; Mr. A. Coventry, 132, less 24=108. Ten competitors made no returns. Mr. Dickson won the medal, and Mr. Milner secured the sweepstakes. A gale of wind, accompanied by severe snow and hailstorms, which almost instantaneously covered the putting-greens with snow, accounts for no returns being 100 gross.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The final round of the monthly competition was held on the 16th inst., when the six monthly winners played off, with the result that Mr. F. W. Soames was successful in taking the first prize; he also took the bronze medal for the second best scratch score during the whole competition. Mr. G. H. Reynolds takes the silver medal for the best scratch score, viz, 86, on the 10th June. Mr. F. W. Soames, 89, less 8=81; Dr. Archer, 90, less 5=85; Mr. G. H. Reynolds, 88, less 1=87. No return from Captain Drummond, Messrs. W. D. Jolliffe and E. C. Kendall.

The final round for the committee's cup was played for on Saturday the 23rd inst., when the three previous winners met, and resulted in Dr. Archer winning. There was a high wind blowing, which was detrimental to good scoring:—Dr. Archer, 96, less 5=91; Mr. C. T. Dixon, 107, less 9=98; Mr. D. Dobie, 107, less 5=102.

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

Medal (21 holes). Played September 14th:—Hon. M. Scott, * 102, less 10=92; Mr. H. E. Rose, 108, less 10=98; Hon. D. Scott, 112, less 10=102; Mr. G. W. Goodeve, jun., 113, less 10=103; Hon. O. Scott, 114, less 10=104; The Earl of Eldon, 117, less 10=107; Mr. T. W. Stubbs, 119, less 10=109; Mr. A. Keen, 131, less 20=111; Mr. G. W. Goodeve, 128, less 16=112; Mr. R. H. Stubbs, 173, less 44=129.

* This creates a new record by a member of the club. His three scores were 53, 35, and 34.

Mr. J. G. Gibson, of the Blackheath Golf Club, holds the amateur record—100; Douglas Rolland 88.

Ladies' Brooch (14 holes).—Mrs. T. W. Stubbs, 107, less 18=89; Lady M. Scott, 82, plus 8=90; Miss Wiggan, 107, less 10=97; Miss Rose, 137, less 38=99; Mrs. A. Keen, 118, less 12=106; Mrs. E. Francis, 127, less 14=113. No returns from several members.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A foursome competition, by medal score, was played on September 23rd, being the first match of the autumn meeting. The prizes, two drivers, were kindly presented by Reith, the professional of the Eltham Golf Club. The scores were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Stokes ...	77	8	69
Mrs. P. Spurling and Mrs. G. Spurling ...	93	23	70
Mrs. Keen and Miss A. Bloxam ...	83	13	70
Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Needham ...	92	19	73
Miss May Fraser and Miss Rose Fraser ...	93	19	74
Mrs. Schacht and Miss Richardson ...	87	12	75
Mrs. Mackern and Mrs. MacArthur ...	86	7	79
Mrs. Tasker and Miss W. Richardson ...	96	15	81
Mrs. Meredith and Miss V. Fraser ...	92	10	82
Mrs. Absalom and Miss M. Richardson ...	106	20	86
Miss Sowerby and Miss A. Milne ...	105	19	86
Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Johnston ...	107	19	88
Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss C. Bean ...	108	19	89
Mrs. Hedderwick and Mrs. Lord ...	101	11	90
Miss Anderson and Miss M. Mills ...	114	19	95

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

Captain's prizes, 9th beat:—Mr. H. H. Lawless, 104, less 22=82; Mr. E. A. Tewson, 91, less 8=83; Mr. A. W. Maitland, 96, less 12=84; Mr. J. M. Henderson, 89, less 3=86; Mr. W. O. S. Pell, 89, less 2=87; Mr. G. H. Joshua, 95, less 7=88; Mr. C. G. Tunks, 96, less 8=88; Mr. R. Redwood, 100, less 12=88; Mr. L. G. Thompson, 108, less 20=88; Mr. R. Thomson, 95, less 5=90; Mr. C. G. Havell, 97, less 7=90; Mr. Charles H. Downes, 111, less 20=91; Mr. John Henning, 109, less 16=93; Mr. S. Joshua, 120, less 24=96. No returns from other competitors.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The Formby Golf Club held its autumn meeting on Saturday, the 16th, under the most favourable conditions. About forty couples went out, and so high was the average scoring that half of the players returned cards under 100 net. The Cullen Scratch medal and silver memento were won by Mr. H. H. Hilton. The first of the three handicap (silver) prizes given by the club was secured by Mr. G. C. Liebert, and the second by Mr. E. H. Ainslie, while Messrs. H. Liebert, R. H. Brown, and R. A. Tatton tied for the third, for which they will play off. Messrs. G. C. Liebert and Ainslie took the first and second optional subscription prizes respectively, while the third was divided between the three players who tied. Over fifty had entered for the sweep. The first and second class "bogey" competitions were played off by the two sixes placed at the head of the lists after six months' contests. Mr. Hilton won the first class prize, and Mr. J. S. Remer the second class. Appended are the chief scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. C. Liebert...	84 6 78	Mr. W. Fletcher ...	91 1 90
Mr. G. H. Ainslie...	101 21 80	Mr. M. Rollo ...	98 8 90
Mr. H. Liebert ...	87 6 81	Mr. P. Springman...	104 14 90
Mr. R. A. Tatton...	106 25 81	Mr. B. L. Tarlton...	110 20 90
Mr. R. K. Brown...	101 20 81	Mr. C. M'Laren ...	101 10 91
Mr. A. Hood ...	97 15 82	Mr. W. M. Pearce...	116 25 91
Mr. W. T. Rowley ...	91 9 82	Mr. D. Webster ...	99 8 91
Mr. J. W. Fowler...	82 +1 83	Mr. W. J. Drewett	112 20 92
Mr. F. Harrison ...	91 7 84	Mr. J. Hornby ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	87 3 84	Mr. H. Spalding ...	104 12 92
Mr. G. W. Harris...	110 25 85	Dr. J. H. Crocker...	109 16 93
Mr. H. H. Hilton...	75 +10 85	Mr. C. T. Dixon ...	101 8 93
Mr. L. K. Roughton	97 12 85	Mr. W. Potter ...	94 1 93
Mr. M. H. Goold ..	107 21 86	Mr. J. E. Pearson...	95 1 94
Mr. H. J. C. Anderson	96 9 87	Mr. R. H. Prestwich	96 2 94
Mr. O. Blundell ...	96 9 87	Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	94 +1 95
Mr. H. J. Chisholm	87 scr. 87	Mr. H. S. Roughton	102 7 95
Mr. J. Spink ...	102 15 87	Mr. S. Smelt ...	105 10 95
Mr. G. C. Hannay	107 18 89	Mr. J. R. Brooke ...	121 25 96
Mr. J. B. Arkle ...	103 13 90	Mr. G. A. Thomson	112 14 98

"Bogey" Competitions.—First Class: Mr. H. H. Hilton (plus 8), 1 up; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon (scratch), 1 down; Mr. O. Blundell (7), 1 down; Mr. R. H. Prestwich (3), 5 down.

Second Class: Mr. J. S. Remer (13), 4 down; Mr. M. H. Goold (16), 8 down; Mr. J. B. Arkle (10), 9 down. No return from the other three in each class.

HOOK GOLF CLUB.—Autumn meeting, September 23rd. Ladies' challenge cup and captain's prize (limited to 18 strokes):—Mr. P. F. Morton, 104, less 14=90; Mr. A. L. Secretan, 122, less 30=92; Mr. E. H. Morton, 122, less 20=102; Mr. J. H. Driver (captain), 114, less 8=106; Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, 114, less 5=109, winner of captain's prize; Mr. S. Bridge, 127, less 14=113. Dr. C. Pound, no return.

GREAT YARMOUTH v. ALDEBURGH.

A local team match between these two clubs took place at Aldeburgh, on the 19th inst. The visitors were defeated. Mr. F. J. Hope must be congratulated on lowering the colours of the Aldeburgh champion, Mr. J. Pettit, on his own green. Mr. Hope played a brilliant game, going round in 85, a good performance in the teeth of a strong southerly wind, which did not tend to low scoring. The Yarmouth players were loud in praise of the green, which is certainly a sporting one, and what is much more to the point, requires good Golf. Bad strokes are mercilessly punished. Scores:—

GREAT YARMOUTH.		ALDEBURGH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. J. Hope ...	3	Mr. J. Pettit ...	0
Mr. C. Hope ...	0	Mr. J. Davidson ...	2
Dr. T. Browne R.N. ...	0	Mr. C. Pearson ...	5
Mr. F. Wilson ...	1	Mr. G. Steward ...	0
Rev. H. Arnold ...	0	Mr. E. Longstaffe ...	2
Major-General Dixon ...	4	Mr. W. Thompson ...	0
Mr. S. Pegg ...	0	Mr. P. Bull ...	7
Captain Coxhead R.A. ...	0	Mr. J. Tothill ...	4
	8		20

Majority for Aldeburgh 12 holes.

HAGLEY v. ARDEN.

Played at Hagley on Saturday, September 16th, and resulted in a win for the home club by 2 holes.

ARDEN.		HAGLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Hon. and Rev. R. Moncrieffe... 0		Mr. E. F. Chance ... 5	
Mr. F. A. Bainbridge... 7		Rev. H. Bourne ... 0	
Mr. O. Airy ... 0		Mr. G. Macpherson ... 7	
Mr. A. E. Wilson Browne ... 0		Mr. H. J. Stobart ... 8	
Rev. G. W. Barnard ... 4		Mr. E. Evers ... 0	
Mr. A. G. Tonks ... 1		Mr. W. H. Grazebrook ... 0	
Mr. J. F. Wright ... 0		Mr. H. T. Williams ... 1	
Mr. M. C. Lord ... 5		Mr. W. L. Roberts ... 0	
Mr. H. H. Wright ... 0		Mr. R. H. King ... 0	
Mr. W. J. Burman ... 2		Mr. R. Smith ... 0	
	19		21

ILKLEY v. WAKEFIELD.

A return match was played on the Ilkley links between teams representing these clubs, the result being a win for the home players by 19 holes. Score:—

ILKLEY.		WAKEFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. S. Backhouse ... 0		Mr. G. H. Peacock ... 2	
Mr. P. N. Lee ... 7		Dr. Renton ... 0	
Mr. A. B. Wild ... 6		Mr. A. J. Stanfield ... 0	
Mr. S. M. Yoxall ... 0		Dr. Murray ... 2	
Mr. E. R. Wild ... 5		Mr. T. G. Mountain ... 0	
Rev. G. H. Frodsham ... 0		Mr. H. R. Mackie ... 0	
Dr. Bampton ... 6		Mr. A. H. Roberts ... 0	
Mr. T. K. Hattersley ... 0		Mr. D. R. Mackie ... 1	
	24		5

ILKLEY CLUB.—On Saturday the monthly medal was competed for on the Ilkley links, in windy and showery weather. Mr. W. H. Wild won the medal with a net score of 86, and Mr. P. N. Lee won the first optional sweep. Mr. R. S. Backhouse, playing recently with Varden (the club professional), lowered the club amateur record with a gross score of 84, made up of 42 and 42. Mr. H. W. Wild, 94, less 8=86; Mr. P. N. Lee, 95, less 8=87; Mr. R. G. Scott, 116, less 27=89; Mr. L. G. Tolson, 108, less 18=90; Mr. W. M. Barwick, 108, less 18=90; Mr. R. S. Backhouse, 97, less 6=91; Mr. A. Wild, 99, less 8=91; Mr. T. A. Carpenter, 115, less 22=93; Dr. Turner, 112, less 18=94; Mr. F. R. Kitson, 118, less 22=96; Mr. B. Hirst, 113, less 16=97; Mr. A. B. Wild, 108, less 10=98; Dr. Bampton, 116, less 10=100; Mr. E. Fletcher, 120, less 20=100. No returns or over 100, from ten other players.

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Played September 23rd. Scores:—Mr. T. Townsend (winner), 106, less 24=82; Dr. G. H. Hart, 101, less 18=83; Mr. A. H. Wolseley, 110, less 27=83; Mr. S. Baldwin, 94, less 10=84; Mr. E. P. Wright, 91, less 5=86; Mr. W. D. Ellis, 111, less 25=86; Mr. C. J. Hart, 115, less 27=88; Mr. B. A. E. Hart, 115, less 27=88; Mr. D. Elkington, 117, less 24=93; Mr. T. H. Charles, 120, less 27=93; Mr. P. M. Ellis, 116, less 20=96. Several other competitors made no return.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the last of the six competitions for the Ridley cup took place on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The following is a return of the best three scores up to a total of 300 net out of the six monthly competitions, the conditions upon which the prize was given:—

			Total	
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's...	85	86	85	256
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	86	90	90	266
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ...	84	91	93	268
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	89	90	91	270
Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's...	91	87	93	271
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's...	90	88	95	273
Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn ...	81	97	96	274
Mr. J. Mellor, St. Anne's ...	94	86	95	276
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	89	92	98	279
Mr. J. G. Gartside, Manchester ...	97	100	84	281
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ...	90	99	97	286
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	98	93	95	286
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool ...	98	94	95	287
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ...	103	90	94	287
Mr. T. Muirhead, Bowdon ...	95	97	96	288
Mr. M. Taylor, Blackburn...	91	96	101	288
Mr. A. Entwisle, Bolton ...	102	90	97	289

Mr. A. B. Scholfield was therefore winner of the prize. At six o'clock the captain of the club (Mr. J. M. Rea) presented the prize in the club-room to Mr. Scholfield. The winner of the first Optional Sweepstakes was Dr. Eason, and the second and third were divided between Mr. J. M. Rea and the Rev. J. G. Denison. The captain of the club has presented a cup to be competed for in six monthly competitions, the six winners to play off for permanent possession.

NOTTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal play for August resulted as follows:—Saturday play. Mr. P. W. Allen, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. Ross, 112, less 21=91, tied; Mr. A. Barrow, 108, less 16=92; Mr. E. J. Cooper, 124, less 23=101.

Thursday play.—Mr. W. F. M. Webb, 107, less 18=89; Mr. E. A. Coutts, 102, less 10=92; Mr. C. S. Wardle, 104, less 10=94; Mr. J. B. Wells, 118, less 24=94; Mr. C. B. Edwards, 110, less 12=98; Mr. T. McCulloch, 118, less 18=100; Mr. A. Oliver, 123, less 22=101; Rev. J. F. K. Branford, 106, not handicapped.

NOTTS v. BELTON PARK.

The return match between these clubs was played at Bulwell Forest on the 14th September. The Grantham men only brought a small team, so the game was played with five a side. Notts won by 10 holes. Particulars:—

BELTON PARK.		NOTTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. C. N. Treadgold ... 0		Mr. C. J. Didham ... 0	
Mr. F. W. Thompson, (capt.) 6		Mr. J. Doleman ... 0	
Mr. C. B. Thompson ... 0		Mr. J. McMeeking ... 8	
Captain Young ... 0		Mr. J. Johnstone ... 3	
Rev. Mr. Clements ... 0		Mr. E. A. Coutts ... 5	
	6		16

Majority for Notts 10 holes.

PRESTWICK—AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Prestwick Club was held on Thursday, 28th, in stormy weather, when the Eglinton scratch gold medal and the St. Andrew's Cross, a handicap event, were competed for. During the forenoon the greens were in good condition, but, owing to several sharp showers, became rather tricky in the afternoon. Twenty-nine couples entered, the best players forward being Messrs. A. Stuart, J. O. and R. N. Fairlie, E. D. Protheroe, W. S. Wilson, and A. R. Paterson. The players were sent off in the following order:—Messrs. Charles Aitken and T. Johnston; Messrs. J. S. Carrick and T. Anderson; Mr. Hickson Ferguson and Colonel Vincent; Messrs. John Harvey and George R. Fleming; Messrs. W. J. Richardson and Towers Clark; Messrs. Walter Neilson and Archibald Walker; Messrs. G. A. Whitelaw and G. Addie; Messrs. M. P. Fraser and W. G. Younger; Messrs. John H. Cassels and John MacNeil; Mr. F. G. Tulloch and Rev. F. R. Macdonald; Messrs. J. O. Fairlie and R. N. Fairlie; Messrs. C. F. W. Deans Dundas and A. M. Coats; Messrs. W. S. Wilson and John S. Alston; Messrs. Albert Harvey and Arthur Macindoe; Messrs. Dudley Stuart and James M'Dowal; Messrs. J. T. Goudie and A. Birrell; Messrs. J. A. Morris and W. J. Pollock; Messrs. J. Scott and J. C. Orr; Messrs. W. N. Scott and A. R. Paterson; Messrs. W. H. Kidston and John Adam; Messrs. Alexander Stuart and Robert Hutchison; Messrs. J. L. Stewart and J. Campbell; Sir Renny Watson and Mr. Johnston Douglas; Messrs. George Davidson and Aeneas M'Bean;

Messrs. E. A. Miller and R. Cowan; Messrs. J. S. Higginbotham and J. B. Brown; Messrs. J. A. Neilson and E. D. Protheroe; Sheriff Buntine and Mr. J. G. Walker; Rev. J. Sime and Mr. H. Hart. The first good cards to be handed in were those of the brothers Fairlie, both of whom were rather unfortunate on the greens. Mr. R. N. Fairlie played consistently throughout, and taking 44 each way finished with 88. His brother started somewhat better, and went out in two strokes less. At the first hole home, however, a mistake led to his taking 7, and he could only do the latter half in 46. This score was beaten shortly afterwards by Mr. W. S. Wilson, who finished a stroke less. He went out in 43, and two holes from home had eleven strokes in which to beat the score of the Messrs. Fairlie. He fell off his game somewhat, and took 6 to the second last hole, and managed narrowly to get the home hole in 5. It was expected that this card would be beaten, as several of the strongest players in the club had yet to return. Most attention was directed to Mr. Alexander Stuart, of the Honourable Company, who had gone out in 48. In the outward journey he had the hardest of luck, and seemed to encounter all the hazards on the course. He had two 8's and two 6's going out, but he pulled himself together coming back, and finished in 89. The return journey was negotiated in 41, his card for this half reading—5 4 5 4 5 5 4 4. None of the other players succeeded in reaching Mr. Wilson's figures, and he accordingly won the Eglington gold medal. The St. Andrew's cross, the handicap competition, was won by Sir W. Renny Watson, with 103, less 18=85. Mr. Wilson's card read:—Out, 5 3 6 5 4 5 4 5 6=43; in, 5 3 5 5 4 6 5 6 5=44; total, 87. Mr. J. O. Fairlie:—Out, 5 3 5 5 4 6 4 5 5=42; in, 7 4 5 6 5 5 4 6 4=46; total, 88. Mr. R. N. Fairlie:—Out, 5 3 7 5 4 4 5 5 6=44; in, 6 5 6 5 5 4 5 3 5=44; total, 88. The other principal actual scores were:—Mr. A. Stuart, jun., 89; Mr. A. R. Paterson, 90; Mr. Charles Aitken, 91; Mr. E. D. Protheroe, 91; Mr. J. S. Carrick, 92; Mr. F. G. Tulloch, 96; Mr. John Adam, 96; Mr. G. Davidson, 96; Mr. R. Cowan, 96; Mr. J. C. Orr, 97; Mr. G. W. Younger, 99; and Rev. F. R. Macdonald, 99.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. September 23rd. Scores:—Mr. W. F. Thompson, 90, less 12=78; Mr. E. Britten-Holmes, 96, less 16=80; Mr. J. R. T. Robertson, 100, less 20=80; Mr. H. R. Payne, 99, less 18=81; Mr. G. C. Wylie, 88, less 6=82; Mr. W. Jackson, 92, less 10=82; Mr. E. J. Lewis, 102, less 18=84; Mr. S. C. Leonard, 107, less 22=85; Mr. R. Dawson, 95, less 9=86; Captain W. E. Beak, 96, less 10=86; Mr. W. P. Wincott, 104, less 18=86; Mr. A. Warren Melhuish, 114, less 24=90; Mr. A. J. Plowes, 114, less 24=90.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday, the 16th, over the links at Dollymount. The following were the returns handed in:—Mr. J. P. Barrington, 100, less 20=80; Mr. G. C. May, 90, less 9=81; Mr. H. C. Warren, 99, less 17=82; Mr. J. M. Dickson, 93, less 9=84; Mr. J. R. Bristow, 96, less 12=84; Mr. H. A. Bethune, 90, less 4=86; Major Campbell, 107, less 21=86; Mr. J. H. Barrington, 100, less 12=88; Mr. H. S. West, 118, less 30=88; Mr. A. F. G. Henderson, 108, less 14=94.

ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Club competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Berryman	106	25	81	Miss Mackenzie	104	5	99
Miss Every...	94	8	86	Miss A. Alms	125	24	101
Miss Rollaston	117	30	87	Mrs. Bannerman	117	15	102
Mrs. Salmon	88	+2	90	Mrs. Simpson	107	2	105
Miss Page	92	1	91	Mrs. Every...	145	40	105
Miss K. Peter Hoblyn	101	9	92	Miss C. Alms	135	24	111
Miss A. Barnett	93	scr.	93	Miss Fox	143	27	116
Miss Archer	136	40	96	Mrs. Geo. Petherick	60	+60	120
Miss K. Archer	133	35	98	Miss Burgess	155	20	135
Miss C. Burgess	118	20	98				

Played September 12th. First prize, a handsome gold and platinum curb bracelet, kindly presented by Lady Morshead; second prize, a silver match stand, given by the captain of the club, Mrs. Young Jamieson. Miss Mackenzie did a record of the eighth hole by getting down in 1 stroke—a distance of 125 yards.

Children's competition:—Girls—H. M. Young-Jamieson, 116, less 16=100; Q. Elliott, 119, less 9=110; R. Johnstone, 164, less 3=161; E. Fox, 177, less 3=174; M. Collins, 191, less 9=182; W. Fox, 196, less 6=190; K. Gillies (scratch), 207; B. Gilles, 233, less 9=224. First prize, writing desk; second prize, book; third prize, paint-box. In playing off the tie, M. Young-Jamieson won by 9 strokes.

Boys.—Fred Elliot, 106, less 9=97; Malcolm Burgess, 122, less 9=113; C. Young-Jamieson, 128, less 12=116; J. Young-Jamieson,

133, less 9=124; A. Magor, 137, less 9=128; G. Magor, 136, less 3=133.

Little girls.—Dories Simpson, 90; G. Young-Jamieson, 115.

Little boys.—Bertie Bannerman, 60; Roger Bannerman, 78; N. Salmon, 82; Gerald Collins, 97; Fred Collins, 101; Stewart Rashi-leigh, 145.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Col. Mackenzie's prizes, Saturday, September 23rd:—*Mr. A. F. G. Brown, 101, less 18=83; Capt. Robin, 91, less 2=89; *Mr. E. Lehmann (scratch), 90; Mr. R. Reynolds, 105, less 13=92; Dr. Hodder, 106, less 14=92; Col. Mackenzie, 97, less 3=94; Mr. R. B. Lattimer, 105, less 10=95; Mr. D. Turnbull, 111, less 14=97; Mr. W. H. Monckton, 112, less 15=97. Several players made no returns.

* Divided sweepstakes.

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The second open meeting of the above club was held on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th inst., at Ganton. The chief event on Friday was the competition for the challenge cup presented by the club for scratch club foursomes (match play). The entries for this event were distinctly disappointing, as only the Beverley and Cleveland Golf Clubs sent representatives. The challenge cups given by other Yorkshire clubs are, it is believed all played for by strokes under the medal rules, and it was thought that a cup given for match play amongst the clubs would prove a welcome change. Whatever the cause may have been, the result was disappointing. Mr. J. E. Pease and Mr. F. Lambert represented the Beverley Club, and Mr. H. Roberts and Mr. Mackay, the Cleveland Club; the home club entering Mr. C. G. Broadwood and Captain Alexander to defend the cup. Beverley drew Scarborough, and the Cleveland Club the bye. It was generally thought that the match would be an easy one for Scarborough, but such was far from being the case, as after holing out at the sixteenth hole, Scarborough only stood 1 up with 2 to play at the seventeenth hole, however, their opponents' ball lay hopelessly bunkered, and Mr. Broadwood and Captain Alexander thus secured the match—2 up and 1 to play. The match in the afternoon, failed to provide the close finish that was expected, and Scarborough won with 4 up and 3 to play, and thus the club retains possession of the cup.

On the same day there was an open "Bogey" competition, divided into two classes. First class for all whose handicaps did not exceed a half, second class for all over that limit. Mr. Roberts won the first prize in the first class, with 3 down against "Bogey," from whom he received 2 strokes. Mr. Pease took second prize, ending 4 down, playing level with "Bogey." In the second class, the first-prize was won by Mr. L. Chater, 7 down, and the second prize by Captain Freeth, 8 down. The day was exceptionally bad for low scoring, as there was a strong north-westerly gale blowing the whole time. As a result, very few players handed in returns, amongst those who did were the following:—Mr. H. Roberts (3), 3 down, Mr. J. E. Pease (scratch), 4 down; Mr. E. Hodgson (8), 5 down; Mr. Mackay (3), 8 down; and Mr. Shepherd (9), 9 down; the remainder were either more or made no return. In the second-class, Mr. L. Chater (12), 7 down; Captain Freeth (12), 8 down; the other competitors were over 8, or made no return.

On Saturday, 16th, the open competition by strokes under handicap, limited to 24, took place in splendid weather. There were three prizes for this event, and Mr. Wood-Taylor kindly presented an additional prize for the lowest scratch over thirty-six holes. The open handicap was won by Mr. Broadwood with a net score of 80, Mr. Hodgson and Sir W. Russell missing level for second and third prizes with net scores of 81. The following were the scores returned:—Mr. Broadwood, 84, less 4=80; Mr. Hodgson, 93, less 11=82; Sir W. Russell, 89, less 8=81; Mr. Pease, 84, less 2=82; Capt. Alexander, 87, less 5=82; Mr. S. Craddock, 91, less 9=82; Rev. A. W. Swayne, 92, less 9=83; Mr. C. E. Brumell, 102, less 19=83; Mr. R. S. Backhouse, 89, less 6=83; Mr. Chater, 103, less 18=85; Mr. Shepherd, 100, less 14=86; Mr. R. Bramwell Davis, 100, less 12=88; Mr. L. P. Edwards, 114, less 24=90; Capt. Barley, 115, less 24=91; Capt. Freeth, 112, less 19=93; and Mr. Wood-Taylor, 114, less 19=95. The scratch score prize was won by Mr. Pease, whose rounds were 84 and 81, total 165, Capt. Alexander being close up with 87 and 80, total 167. The last-named, as will be seen, did the lowest single round score of the meeting, viz., 80, 44 out, and 36 in. The second day would have no doubt produced lower scores had the putting-greens been in better order, but the long spell of dry weather has had most disastrous effect, so far as they are concerned, leaving them very tricky and accountable for the loss of many strokes.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Tuesday, 19th, on the Braids. There were twenty-one competitors. The medal was won by Mr. Wilson, with the score of 87, less 9=78. Mr. Richmond was second at 85 net.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was very successful. Ladies from various parts met to contest for the prize. The handsome travelling clock, presented by Major and Mrs. Campbell, was won by Mrs. H. C. Willock with 82, less 7=75. The silver purse, given by Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, was won by Miss Edith Scott with 81, less 4=77. Mrs. John Dill secured the monthly medal for the second time, and Mrs. Willock took the gold challenge bracelet. The foursomes for other prizes will be played on Thursday, as the rain was too heavy to admit of further play.

On the 21st the Wimbledon ladies visited the Southdown Links, and were victorious by four holes. A prize was presented by the Southdown Club to the visitor making the best score. This was won by Mrs. Willock with 81; Miss F. Kenyon-Stow being close with 82. The best scores on the Southdown side were Miss Curteis, 74; Mrs. Ryder Richardson, 78; and Miss Blanche Martin, 79.

WIMBLEDON.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON.

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	Holes.		Holes.
Miss A. Kenyon-Stow	0	Miss Curteis	5
Mrs. Fraser	0	Miss M. Crunden	1
Mrs. Cameron	0	Mrs. Ryder Richardson	3
Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt Drake	2	Miss Campbell	0
Mrs. Willock	5	Mrs. Sanderson	0
Miss E. Scott	5	Mrs. Gordon Dill	0
Miss F. Kenyon-Stow	1	Miss Blanche Martin	0
	13		9

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of Troon Golf Club was held on Saturday. There were three prizes—the Morison gold medal for scratch players, St. Andrew's cross for players receiving up to 12, and the Sandhills silver cleek and iron for those with a handicap between 13 and 24. In the first class Mr. E. D. Prothero obtained the Morison gold medal with a score of 81, made up as follows—Out, 4 4 6 5 6 4 4 3=40; in, 6 4 5 3 5 4 5 4 5=41; total, 81. This is an admirable card, considering the awkward conditions under which play was conducted when Mr. Prothero went out. He is followed by Mr. John Shaw with 83, and Mr. James A. Shaw with 84. Mr. Robert E. M'Kie heads the list for the St. Andrew's cross in the second class, his total being 88, less 7=81. Next to him comes Mr. J. G. Alston with a net score of 84. In the third class the silver cleek has been won by Mr. J. G. M'Call, whose actual score is 103, his handicap being 20, which leaves his net score 83; Mr. J. B. Wilson is second with an actual score of 102, his handicap being 16. The results of the scoring are:—First class (for the Morison gold medal).—Mr. Prothero, 81; Mr. John Shaw, 83; Mr. Jas. A. Shaw, 84; Mr. Robertson, 87; Mr. Tulloch, 87; Mr. Goudie, 88; Mr. Gillespie, 91.

Second class (for St. Andrew's cross).—Net score:—Mr. R. W. M'Kie, 81; Mr. Alston, 84; Mr. Bishop, 85; Mr. Porteous, 86; Mr. J. M. Gray, 86; Mr. David Findlay, 86; Mr. Craig, 87; Mr. Neil M'Michael, 88; Mr. Holm, 90; Mr. T. B. M'Michael, 90; Mr. J. T. Goudie, 90; Mr. W. J. Anderson, 91; Mr. Dundas, 91; Mr. Drummond, 91; Mr. Renwick, 92; Mr. Wood, 95; Mr. Walker, 96; Mr. Mitchell, 96; Mr. Storrar, 96; Dr. Clark, 101.

Third class (for silver cleek and iron).—Net scores:—Mr. M'Call, 83; Mr. Wilson, 86; Mr. Hartley, 89; Mr. Jenkins, 88; Mr. Ronaldson, 88; Mr. Wilson, 89; Mr. Campbell, 90; Mr. M'Lawrie, 91; Mr. Lammie, 91; Mr. Sturrock, 91; Mr. Barclay, 94; Mr. Anderson, 96; Mr. Thomson, 98; Mr. Higginbotham, 99; Mr. Salmon, 105; and Mr. Langland, 109.

ST. ANDREWS CLUB.—Monday is the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the St. Andrews Golf Club. To celebrate the jubilee a competition was held on Saturday, for which two prizes were offered—the first a gold charm; the second a large photo of Tom Morris, presented by Mr. Downie, photographer. The weather was cold, and a rather irritating strong breeze put good scoring out of the question. There were, however, forty-three competitors, and the result of the play was as follows:—1 (winner of gold charm) Mr. R. M'Andrew, 89 less 6=83; 2 (winner of photo), Mr. W. Rodger, 94, less 8=86. Other prizes—Mr. D. Simpson (scratch), 89; Mr. L. Auchterlonie (scratch), 89; Mr. W. Greig (scratch), 89; Mr. J. Foulis (scratch), 89; Mr. J. Anderson (scratch), 89; Mr. T. Robb (scratch), 90; Mr. H. Perrie, 108, less 18=90; Mr. J. G. Stewart 101, less 10=91; Mr. L. Waters (scratch), 91; Mr. A. Dewar, 104, less 12=92; Mr. J. Herd, 99, less 7=92; Mr. J. Greig, 110, less 18=92; Mr. R. Condie, 110, less 18=92; Mr. R. Braid (scratch), 93.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held a tournament for prizes during Wednesday and Thursday last. The following were the winners:—1, Miss Bruce Johnston; 2, Miss Tait; 3, Miss Gavin; 4, Miss K. Bruce Johnston. Forty-one couples played.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the above club was held on Thursday, 21st September, over the club course on Ryton Willows in charming weather. The prizes for competition were the Reid challenge belt (scratch), and the Temperley cleek (handicap), together with an optional sweepstakes, the result being a very fine exhibition of the game from two of the scratch players, viz., Mr. J. B. Radcliffe and Dr. G. W. Ridley, the former winning the Reid belt and first optional sweepstakes with the excellent gross score of 81; Dr. G. W. Ridley taking the Temperley cleek with 82 gross. Mr. R. Y. Batey, with a handicap of 11 strokes, taking second share of optional sweepstakes with 84 net. With reference to the detailed scores, it may be mentioned that Mr. Radcliffe's 81 is only 1 stroke more than the record of the green in a club competition, Dr. Ridley only last year establishing a record of 80 in winning the same prize. "Through the green" was very heavy owing to the grass having got rather long; the putting-greens were, however, as usual, in excellent order. Annexed are the respective scores for the two prizes, which were played for concurrently:—

The Reid challenge belt (scratch).—

1st and 2nd Rnd. Rnd. Grs.			1st and 2nd Rnd. Rnd. Grs.				
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	39	42	81	Mr. E. Hunter	46	48	94
Dr. G. W. Ridley	39	43	82	Mr. H. H. Blair	46	48	94
Mr. R. T. Thomson	43	44	87	Mr. R. Y. Batey	48	47	95
Mr. C. A. Ridley	47	43	90	Mr. M. P. Ismay	47	49	96
Mr. F. T. Ridley	46	44	90	Mr. J. W. Carr	49	47	96
Mr. Jas. Tennant	46	45	91	Mr. C. Cooper	49	48	97
Mr. G. F. Charlton	45	48	93	Mr. J. Hiddleston	46	51	97
Dr. R. Howden	50	44	94	Dr. J. Limont	46	52	98

The Temperley cleek (handicap).—

1st and 2nd Rnd. Rnd. Grs.		Hcp.	Net.		
Dr. G. W. Ridley	39	43	82	scr.	82
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	39	42	81	+2	83
Mr. R. Y. Batey	48	47	95	11	84
Mr. H. H. Blair	46	48	94	9	85
Mr. F. T. Ridley	46	44	90	4	86
Mr. Jas. Tennant	46	45	91	4	87
Mr. R. Howden	50	44	94	7	87
Mr. W. E. Beck	50	50	100	13	87
Mr. E. Hunter	46	48	94	6	88
Mr. R. T. Thomson	43	44	87	+2	89
Mr. G. F. Charlton	45	48	93	4	89
Mr. J. W. Carr	49	47	96	7	89
Mr. J. Hiddleston	46	51	97	8	89
Mr. J. E. Davidson	51	52	103	13	90
Mr. C. A. Ridley	47	43	90	+2	92
Mr. M. P. Ismay	47	49	96	4	92
Mr. F. Smith	49	52	101	8	93
Mr. T. L. Temperley	57	56	113	20	93
Dr. J. Limont	46	52	98	5	93
Mr. C. Cooper	49	48	97	4	93
Mr. H. C. Smith	52	48	100	6	94
Mr. F. W. Wyndham	55	50	105	11	96
Mr. T. A. Hutton	53	54	107	11	96
Mr. J. M. Redmayne	61	60	121	22	99

The rest were over 100 net, or made no returns.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on the 23rd inst., when a large number of members competed. Notwithstanding several heavy showers of rain, some good scores were returned, and a most interesting and highly satisfactory meeting was carried through. Mr. Currie won the silver monthly medal and first handicap prize (claret jug); Mr. Franklin Ross the first "Bogey" prize (silver egg-boiler), with 1 up; and Mr. Davie the second prize, with 2 down. The long handicap prizes were won by Mr. J. Rawlings and Mr. J. Horn. The hon. secretary (Mr. W. F. Mapleston) won the set of carvers, and the optional sweepstake was divided between the captain (Mr. A. T. Lyon) and Mr. J. R. Townsend. The scores are as follow:—

Gross	Hcp.	Net.	Gross	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. E. F. Currie	82	4	78	Mr. "R. Frank"	95	5	90
Mr. Franklin Ross	79	+1	80	Mr. Langham Carter	109	18	91
Mr. J. Rawlings	100	16	84	Mr. J. B. Shaw	107	16	91
Mr. J. Horn	95	10	85	Mr. J. K. Hume	110	16	94
Mr. W. F. Mapleston	90	4	86	Mr. C. Goodsir	110	13	97
Mr. A. T. Lyon	94	7	87	Mr. J. Hardie	117	17	100
Mr. S. R. Davie	102	14	88	Mr. J. Henderson	120	18	102
Mr. J. G. Anderson	105	16	89	Mr. J. P. R. Lyell	120	18	102
Mr. J. R. Townsend	99	10	89				

Several other members returned higher scores, and three cards not returned.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A gale of wind made the scores on Saturday much above the average. The best aggregate scores at this and at a medal competition next Saturday will decide the eight players who will compete in a tournament, under rules for match play, for a prize presented by Mr. J. B. Harrison. The Shelmerdine prize, for players receiving 15 and upwards, reached its semi-final stage, the Rev. C. de B. Winslow recording a "win-in" for it. The other five winners, who will play off on October 7th, are Messrs. W. Buckley, J. N. P. Newton, C. W. Hobbs, N. McLaren, and H. C. Reynolds.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Alex. Stoddart	97	11	86	Mr. O. Blundell	103	9	94
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	99	13	86	Dr. D. Harrison	110	16	94
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	95	8	87	Mr. Jas. Halsall	112	18	94
Mr. D. A. Greenwood	94	5	89	Mr. F. W. Lees	112	18	94
Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	94	5	89	Mr. G. R. Cox., jun	95	scr.	95
Mr. H. Owen	100	11	89	Mr. A. Chisholm	97	2	95
Rev. C. de B. Winslow	109	20	89	Mr. T. R. Henderson	98	3	95
Mr. J. H. Fowler	90	scr.	90	Capt. Chamier	101	6	95
Mr. R. Goold	91	1	90	Mr. A. G. Rankine	102	7	95
Mr. F. W. Cornelius	99	9	90	Mr. Chas. McLaren	104	9	95
Mr. G. H. O. Salt	102	12	90	Mr. W. Buckley	111	16	95
Mr. H. C. Reynolds	106	16	90	Mr. W. Gracie	120	25	95
Mr. W. Litchfield	108	18	90	Mr. J. H. Luzmore	98	2	96
Mr. H. J. Chisholm	91	scr.	91	Mr. W. Bell	100	4	96
Mr. P. S. McCulloch	102	11	91	Mr. H. K. Layborn	110	14	96
Mr. G. W. Harris	109	18	91	Lieut. W. H. Hunt	114	18	96
Mr. Geo. Newsom	97	5	92	Mr. W. Stringer	103	6	97
Mr. F. Litchfield	100	8	92	Mr. G. E. Godwin	105	8	97
Dr. Rowlands	100	8	92	Mr. F. Willis Taylor	116	18	97
Mr. J. W. Williamson	101	9	92	Mr. J. J. Pearson	102	3	99
Mr. H. Spalding	104	11	93	Mr. F. Harrison	104	5	99
Mr. Geo. Durandu	106	13	93	Mr. H. Eccles	107	8	99
Mr. Ed. Evans, jun.	108	15	93	Mr. W. F. Barrell	112	13	99
Dr. T. B. Grimsdale	94	scr.	94				

WEST LANCASHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club took place on Wednesday, on the ladies' links at Blundellsands. The scores returned were very good, notwithstanding the wind and heavy showers of rain which prevailed during the greater part of the day. The scratch challenge prize was won by Mrs. J. W. Fowler, with a score of 77. Mrs. G. H. Potter won the first handicap prize, and Miss Shelmerdine the second. Mrs. Fowler and Miss L. B. Stoddart tied for the third. Twenty-one couples played, and the following are the scores returned under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. G. H. Potter	96	20	76	Miss Vallance	107	18	89
Miss Shelmerdine	99	22	77	Mrs. W. Potter	110	20	90
Mrs. Fowler	77	+3	80	Miss Welch	96	4	92
Miss L. B. Stoddart	88	8	80	Miss Rose	122	30	92
Mrs. Earle	108	25	83	Mrs. J. Potter	101	8	93
Mrs. Chalmers	91	5	86	Miss H. Hobbs	118	25	93
Mrs. Powell	98	12	86	Miss G. F. Taylor	94	scr.	94
Miss H. Edgecombe	106	20	86	Mrs. Barrell	117	23	94
Miss Edmondson	109	22	87	Mrs. Cornelius	111	14	97
Miss E. L. Cowper	96	8	88	Miss A. M. Cowper	122	25	97
Mrs. Anderson	106	18	88	Miss Goffey	118	20	98
Mrs. Ainsworth	89	scr.	89				

FALKIRK TRYST GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, 16th, the first round of the handicap tournament for the captain's prize took place on the Tryst course, with the following result:—Mr. W. M. Scott beat Mr. W. Forbes, Mr. N. Bamforth beat Mr. W. Carmichael, Mr. A. D. M. Wilson beat Mr. W. Leishman, Mr. J. M. Wilson beat Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. A. Clark beat Mr. A. M. Shaw, Rev. C. McGlashan beat Mr. R. K. Risk, Mr. A. Frew beat Mr. J. Haddow, Mr. J. Lyle beat Mr. W. Bow, Mr. R. Harley beat Dr. Ronald, Mr. W. Lennox beat Mr. J. Young, Mr. G. Richardson beat Mr. T. L. Overend, Mr. F. Scatter beat Mr. G. Neilson, Mr. J. Steedman beat Mr. T. Helme.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The half-yearly competition, Cumbrae v. Rothesay, for challenge trophy presented by Mr. Graham Murray, M.P., which was arranged to be played on Saturday, 16th, at Millport, did not take place, as the Rothesay players were unable to raise a team. A large number of members having turned out, a match for singles was arranged; and to add interest to the competition Mr. W. Martin, vice-president of the club, presented a handsome pair of field-glasses as first prize. The match was keenly contested, the result being that Messrs. J. Greenlees, R. F. Watson, Wm. Macfarlane, and J. C. Sharpe tied for first place with a score of 89. On playing off the tie, Mr. Greenlees won, Mr. Watson taking second place, and Messrs. Macfarlane and Sharpe tied for third place.

HADDINGTON.—The annual business meeting of this club was held on Monday night, 19th, at which arrangements were made for opening the Carleton course at the beginning of next month. Rev. W. Proudfoot was elected captain for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. G. Cral and Mr. T. W. Kemp, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively. The managing committee consists of Messrs. Ferme, Merlees, Stirling, McNeill and Black. The financial statement submitted showed a credit balance, and the subscription was kept at the former figure. It was explained that in consequence of the extra expenditure involved in the opening of the Garleton course last October an extra subscription had been levied during the year.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.—The final "Bogey" competition took place over the links at Seaton Carew on Saturday. Mr. F. W. Purvis, who had a total of 6 up on the previous competitions, surprised the members by returning 7 up, thus tying with Mr. Geo. Pyman, who was 13 up on the previous competitions. These gentlemen decided to divide the prize. Mr. O. K. Trechmann played a very steady game, and returned 3 up. Messrs. C. J. Bunting, E. W. Walker, and Chas. Seaton did not complete the round owing to the rain.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the gold medal took place over the above course on Saturday. A strong wind blowing, accompanied by heavy showers of sleet, made the scores rather higher than usual. On the cards being handed in, Mr. J. Hedley proved the winner, with a net score of 90, just beating Mr. Wyndham by two strokes. Appended are the scores:—Mr. J. Hedley, 96, less 6=90; Mr. F. Wyndham, 104, less 12=92; Mr. J. H. Brown, 122, less 27=95; Mr. W. D. Pape, 105, less 8=97; Mr. M. P. Ismay, 108, less 9=99; Mr. D. Rosser, 113, less 11=102; Mr. W. E. Beck, 114, less 12=102.

ARDEER.—In the autumn competition scoring was unusually low, Mr. R. Adam (scratch) winning the Heys medal with 73. The following are the scores:—First class.—Mr. R. Adam (winner of first prize and Heys monthly medal), 73 (scratch); Mr. E. D. Prothero, 75 (scratch); Mr. Stuart Foulis, 86, less 10=76; Mr. William Martin, 85, less 9=76; Mr. James Laird, 81, less 4=77; Mr. W. Fleming, 81, less 4=77; Mr. A. A. Todd, 88, less 11=77; Mr. J. Colville, 89, less 11=78; Mr. W. Law, 90, less 11=79; Rev. J. F. Graham, 86, less 5=81; Mr. A. K. Murray, 92, less 11=81; Mr. J. H. Todd, 94, less 11=83; Dr. Colville, 92, less 9=83; Mr. W. C. Cunningham, 90, less 6=84; Mr. T. M. Wilkie, 95, less 10=85; Mr. H. Colville, 102, less 11=91. Second class.—Mr. W. Allan (first prize and winner of Robertson monthly medal), 80, less 14=66; Mr. James Donaldson, 95, less 14=81; Mr. H. Osborne, 95, less 13=82; Mr. James Mackintosh, 98, less 13=85; Mr. James Gardiner, 99, less 13=86; Mr. James L. Steven, 105, less 15=90; Mr. J. H. Connell, 107, less 17=90. Mr. M. P. Fraser secured Mr. J. Hey's prize for the longest drive, the distance being 195 yards.

WATSONIAN GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday the members of this club held their annual autumn competition over the North Berwick course. The chief award was the scratch gold medal, and in addition several handsome allowance prizes were offered for competition. Twenty-two players drove off in forenoon and afternoon portions. Of the early results an actual of 91 was the best card returned; but in the afternoon this figure was beaten by Mr. G. A. Ross, who completed the round in 87, a very good score considering the unfavourable weather. Mr. Ross, who went out in 49 for the ten holes, and came home in 38, ultimately proved the winner of the gold medal and scratch prize in kind. The first handicap award was gained by Mr. W. Gibson, with a score of 93, less 11=82; and the other prize-winners were:—Mr. T. O. Brown, 95, less 10=85; Mr. W. G. Buist, 97, less 11=86; Mr. W. Jenkins, 91, less 4=87, and Mr. T. J. Elgin, 99, less 12=87, a tie.

BLACKFORD CLUB.—On Monday, 18th, over North Berwick course, the members of this club competed for several handicap awards. There were eighteen players forward. On a return of cards Mr. A. D. Wight was found to have won the first prize with a net score of 87, less 10=77. The other prize-winners were:—Mr. R. Paterson, 92, less 12=80; Mr. G. Ross (scratch), 85, and Mr. J. Gillespie, 90, less 5=85, tie; Mr. John Paterson, 96, less 10=86; and Mr. D. D. Lawson, 94, less 6=88. A gusty wind interfered somewhat with the scoring.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club was held on the Dunbar links on Monday the 18th inst, and, although the weather was cloudy, a very enjoyable day was spent. The club were entertained to an excellent lunch in the Royal Hotel by Mr. Hope of East Barns, a director of the Scottish Equitable, and subsequently to dinner by Mr. Mills, assistant secretary of the Society. In addition to the scratch and handicap medals, seven prizes were played for, the first being a handsome silver-plated inkstand presented by the captain. The following were the prize-winners:—1st, Mr. D. Y. Mills, 104, less 15=89, and handicap medal; 2nd, Mr. R. R. Reid, 95, less 5=90, and scratch medal; 3rd, Captain J. F. Hall, 110, less 15=95; 4th, Mr. R. Galloway, 100, less 3=97; 5th and 6th, Mr. A. Paterson, 111, less 10=101; and Mr. A. H. Morgan, 103, less 2=101; 7th, Mr. D. G. R. Murray, 102.

NORTH BERWICK.—On Tuesday, 19th, an exhibition game was played over the North Berwick links between Ben Sayers and W. Thomson, a young local professional. The match was arranged by Colonel Mackenzie Fraser, in order that Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar might witness a North Berwick professional encounter. Although the Royal game is by no means new to the Prince, he expressed himself at the close as highly delighted with the performance of both professionals. Thomson got away at the start, securing Pointgarry in a good 4, against 5. The next six holes were halved, but Sayers made the match all square at the hole across, where Thomson pulled his tee shot into the wood. The latter had a grand 3 at the Quarry out, but Ben again made the match level at the end. Sayers showed rare form coming home, and winning the High Bent, Perfection, and Redan in 3's, was ultimately successful by 3 up and 2 to play. Despite a gusty wind, Sayers completed the round in 74. Thomson, who picked up his ball at the Redan bunker, would be approximately 79. There was a fair following of interested spectators. Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., had a round on Thursday afternoon with Mr. John Penn, M.P., a heavy rain making the homeward play rather unpleasant. Willie Campbell, who is on a visit here at present, had a round forenoon and afternoon with Mr. Andrew Wallace. The latter, who was in receipt of four "bisques," was in exceptionally fine form, and, finishing in 72, won a close match at Pointgarry. Both again showed good form in the afternoon, Mr. Wallace, with the aid of his four "bisques," managing to beat Willie, after some even play at Pointgarry, by two. Mr. Mure Ferguson halved a match in the forenoon with P. Wynn, professional. In a single the other day with H. Gullane, professional, Mr. R. Budd holed Perfection in 1. The ladies' links here have been animated in appearance during the week, the annual September meeting of the Ladies' Club taking place about the end of the month.

LEITH CALEDONIAN GOLF CLUB.—The opening meeting of this club was held at Leven in rather stormy weather, the high wind preventing low scoring. There were twenty-two members present. The prize-winners are as follows:—1st, Mr. Thomas Yule, 105, less 16=89; 2nd (a tie), Mr. William Helm, 96, less 6=90, and Mr. J. Donaldson, 115, less 25=90; 4th, Mr. Thomas Carmichael, 100, less 9=91; 5th (a tie), Mr. Howden (scratch), 94; Mr. J. Lawson, 112, less 18=94; and Mr. Chalmers, 109, less 15=94. The tie for second and third prizes was played, with the result that Mr. Donaldson won, 111, less 25=86, and Mr. William Helm, 93, less 6=87.

PORTOBELLO CLUB.—This club held its autumn competition at Archerfield on the 18th. There was a large turn-out of members, forty competing for the Gray medal (scratch), the Craig medal (handicap), and prizes presented by the captain (Provost Wood), the vice-captain (Baillie Brand), and other awards. A strong wind was against low scoring. The Gray medal was tied for by Mr. H. B. Ferrier and Mr. James Sanderson with the score of 88. Mr. T. Hunter secured the Craig medal with the handicap score of 75. Mr. W. Gray was successful in winning the captain's prize with the score of 93, less 16=77. Mr. R. T. Henderson came in for the vice-captain's prize, with the score of 91, less 10=81. The other prize-winners were:—Messrs. J. Milne, D. S. Duncan, G. B. D. Smart, J. S. Stevenson, and P. Merrie.

BANK OF SCOTLAND CLUB.—The annual scratch competition for the trophy was held at Musselburgh on Monday, the 18th inst., when for the second time Mr. G. G. Crease was declared winner, with a score of 83. The autumn handicap competition took place at the same time with the following result:—1st, Mr. James Clark, 84, less 1=83; 2nd, Mr. G. G. Crease, 83, plus 2=85; 3rd, Mr. W. Lamond (scratch), 89, and Mr. Michael J. Grieve, 104, less 15=89, tie.

YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.—The autumn meeting of the Brotherhood was held over Dunbar Links on Monday, 18th. The silver medal was won by Mr. John King with the scratch score of 86. The handicap prizes were gained by the following members:—1st, Mr. A. Thomson, 92, less 14=78; 2nd, Mr. E. Reid, 99, less 20=79 (prize presented by Brother Livingston); 3rd, Mr. T. Paterson, jun., 121, less 36=85; 4th, Mr. W. King, 92, less 4=88; 5th, Mr. John King, 86, plus 3=89. A special prize (presented by Brother Rose) for competitors having a handicap of 8 or more strokes was won by Mr. G. Reid. Mr. John King in the afternoon returned the fine score of 79.

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