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AUGUST.

- Aug. 9 to 13.—Royal West Norfolk : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 10.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
East Finchley : Competition (Ladies and Gentlemen).
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Monthly Medal.
St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Ealing : "Bogey" Competition.
Derbyshire : Trollope Gold Medal.
Luffness : Hope Challenge Medal.
Hampstead : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Competition.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Aldeburgh Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Cup.
Aug. 12.—Aldeburgh Ladies : Mr. G. H. Garrett's Prize (Second Prize).
Aug. 13.—West Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 14.—Minehead and West Somerset v. Weston.
West Middlesex : Committee Meeting.
Windermere : Monthly Competition.
Aug. 14, 15, 16 & 17.—St. David's (Harlech) : Summer Meeting.
Aug. 15.—Woodbridge Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 17.—East Finchley : Hyslop-Wylie Medal.
Romford : Monthly Medal.
Windermere : "Bogey" Competition.
Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex : Monthly Medal.
Fleetwood : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Monthly Subscription Prize.
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.

- Aug. 17.—Chester : Committee's Cup.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Lagavulin Quaich.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medals (Senior and Junior).
Southend-on-Sea : Monthly Medals.
East Finchley : Monthly Medal.
North-West Club (Londonderry) Ladies : Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : Captain's Prize.
Saltburn : Monthly Medal.
North Warwickshire v. Moseley.
Ravenscliffe : Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh : Anderson Challenge Cup.
Robin Hood : Ashford Cup Competition.
Aug. 20.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.
Aug. 21.—Royal Cromer : Summer Meeting.
West Cornwall v. Royal Cornwall (at Lelant).
Aug. 22. Littlestone : Captain's Cup.
Aug. 22, 23 & 24.—Innerleven : Ramornie Medal.
Aug. 23.—Littlestone : Medal and Sweepstakes.
Aug. 24.—West Herts : "Bogey" Competition.
Willesden : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Club Prize and Sweepstake.
Redhill and Reigate : Silver Iron.
North Warwickshire v. Olton.
Aldeburgh : Mr. S. T. Gooden's Prize.
West Cornwall : Bolitho Challenge Cup (Scratch).
Aug. 26.—Warminster : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 27.—Minehead and West Somerset : August Meeting.
Waveney Valley : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 28.—West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
Wakefield : Ladies' Monthly Medal.
Aug. 29.—Romford : Ladies' Competition.
Bentley Green : Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Wellingborough : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 29, 30 & 31.—Carlisle and Silloth : Silloth Monthly Handicap.
Aug. 31.—East Finchley v. Chiswick.
Romford : Captain's Prize.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Royal Ashdown Forest : Monthly Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.
Wanstead Park : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Treasurer's Cup.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Captain's and Club Prizes.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Chester : Sixth Monthly Competition.
Kemp Town : Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (First and Second Class).
Chislehurst : Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Competition.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Competition.

THE MID-SURREY LINKS.

Through the kindness of friends I was invited to a day's play over these links at Richmond. The kindly welcome I received is a thing to be remembered, and the hospitality of the members of the club, led me to pass a very pleasant evening in their noble club-house with its lofty rooms. Hospitality to strangers is a virtue ever to be commended, but I never think more highly of it than when it is shown to me. The curiosity of an old golfer was excited to see what had been made of a thoroughly flat course—of a place which is as flat as a pancake, without any of the ups and downs of an ordinary park, without even the hazards of intersecting roads. Apart from the lake there is not a single natural hazard. Whoever then laid out the links had his hands free. I have often felt that such a job would be very pleasant to me. Such a work leaves so much scope for imagination and the carrying out of ideas. It would be something to prove to the golfing world that an artificial green from beginning to end may be one to afford both variety and good sport. Of course, it goes without proving, that natural links must ever be superior to artificial, but I still believe that with care and thought the artificial hazards may be made so natural as almost to deceive the initiated.

I must, however, candidly confess that the Mid-Surrey Links were very disappointing to me, and I have no doubt but that the members of the club themselves are not satisfied with what they have. Variety is charming. One expects to find on a Golf links that no two holes are alike. Each hole should have its own peculiar character: yet over the Mid-Surrey course all is uniform. The next hole is just like that preceding it. One can only know the holes by their numbers, for the characteristics of all are alike. Sameness throughout is the great fault of the Mid-Surrey Links. Even though the ground is so very flat, and all the bunkers are artificial, sameness might easily be avoided, and each hole carry its own peculiarities, which would allow of each bearing its own name. It seems to me that the Mid-Surrey Links have not been treated with justice, and a great deal more can be made of them than so far has been made, and that at an expense which such a flourishing club ought to be well able to incur. I really fail to see why it should not be one of the most sporting courses around London, as certainly it is one of the most handy and popular. I shall, therefore, feel very flattered if so be the Green Committee will condescend to read my remarks and take my thoughts in the same kindly spirit in which they are written.

To set my ideas in order, so that they may be understood, I will first explain what seems to me to be the fault of the course as it is, and next proceed to establish the course as it might be. First, the hazards are all exactly of similar construction, as though someone had taken out a patent shape, and the club had bought them by the score, and sent a man up in a balloon to drop them at stated intervals. Secondly, the shape, which reminds me of a salad-plate, is objectionable, because it is perfectly unnatural, and far too contracted. The idea is a sand-bank, the front of which has fallen away, and so formed a sand bunker; but whoever saw such a bank, with a steep, upright precipice, and the sand at the bottom like a flat garden border. As the sand naturally is supposed to fall from the bank, so it ought to assume the position of sand that has fallen, thus offering to all balls that fall into the hazard an equal difficulty. This is just what does not happen with the salad-plates; a ball in the sand there is a very different thing from one jammed under the turf precipice. Thirdly, for those who have a liking for hazards, it is very monotonous to have to negotiate the same sort of hazard at every hole. Lastly, there is every reason why the hazards should not be dropped about as they are. A hazard, to be a hazard fair to all, should extend right across the course, at all events, when it faces the tee shot.

The greens are simply perfect, and perfectly natural; as far as one could see, nothing has been done to them besides rolling and mowing. They are just as irregular as nature made them, which is what greens should be, but they are all

left far too open. No one should be allowed to tread the green before he has made the most finished stroke of the game, a successful loft.

Having said thus much, I will proceed to some suggestions whereby what has been done so far shall not be lost, and what is added may make the course worthy of the club, and as sporting a course as can well be obtained under the circumstances of the ground. The suggestions I offer are possibly such as would not occur to many—but if they suggest ideas to the Green Committee, and in any small degree help them in their work of making the Mid-Surrey course a joy to London Golfers, I shall be well rewarded for my impertinence in daring to offer advice to those who probably know as much or more of the game than I do. First, to make the present hazards more natural. They should be filled up to the top with sand, and the sand should be given a natural fall. The turf bank should simply be used as a support to the sand, and the sand should be taken right across the course. It should be heaped up as high as possible and made very much wider. In some places there would be great advantage in removing some of the bunkers and placing them together so as to get a good wide bunker, say forty or fifty yards wide. Whatever is done should be done with a view to make the bunkers bolder and rougher and more uneven, giving the whole course a wilder appearance. If possible, I should make the course supply its own material for the purposes required, by selecting some two holes—one in the first half, and the other in the second half of the course—from which to supply the sand and material for doing all the work required. Thus by digging material across the course, at these two holes, about 120 yards from the teeing ground, there would not only be provided the quantity of material required, but there would be two natural bunkers left—a great gain. Next, to give variety to the several holes, I would turn a lot of the present bunkers round sideways, making some good long side hazards, right and left, with plenty of sand all about them, so as to catch pulled and sliced balls in the second stroke—sometimes in the first. Lastly, I would most carefully protect the greens or some of them, so that, generally, few greens could be approached, except by a loft. Great variety may be obtained in this respect, seeing that anything by way of impediment forces lofting. I do not at all see why three of the greens should not be made quite blind for the approach by raising a high bank twenty yards from the green. This need not be so expensive a job as it looks, for the base of the hillock could easily be made by faggots covered over afterwards with earth. Another protecting approach could be a round ditch, with the earth thrown up and the turf replaced; another, a series of little pits and corresponding hummocks, in one place rough, in other places turfed. Dozens of different devices suggest themselves, but it is not necessary to set them down, as all I am endeavouring to accomplish is to suggest some alterations and amendments, and by no means finally to lay out the course. Of this I am fully convinced, that it only requires contrivance to make a flat ground like that of the Mid-Surrey Club, for all practical purposes, play like a course that has its ups and downs and natural hazards; and I am also quite certain that it would be a terrible mistake to execute any work as a whole all at once. It would never be satisfactory to, as it were, give an order to a land surveyor, however good a golfer he might be, to plan a Golf course the bunkers of which are to be purely artificial. The want at each hole must be felt, and the fulfilment of it gradually accomplished. It might well be several years before the place is as it should be; but the lines I have sketched out, or something after the same purpose, seem to hold out a very probable chance of attaining the success desired. The great fault of the green at present is that it is too uniform, as though it came out of a toy-box bought at a shop, and uniformity is always uninteresting. Whatever is done should be done boldly. Bunkers cannot be too big and rugged; neither should there be too many of them; and each hole should have peculiar characteristics which suggest its name.

COACH.

PLAYING over the Warwick course on August 3rd, S. J. Cooper, the club professional, went round in the following score, which is the record for the summer course:—Out, 4 3 4 4 5 5 5 4=38; home, 5 3 3 4 5 5 5 3 4=37, total 75.

SAVED BY A NIBLICK.

Tom Traddles was devoted to the Royal and Ancient Game. Every Saturday he made his appearance at Z—with clock-like regularity, whether it was wet or dry. He generally had a friend with him, but, if all his cronies were storm-stayed, he pursued the even tenour of his way alone.

Tom was not a great player, so that a topped ball, or even a miss, caused him no pang; but when occasionally he hit the ball true and fair, and saw it loft a hundred and fifty yards away, Tom's joy knew no bounds, and he thought for a few minutes that he had learned the secret of driving. Before the end of the round, however, he invariably came to the conclusion that he was an uncertain, indifferent player; and so he was; but there are many such who enjoy the game as much as anybody. Tom wore a red coat (warranted not to shrink), for he belonged to the new school, and he never forgot to register each stroke in a patent scoring-book.

One day Tom arrived all alone; he found the links deserted; there was not a caddie to carry his clubs; it was raining cats and dogs, and it had rained during the night, so that water lay in pools all over the course. What cared he? Was not Golf the game of all weathers?

Opening the club-house door with his private key, Tom walked straight to his box, and made a careful inspection of his large stock of clubs. First of all, putting the leather-faced ones aside, he picked out a stout driver and brassie, and three irons. He then adjusted to his bag a patent tripod arrangement, which would keep him from stooping, and the bag from being saturated—at least, he thought it would do so. He then sallied forth to the first teeing-ground.

Standing was difficult, and he began by heeling his ball into some bents on the right; when he got back to the course he felt as if he had been wading in a stream, but he had the spirit of Mark Tapley, and never dreamt of turning back. By the time he reached the third hole, his pipe was put out; as he placed it in his pocket, he said to himself:—"There's a shelter at the ninth hole; blowed if I don't have a good smoke there." He found it was a far cry to the shelter, as every second ball had to be played out of water, and he, whose round was never brilliant, was marking a splashed card which bade fair to reach three figures long before the home hole. On reaching the shelter, he refilled and lit his pipe, tested the goodness of some wine of the country, found his score to be 61, sat down on the rough wooden bench, and reflected. The object of his reflections was to try and prove that, in thus darning the elements, he was brave and wise, whereas his companions were cowardly and foolish, and we presume that he did so to his own satisfaction, for he started homeward with a smile on his face. The weather did not improve, neither did Tom's play, nor will it be a matter of surprise to hear that he broke his driver, and the head of his brassie flew off, owing to the loosening of the glue. Tom arrived at the clubhouse in what most of us would call a miserable plight, but he determined to carry out his original plan, and make a day of it. First of all he disposed of his luncheon, and washed it down with some of the "Auld Kirk," then he started for his second round with cleek, iron and niblick.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the links were still deserted, and Tom did not require to call "Fore!" as he stalked through the pools. At some of the holes he was compelled to use the niblick nearly every stroke, and even Tom's big frame began to give way under the pressure. As for the score, it is not known; after losing a ball, and taking fourteen to the tenth hole, Tom tore up his card. At the last hole the ball lay in a whin, and Tom made a desperate lunge at it with his niblick; the result was bad for the latter, but, as Tom put it back in the bag, he said: "There's not much harm done, I can put it right myself."

It was dusk when Tom left the club-house for home, an umbrella in one hand, and luckily for him, as the sequel will show, his niblick in the other. He had about three miles to walk, and did not anticipate any trouble, but he was not aware that there had been several burglaries of late in the neighbourhood. As he stepped out at four miles an hour, he could not refrain from thinking that it was just the time of afternoon tea at Miss X's, and that he might have been there had he not

declined that young lady's kind invitation owing to his golfing engagement. This was rather harsh on his part towards his *fiancée*, who was laid up with a sprained ankle, and who probably expected additional attention from Mr. Traddles.

His musings were about to have a rough awakening. About a mile from the village in which he resided, he was passing through a bit of road with a hedge on one side and a high wall on the other, and little thought Tom that two desperate characters lurked behind the hedge. Out they sprang upon him, Tom threw down his umbrella and smote one of his assailants on the head with his niblick with more energy than he had struck a ball that day. The ruffian fell apparently "dead" from Tom's successful stroke, and the niblick broke in two, but Tom turned furiously on the remaining rascal with his fists, and found in less than a minute that old practice with the gloves left no doubt of the ultimate result. The desperado, feeling himself getting the worst of it, took to flight, and Tom hurried on to the village, returning quickly with a policeman and one or two amateur ambulance hands. But the man had decamped, or had been carried away by his companions.

Not many weeks later, a notorious burglar was caught in the county, and when Tom read in the report that he had a scar on his forehead, apparently the result of a severe and recent wound, he said, "They may say what they like of my play, but, at any rate, I have made a record with the old niblick."

H. M. B.

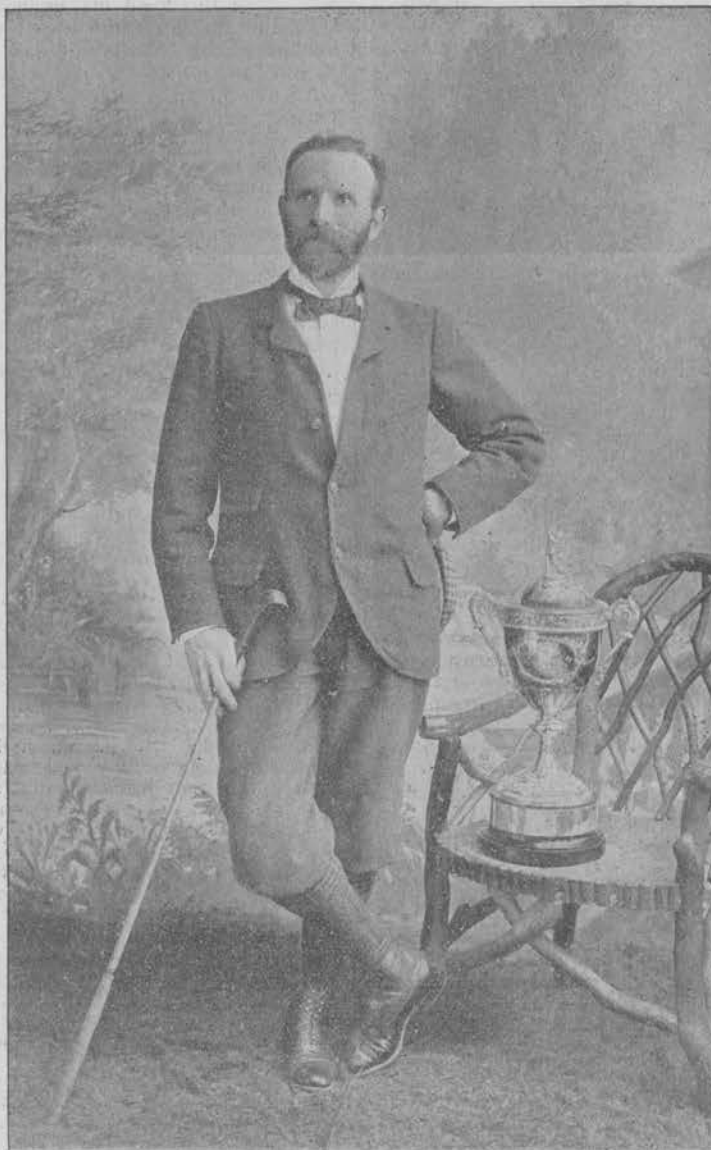
ST. ANDREWS.

"Whatever our individual opinion may be of the links of St. Andrews," says Mr. Horace Hutchinson in his article in the *Minster*, to which we refer elsewhere, "as the ideal Golf course—an ideal which, a few years back, it would have been considered a sacrilege even to criticise—it is not possible for us to put any other course into comparison with it in respect of the interest of its associations. So many men of note in arms, in learning, and in literature, have enjoyed their leisure upon it, and left record of the religious veneration in which they held its bunkers and its putting-greens, that we cannot but regard it with a feeling different in kind from that with which we regard the simple golfing stories of other links. Sandwich may afford us more opportunity for the display of magnificent driving power off the tee; Westward Ho! may give us more delightful lies through the green; but about St. Andrews there clings that almost pathetic sentiment which belongs to places associated with men whose names we venerate. Its features have been the inspiration of very much that is not altogether indifferent in literature, and even in poetry, and we tread on its time-worn and iron-worn soil, with the solemn feeling that our feet are on holy ground. The sojourner who goes there with the idea that he is about to visit the ideal watering-place of the Cockney tourist, with its Ethiopian minstrels, its devourers of flaming tow, and the rest of its raree shows, will find that these blessed things are very far to seek. Instead he will find, on the one side, a people entirely devoted, body and soul—temporarily, at any rate—to the national game of Scotland; and on the other side he will find a little city of cobbled streets, with grey, solemn buildings, sometimes of great architectural beauty, which will lead him away to some of the finest and most impressive views, of castle and cathedral, that Great Britain has to show, and further again to a little fishing port looking out on a cold northern sea, which educates dour, resourceful men in a hard school. The late Mr. Huxley, when he lived in the Scottish metropolis, used to say humorously that he had a great respect for North Berwick, 'because people went there from Edinburgh to be braced!' Had he known St. Andrews he might have added yet another word to his dictum, for thither men go, even from North Berwick, 'to be braced;' for, lying on the same east coast it has a similar northward outlook, and is, by the whole breadth of the kingdom of Fife, and of the Firth of Forth, further north, and yet not sufficiently northward to come under the tempering influence of that tail of the Gulf Stream which moderates the inclemency of the winds to the Moray Firth, and permits fuchsias to grow of giant size in the policies of Dunrobin. Those whom the east winds of St. Andrews will not kill, they will cure of every ill that human flesh is heir to."

BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, August 3rd, the sixth monthly competition for the silver cup presented by Surg.-Lieut.-Col. MacLaren, of Falcon House, came off on the Lansdowne course, when the trophy was won, for the second time, by Mr. P. Ramsay Chalmers, Elmbank, with a score of 89, less 8=81.

Mr. ALLAN C. YOUNG.

MR. ALLAN C. YOUNG is the first winner of the Russell Cotes cup, open to scratch players from any Golf club. The cup was given by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Mr. Merton Russell Cotes, F.R.G.S. Mr. Young hails from the north side of the Border, and is a typical Scotsman, tall, broad-shouldered, and brawny. Mr. Young has been for ten years at Stevenage, Herts, where he has maintained a nine-hole course for two winters. He played a little as a youth, but practically commenced Golf at Lossiemouth in 1891, where he purchased his first clubs. He gave promise from the very first of being a good driver, but had little steady practice until the summer of 1893. At Easter of 1893 his handicap was 17 at the Seaford meeting, and by Whitsuntide he had reduced it to 9, and won. His next spell of play was at Bournemouth this year, where he started with 4 handicap, but after winning two cups at the spring meeting he was made scratch, and since then he has gone on steadily improving, until he won the open scratch cup at the summer meeting. His score was, out, 31; home, 38; total, 69. Taylor's score at the opening of the green was 65, and Mr. Hutchinson's, 66.



Playing on the Brockenhurst Links of the Bournemouth Club on Saturday, July the 6th, he won the medal with a credit-

able 79. His score of 37 home was marked by brilliant drives and approaches, but at times he failed to hole out when he had chances; still he finished 4 up on "Bogey." Mr. Young has increased his driving tremendously since taking to Dunn's all-one-piece drivers. He drove 267 yards on a still day with one of these clubs. The third hole, which is over 200 yards, he holed out in one. Through the green he is very certain with the mashie iron, which he uses for all sorts of shots. Mr. Young's one weak point is his putting, and when he has mastered that it will take a good man to beat him over any course. His drives are nearly always over 200 yards, and as straight as a line. Mr. Young's winning of the Russell Cotes cup was very popular, as he is a resolute sportsman, and a genial and deservedly popular member of the Bournemouth Club.

The photograph is by Mr. W. J. Reed, Arcade Studio, Bournemouth.

PLAYING last week over the Ealing Golf Club's course at Twyford Abbey, Mr. Franklin Ross succeeded in again lowering the record to 73. The details of Mr. Ross's score were:—5 4 5 3 4 5 4 4 4=38. 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 5=35; total 73. The scratch prize presented by the Club for the best aggregate of six scores during May, June and July, has been won by the same player, with the low aggregate of 466 made up as follows:—78 76 77 80 82 73, an average of 77½ for the eighteen holes.

MR. W. H. MORE, of the St. David's Golf Club, Harlech, writes:—"In your references to Parliamentary Golfers, I observe that the name of a valuable recruit has not been yet mentioned. The Hon. Harold Finch-Hatton, President of this Club, has been returned for the Newark Division of Nottingham, and, as he has quite recently won the Throgmorton 100-guinea Challenge Cup at Felixstowe, I think he is worthy of mention. Mr. Finch-Hatton plays a strong, accurate game, driving a very long ball as a rule.

Review.

THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE OF SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Edited by A. E. T. Watson. London: Longmans, Green & Co. One shilling.

AS the excellent series of "Badminton" handbooks is drawing towards completion, the work begun through the medium of those admirable volumes is about to be carried on in the pages of this magazine, of which the first number has just appeared. Like the volumes of sport issued under the name of "Badminton," all the contributors to this magazine will be specialists in their own particular walk of outdoor amusement. Lord Granby leads off the first number with a practical, well-thought-out article, copiously illustrated, on grouse-driving on "a North Derbyshire moor"; the Countess of Malmesbury gives us some chatty reminiscences of angling on the Stour; the editor has a capital article on "A Morning at Newmarket," and writes from the fulness of his knowledge and experience. "Old Sporting Prints," by Hedley Peek, is one of the most interesting in the magazine, the illustrations being particularly well done.

It is, however, to Mr. Horace Hutchinson's article on "The Championships of Golf," that we turn with the keenest zest. Mr. Hutchinson preaches from the text, "Success breeds success," taking as his "pegs," the progress and development of the Amateur and Open Championships. In looking through the list of winners of the Amateur Championship, Mr. Hutchinson has been struck, as many others have been struck before him, by the small circle of names within which the honour has been kept. His explanation is ingenious, and we believe it to be, on the whole, a sound one. His standpoint is that the fact of a player like Mr. Ball or Mr. Hilton having won breeds confidence in his game, and in his playing powers, or, in other words imparts a moral exhilaration which "the other man" has not, and cannot feel. The chances of the draw are undoubtedly a drawback, and seem occasionally to work out in a way which is positively unjust. Mr. Hutchinson is doubtless aware that many experienced players, struck by the fact that "hawks have often to pyke oot hawks' een," in the Amateur Tournament, have suggested in our columns that the committee arranging the tournament should "disperse" the leading players, on public form, among the rank and file. Thus, instead of Mr. Hutchinson himself, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Ball, Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Balfour-Melville, and Mr. Tait being drawn by the luck of the ballot in a bunch in the first round, the committee should be empowered to place them wide apart, and give them the chance to cut their way through the rank-and-file until they meet near the end. Two advantages arise from this—one, that it maintains the interest in the tournament, and, next, it gives young, untried, aspiring players a chance of worthily winning their final victory by vanquishing a player who plays with the moral confidence bred of success. The suggestion was opposed because it savoured too much of what politicians know as "cooking the register"; but we do not think the objection a valid one, inasmuch as the power to distribute the players in this way would be a discretionary and optional one. Mr. Hutchinson has a kindly, tolerant word to say for the much-abused scoring play of the Open Championship, which he shows to be a really more arduous test of golfing fibre than the match play. With what inimitable lightness of touch and cheeriness of humour the writer hits off his own disappointment when the change to seventy-two holes was inaugurated at Muirfield!—

"It was a little bit hard on the poor man who led at the end of the first day's play to think that had he achieved this position in any other year, the glory of the Championship might have been his; but, after all, perhaps a grievance is a more precious possession than a Championship."

What golfers feel is that the position and regulation of the two Championships are anomalous. The growth of the game and the increase in the number of players calls for yet further extension. Five clubs only deal with these two supremely important events; and the Open Championship, at all events, should have the reproach removed from it of conferring upon

the winner of it, after four days' arduous play, a great deal of out-of-pocket expenses, and railway travelling, a beggarly £30. After Taylor had paid his expenses and caddies at St. Andrews he had not much more than £10 left to call his own. A pound apiece from 500 or 600 subscribing Golf Clubs in England, Scotland and Ireland, would give a prize-list worthy of the event, while at the same time relieving the local committees of an unnecessary drain on their resources. But before this takes place, the old constitutional rule must be given effect to of representation going along with taxation. On the whole, Mr. Hutchinson's article is a very suggestive one. The new magazine starts on its career under the best auspices; it is well got up, varied and interesting in its contents, profusely illustrated, and dignified in tone.

GOLF-PLAYING OVER PUBLIC FOOTPATHS.

"Golf" asks the legal editor of the *County Council Times* the following question, which is of great interest to all clubs. An article in our own columns, entitled "Golfers v. The Passer-by," by Mr. Frank Kinloch, a Scottish advocate, may also be consulted with advantage. It is in Vol. IX., page 290:—"A Golf Club rents fields through which one or more public footpaths run, and the balls are driven across these paths. The local authorities threaten proceedings to stop the play across the paths. Have they any legal power to do so? Also, in case of any injury being done to a person using the path, who would be liable, the individual striking the ball or the club which planned the course? Further, if the club wished to fence in the path, and so defend the wayfarers, but obstruct their view completely, could it do so?"

The following is the answer of the legal editor: "We apprehend that it is quite possible that an indictment would be held to lie for the obstruction of, or nuisance to, a public highway. But we do not think it very likely that this rather cumbersome and old-fashioned remedy would be resorted to. It is more probable that summary proceedings would be taken under section 72 of the Highways Act, which imposes a penalty not exceeding 40s., in addition to any damage thereby occasioned, upon all persons playing at football, or any other game, on any part of a highway, to the annoyance of any passenger or passengers. Whether such proceedings would or would not be successful, would of course depend on the view which the magistrates might take of the facts laid before them. We have not sufficient information to warrant us in speculating on their probable decision. (2) We think that in case of injury the individual striking the ball, and not the club, would be liable in a civil action for damages; but, on the other hand, if death or injury resulted under such circumstances as gave rise to a criminal prosecution, it might be argued that all persons engaged in the game were criminally responsible. (3) The club might, we think, fence off the footpath in the manner proposed. But we do not think that by so doing they would necessarily escape all future difficulty. At present if a highway is not kept in such a condition as to be passable, there is a certain right on the part of the public to diverge from the highway upon the adjacent land. If, therefore, the footpath, when fenced off, became impassable, it might be contended that the public could break down the fence in the exercise of the right to which we have alluded. Of course, if the path were kept in order by the Golf Club or any one else this difficulty, which we throw out rather as possible than as one likely to arise, would be obviated. But if we may conclude with a word of practical advice, we should recommend the Golf Club to find some ground where there are no footpaths. If they do not, they or some of their members will probably, sooner or later, find themselves involved in troublesome litigation."

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS LADIES.

On Thursday a mixed foursome competition took place, no fewer than forty players taking part in the game of eighteen holes, or two rounds of the links. The weather was all that could be desired, and with the greens in fine order, the competition was exciting. The following are the prize-winners:—Miss Roger and Mr. Griffen, 102, less 17=85; Miss J. Marr and Mr. W. Dunlop, 106, less 20=86; Mrs. Patrick and Mr. Lacke, 115, less 25=90. Some of the other best scores were:—Miss E. Orr and Mr. D. Templeton, 101, less 10=91; Miss Patrick and Mr. Roger, 104, less 13=91; Miss L. Stodart and Mr. A. Orr, 101, less 8=93; Miss Alison and Mr. J. Lambie, 113, less 18=95; Miss Bell and Mr. Patrick, 108, less 13=95; Miss A. Dunn and Rev. J. Lennie, 110, less 13=97; Miss Griffen and Mr. Waddell, 118, less 21=97; Miss M. J. Alison and Mr. Andrew, 104, less 4=100; Miss Isa Runcie and Mr. Alison, 115, less 15=100.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

PROFESSIONAL MATCHES.—DUNN DEFEATS PARK.—
DAVIS v. PARK.

The third and last of the three matches between those two well-known professional golfers, Willie Dunn and Willie Park, jun., was played on the links of the Meadow Brook Golf Club at Hempstead, L.I., on Saturday, July 13th. The first of this series was played July 4th, at Southampton, L.I., and the second took place, on July 4th, over the links of the Morris County Golf Club, at Morristown, N.J. In each of these contests Willie Park, jun., was the winner. Having won two matches, it was natural that Park should have been, as he was, the favourite for Saturday's match.

A large crowd, composed chiefly of the club members and their friends, assembled on the links to watch these two experts try conclusions. There was a heavy downpour of rain in the morning, and, as a consequence, the time of starting was delayed. However, the match was started at 11.20. The two men played very evenly for the first round of nine holes, though Park had somewhat of an advantage over his rival, and at the end of this round the score was 1 up in his favour. Dunn was in better form than he was during the two previous matches, and his play improved steadily throughout the match. Park was unable to increase his lead during the second round. Each man won two holes, the rest being halved.

During the interval between the morning and afternoon's play, luncheon was served. As the clouds of the morning gave signs of clearing away, the number of spectators was largely increased when the competitors resumed play at 3.15 p.m. The first hole of the third round was halved. Park won the second, and then he seemed to go to pieces. His drives fell short, while Dunn's work was perfectly safe and sure. He overcame his rival's lead, and when the last hole was played, the score was three holes up in favour of Dunn. During the last round the rain fell in torrents, greatly to the discomfort of both spectators and players. The rain seemed to affect Park's playing to a great extent, while Dunn never played better Golf than in the final round of this match. Mr. Winthrop Rutherford was referee, and Mr. O. W. Bird was scorer. These three matches have been watched with interest, and have afforded amusement and instruction to many.

The following are the scores of the men for each hole during the four rounds:—

Willie Dunn.—First round, 6 3 6 3 5 4 7 7 5=46; second round, 5 4 5 5 4 5 5 6=45; third round, 5 4 5 4 4 4 5 7 4=42; fourth round, 4 3 5 4 4 5 5 7 6=43; total, 176.

Willie Park, jun.—First round, 5 4 6 3 5 4 7 6 5=45; second round, 5 4 4 4 5 5 5 7 6=45; third round, 5 3 5 4 5 5 6 8 7=48; fourth round, 6 3 7 5 4 5 6 6 5=47; total, 185.

Willie Park, jun., whose recent victories over Willie Dunn have greatly added to his reputation as a golfer, was at Newport, R.I., on Tuesday, July 16th, and was to have played a match with W. F. Davis, the professional of the Newport Golf Club, for a purse, but the frequent rains had left the grounds in such a condition that the match was postponed. However, these two golfers played a friendly match, which was close and exciting, resulting in a victory for Park by a score of 1 up.

The cottagers at Newport subscribed a money purse which was contested for on July 17th, in a thirty-six hole match over the links of the Newport Golf Club, by Willie Park jun., and W. F. Davis, the professional of the Newport Golf Club. The players were very evenly matched, and the result was a brilliant and exciting contest, in which Davis finally won by 1 hole up.

The third monthly handicap was played on the links of the St. Andrews Club, near Yonkers, N.Y., on Saturday, July 13th. Twelve players took part in the match, and some excellent scores were handed in for the first round of nine holes. Mr. G. E. Arms rong completed the first round in 45 and Mr. Taft in 47. A heavy rain fell during the second round, with the result that little pools of water were formed on the links, making good play almost an impossibility. Mr. W. E. Hodgman was the winner with a net score of 90 strokes.

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



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. L.—The caddie appears to have been very much in evidence in this singular match. Your letter illustrates the danger and inconvenience of disregarding the etiquette of the game, so unhappily prevalent on English greens. Each player with his caddie should wait until the opposing player has finished the stroke, and should not rush forward in the line of the shot to the utter discomfort and annoyance of the opponent. In this match both B and C lost the hole, and A is the winner of it.

W. A. GRIFFITH.—Our correspondent complains that he has a number of Silvertown balls which weigh 29½ and 30 dwts., though they are marked by the maker 27½. The markings represent pennyweights (troy); and we believe that frequent experiments show that the balls of the best makers vary but slightly in weight. There is no standard weight fixed by the rules, but probably in the case of the balls you mention, the ball-maker has been somewhat at the mercy of the maker of the mould. You should call the attention of the firm to the variations you mention, as they undoubtedly make an important difference in the ups and downs of a match.

BURNLEY.—(16) Yes. (17) Yes. (18) An irregularity in one couple would not entail a similar irregularity on the part of their opponents. In this case the partners would practically cross for this hole; that is to say, the opponents would keep their correct order of alternation, though one of the opposing couples had led wrongly off the tee. (19) No; the honour does not count, though it is, of course, the etiquette to observe it as in match play; but there is no penalty. (20) No; but all players ought to know one of the most rudimentary points in playing the game correctly. (21) The first is designed to prevent a player from picking up his ball to see whether it is his, and replacing it in all probability in a teed situation, but certainly not in a worse one. The second applies to the frequent case, among others easily conceived, of a caddie or a player walking over the ball, or kicking it accidentally. Moving the ball would of course affect the rotation of play; it is an actual stroke, not a penalty stroke in the sense of a lie. (22) No; it refers to the position of the ball, and the previous answer was written on that assumption. If you are not satisfied with your ball (broken, damaged, or cracked), you can give notice to the opponent, and ask his consent to change it. You yourself must be the best judge of the condition of your own ball, and we never met a golfer who refused his consent. (23) The answer is quite clear, as is shown by your correct interpretation. (24) (1) No; there is no penalty. (2) Yes; or drop another at the spot where the last shot was played; (3) The strokes are obliterated; but it is always better, if an exchange has been effected, to hole out. (25) Disqualification in the first two, loss of a stroke in the third, disqualification in the next two, and loss of a stroke in the last.

WOODHALL SPA GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal and "Bogey" competitions, August 2nd. The following returned scores of under 100:—

Ladies.—Miss A. H. Bramley, 105, less 28=77, 1 up; Miss M. Benwell, 139, less 60=79, 3 down; Miss Benwell, 127, less 46=81, 6 down.

Gentlemen.—Mr. J. Hucknall, 103, less 27=82, 5 down; Dr. J. F. Carruthers, 92, less 2=90, 6 down; Col. Walter, 103, less 12=91, 4 down.

Miss A. H. Bramley won the ladies' medal and "Bogey" sweepstake; Mr. Hucknall the gentlemen's medal for the second time; and Col. Walter the sweepstake.



The aggregate scratch prize at the summer meeting of the Tooting Bec Golf Club was tied for between Messrs. F. A. Fairlie, T. Mackay, and T. R. Pinkerton. On playing off Mr. Pinkerton won with the fine score of 75, on July 29th, made up as follows:—Out, 5 6 6 3 4 4 3 5 4=40; in, 4 4 5 3 5 3 4 3 4=35, total, 75. This is one more than Rolland's record score in his match with Tom Dunn. Mr. Fairlie was 83, and Mr. Mackay gave up.

Peter Paxton, of Tooting, is making some fine balls in the new "Agrippa" mould. They are hard, well "bossed" and painted, and thoroughly distinctive in appearance from the ordinary nicked ball. With their use there is no danger of playing the wrong ball.

The fine little sporting course at St. Fillans, near Crieff, is laid out at the foot of the hills opposite the Drummond Arms Hotel, the proprietor of which has granted the use of the ground for the purpose, and is assisting the committee to make the course as attractive as possible. There are seven holes, varying from 170 to 300 yards in length. Situated as it is, overlooking Loch Earn with Ben Vorlich, and the Aberuchill hills in the distance, it is one of the most picturesque courses in Scotland. Day and season tickets can be had at the hotel.

"Old Tom," will be delighted, we have no doubt, to read the following, taken from our American contemporary, *Golfing*. His fame as a player, and his charming personality, have greatly excited the interest of our American cousins:—

The Rev. Dr. A. Paterson, president of the Binghamton Ladies' College, is endeavouring to interest his beautiful little city in Golf, and it is hoped that a club will result. Dr. Paterson's old home is in sight of the Cathedral at St. Andrews, Scotland, and as a boy he was on the links daily. He still cherishes all his old love for the Royal and Ancient Game, and keeps up a delightful correspondence with Old Tom Morris. He has urged that famous veteran to visit him in America this summer, and old Tom is seriously considering the matter, although he fears that he is almost too old for such a journey. We have suggested to Dr. Paterson (*Golfing* adds) that if Morris comes to this country, it would be particularly pleasant and interesting to have the visit take place during the great competitions at Newport in October. He has, we believe, written to Scotland regarding that amended date.

Playing with Mr. Archibald McCallum over the Dunaverty course last week, Mr. W. Welsh, the well-known Machrihanish player, finished the round in 75, breaking the record of 76, held by Mr. A. H. Gardiner, Machrihanish, and Willie Campbell. Details of score:—Out, 4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 5=37; in, 4 4 5 3 5 4 5 3 5=38; total, 75.

The first number of the *Badminton Magazine* has made its appearance, and from the nature of the contents one can see that the publication will at once take first rank among magazines devoted to sports and pastimes. It is saying much to remark that the monthly is worthy of the series of volumes from which

it takes its name, and worthy of the eminent publishers' names, Longmans, Green, & Co. The editor, Mr. A. E. Watson, has a capital paper entitled "A Morning at Newmarket," and among the contributors to the first number are: The Marquess of Granby, the Countess of Malmesbury, the Earl of Onslow, and Mr. W. E. Norris. Golfers will gladly hear that the publishers have given Golf a prominent place, and Mr. Horace Hutchinson, whose book on the game was perhaps the most popular of the Badminton series, writes in his usual pleasant and cultured style on the Championships of Golf, giving many useful suggestions and interesting information on the subject. For the new magazine we expect a most prosperous career.

Mr. Hutchinson's pen is not idle. In addition to the article in the *Badminton Magazine*, to which we have referred, he has, in the special holiday number of the *Minster*, a bright article on "Golf at St. Andrews," notable for its kindly remarks on the venerable "Old Tom"—"the Inca of St. Andrews," as Mr. Hutchinson happily designates him. The article has some good portraits, including those of the Champion, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, Old Tom, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Mr. Andrew Lang, and, last, but not least, a new and characteristic likeness of Mr. Hutchinson himself, which golfers will highly prize. There are also several views of the links, in which the overshadowing of the Royal and Ancient Club-house by the great hotel, which has recently been erected close by, will be noted with dubious feelings by all who cling to the old traditions of the place. Of Taylor's recent victory, Mr. Hutchinson says, it "was won in the most gallant manner; snatched out of the teeth of adverse circumstances."

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club, which rules curling all over the world in the way some similar institution *ought* to rule Golf, held its annual meeting in Edinburgh last week. The English curlers were permitted to form an Association of Provinces, but not a branch as was proposed, to advance the game in England, and arrange for an annual International match. The motion to reduce the weight of curling-stones was again lost. One supporter of it thought he had gained a point by citing Golf, and calling out, "Would you go out to play a man at Golf with clubs and balls considerably heavier than yours?" "Certainly!" shouted a chorus of golfing curlers. The citation went quite against the speaker. Any golfer knows that a 28 or a 29 ball gives no advantage, but rather the reverse, against 27 or 27½. So with heavier clubs. In curling it is the same, though the agitators do not see it.

Willie Park has returned home from America, and has furnished to an interviewer of the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* a very interesting account of Golf and golfers on the other side of the Herring-pond, which will be found in the paper's issue of July 31st. A feature of the game in America is the interest taken in it by ladies. In his match with Willie Dunn, in which he was victorious, one of the greens was Morristown, which is really a ladies' green, and a ladies' club. At the close of the match there, when Willie's victory was assured, a lady, says Park, leapt, in her enthusiasm, into the ring, and clapped her hands with great vigour. In this respect the Yankees are again giving us a lead; but with Hoylake—the Conservative Hoylake—making way for the Ladies' Championship, we shall hear of great progress soon.

At what golfing resort may beginners best acquire a knowledge of golf at the hands of a skilled professional teacher? The question is one which may raise an interesting discussion. Lately, when on a visit to Elie, we noticed in various club-makers' windows large-lettered bills announcing that lessons in golf were given by a competent professional, and on going round the green we saw several professionals busy with pupils, male and female, initiating them into the mysteries of the "swing proper," and the wrist-shot, &c. The place appears excellently fitted for a golfing nursery, being clean and quiet, and not overcrowded, for at some of the best known of our greens where some of the most famous professionals are to be

found, it is quite impossible, owing to the crowded nature of the course, for quiet lessons to be given to timid beginners. Can any one name a place more entitled to this honour than the one we have mentioned? We shall be glad to hear.

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While speaking on the subject of professionals and instruction we may note our surprise at finding that at that well-known and highly popular golf centre—Machrihanish—to which so many players of both persuasions resort, especially in the summer and autumn months, there is no professional available to give instruction to beginners, or to take a share in a match when required. Very rightly the committee of the club have enacted that the local greenkeeper is not during the hours of his working-day to do anything of that kind; but surely one or two professionals are missing a capital chance of bettering themselves by not taking up their abode at Machrihanish during the golfing season. The want of such must be felt by a good many who would gladly avail themselves of their services.

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The "Rob Roy" is the name of a new firm of golf appliance manufacturers started in Glasgow. The company advertise "Repairs in four hours; re-shafting 1s. 5d., new heads 1s. 11d.

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Things are going apace in the Sabbath-loving North. What is this we hear on the authority of a leading paper in Edinburgh that "for some time past occasional players have played golf over the Braids course on Sundays, and the officials cannot interfere, as the bye-laws do not prohibit?" This in answer to one who wished to play, but wanted to know if "anybody would have the audacity of claiming a right to interfere."

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The Committee of the Burgess Club are contemplating doing their duty to lady golfers by providing a course for their use at Barnton. The ground has been mapped out, and it is expected that a trial of its suitability for the purpose will soon be made.

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A capital match was witnessed at North Berwick subsequent to the new club medal meeting on Friday, Mr. J. E. Laidlay, playing his own ball against the better of the two balls of Mr. J. Wharton Tod and Mr. W. J. Mure. A good number of spectators followed the players, and the game proved very interesting throughout, Mr. Laidlay succumbing at the Gate by 3. A second round again resulted in the defeat of Mr. Laidlay, although only after the stiffest of tussles. The match was brought to Pointgarry-in hole where the couple were victorious by 2. Mr. Tod, laying his third—a cleek shot—dead here and winning the hole in 4 against 6 by Mr. Laidlay.

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Perhaps the best form exhibited by Mr. Laidlay during his visit to North Berwick last week was in a round on Thursday evening with Mr. W. J. Mure. Giving his opponent four holes, he won the match by 4, and completed the round in the remarkably fine figure of 78, the details being as follows:—Out, 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 3=38; in, 4 4 4 4 5 4 6 5 4=40; total, 78.

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The fifth Glasgow *Evening Times* Golf tournament will take place over the links at Gales, near Irvine, on September 26th, 27th, and 28th. This competition, since its inauguration has

been steadily growing in favour. Last year's meeting at Leven was most successful. It has been well supported by the leading clubs in Scotland. Last year no fewer than thirty-six clubs entered for the trophy. The following well-known players were either entered for or took part in the competition:—Messrs. W. Doleman, D. Bone, R. Adam, E. D. Prothero, A. Wallace, D. M. Jackson, T. T. Gray, J. M. Williamson, D. Leitch, W. Norman Boase, J. Sutherland, P. C. Anderson (ex-Amateur Champion), Lawrence Auchterlonie, A. M. Ross and L. Stuart-Anderson.

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The foolish crusade in America against Sunday Golf has expired amid the just ridicule of all sensible people. One fine Sunday, it will be remembered, a constable, armed with a warrant granted under a musty statute, swooped down upon an American Golf green, and dragged three golfers to the police station. Now we learn from our interesting American contemporary, *Golfing*, that "Deputy-Sheriff Joseph Smith, the petty official whose 3 dols. per warrant Sabbath conscience was so deeply hurt at Sunday Golf playing on Long Island, that he caused the arrest of several Meadowbrook Club members on that awful charge, failed to appear to prosecute. The case was heard and dismissed on the 10th of this month."

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It is not probable that the crusade against Sunday Golf in America will be revived. The fact that warrants were served on several members of the Meadow Brook Club some time ago did not have very much effect on the golfers of other clubs. On Sunday, July 14th, a foursome match was played on the links of the St. Andrews Club, near Yonkers, N.Y. The players were Mr. Robert Lockhart and Willie Park, jun., *versus* Mr. John Reid and Willie Dunn. The match was an interesting one. Park and Lockhart outclassed their opponents, and won the match by 3 up.

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The Niagara Golf Club, of Niagara, Ontario, Canada, has arranged for an international tournament, which will take place on the links of the club, which are situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, on September 5th, 6th and 7th. This tournament is already attracting a good deal of attention, and the various clubs in the United States and Canada are preparing teams to represent them at this international tournament.

A LESSON TO HUSBANDS.

You have heard how good King Arthur went a-jousting through the land,
With his knights and squires in waiting—in good sooth a merry band.
Legend says he loved the tiltings, with the feasting and the drinks,
But we know (no matter how) that in his heart he loved the links.
On his richly-harnessed palfrey he would sally forth at dawn,
And would amble, with the grace to which such palfreys all are born,
To the Golf green that he loved best, were it far, or were it near.
And there he'd play the live-long day, with no thought of Guinevere.

Oh! 'twas bonnie in the morning, in the early glinting sun,
To behold him with his followers, who went to see the fun,
With his niblicks, and his drivers, and his jewelled putting-cleek,
While his fair and long moustachios fell in tangles on his cheek,
His bright armour flashing sunlight, and his helmet on his head,
With the vizor up, that people might distinguish what he said.
'Twas a kingly sight to see him, with his caddie in the rear,
Playing Geraint for his best hat—and no thought of Guinevere.

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Now, his knights were sometimes captious, and would threaten all to strike,
For his handicap was mostly what King Arthur thought he'd like;
And he won the monthly medals, and the silver challenge bowl,
And the prizes that he didn't win, he generally stole.
He lifted out of bunkers, and refused to lose a stroke,
And never counted fozzles like the ordinary folk,
His knights suggested referees, till he seized his kingly spear;
So he played without an umpire—or a thought of Guinevere.

One day he'd had the best of luck, and made a record round,
By always taking back the drives he topped along the ground;
If his ball was in a bad lie, he would take and tee it up,
For it was the great occasion of the yearly silver cup.
And he never let a trifle like a badly bunkered ball,
Or a short putt missed upon the green, stand in his way at all;
Then laden with the trophy that had cost the others dear,
He hurried home to find there was—no sign of Guinevere.

He hunted up and down the place, but hunting was in vain,
The Queen was not within the castle walls, and that was plain;
He blew upon his bugles, and he beat upon the drums
And he bit his nails, especially the nails upon his thumbs.
He hunted here, he hunted there, he hunted low and high,
Till he found this message from the Queen, "She'd other fish to fry,"
Just writ across an old Golf score he'd used the previous year—
A message that he really thought was rude of Guinevere.

He'd let her play cat's-cradle, and he'd bought her (this we know)
For wet days and for Sundays, a Punch and Judy show;
She had literature in plenty, "How to make good Honey Mead,"
The Adventures of young Sandford, and of Merton, too, to read.
She always had her wool-work and her game of tit-tat-toe,
So it really was ridiculous to think she'd found it slow;
But in spite of these excitements, Arthur now began to fear
That in very earnest he had seen the last of Guinevere.

So he went back to the Golf links in the sorriest of plights,
Though I'm bound to say he kept a careful eye upon his knights;
And the question now that vexed him was, would Guinevere have stayed,
If he'd lingered near his homestead, and the game had never played.
It was Golf, he felt, had ruined him, had robbed him of his wife,
Who should have stopped at home, and been the solace of his life;
So, what with Golf and Guinevere, the outlook now was drear,
And he lived and died a martyr, both to Golf and Guinevere.

ROSE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY.

HADDINGTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The members of the above club competed at Clerkington, on July 31st, for the gold brooch, which was won by Miss Graham. The best scores were:—Miss Graham, 80, less 12=68; Mrs. W. T. Ferme (scr.), 70; Miss Pringle, 82, less 12=70; Miss L. Vetch, 80, less 10=70; Miss M. Vetch (scr.) 75; Mrs. Stuart Gray, 87, less 12=75; and Miss J. Howden, 93, less 10=83.

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FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly competition of the Carnoustie and Taymouth was played on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the showery weather the figures show rather above the average, so that Mr. W. Smith's card of 78 is all the more remarkable. The prizes fell to:—1, Mr. W. Smith, 78, plus 2=80; 2, Mr. D. Ramsey, No. 1, 91, less 9=82; 3 and 4, Mr. J. Cant, 89, less 5=84; Mr. W. Simpson, No. 2, 92, less 8=84; 5, 6, and 7, Mr. T. Jamieson, 85; Mr. G. White, 93, less 8=85; Mr. R. Simpson, 92, less 7=85. The Dye-Heggie medal for second-class players was carried off by Mr. D. Ramsay, No. 1, Mr. James Simpson, 89, and Mr. J. Stewart, 97, were among the other good totals handed in.

The Broughty Ferry Club held their usual monthly competition on Saturday at Monifieth. The course was in good order, but the weather turned out very bad, and a good many of the competitors did not finish the round, but got back to the club-house in a very wet condition. The following was the prize-list:—First class (scratch), Mr. F. A. Begg, 87; first average and first sweep, Mr. G. Harper, 95, 2 below; second average and second sweep, Mr. And. Millar, 90, 1 below; third sweep, tie, Mr. F. A. Begg, 87, and Mr. W. M. Chalmers, 93, both at average. Second class: (Scratch), first average and second sweep, Mr. R. Wilson, 100, 2 below; second sweep, Mr. Charles Parker, 108, at average. Third class: (Scratch and average), Mr. George Blackwood, 111, 4 below.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the Troon Golf Club took place on Saturday, when the Duke of Portland's medal (scratch to 6 odds), the Edinburgh medal (7 to 12 odds), and the John Wood cup (13 to 18 odds) were played for. The weather, though not very promising, turned out fine, and in all thirty-three couples started for the various trophies. The competitors were confined to their various classes, and the result was as follows:—Duke of Portland's medal—Winner, Mr. W. M. Paton, 85, less 5=80, Mr. J. A. Shaw being 81 at scratch. For the Edinburgh medal Mr. P. Robertson, 93, less 11=82, and Mr. R. Shaw, 93, less 11=82, tied; and for the John Wood cup there was also a tie, Mr. A. Rowan, 89, less 13=76, and Mr. W. Colvil, 94, less 18=76. Some of the other scores were:—Mr. M. M. Bell, 95, less 18=77; Mr. R. Black, 99, less 18=81; Mr. D. K. Waddell, 100, less 18=82; Mr. J. E. Symington, 96, less 13=83; Mr. R. Fullarton, 84, scratch; Mr. W. Dunlop, 102, less 18=84; Mr. J. Muir, 95, less 10=85; Mr. D. Templeton, 97, less 12=85; Mr. R. Dundas, 91, less 6=85; Mr. W. P. Stewart, 90, less 4=86; Mr. J. Browne, 93, less 7=86.

W. Fernie, the Troon professional, made two notable performances over the new links at Troon on Saturday, and twice established new records for the links. Fernie was playing with Mr. W. Stewart, captain of the Morecambe and Heysham Golf Club. In the morning the professional went round in 72 (a record) as follows:—Out, 5 3 3 3 5 5 4 4=35; in, 5 4 4 4 5 3 4 3 5=37; total, 72. Fernie was giving the amateur a half, and lost the match at the last hole by a putt. In a round with the same player, giving him a third on the hole game, and 6 strokes on the stroke game in the afternoon, Fernie eclipsed his forenoon's round by 4 stroke, the details being:—Out, 5 3 4 3 3 4 4 4 3=33; in, 5 4 4 3 5 4 3 3 4=35; total, 68. The amateur also played a very good game, going round in 74, and all that Fernie could do was to square the match at the last hole in strokes and in holes, Mr. Stewart being dorny one. The above scores are professional and amateur records for the new links.

TROON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Competition for prizes presented by Capt. Wood. Played in divisions. Results:—First division—Miss Mary F. Bishop, 57, less 3=54; Miss Katie M. Bishop (scr.), 59; Miss Ivy Clark (scr.), 63; Miss Clark, 65, less 2=63; Miss J. Stewart, 70, less 4=66; Miss S. Brown, 71, less 4=67.

Second division:—Miss Glen, 66, less 13=53; Miss J. Park, 63, less 8=55; Mrs. W. C. Mitchell, 71, less 10=61; Miss Ure, 68, less 7=61; Miss Laidlaw, 74, less 13=61; Miss M. Fullarton, 70, less 8=62; Miss F. Gilmour, 75, less 8=67; Miss Pannell, 80, less 13=67; Miss Dundas, 79, less 8=71.

Third division:—Miss Nellie Ferguson, 72, less 17=55; Mrs. Salmon, 73, less 16=57; Miss C. Harrington, 76, less 18=58; Miss M. Cowan, 80, less 18=62; Mrs. P. Brown, 77, less 14=63; Miss J. Anderson, 80, less 17=63; Miss P. Ferguson, 81, less 18=63; Miss K. Park, 81, less 18=63; Miss Harrington, 85, less 18=67; Miss Campbell, 85, less 18=67; Mrs. Barclay, 87, less 18=69; Mrs. Meikle, 88, less 14=74; Mrs. Cowan Lees, 93, less 18=75; Mrs. M'Michael, 96, less 18=78; Mrs. Cassels, 107, less 18=89; Miss Ferguson (scr.), 80.

REMINISCENCES OF WESTWARD HO!—II.

"IN those days the members used to dine together, during the medal week either at Whitsuntide or in October, there being then only two meetings in the year, at the Royal Hotel at Westward Ho! and very jovial and pleasant entertainments they were. At one end of the coffee-room, where we dined there, was a large gallery, where we were honoured by the attendance of several ladies. One stalwart Scotchman I remember, on being asked how he had enjoyed his game, said, 'Eh' mon! I've had a fine time of it; beaten James into cocked hats, and eaten Young (Eaton Young). 'Oh, the monster!' was the remark in a shrill treble, heard from the gallery.

"I think I forgot to mention that my old friend Sir Hope Grant, had also presented the club with a gold challenge medal, and was a constant visitor to the links. He was a

This, and the want of increased accommodation, suggested our building the present pavilion. The money was easily raised by debentures amongst the members, and the present sumptuous house was duly erected in 1888. The only objection to its position was the difficulty of playing to and from it, the ground being low and swampy in its immediate vicinity, and our seventeenth hole was long a very unpleasant one. However, by dint of draining, and the labours of an energetic green committee, this and the last hole were greatly improved, and are now playable enough, the latter being a very sporting finish to a grand course, having the burn (ditch I fear would be a more appropriate term) some fifteen feet wide to cross, within a distance of between thirty and forty yards of the hole."

Here occurred a slight interval for refreshments, when



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silent, and somewhat reserved man, but a very keen golfer. A good story is told of him; it was this: When accompanying the Duke of Cambridge by rail on some tour of inspection, after sitting silent for some time he suddenly rushed to the window thrust himself half-way out, and roared, 'Putted, putted!' The Duke, seriously alarmed, seized him by the coat-tails and exclaimed, 'Good Lord, Grant! what are you doing?' Sir Hope replied, resuming his seat, 'Oh, Your Royal Highness, I saw two men playing Golf, and just as we went by, one of them made a splendid putt, which greatly delighted me.'

"The hut in the sand hills lasted for several years, but owing to the traffic of carts and carriages, the ground in its immediate neighbourhood, was so cut up that the strong winds blew the sand over what had been excellent greens.

Captain J— remarked, "I fancy, Colonel, that blessed burn must have been the cause of some peculiar expressions from players who got into it. By-the-bye, what's the penalty?"

"Only one stroke and drop," replied the Colonel, "so it's not ruin."

"What do you call a scratch round here?" asked J—.

"Eighty-three is scratch now, I believe, but it has been done in much less in the Professional Tournament held here in 1889. Rolland won in 82, but the tees were farther back than usual."

"Now," said J—, "what about these rushes I have heard so much of?"

"Oh! they are awful," said the Colonel, "terribly *piquante*, as the French would say; poisoned assegaïs

would be a better term for them, and a golfer who does himself rather too well and gets pricked by one, may have good cause to remember them; however, with good play and fair luck one has no business in them, and you can always take out, lose 2, and tee."

"Now, these drains used in the new part of the course, are they open?" asked J—.

"Yes," said the Colonel, "but marked with large stones painted white, showing their position; a ball will occasionally hit one, and fly off at a fearful tangent, requiring an amount of Christian forbearance, seldom, I fear, possessed by the golfer."

"There was a General W— used to play here, I think, some years ago," said J—. "I heard he was a peppery old gentleman."

P. C. Anderson, Mure Fergusson, Tait, C. Hutchings, and other tip-toppers have never been here."

"Horace Hutchinson and Arthur Molesworth were, as you know, bred here; the former seldom comes now, and the latter has left the club some years."

"I suppose you have often played with Horace Hutchinson?" said J—.

"Oh! yes," replied the Colonel; "but playing against him I found rather an expensive amusement, he was so deadly certain. I remember playing him once with all my clubs against his niblick. I was playing pretty well at the time, and the general opinion was that I should win. I beat him the first half by 3 or 4 strokes; but in the last nine holes he got into half-topping his drives, and sent the ball as far as I could with my driver, thus depriving me of the only real advantage I had, for his short game with his cumbrous



HUT SURROUNDED WITH WATER.

"Rather," said the Colonel, "I have often played with him, and actually heard him curse 'the lark at Heaven's gate singing,' for tuning up when he was putting."

"I remember a reverend gentleman playing a medal competition with him once, who came into the hut at the completion of the round, looking very serious, being asked what was the matter, said, 'That dreadful old heathen I have been playing with had a fresh oath for every hole!' the curious thing was that everywhere but on a Golf green he was the mildest and most inoffensive man in the world."

"Have you any fine players here now?" asked J—.

"Well," replied the Colonel, "I can hardly say 'fine' players, but very good would be nearer the mark; it's a curious thing that, good as these links are, they do not attract the cream of the golfing world; Mr. J. Ball has only been here once, years ago; Messrs. Laidlay, Hilton,

club was marvellous. The result was—H. H., 93; myself, 95. Eh! he was a tough nut to crack, was Master Hoggarts, as we used to call him. Mr. A. Molesworth was also a very fine player; but, except, perhaps, in a gale of wind, it was always good biz to back H. H. against him."

"I hear the lotteries are done away with now?" said J—. "Did you ever do anything in that way? I rather wanted to see one, as they tell me it was good fun."

"Yes," said the Colonel; "I used to invest a few pounds pretty regularly in trying to pick a winner, but only succeeded once. The lotteries were introduced here by a Major H— many years ago, and at first took amazingly. The Major was also a capital auctioneer, though somewhat personal in his remarks. I remember one case. He was selling an elderly gentleman, who he thought was not present, 'Now, gentlemen,' he said, 'this horse I beg to call

your special attention to. He is a flea-bitten grey, approaching white—always a staying colour. He has the spring and action of a three-year-old, and it is quite a treat to see him move over the green. But, gentlemen, do not look in his mouth; he is a bit long in the tooth.' A voice from behind the auctioneer, 'D—n his impudence!' was found to proceed from the gentleman so graphically described. Roars of laughter, in which he good-naturedly joined. Mr. M—— was also a very amusing auctioneer, his selling of the clerical golfers being very quaint. 'One shilling, gentlemen, is bid for the "And now." What! only one shilling for this muscular cushion-thumper!'

"Why were they given up?" asked J——.

"Well," said the Colonel, "the novelty wore off, and they got rather tedious. I fancy, also, the money element was rather prominent, and, with the introduction of many comparative strangers, a great deal of the fun and jokes had to be dropped; so there have been no lotteries for the last two or three years. By Jove! do you know what time it is? Nearly twelve o'clock—high time to be in bed! We have a stiff foursome to play to-morrow."

A HOLY LAND OF GOLF.

BY the shores of the Northern Sea lies a spacious territory of turf and bunker, the joy and desire of all those who handle the club. Without profanity, one may call it the "Holy Land of Golf." Elsewhere the devotee of the game has to trudge to the shrine of his pilgrimage over alien and unconsecrated lands. Golfing grounds, in the wilderness of this world, are scattered far apart, like the serene and happy days in one's life. Here, and here alone, they extend, "in linked sweetness long drawn out," over a whole province of thyme-scented and breeze-swept turf, and you have but to cross the confines of one famous course to find yourself on another, not less hallowed by the memories of the game. It is a continent of Golf, whereas other links are but as islands.

That genial golfer, the Minister of Dirleton, has described his parish as turning a "bulger face" towards the German Ocean and the Firth of Forth. The figure is the more apt since, lying off it, are sundry high and rocky islands—Fidra, Eyebroughty, and, farther east, the Lamb, Craighleith, the Bass itself—like balls that had been teed on Gullane Hill or North Berwick Law, and driven for a greater or less distance out to sea. It is the driest and the most sunshiny nook of Scotland. Nowhere, along six or seven miles of coast, does the cultivated land, the rich and highly-farmed soil of East Lothian, come within hail of the shore. All is in the sure occupation of Golf and Nature. The breezes and the rabbits, white-winged sea-fowl and red-coated golfers play over it; mercenary, prosaic, and desecrating influences from the outer world do not intrude, or, if they do, they are out of their element. Between North Berwick Bay and the Peffer Burn, space is found for half-a-dozen eighteen-hole courses, close neighbours, but in nowise crowding each other; and, by a little squeezing, which, it may be hoped, will never be known in this land of free elbow-room, place might possibly be made for one or two more. Luffness, Gullane, Muirfield, North Berwick, Archerfield—how sweet they sound in the ear of the golfer! How redolent the very words of the salt smell of the sea, and the rare delights of chasing the bubble fortune in the shape of a gutta ball—of days of gold, spent under the blue cope of heaven on the green carpet of the links!

There is scarce a square yard of these Elysian fields that

is not worthy of the gods sitting and musing (or, better still, driving and putting) upon it. But the choicest spot, as most will deem, for meditation and survey is the tufted summit of Gullane Hill, where (beside the reservoir for the village's new water supply) the turning hole overlooks "Jova's Neuk," and commands nearly the whole of this golfer's Paradise and its surroundings. Here, among many things that give delight to the eye and the soul—the sparkling hemisphere of sea, backed by the outline of Fife; the dim shape of Arthur Seat, couching amid its smoke and guarding its city and the Upper Firth; nearer at hand North Berwick Law, Garleton, Traprain, lifting their heads, abrupt and dark, above the tilled and wooded plain; and still nearer, the red-tiled villages, the grey church towers, the ruined castles, stranded, as it were, on the margin where the common meets the ploughed land—one gratefully discerns that this domain of Golf, although exposed on either flank to the assault of two of the most devouring powers on earth, namely, the sea and agricultural improvements, is not losing but rather gaining ground. Luffness and Gullane may be said, indeed, to be salvage from the sea; they have been built up by the tides and storms of centuries. Along the margin of Aberlady Bay, the links keep steadily encroaching on the Firth, and where the waves race merrily twice in the twenty-four hours over the level sands, there may in some remote day be seen groups of golfers contending for the Open Championship of the World.

Towards the land side, too, the links have proved themselves aggressive. There are questions of private and public rights at issue on Gullane Common, which it would not be wise to enter upon here and now. But long ago the lairds and cottars and farmers, and even the clergy living on the fringes of the common, discovered that it was perilous work disturbing the close and springy turf that forms by right the green pastures of Golf. More than once it has proved that the plough, in turning the sod, had only let loose a plague in the shape of a sand-storm, which has driven back agriculture many a rood. Thus it was that Gullane, once the seat of the parish church and manse, was in a manner disestablished, the sand having overblown the glebe lands and compelled ecclesiastical authorities to seek refuge farther east under the shelter of the massive keep of Dirleton, leaving only the churchyard and the ivy-mantled ruin of the old kirk to bear record of the past. In these days, too, Golf is vigorous and enterprising. It jealously guards its old frontiers; it clears out fresh spaces for play, as in the New Luffness links; it adds new fields to its former possessions, as in the extended North Berwick course. The Peffer Burn used to be the Jordan of the golfer's Holy Land. But now there are tribes beyond the river. That keen player, the Earl of Wemyss, who never, while he is at home, misses his day on the links, has laid out a private nine-hole course behind Craigiehall, at the western horn of Aberlady Bay. Other conquests have been made in the extreme east, and the new Rhodes course carries Golf into the near vicinity of Tantallon.

Thus, almost from Gosford gates to opposite the Bass, the coast is subject to the ancient and royal game. It is recognised as the chief industry as well as the one absorbing recreation. Aberlady, whose pretty village street straggles along the margin of the links and the tide-water, from the venerable Norman church towards the ancient and ivied gateway of Luffness, has forgot its interest in fish and smuggling almost as completely as the fact that Saint Thewen, mother of Kentigern and daughter of "Lot, king of Lothian," shipped here in a crazy shallop to hide her shame in the Firth. It minds its summer visitors, who divide their time unequally between the links and the sea.

To Gullane, the white ribbon of road winds over the bare shoulder of the hill, after it has emerged from the scented elder-bushes and silvery-plumaged willows of Luffness Mill; and in these days one can with difficulty disassociate Gullane and Golf. But in the remembrance of many of the villagers there was a time, not so long ago, when it gave more of its thoughts to horse-racing and horse-training than to the carrying of clubs and to the entertainment of golfers. The ghost of its old turf interests still lingers about the spacious village green, where a few horses are still stabled and exercised. But the old training park of the "Howes" has become the fine (but, as some think, rather featureless) private links of the "Honourable Company," and the ground, where was held the great gathering of the year—the East Lothian Race Meeting—is trampled only by those whom a happy fate has led to the breeziest and most buoyant of all Golf courses—that which climbs, by devious bunkers, to the crown of Gullane Hill. There, if anywhere, the player drinks the purest and deepest delights of the game. Round him, on three sides, are the sea and the sands—those sands where "Old Borlum" and the Highlanders of the '15 landed to march on Leith and Edinburgh Castle. The pitfalls of the race-course are past; but before him are other difficulties which it is pleasure and strength to overcome. Looking down he envies not those who are content with the lower levels, grandly turfed, and full of hazards though they be, of Old Luffness, nor the bold pioneers who, on New Luffness, are driving across the gaping *malebolge* of the Quarry, or digging their balls out of the ditches and the rough grass. On Gullane Links a man envies none, and has only pity to spare for the rest of the world.

If the parish minister of half a century ago, who wrote the "New Statistical Account," be right, horse-racing had a hurtful influence "on the morals of the neighbourhood" of Gullane Hill. But this may possibly have been mere ignorant prejudice, like that which prompted the Scottish Solomon to suspend the Vicar of Gullane for smoking tobacco. There are people so blinded and narrow-souled as to discover immoral tendencies in Golf itself. They never felt the kindly and inspiring influences, the sanative effects on soul and body, of a long day spent on Gullane Hill. Not for such as they the high emprise of playing in a single day over five, and even six, links. It is a feat to be attempted only by old and seasoned golfers; but it has not only been accomplished, but is annually performed by certain enthusiasts for the game. It is not said that they play out the whole ninety or one hundred and eight holes, but starting from the club-house at North Berwick, they take a good "swatch" of each and all of the greens that come between them and the foot-bridge over the Peffer Burn, and play part of the way back. Men who, club in hand, thus traverse, from Dan to Beersheba, the Holy Land of Golf, may be freely backed to cross Africa or to ascend Chimborazo.

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ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, August 3rd. The weather was boisterous and showery for the opening day of the summer meeting, and, under the circumstances, the returns may be considered satisfactory. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. F. W. Aste ...	95	14	81	Mr. A. F. Stewart .	95	7	88
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	80	+2	82	Mr. C. E. Pearson .	95	7	88
Mr. E. J. Cheney...	88	6	82	Mr. S. R. Bastard .	90	1	89
Mr. R. C. Stevenson	100	18	82	Mr. J. Sherwood ...	110	18	92
Mr. Claud Salmon .	90	7	83	Mr. J. Fry ...	110	17	93
Mr. H. Weller Rich-				Mr. O. T. Hodges .	113	20	93
ards ...	96	13	83	Mr. L. Epps ...	124	30	94
Mr. W. F. Gorton...	89	5	84	Mr. P. A. Bull ...	111	15	96
Mr. A. L. Tweedie .	93	9	84	Mr. W. Francis ...	113	15	98
Mr. H. A. Watson	104	18	86				

The Wootten challenge cup.—The competition on Monday, August 5th, was for a handsome challenge cup, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wootten, the club adding a memento. Round, thirty-six holes; handicap limited to 10 per eighteen holes. Scores:—

	1st and 2nd		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	Rnd.	Rnd.			
Mr. E. J. Cheney	83	85	168	12	156
Mr. J. B. Pettit	86	73	159	+4	163
Mr. C. E. Pearson	88	93	181	14	167
Mr. A. F. Stewart	93	91	184	14	170
Mr. A. L. Tweedie	100	88	188	18	170
Mr. J. V. Thompson	98	93	191	20	171
Mr. W. F. Gorton	97	86	183	10	173
Mr. Claud Salmon	95	93	188	14	174
Mr. S. R. Bastard	96	82	178	2	176
Mr. F. W. Aste	101	98	199	20	179
Mr. W. Francis	98	102	200	20	180
Capt. Taunton-Collins	97	104	201	20	181
Mr. W. F. Thompson	101	99	200	18	182
Mr. Jno. Sherwood	114	102	216	20	196

The remainder were over 200, or made no returns.

Mr. Gorton also presented a box of balls for the best nine holes, handicap limited to 7½. This was won by Mr. A. L. Tweedie with a score of 39, less 4½=34½.

BALHAM GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' competition, 12 holes. Medal:—Mrs. Rowarth, 92; Miss E. Dawson, 97; Miss M. Dawson, 105.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of this club was held during the week beginning Monday, July 22nd. The events of the week included the return match against Folkestone, which resulted in a win for the home team by 40 holes. The competitions for the various prizes were all very closely contested, and, as the weather was all that could be desired, the meeting was a complete success in every way.

Approach and putting competition.—A pitch of ninety yards, over a very difficult hazard, the hole being placed ten yards beyond the further edge of the hazard. Two balls to be played, and the aggregate score to be taken. Gentlemen—First prize, pair of silver-backed brushes; second prize, silver button-hook. Ladies—First prize, silver toilet box; second prize, silver button-hook. Presented by Mrs. Stanley Stubbs and Mrs. Hallowes. This proved a very interesting competition, as there were a great many ties. Eventually Col. H. W. Parker and Miss E. Ramsay proved the winners, holing out both balls in 6. Dr. E. Morris and Miss D. Jeffery second. For the ladies the "carry" was about twenty yards shorter.

Capt. J. C. Tattersall's prize, match handicap tournament, for ladies.—First prize, silver inkstand; second prize, small silver tray.

The following drew byes:—Miss Edwards, Miss Eccles, and Miss P. Jeffery.

First round.—Miss Ramsay beat Miss Jeffery; Miss N. Ramsay beat Mrs. Saulez; Miss A. Eccles beat Miss Evans; Miss E. Ramsay beat Miss Hamilton; Miss D. Jeffery beat Mrs. Parker.

Second round.—Miss Eccles beat Miss Edwards; Miss Ramsay beat Miss P. Jeffery; Miss N. Ramsay beat Miss A. Eccles; Miss E. Ramsay beat Miss Jeffery.

Third round.—Miss Eccles beat Miss Ramsay; Miss N. Ramsay beat Miss E. Ramsay.

Final.—Miss N. Ramsay beat Miss Eccles.

Mr. F. W. Morris's prize, match handicap tournament, for gentlemen.—First prize, silver-mounted flask; second prize (presented by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith), box of Golf balls.

First round.—Mr. G. F. Mappin walked over; Mr. J. W. Jeffery walked over; Mr. E. C. Howe Browne beat Mr. M. F. Ramsay; Rev. G. Hyde Smith beat Mr. N. Ramsay; Col. E. Jee walked over; Col. H. W. Parker walked over; Mr. F. W. Morris walked over; Capt. G. L. Austin beat Mr. H. D. Hirst.

Second round.—Mr. Jeffery beat Mr. Mappin; Rev. G. Hyde Smith beat Mr. Howe Brown; Col. Parker beat Col. Jee; Capt. Austin beat Mr. Morris.

Third round.—Rev. G. Hyde Smith beat Mr. Jeffery; Capt. Austin beat Col. Parker.

Final.—Capt. Austin beat Rev. G. Hyde Smith.

Driving competition.—Gentlemen's prize, aneroid barometer, presented by Mr. R. Ramsay. Won by Mr. M. F. Ramsay; 190 yards carry.

Ladies prize, silver-backed brushes, presented by Mrs. Ramsay. Won by Miss D. Jeffery, 123 yards carry. There was a very slight wind behind, but the competitors had to drive uphill. Six shots were allowed.

Gold medal competition. Match handicap tournament for winners of the monthly medal from April 1894, to March 1895 inclusive. The medal was won, after some very close matches, by Capt. G. L. Austin.

Barham v. Folkestone. Played on July 23rd:—

BARHAM.		FOLKESTONE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. J. C. Tattersall...	0	Mr. A. C. Edwards...	6
Col. H. W. Parker...	4	Mr. W. J. Haughton...	0
Capt. G. L. Austin...	6	Mr. J. W. Jeffery...	0
Rev. G. Hyde Smith...	5	Sir Bevan Edwards...	0
Mr. H. D. Hirst...	9	Col. E. Jee...	0
Dr. E. Morris...	0	Mr. Grazebrooke...	1
	24		7
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss E. Ramsay...	8	Miss Starkie-Bence...	0
Mrs. Stanley Stubbs...	5	Miss D. Jeffery...	0
Mrs. Hallows...	5	Miss Edwards...	0
Miss N. Ramsay...	0	Miss B. Wood...	0
Mrs. Parker...	7	Miss Eccles...	0
Miss Ramsay...	0	Miss A. Eccles...	2
	25		2

Total in favour of Barham, 40.

Monthly medal. Gentlemen:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. J. C. Tattersall	81 3 78	Capt. G. L. Austin	88 3 85
Col. H. W. Parker	85 3 82	Mr. M. F. Ramsay	97 10 87
Mr. H. W. Ritchie	95 12 83	Rev. G. Hyde Smith	92 4 88
Mr. F. W. Morris...	95 12 83	Mr. W. Grazebrooke	106 14 92

Others made no return.

Ladies.—Miss Eccles, 101, less 14=87; Miss A. Eccles, 108, 14=94; Mrs. Parker, 113, less 10=103. Others made no return.

Capt. W. H. Eccles' prize.—For the four best aggregate net scores made in the monthly medal competitions from August, 1894 to July, 1895, inclusive. Prize, a gold bracelet. Won by Mrs. Stanley Stubbs with four scores showing an average of 2½ over scratch.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals were played for on July 30th, in fine, hot weather. The following were the best cards returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Canon Kennard...	100 17 83	†Mr. R. Watkin Mills	108 20 88
Mr. H. G. Wheeler	100 15 85	Rev. T. Crump	95 5 90
Mr. T. C. Hoeman	102 16 86	Mr. F. J. Clark	113 18 95

* Gold medal.

† Silver medal.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, August 3rd:—Mr. F. E. Baddeley, 95, less 16=79; Rev. F. Whitehouse, 97, less 14=83; Mr. H. Blackett, 90, less 5=85; Mr. R. S. Greenhill, 105, less 18=87. Six players made no return. Strong winds and showery.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

The August meeting of this club, which occupied Saturday the 3rd, and Monday the 5th August, has been a complete success, though probably the number of the players was affected by the somewhat unfavourable weather.

On Saturday there were thirty entries in a competition for a prize presented by the club, and optional sweepstakes, and the following was the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Cammell	103 18 85	Mr. R. S. Jones	96 3 93
Mr. W. A. Milner	94 8 86	Mr. J. C. McBride	116 21 95
Mr. B. E. Cammell	95 8 87	Mr. R. W. Cory	114 18 96
Mr. E. W. Barnes...	104 16 88	Mr. T. G. Dickson	112 15 97
Mr. C. Coventry	97 8 89	Mr. T. Coventry	106 8 98
Dr. Mules	93 4 89	Mr. E. J. Satter-	
Mr. H. Latham	104 14 90	thwaite	101 3 98
Mr. R. W. Hutton	93 2 91	Mr. W. Bell	99 scr. 99
Mr. C. Jowett	101 9 92	Mr. W. Rycroft	117 16 101
Major A. Carrington	106 13 93		

Mr. G. H. Cammell wins the cup and two-thirds sweepstakes, Mr. Milner wins one-third sweepstake, and Mr. B. E. Cammell saves his stake.

On Monday, August 5th, a prize presented by Col. Fernley, the captain for the year, was played for, and, out of a field of thirty-four players, Mr. C. Coventry proved the winner. The score was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. Coventry	97 8 89	Mr. W. C. Clark	115 20 95
Mr. W. A. Milner	100 8 92	Mr. G. H. Cammell	109 14 95
Mr. A. H. Dixon	104 12 92	Mr. E. Bythway	109 13 96
Mr. T. Coventry	100 8 92	Mr. G. A. Thomson	112 15 97
Mr. J. H. Ellis	98 4 94	Mr. J. F. Walker	114 15 99
Mr. E. W. Barnes	110 16 94	Col. Fernley	115 16 99
Mr. J. C. McBride	113 18 95		

Twenty-one players over 100 or no return.

Mr. C. Coventry wins the cup; Mr. Milner and Mr. Dixon divide the sweepstakes; Mr. Barnes saving his stake.

The greens, which have stood the drought of the spring and early summer exceedingly well, were in beautiful order.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on July 31st, at Saltburn, between the Saltburn and Cleveland Clubs, seven players a-side, and resulted in a win for the Cleveland Club by 33 holes. The scores were:—

CLEVELAND.		SALTBURN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Roberts	6	Dr. Burnett	0
Dr. W. Mackinlay	3	Rev. A. Eves	0
Mr. C. D. McKenzie	5	Mr. J. Walton	0
Mr. J. Huddart	4	Mr. T. N. Muller	0
Mr. J. French	10	Mr. R. Hughes	0
Mr. J. W. Kyle	1	Mr. R. McCurrah	0
Mr. J. J. Mackinlay	4	Mr. J. Peacock	0
	33		0

The monthly competition for the club tankard took place over the links at Coatham on Friday and Saturday, the 2nd and 3rd August. The weather was showery, but the greens were in splendid order. The cards sent in were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lieut.-Col. Peile	107 21 86	Dr. Lennard	111 21 90
Mr. J. Walton	107 21 86	Mr. C. E. Scott	96 5 91
Mr. G. Fidler	109 21 88	Mr. J. W. Kyle	111 19 92

LEVEN THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—The competition among the members of the Leven Thistle Golf Club for the Baird cup was brought to a close on Friday evening, August 2nd. The competitors in this event play first by strokes, and the lowest eight are left to do battle by match play for the trophy. In the final were Mr. James Kinnell and Mr. George Wilkie, jun. Both players have been in capital form all the season, and the match proved, as was anticipated, a very close affair, Mr. Kinnell winning by 2 up and 1 to play.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' competition.—On Thursday, August 1st, the twelfth competition for the gold medal was played. The day was good, and a fair number of ladies turned out to try their luck. The medal was won by Miss May Rowley, with an excellent score of 66:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Miss May Rowley.	66	+4 70	Mrs. John Frost	110	23 87
†Mrs. Hancock	95	24 71	Miss Cogswell	112	24 88
Miss F. Shand	103	23 80	Miss G. Cogswell	92	3 89
Mrs. Archer	104	21 83	Mrs. James Frost	105	15 90

* Winner of medal and first sweep. † Winner of second sweep.

Play for the final competition and possession of medal will be on Thursday, August 29th.

On Saturday, August 3rd, Mr. Henry Joliffe gave two silver cups to be played for in foursomes, medal play. Except for a few heavy showers in the morning, the weather was propitious for Golf. Although many couples entered, only the following cards were returned:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		
*Messrs. H. B. Rowley and L. Rowley...	89	6 83
Messrs. D. Dobie and R. Wilkinson	96	9 87
†Messrs. R. Shand and Jas. G. Frost	97	7 90
Mr. E. Massie and Dr. Archer	99	7 92
†Messrs. E. C. Kendall and C. T. Dixon	101	8 93
Capt. Shelton and Mr. M. Kennedy	106	9 97
Messrs. C. Toller and C. Toller, jun.	123	16 107

* Winners of cups. † Winners of first sweepstake.

‡ Winners of second sweepstake.

CHESTER LADIES v. ST. ANNE'S LADIES.

On Tuesday, July 23rd, Mrs. Miller brought over her team to play the ladies of the Chester Golf Club:—

ST. ANNE'S.		CHESTER.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Lythgoe	0	Miss May Rowley	2
Mrs. Miller	5	Mrs. Whitworth	0
Miss Sault	2	Mrs. J. Frost	0
Miss Terry	0	Miss G. Cogswell	5
Miss Sault	2	Mrs. Chambers	0
Miss M. Terry	8	Mrs. Swetenham	0
	17		7

Miss May Rowley, who is a member of the Chester Ladies' Golf Club, is a most promising young player. Having only played for eighteen months, she has beaten in club matches such well-known players as Miss Lottie Dod and Miss Lythgoe, the latter being second in this year's Ladies' Championship.

FINCHLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on August 3rd, Dr. Bryan handing in a fine net score of 75. There was a large field, and the course was in capital order. Scores as follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. T. Bryan	89	14 75	Mr. W. G. Mac-		
Mr. A. F. Drew	96	16 80	Gregor	100	9 91
Mr. D. T. Mac-			Mr. H. B. Wimbush	103	10 93
Gregor	106	24 82	Mr. Wm Howe	112	18 94
Mr. John Heal	104	18 86	Mr. A. Stephens	117	20 97
Mr. P. B. Tubbs	99	12 87	Mr. A. H. Downes	132	24 108

No returns from ten others.

"Bozey" competition, August 5th.—For prize of a set of gold sleeve-links given by Mr. A. B. Smith. Result:—Mr. R. B. Wimbush, 6 up; Mr. P. B. Tubbs, even; Mr. A. F. Drew, even; Mr. W. G. MacGregor, 1 down; Mr. A. C. Smith, 2 down; Mr. J. Heal, 3 down; Mr. W. Howe, 5 down; Mr. A. B. Smith, 6 down; Mr. C. Layton, 6 down; Mr. W. J. H. Radford, 11 down; Mr. J. M. Bazin, 12 down. Several cards not returned.

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was won on Saturday by Mr. N. H. Wyles, with a score of 94, less 5=89.

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

Cup competition, July 20th; correction.—Mr. Dewse, who was previously reported to have won the cup, having been disqualified, Mr. A. W. Taylor becomes the holder of the cup for the month and winner of the first sweepstakes, and Mr. J. Spilsbury winner of the second sweepstakes.

HARROGATE GOLF CLUB.

The first of two competitions for a silver cigarette case, presented by the ex-captain of the club (Dr. Liddell), took place on Saturday, August 3rd, in dull and showery weather. Upwards of a dozen members took out cards, of which the following only were returned, viz.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. D. Stuart	92	14 78	Mr. C. R. Caird	107	16 91
Mr. R. E. Wood	102	18 84	Mr. R. E. Baker	124	30 94
Mr. A. E. McCarthy	98	12 86	Mr. C. Kitchen	118	21 97
Mr. C. E. Pronger	98	11 87	Mr. H. Cousins	128	27 101
Mr. J. C. Haigh	109	20 89	Col. Crosthwaite	133	21 112

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday this club began its summer meeting, when the club held their business meeting in the evening. Mr. Charles Cook, the captain, occupied the chair. The competition was for the gold and silver medals of the club. Heavy showers fell during the competition, with a stiff easterly breeze. At the close it was found that Mr. William Henderson had gained the gold medal with the creditable score of 83, and Mr. W. Norman Boase the silver medal at 86. The next best scores were:—Dr. A. C. Watson, 87; Rev. W. H. Gray, 88; Dr. A. F. Croll, 88; Mr. William Watson, 88; Colonel Adamson, 90; Dr. Vassie, 90; Dr. Cowrie, 92; and Mr. John M'Gibbon, 92. The sweepstake prizes were gained by—1, Mr. John Adamson, 97, less 12=85; 2, Mr. William Henderson (scratch), 85; 3, Colonel D. Adamson, 90, less 4=86; 4, Mr. W. N. Boase (scratch), 86; 5, Dr. A. F. Croll, 88, less 2=86. An opera glass, presented by Mr. T. C. Balfour for the best homeward score under handicap, was gained by Colonel Adamson, 42, less 2=40. Next came Mr. John Adamson, 47, less 6=41.

The second day's play took place on Saturday in fairly favourable weather, there being heavy showers at intervals. Sixty-two players competed for the Innerleven Golf Club amateur champion gold medal, which is open to members of invited clubs. The members of the Innerleven at the same time competed for the Glover inkstand. The first likely scores handed in were those of Mr. W. N. Boase (Innerleven) and Mr. John Foggo (Innerleven), who were each 82. These two scores stood first for a long time, but they were eventually beaten by two good scores of 80, handed in by Mr. George Wilkie (Leven Thistle), and Mr. William Henderson (Innerleven). These turned out to be the lowest scores, the next lowest being Mr. Wm. Marshall, 81; Mr. W. Norman Boase (Innerleven), 82; Mr. John Foggo (Innerleven), 82; and Mr. John T. Ireland (Leven Thistle), 83. On the tie being played off, Mr. George Wilkie went round in 84, Mr. Wm. Henderson taking 92. The Glover inkstand was won by Mr. William Henderson. Sweepstakes among the members of the Innerleven were gained by Mr. William Henderson, Mr. W. N. Boase, Mr. John Foggo, Dr. A. F. Croll, and Dr. A. E. Watson.

ISLAY GOLF CLUB.

A strong contingent of golfers are at present staying in MacRie House, many of whom have probably been attracted by the prospect of gaining the valuable quaiich, the competition for which takes place on the 17th. So confident are the visitors in their prowess that, urged on, no doubt, by their tried and trusted leader, Mr. J. S. Higginbotham, Prestwick, they challenged Port Ellen and the world. Port Ellen players, though novices, are not faint-hearted, so they accepted the challenge, inevitable defeat notwithstanding. The match took place on Saturday afternoon, during perfect golfing weather. Rain fell heavily during the forenoon and the unfavourable prospects prevented a number of players coming forward. The following is the result:—

MACHRIE.		PORT ELLEN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. C. Robertson	13	Mr. A. K. Murray	0
Mr. Stuart Wallace	8	Mr. S. Foutis	0
Mr. J. Currie	4	Professor Y. McKay	0
Mr. George Orr	5	Mr. A. Campbell	0
Mr. R. Sharman	0	Mr. J. W. Gordon	5
Mr. W. T. Anderson	0	Mr. Peter Reid	3
Mr. J. Sayers	0	Mr. D. Osborne	2
Mr. J. C. Swinburn	3	Mr. J. Bolland	0
Mr. A. W. Swinburn	3	Mr. T. Pearson	0
	36		10

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.—After heavy rain had given place to occasional showers, a less than average number of players engaged in the first and second class medal competitions went round the Birkdale Links on Saturday, August 3rd, and noted a very satisfactory freshening of the greens. The winners were:—Mr. G. Crowther, 99, less 12=87 (first class); and Dr. Baildon, 109, less 19=90 (second class).

KENILWORTH LADIES v. SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES.

On Monday, 29th July, five Kenilworth ladies played a match against the Sutton Coldfield Ladies' Golf Club, and proved the winners by 52 holes.

KENILWORTH.			SUTTON COLDFIELD.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Miss M. F. Verrall ...	13	Miss Holbeche...	...	0	
Mrs. O'Leary...	5	Mrs. Symonds...	...	0	
Mrs. Mitchell...	8	Mrs. Peyton...	...	0	
Mrs. Smith-Turberville...	15	Miss Addenbrooke...	...	0	
Miss Gem...	11	Mrs. Pinsent...	...	0	
	52			0	

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly cup. Played August 3rd, and won by Mr. W. Goodrick Clarke, with the low net score of 75. His gross score of 87, is at present the Amateur record for the eighteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Goodrick	...	...	Mr. A. W. Pritchard	106	20 86
Clarke ...	87	12 75	Mr. A. D. Charles...	101	10 91
Mr. W. G. Goode...	111	27 84	Mr. B. A. E. Hart...	120	24 96
Mr. J. J. Tomson ...	95	10 85	Mr. H. F. Keep ...	120	24 96

Several other players made no return.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

There was a very attractive programme for the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on Saturday, the first day of the summer meeting, comprising the annual competition for the silver iron (presented by Mr. J. Talbot Clifton four years ago for the best scratch score, two rounds of the links), with a gold memento given by the club; the fourth competition for the Treasurer's cup, presented by Mr. James Mellor; and also one of the four scores for the aggregate prize, presented by Mr. W. H. Crossland for the four best net scores during the Whitsuntide and the summer meetings. The day was showery, with rather strong south-west wind. There was a good attendance of members. For the silver iron the best two gross scores under 200 were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby ...	...	...	82 77 159
Mr. J. Ball, jun., Hoylake ...	...	...	81 83 164
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	...	...	92 83 175
Mr. M. Withington, Manchester ...	...	...	88 92 180
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	...	...	91 91 182
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	...	...	93 89 182
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church...	...	...	94 90 184
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester ...	...	...	96 89 185
Mr. F. H. Stewart, Eccles ...	...	...	100 89 189
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, Lytham...	...	...	96 94 190
Mr. G. C. Liebert, Manchester ...	...	...	95 96 191
Mr. J. Corbett Lowe, Liverpool ...	...	...	96 97 193
Mr. A. N. Cumming, Manchester ...	...	...	102 92 194

Mr. H. H. Hilton was therefore for the third time the winner, having taken the same prize in 1893, with 81, 81=162 in 1893; with 82, 79=161 in 1894; and now in 1895 as above.

This year Mr. Hilton's detailed score was as follows:—

First round.—Out, 4 4 5 5 5 3 4 5=40; home, 7 5 4 3 5 4 6 4=42; total 82.

Second round.—Out, 4 4 4 4 6 5 5 4 4=40; home, 5 4 5 3 4 3 5 4 4=37; total 77.

Mr. J. Ball, jun., who was second, scored as follows:—

First round.—Out, 4 4 3 5 6 5 4 5 5=41; home, 4 4 4 4 5 4 6 5=40; total 81.

Second round.—Out, 5 4 4 5 6 4 5 5 5=43; home, 5 4 5 3 5 5 5 3=40; total 83.

For the Treasurer's cup there were nearly eighty competitors, and the scores under 100 net were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. A. Schunck, Manchester ...	...	...	92 8 84
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ...	...	...	92 5 87
Mr. J. C. Potter, Darwen ...	...	...	105 17 88
Mr. M. Withington, Manchester ...	...	...	88 +1 89
Mr. J. Corbett Lowe, Liverpool ...	...	...	96 7 89
Mr. J. Ball, jun., Hoylake ...	...	...	81 +9 90
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	...	...	93 3 90
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby ...	...	...	82 +9 91
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	...	...	91 scr. 91
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	...	...	94 3 91
Mr. G. C. Liebert, Manchester ...	...	...	95 3 92
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton ...	...	...	98 6 92

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Dewhurst, Lytham ...	...	...	105 13 92
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester ...	...	...	96 3 93
Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester ...	...	...	96 3 93
Mr. J. J. Brickhill, Alderley Edge ...	...	...	103 10 93
Mr. R. S. Jewison, Lytham ...	...	...	108 15 93
Mr. G. E. Smith, Bolton ...	...	...	92 +2 94
Mr. J. Mellor, St. Anne's ...	...	...	101 6 95
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, Lytham...	...	...	96 scr. 96
Mr. J. R. Wells, Liverpool...	...	...	101 5 96
Mr. A. N. Cumming, Manchester ...	...	...	102 6 96
Mr. F. H. Smith, Manchester ...	...	...	102 6 96
Mr. F. H. Stewart, Eccles ...	...	...	100 2 98
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	...	...	105 7 98
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ...	...	...	109 11 98
Mr. E. Pearson, Liverpool...	...	...	101 2 99
Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scorton ...	...	...	117 18 99

Mr. C. A. Schunck therefore put in the win with his net 84.

The Optional Sweepstakes were won.—First, by Mr. C. A. Schunck; second, by Mr. S. F. Butcher; and third by Mr. M. Withington.

MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for a prize presented by the captain of the above club, Dr. Glegg, Morecambe, was played on the links at Heysham, on Wednesday, July 24th. On completion of the rounds, after some remarkably low scoring, it was found that Mr. B. H. Cookson had recorded a win with 74 net. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. B. H. Cookson	92	18 74	Mr. A. J. Swift ...	103	18 85
Mr. R. Preston ...	90	13 77	Mr. W. A. Wade ...	105	20 85
Capt. LeFevre ...	86	6 80	Mr. C. E. Mason ...	103	15 88
Mr. John Leeming	94	13 81	Rev. Dean Billington	119	30 89

Several other players made no returns.

MUSWELL HILL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, August 3rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. Nimmo ...	85	12 73	Mr. W. G. Greenwood	101	20 81
Mr. H. A. Howden	75	scr. 75	Mr. W. S. Bax ...	106	20 86
Mr. W. Scott ...	88	13 75	Mr. J. T. Craig ...	101	14 87
Mr. A. M. Kyd ...	86	10 76	Mr. T. W. White ...	103	16 87
Mr. F. H. Jerson ...	99	20 79	Mr. A. E. Dick ...	105	18 87
Mr. F. B. Smith ...	90	10 80	Mr. Jas. Anderson...	99	10 89
Mr. R. Allan ...	89	8 81			

NORTH BERWICK NEW GOLF CLUB.

The members of the New Club were rather unfortunate in regard to the weather on the occasion of the annual autumn medal meeting of the club over the links at North Berwick, showers falling at intervals during the play. Thirty-two players drove from the tee. The club merit medal was regarded as the blue ribbon of the competition: whilst the chief interest, so far as concerned handicap players, naturally centred in the destination of the Dalrymple silver-cup. At present the extended links are in admirable condition, the extended portion, and especially the putting greens being in wonderfully good order. The following were a few of the best scratch scores:—Mr. John M'Culloch 86 (winner of club gold medal); Mr. J. E. Laidlay, 87; Mr. P. Balfour, 87; Mr. J. Wharton Tod, 88; Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, 91; Mr. W. J. Mure, 92; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, 92.

Appended were the principal returns in net order:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. P. Balfour ...	87	2 85	Mr. G. Gordon	...	...
Mr. J. M'Culloch...	86	scr. 86	Robertson ...	92	scr. 92
Mr. E. L. I. Blyth...	97	10 87	Mr. J. P. Jopp ...	96	4 92
Mr. J. W. Tod ...	88	scr. 88	Mr. F. Dudgeon ...	99	7 92
Mr. J. M'Kinlay ...	98	10 88	Mr. L. Stuart Ander-	...	...
Mr. G. D. Ballin-	...	...	son ...	91	+2 93
gall ...	95	6 89	Mr. D. A. Stevenson	95	2 93
Mr. B. Hall Blyth...	94	4 90	Colonel Brown ...	97	3 94
Mr. F. Kinloch ...	94	4 90	Mr. F. J. Tennant...	100	6 94
Mr. J. E. Laidlay ...	87	+4 91	Mr. T. H. Smith ...	102	8 94
Mr. C. L. Blaikie ...	93	2 91	Mr. W. H. Hadow...	101	4 97
Mr. G. Younger ...	101	10 91	Sir A. Buchan	...	...
Mr. W. J. Mure ...	92	scr. 92	Hepburn...	104	7 97

* Winner of the Dalrymple cup.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly gold medal.—Owing to many of the members being away for the August holiday only 7 competitors turned up for the medal, and resulted in a win for Mr. R. Clive, 92 less 12=80; Mr. H. Walker, 93 less 12=81, being second.

RAYNES PARK GOLF CLUB.

Monthly "Bogey" competition, July:—Mr. A. Harter, 4 up; Mr. A. B. Watson, 1 up; Mr. H. R. Morrison, 1 up; Mr. H. H. Winterbottom, 1 up; Mr. D. M. Taylor, even; Mr. C. A. W. Cameron, 1 down; Mr. F. E. Faithfull, 1 down; Mr. H. Jenkins, 1 down; Mr. N. R. Foster, 2 down.

ROBIN HOOD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, August 3rd.—Mr. E. E. Fordred, 96 less 14=82; Mr. H. Lowe, 90 less 7=83; Dr. F. Jordon, 108 less 17=91. The remainder were over 100 net or made no return.

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 27th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*† Rev. A. Meyrick 89 10 79	Mr. F. Scrutton ... 97 10 87
† Mr. A. D. Stevenson ... 96 17 79	Mr. A. Lubbock ... 92 3 89
Mr. Cecil Bigwood ... 90 8 82	Mr. O. J. Trinder ... 109 20 89
Mr. W. R. Spreckly 109 24 85	Mr. R. Thompson ... 117 25 92
Mr. H. G. Bateson 102 16 86	Mr. F. Bell ... 108 14 94

* Winner of Vewhurst gold clubs. † Tied for medal.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The bi-monthly competition for the valuable cup given by the president of the club (Major M. Gray), was held on the Seaton Links on Saturday last. The weather was warm and close and a heavy thunderstorm for a time interfered with the play. The Rev. A. C. Thompson was the winner, with two steady rounds of 93, 103, 196, less 40=156. Mr. F. W. Purvis again came to the front with two capital rounds of 85, 91, 176, less 16=160, and took second place, whilst Mr. G. Pyman was third with two very good rounds of 85, 87, 172, less 10=162. Mr. Balfour had the best aggregate scores on merit, 85, 85=170, whilst Mr. J. Robson played the best single round of the day, an 84. There was a good turn-out of members, who took part in the competition, twenty-two taking out cards, of which the following made returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Rev. A. C. Thompson 196 40 156	Mr. R. Balfour ... 170 scr. 170
Mr. F. W. Purves ... 176 16 160	Mr. J. Robson ... 179 2 177
Mr. G. Pyman ... 172 10 162	Mr. G. Newby ... 189 12 177
Mr. F. Pease ... 195 32 163	Mr. E. W. Walker 205 24 181
Mr. T. Danby ... 187 22 165	Mr. F. H. Pyman ... 201 18 183
Mr. E. C. Jackson 192 26 166	Mr. C. Cooper ... 204 16 188
Mr. A. McPherson 198 30 168	

SHERINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday, July 27th, Mr. K. McFarlane being the winner, after a tie with Mr. G. H. Bramley. The weather was excellent. The following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
* Mr. K. McFarlane 88 5 83	Mr. J. J. Read ... 93 5 88
Mr. G. H. Bramley 87 4 83	Mr. G. T. Langridge 98 9 89
Mr. A. McDonald 95 9 86	Mr. G. E. Wilson ... 101 12 89
Mr. P. M. Lucas ... 84 +3 87	Mr. H. Forbes Eden 100 6 94

* Winner.

The ladies' competition was held on July 22nd, Miss F. H. Moore's was the best score. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss F. H. Moore ... 80 9 71	Mrs. Read ... 99 10 89
Miss Ida Cremer ... 78 2 76	Miss G. M. Cremer 103 7 96
Mrs. Bramley ... 80 4 76	Miss Lee Warner ... 116 18 98
Mrs. A. C. Cremer 96 13 83	

SHREWSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the above club was held at the Meole Links on Thursday, August 1st, when the Browne cup and other prizes were competed for with the following results:—Mr. C. J. Baker, 92, less 8=84, Browne cup and scratch prize; Mr. A. Graham, 105, less 17=88, handicap prize. Mr. W. Deedes, Rev. G. T. Hall, Major Salusbury, Mr. G. H. Dolby, Mr. W. E. Evans, Mr. R. D. Thomson, Mr. H. B. Baker, and Mr. W. D. Haydon, also returned scores under 100 net; and Mr. J. J. Hills, Mr. W. L. Browne, Mr. C. P. Barr, and others competed, but did not return cards, or were over 100. Owing to the greens not being in as good order as usual, the scoring generally was high.

The foursome prize against "Bogey" was won by the Rev. G. T. Hall and Mr. C. P. Barr, after a tie with Mr. W. L. Browne and Mr. W. E. Evans, each being 1 down to "Col. Bogey."

The ladies' competition resulted in a tie between Miss Nelson Edwards and Miss Binney; Miss Stanley, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Wylie, Miss Evans, and others competed.

Sweepstakes for approaching and putting closed a small but successful meeting. Golf, however, has not, as yet, taken much hold in and round Shrewsbury, the number of playing members in the club being but few.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, August 3rd, in beautiful weather, thirty-four members competed on the links of the Southport Golf Club for the handsome prize offered by Mr. C. J. Mulleneux. Mr. W. Thomson went the two rounds of the links in 74 and 91 net respectively, and scored a very popular win. Mr. F. H. Smith and Mr. F. Bindloss tied for the second place, with net totals of 167 for the two rounds. They divided the entrance money, and also the first and second sweepstakes, Mr. Thomson taking the first sweep. Scores:—

	1st	2nd	Hcp.	Ttl.
Mr. W. Thomson ...	94	111	40	165
Mr. F. H. Smith ...	86	89	8	167
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	86	91	10	167
Mr. H. Coverdale ...	109	110	50	169
Mr. E. B. Kellett ...	104	106	40	170
Mr. G. F. Smith ...	83	80	+8	171
Mr. H. Thomson ...	100	97	26	171
Mr. W. T. Rowley ...	90	95	10	175
Mr. H. Sidebottom ...	93	91	6	178
Mr. H. H. Perkes ...	108	98	26	180
Mr. W. G. Clinning ...	111	91	20	182
Mr. C. J. Mulleneux ...	102	101	20	183
Mr. F. Topp ...	107	102	24	185
Mr. P. Ashworth ...	105	119	36	188
Mr. T. O. Clinning ...	119	115	44	190
Mr. C. Legh ...	103	117	28	192
Mr. H. E. S. Pears ...	115	113	36	192
Mr. W. M. Wylde ...	105	109	20	194
Mr. D. C. Anderson ...	114	120	36	198

Other players were either over 200 net, or made no return.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly "Bog-y" for July was won by Dr. R. M. Simoa, 3 up. Messrs. E. E. Lumb and E. P. Wright qualifying for the final. The July medal was won by Mr. A. L. Lloyd.

Mr. P. A. Bourke, who has been hon. secretary since April, 1893, has resigned, and Mr. A. L. Lloyd has been appointed in his place.

ST. DAVID'S GOLF CLUB, HARLECH.

The monthly competition for players of the second class, *i.e.*, handicaps over 12, too place on 3rd inst., a blustering S.W. wind may fairly be held accountable for indifferent returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
* Mr. John Ardron 111 25 86	Mr. H. J. Wright ... 116 23 93
Mr. R. C. Bailey ... 111 23 88	Mr. T. Hartland ... 110 16 94
Mr. T. F. Clemson 114 25 89	Mr. J. G. Evans ... 116 20 96
Mr. C. H. B. Webster 113 20 93	Mr. R. P. Allaway 115 18 97

* Took prize and two-thirds of sweepstakes.

Other scores over 100 net.

THE HERMITAGE GOLF CLUB (NORBURY).

The first tournament of the above club was finished on July 26th, when Dr. Abbott beat Mr. A. L. Hunt and became the first holder of the challenge putter presented by the captain of the club, Mr. H. T. Luff. Mr. Hunt took second prize, a bulger, also presented by Mr. Luff.

First round.—Mr. E. J. Mercer beat Mr. F. T. Howard; Mr. H. G. Smethurst beat Mr. H. T. Luff (captain); Mr. D. Woodward beat Mr. R. H. Turner; Mr. F. C. Long beat Mr. H. W. Woodward; Dr. Abbott beat Mr. F. E. Pescod; Mr. H. T. Howard beat Mr. F. T. Terry; Mr. A. L. Hunt beat Mr. H. Levett.

Second round.—Mr. H. T. Howard beat Mr. D. Woodward; Mr. A. L. Hunt beat Mr. H. G. Smethurst; Dr. Abbott beat Mr. F. C. Long; Mr. E. J. Mercer, a bye.

Third round.—Mr. A. L. Hunt beat Mr. H. T. Howard; Dr. Abbott beat Mr. E. J. Mercer.

Final.—Dr. Abbott beat Mr. A. L. Hunt.

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, July 27th, the members of the Wallasey Golf Club competed on their links for a handsome prize presented by the captain, Mr. Reginald Haigh. Forty-two couples started, but heavy showers made play at intervals almost impossible, the greens in some instances being entirely under water. The winner of the prize was Mr. W. A. Ramsey, with his score of 92, less 10=82. Mr. C. T. Ramsey was next with 93, less 9=84, and took the first sweepstakes, the second being divided by Messrs. F. H. Pickworth and J. H. Wild. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. A. Ramsey 92 10 82	Mr. H. E. Hiles ... 107 14 93
Mr. C. T. Ramsey... 93 9 84	Mr. G. C. H. Dunlop 104 10 94
Mr. F. H. Pickworth 89 4 85	Mr. F. Holroyd ... 108 14 94
Mr. J. H. Wild ... 93 8 85	Mr. J. E. Pearson ... 95 scr. 95
Mr. J. Royston ... 99 12 87	Mr. H. K. Patterson 107 12 95
Mr. D. Duncan ... 100 13 87	Mr. J. H. Silberbach 113 18 95
Mr. A. B. Hall ... 97 8 89	Mr. C. B. Royds ... 117 20 97
Mr. R. H. Prestwich 93 3 90	Mr. W. Danger ... 114 13 98
Mr. C. Phillips ... 99 9 90	Mr. R. R. Bevis, jun. 111 13 98
Mr. J. A. M. Rowe 106 16 90	Mr. F. Wright ... 109 10 99
Mr. G. Jager, jun.... 106 16 90	Mr. S. G. Sinclair ... 113 14 99
Dr. Grimsdale ... 91 scr. 91	Mr. G. R. Cox, jun. 100 scr. 100
Mr. C. T. Dixon ... 99 8 91	Mr. R. E. Johnston 123 22 101
Dr. Chapman ... 101 10 91	Mr. Franklin Gaskell 115 13 102
Mr. Alex. Reid ... 104 13 91	Mr. W. A. Taylor... 116 14 102
Dr. Newton ... 105 13 92	Mr. G. R. Leah ... 119 16 103
Mr. F. B. Salmon... 106 14 92	Mr. R. S. Cleaver... 123 18 105
Mr. R. F. Carnegie 108 16 92	Mr. T. Neale ... 123 18 105
Mr. J. Fairclough ... 96 3 93	Mr. A. J. Houghton 125 17 109

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, July 27th, the usual monthly "Bogey" competitions were held:—Handicaps of 12 and under.—Rev. J. A. Bevan, 3 down; Mr. F. W. W. Graham, 4 down; Mr. B. M. Barton, 5 down; Mr. A. Borwick, 7 down; Mr. B. Schofield, 7 down.

Handicaps over 12:—Mr. F. L. A. Gibbs, 4 down; Mr. E. A. Horne, 5 down; Mr. E. M. Bristowe, 6 down; Sir A. Kekewich, 8 down.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

The Radford "Bogey" competition, Saturday, August 3rd:—Mr. E. Bradley Hunt (5), 6 up; Mr. P. Barlow (5), 1 up; Mr. W. H. Miller (4), halved; Mr. W. Jackson (8), halved; Mr. R. Shortrede (14), 2 down; Mr. Jno. Saunderson (11), 3 down; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (13), 3 down; Mr. T. G. Hewitt (3), 4 down; Mr. W. Prance (6), 4 down; Mr. F. B. Becker (7), 5 down; Mr. G. E. S. Fryer (9), 6 down; Mr. H. E. Pegg (8), 7 down; Mr. A. L. Radford (15), 7 down; Mr. A. J. Davies (11), 9 down. Not entered for the Radford:—Mr. W. G. Greig (12), 2 up; Mr. W. Grindlay (14), 3 down; Mr. J. Turner (15), 4 down; Mr. W. G. Chapman (13), 6 down; Mr. F. Ward (15), 10 down. No return from seven other players.

Bank Holiday "Bogey" competition, Monday, August 5th:—Mr. A. J. Davies (11), 4 up; Mr. J. Ryan (6), halved; Mr. W. Prance (6), halved; Mr. W. Jackson (7), 1 down; Mr. H. E. Pegg (8), 2 down; Mr. W. Grindlay (14), 2 down; Mr. W. H. Miller (4), 3 down; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (13), 3 down; Mr. G. E. S. Fryer (9), 4 down; Mr. F. B. Becker (7), 5 down; Mr. J. Saunderson (11), 6 down; Mr. H. Rossi Hammond (15), 6 down; Mr. E. Bradley Hunt (3), 7 down. No return from ten other players.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A club match, Married v. Single, was played over the links on Friday, July 26th, and resulted in a victory for the Bachelors by a majority of 13 holes. The course was in excellent order, and the day fine. Score:—

MARRIED.	Holes.	SINGLE.	Holes.
Hon. R. H. Lyttelton ...	0	Mr. M. T. Brown ...	3
Rev. A. P. Dodd ...	0	Mr. C. G. Graham ...	5
Mr. H. T. Hickman ...	0	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair ...	2
Mr. Smith-Turberville ...	0	Mr. C. Humphries ...	0
Mr. R. A. Richardson ...	1	Mr. J. W. Liddell ...	0
Lord Ayleford ...	1	Mr. W. C. Alston ...	0
Capt. West ...	0	Capt. Morrice ...	4
Col. French ...	0	Major Kelso ...	8
Brig.-Surg. Wilson ...	9	Mr. A. D. J. Adkins ...	0
Mr. J. F. Shaw ...	0	Mr. J. F. Alsou ...	2
	11		24

Majority for the Single, 13 holes.

The July competition for the club cup was held on Saturday, July 27th, the elements being again favourable to good play. The following was the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. G. Brodie... 87 10 77	Mr. H. F. Thursby. 104 17 87
Capt. Morrice ... 98 15 83	Mr. W. J. Burman. 101 12 89
Mr. G. W. Hume... 92 7 85	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair ... 97 7 90
Capt. East ... 101 16 85	Mr. H. Fane Gladwin ... 123 24 99
Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney ... 99 13 86	

Five players made no return.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition, under handicap, was played on Saturday, July 27th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. B. Fox ... 106 18 88	Mr. R. Fox ... 115 18 97
Mr. C. R. D. Carter 118 28 90	Mr. G. C. Thomson 125 28 97
Mr. T. A. Lang ... 100 8 92	Mr. F. Harvey ... 135 33 102
Mr. R. F. Tyacke... 112 18 94	

Mr. E. B. ase made no return.

WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played August 1st:—Mr. F. A. Stephens, 98, less 13=85; Rev. G. Wickham, 106, less 19=87; Mr. A. W. Temple, 117, less 23=94; Mr. J. Escombe, 119, less 21=98; Mr. R. Tucker, 119, less 20=99. Two others made no return.

WOKING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, July 29th, the ladies of the Woking Golf Club played for the monthly medal presented to them by Captain Knight. The ladies used the eighteen-hole course, and drive from the men's tees. Pouring rain the day before made the greens very heavy and putting uncertain; scores were consequently high. Miss Shirreff, 113, less 8=105; Miss Knight, 117, less 8=109; Mrs. Travers, 143, less 25=118; Mrs. Lewis, 159, less 30=129; Mrs. Britton, 188, less 36=152.

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The monthly meeting was held on the 1st inst., and was productive of some startling results, as will be seen from the appended returns. The weather was favourable to good scores, and the greens having quite recovered from their parched condition, members were more at home on them than during the previous three meetings. Mr. Blakeway and the Rev. M. Woodward tied for the monthly cup. Mr. Blakeway also ties with Mr. Baker for the "Bogey" prize at 3 up, but secured the senior medal; while to the Rev. M. Woodward falls the junior medal:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. E. Blakeway	86	10	76	Mr. J. G. Smith	89	6	83
Rev. M. Woodward	92	16	76	Capt. H. A. Armistage	88	4	84
Mr. F. B. Baker	93	16	77	Mr. F. A. Horn	88	2	86
Mr. C. Toppin	79	+1	80	Mr. F. Hookham	100	13	87
Mr. G. A. Jones	84	4	80	Mr. M. L. Banks	99	8	91
Mr. H. Kempson	88	8	80				
Mr. R. H. C. Neville	93	10	83				

Several made no returns or were over 100.

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