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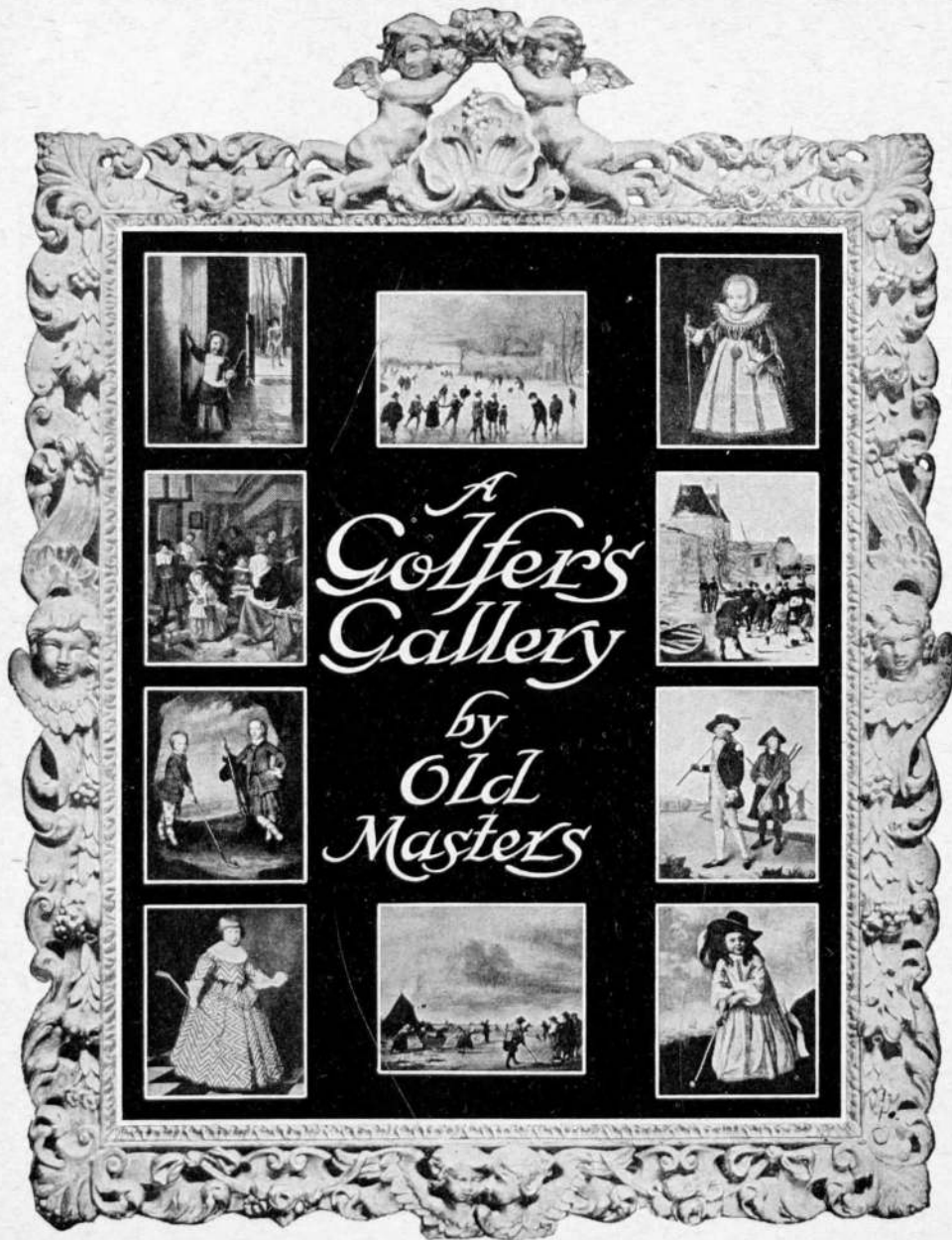
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Claim Made, Mr. H. H. Ramsay, vice-president of the United States Golf
New U.S. Ball Association and president-designate, states that expressions
Great Success. of praise of the larger and lighter ball, which becomes official
in the United States on January 1st, have been received from
all sections of the country.

Among others sending in words of commendation, Mr. Ramsay mentioned Bobby Jones, Harrison Johnston, Miss Glenna Collett, Horton Smith, Walter Hagen, along with many letters that had been received by the U.S.G.A. from what he termed "average golfers". Jones said that there was no mystery about the new ball. "If it is hit like a golf ball it will act like a golf ball," Mr. Ramsay quoted the champion. Miss Collett said long carries were easier with the new sphere, and Horton Smith asserted that after the larger and lighter ball was in use three months the old one would be forgotten. The average players, Mr. Ramsay maintains, had been able to reduce their scores with it. After outlining the advantages of easier hitting, he said the new ball would bring back the spoon and long iron shots to the game, and it would also sit up better in the fairway. In commenting on the quantity of golf balls used in the United States, Mr. Ramsay said that although "not all had been counted" 2,000,000 dozen are sold in the course of the year.

Perhaps it would be well to emphasize just once again that the new ball authorized by the U.S.G.A. is not authorized by the Royal Canadian Golf Association. In Canada, as in Great Britain, the 1.62 ball is still the official ball, although the new ball, 1.68 inches in diameter and 1.55 ounces in weight, can be used in this country in championships if the player prefers to do so.

Thus far Canadian golfers, however, have shown no indication whatever, that they will play with the so-called "American ball" and golf ball manufacturers here are making very few of them for sale next year.

"Bobby" Jones Sings His Swan Song. Like a bolt out of the blue came the announcement last month that "Bobby" Jones had decided to accept a contract involving, it is stated, \$250,000 to appear in twelve one-reel motion pictures. This automatically professionalizes him, it is generally considered, although Jones himself, who is a lawyer, thinks that possibly it does not do so. However, he is willing to take the consequences and there is no question that the executive committee of the United States Golf Association, of which "Bob" is himself a member, will rule that he can no longer play as an amateur.

There is no doubt that amateur golf will lose a great deal of its charm and attraction as the result of the action taken by the "greatest golfer of all time". In Canada, as elsewhere, the news will be received with regret. It was especially hoped in golfing circles here that as a result of winning the British Amateur and Open and the American Amateur and Open this year, that Jones might have been induced to compete next year in the Canadian Amateur and Open, the only two major events he has never annexed. This anticipation is now, of course, effectually knocked on the head at least, as regards the Amateur event.

From the standpoint of the Walker Cup competitions the withdrawal of Jones will be a heartening thing for British golf. As long as he headed the U.S. team it was well nigh impossible for the British team to win this International event. George Von Elm having joined the professional ranks the past season is another favourable factor from a British standpoint. Without Jones and Von Elm the Americans are shorn of their two leading Walker Cup defenders. Both have done yeomen service in the past in this fixture.

George Voigt and Jess Sweetser as a result of the retirement of Jones and Von Elm are probably to-day the ranking amateurs in the United States with a number of young collegians close at their heels. However, the majority of these youngsters have yet to win their major golfing spurs and it is a very moot question if anyone of them is a Bobby Jones or even a Von Elm in the making. The amateur passing of Jones and Von Elm is really an epoch in golf. Their colourful places will be hard to fill—in the case of Jones probably never will be filled.

The following is the unparalleled record of the 28-year-old "champion of champions" who now voluntarily vacates the world's golfing throne:—

- 1910—(Age 8) won junior tournament, Eastlake, Atlanta.
- 1912—(Age 10) won junior tournament, Eastlake.
- 1913—(Age 11) runner-up second flight, Southern Amateur Championship; won club championship, Eastlake, and won invitation tournament, Roebuck Country Club, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1916—(Age 14) qualified for National Amateur Championship at Philadelphia; led field for first half of qualifying play and won two hard-fought matches from Eben Byers, of Upper Montclair, N.J., before losing to Bob Gardner, of Chicago, in third round.
- 1917—(Age 15) won Southern Amateur Championship at Birmingham.
- 1919—(Age 17) runner-up in National Amateur Championship to Davison Herron, of Pittsburg, at Oakmont Country Club, Pittsburg. Runner-up in Southern Open to Jim Barnes, and in Canadian Open to J. Douglas Edgar in triple tie with Karl Keffer, Royal Ottawa, and Jim Barnes.
- 1920—(Age 18) won Southern Amateur Championship at Chattanooga. Won qualifying medal in National Amateur Championship at Engineers' Club, Roslyn, N.Y., but lost to Francis Ouimet in semi-finals. Made debut in National Open at Toledo, finishing eighth, with 299, four strokes behind the winner, Ted Ray.
- 1921—(Age 19) made first trip abroad with American Walker Cup team, which defeated Great Britain. Finished fifth in National Open at Washington and was eliminated in third round of National Amateur by Willie Hunter at St. Louis.

1922—(Age 20) won Southern Amateur Championship. Finished in tie for second place in National Open at Chicago. Defeated in semi-final of National Amateur at Brookline, Mass., by Jess Sweetser, the tournament winner.

1923—(Age 21) won National Open Championship in play-off with Bobby Cruickshank at Inwood Country Club, Long Island.

1924—(Age 22) won National Amateur Championship for first time, defeating George Von Elm in final round at Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia. Runner-up in National Open to Cyril Walker, at Detroit.

1925—(Age 23) won National Amateur at Oakmont, defeating Watts Gunn, but lost play-off to Willie MacFarlane for National Open at Worcester, Mass.

1926—(Age 24) won United States and British Open Championships, lost to George Von Elm in final round of United States Amateur at Baltusrol, N.J.

1927—(Age 25) Won British Open with record score of 285. Won United States Amateur at Minneapolis, defeating Chick Evans, but finished eleventh in United States Open.

1928—(Age 26) won United States Amateur, defeating T. Philip Perkins, British champion, in final round at Brae Burn. Lost play-off to Johnny Farrell at Olympia Fields, Chicago, for United States Open.

1929—(Age 27) won United States Open at Winged Foot, New York, defeating Al Espinosa by 23 strokes in 36-hole play-off. Defeated in first round of United States Amateur at Pebble Beach, California, by Johnny Goodman, of Omaha.

1930—(Age 28) captained victorious United States Walker Cup team in matches with Great Britain, then won in succession, the British Amateur, British Open, United States Open and United States Amateur Championships in record-breaking clean sweep.

Nov. 17—Announced retirement from competition.



(The Editor is always glad to answer questions about the Rules, and other golfing matters, but owing to so many of these requests coming in every month, he must ask in future that a stamped-addressed envelope be enclosed with all such communications, otherwise they will not be answered.)

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Mr. Gardiner W. White, the well known New York golfer and financier:

"I always look forward greatly to each new number of your magazine, as it always gives me great pleasure to go through it thoroughly, and to read of the many friends I have made during my numerous visits to Canada."

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The passing of Mr. Martin Love, of the Canadian Feather and Mattress Company at Toronto, and a zealous worker in connection with the Toronto Mission Union and the Toronto Bible College, will be greatly regretted. He was prominent alike in bowling, curling and golf circles. He was a very active member of the Scarboro Golf and Country Club.

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As very well put by a correspondent. Take the high handicap player out of the game and what would happen? Clubs would close their doors; golf courses could not support themselves; golf club makers would go into bankruptcy; sports dealers would have to reduce their staffs, and makers of the delectable fluids dispensed at the nineteenth would quickly feel the draught. Yes, the long handicap man is the man who actually counts, although one would not think it.

The Editor and Staff of the "Canadian Golfer" are once again privileged to extend to the many subscribers of the Magazine in Canada, Great Britain, the United States and other countries, sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year—sans bunkers, sans hazards—plus health and happiness aplenty. And so, as Tiny Tim observed in Dickens immortal Carol, "God Bless Us Every One."

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A 9-hole golf course has been laid out in the grounds of the Mental Hospital at Queensland, Australia. The patients themselves built the pretty little club house. The doctors find that many mental cases are cured as the result of playing golf, the sunshine, air and relaxation all contributing to this happy result. Here is an idea that might be followed in some of the larger mental institutions in Canada.

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Arnand Massy is in full agreement with the late Mr. John Low that the greatest artist the world of golf has ever seen is Harry Vardon, and that in his prime he possessed more shots than any other player. On the other hand, he does not agree with Mr. Low that had they met when at their zenith "Bobby" Jones would have beaten Vardon. While having the greatest admiration for Jones, he believes that Vardon's second shots from all distances would have made up for any superiority which his opponent would have on the green.

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Despatch from Pinehurst, N.C., Nov. 24th:—

"Mrs. J. D. Hathaway, of Montreal, playing an 18-hole round of golf to-day, made what was believed to be a putting record for women. Mrs. Hathaway had 14 one-putt greens on the round. She sank her first putt on all the last nine holes. Her score was 14 under par on the greens."

Even the "Prince of Putters", Bobbie Jones, has probably never equalled this uncanny performance of Mrs. Hathaway's with the putter, which club really does determine all championships. As every player knows a missed two or three-foot putt nullifies a 250 or 300-yard drive. "The putt's the thing."

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The Women Seniors of the United States have some very fine players in their ranks as is evidenced by the fact that Mrs. Samuel S. Laird won the Senior Championship there this year with a score of 172 for 36 holes. This compares with the best score of 190 in the Canadian Women's Championship last October at Lambton, or a difference of 18 strokes. Like the men, the Women Seniors of the States have unquestionably "the edge" on the majority of our Canadian Senior golfers and there seems little hope that this country can expect to win for some years to come at least, an International Senior match against the players of the States, either men or women, if they decide, as in the past to field their best teams or unless the fixtures, as has been suggested, are played on handicaps, which more or less does away with the accepted idea of a championship.

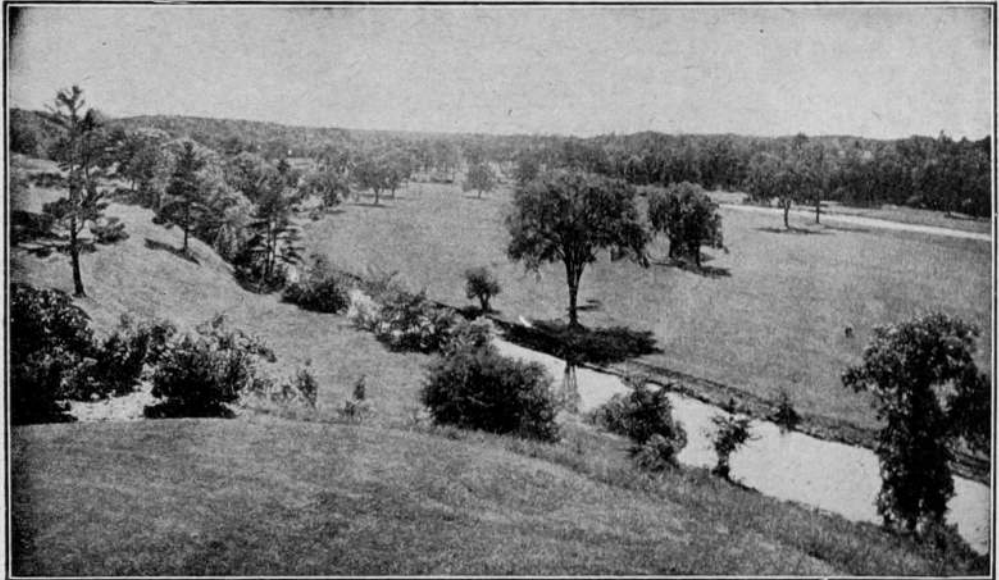
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The Prince of Wales always has a happy faculty of saying and doing the right thing. A cable from London, Nov. 27th:—

"The Prince of Wales numbered himself among "Bobby" Jones golf fans to-night, and predicted that Jones, who retired at the climax of a career of triumph, never would be surpassed. He was speaking as the guest of honour at the Thanksgiving dinner of the American Society at the Savoy Hotel.

"We in this country admire any personal effort toward International success on your side," he said. "I have in mind two names—one that of Charles A. Lindbergh, whose great flight was made since you last dined with me. The other name is that of Mr. Robert Jones, Jr.





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In recognition of his many golfing triumphs during the last few years, T. A. Torrance, the Scottish and British International, has been elected an honorary life member of the Sandy Lodge Golf Club. Torrance has twice been the only member of the British "Walker" Cup team to win his single, beating Chick Evans in 1928 by 1 up, and Francis Ouimet by 7 and 6 this year at Sandwich. In 1928 he visited Canada with the other members of the British Walker Cup team and played in Toronto, Montreal, and Hamilton. At the latter course he was in great form and had a 35-35-70, or two under par for the Ancaster course. On this occasion, Dr. Tweddell, the 1927 British Amateur Champion, had also a 70. Torrance is a very finished player indeed and made many friends in Canada, who will be glad to hear of the great honour conferred on him by Sandy Lodge, one of the outstanding clubs in the London District, and a favourite with many visiting Canadian golfers. The late Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., of Toronto, was a member of Sandy Lodge.

The Passing of a Brilliant Political Leader of Quebec

THE death is announced in Quebec City of the Hon. Adelard Turgeon, outstanding member of the Legislative Assembly and leading French-Canadian. He was prominent in governmental, financial and social circles of the Ancient Capital and had for many years taken a keen interest in golf. He was a charter subscriber to the "Canadian Golfer". The Hon. Mr. Turgeon's passing is deeply regretted not only in Quebec City but throughout his native Province. He was a splendid type of the "Old School" whose ranks the past few months have been so sadly depleted.

Sir George Garneau, Quebec Chairman of the National Battlefields Commission, in writing the Editor pays the following well deserved tribute to his former beloved colleague:—

The Honourable Adelard Turgeon, President of the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, died last month in his sixty-seventh year. He was called to the Bar in 1887, and entered the field of Provincial politics in 1890. He became Minister of Colonization and Mines in the Provincial Cabinet and later filled the portfolios of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Lands and Forests. During the absence in Europe of Sir Lomer Gouin in 1907, he was acting Premier of the Province. In 1909 he resigned his portfolio and seat in the Legislative Assembly to become a member of the Legislative Council, shortly after which he was elevated to the Speakership of that body, a position which he held up to the time of his demise.

One of the most brilliant political leaders and forceful speakers of his time, Mr. Turgeon was awarded many honours, amongst which were the C.V.O. and C.M.G.

Mr. Turgeon was a member of the National Battlefields Commission since its creation in 1908 and he was also chairman of the Historic Monuments Commission of the Province of Quebec.

He was one of the old members of the Quebec Golf Club and was a regular player on its Boischastel course during the spring and autumn months. During the summer he played on the links of the Murray Bay Golf Club, of which he had been a member for many years. Of commanding presence and magnificent physique, when striding over the course he was indeed a striking figure. His charming personality will be deeply missed in all the circles which he frequented.

Golf in Far-Flung Places

Mr. R. H. Greene, of Toronto, Vice-President of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, Writes Entertainingly of the Game in Various Countries.

(By W. H. Webling)

ONE little realizes how golf is flourishing in most of the far-flung parts of this strange old world, till one reads such a letter, as recently received, from our old friend and fellow Senior, R. H. "Daddy" Greene, of the Lambton Golf Club, who with Mrs. Greene is now travelling over the globe, in a praiseworthy effort to discover just what makes the wheels go round!

It is really quite remarkable to read of the many distant and almost unknown regions through which "Daddy" and his dear wife are passing, seeing every thing there was to see, and wherever possible playing the game they love so well. They have been away over a year and are not expected back till about the spring of 1931, during which time they will have completely circled the globe, and in spite of the fact that Daddy has long passed the allotted years of man, his youthful enthusiasm, keen spirit of sport with his loyal and lasting love for the Royal and Ancient game, demonstrates most delightfully what is possible in the heart and disposition of a Senior golfer—no matter what his handicap of mere years may mean.

Although our old friend's letter was only intended as a chatty account of his experiences and impressions in a personal way, we feel justified in quoting from it for reasons that can hardly fail to interest, not only the legion of friends and fellow golfers with whom he is held in such affection and respect but to most of our readers who follow the elusive sphere in the more civilized fields and fairways of life.

"You have seen and heard of quite a number of golf courses in your day," Mr. Greene writes, "but I wonder if you ever heard about the place which Mrs. Greene and myself are now visiting, namely the Baguio Country Club, in the Philippines? It

is quite unique with its two golf courses, a nine long and a nine short, and which though rather unusual seems to work very well. We heard so much about the beauties of Baguis



Mr. R. H. Greene, Toronto, vice-president of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

since leaving Yokohama, that we decided to see it for ourselves. Well, we came, we saw, and we were conquered—it is simply delightful. The manager of the Dollar Line, being a member, put us up for a couple of weeks, so after spending a week in Manilla, we made the trip here, five hours by train, through vast areas of Cocopalms, sugar cane, rice fields, banana and bamboo forests, with enough material for fishing rods to supply the world. The two hours by motor bus! Up a fine zigzag gravel road through the mountains until we reached an altitude of 5,000 feet above sea level to this charming spot in the

clouds. Believe me after nearly three months in an atmosphere hovering round 90 we find it a welcome change. The temperature here seldom goes above 74. As I write, this is supposed to be the rainy season and the crowds do not come out until late in September, but we are having our game every day in ideal weather, frequently, however, in the late afternoon, fogs envelop the landscape, followed by rain and then we have the pleasure of watching the grand cloud effects rolling over the mountain tops, or sitting around the mammoth fireplace, exchanging golf yarns. It is really a welcome change. (From the card enclosed, one can quite understand this!)

Sunday morning is the great market day, and Igorots (natives in this section) come in from all parts of the island. They are a picturesque looking lot in their native costumes, women outdo the men by smoking the longest cigars I ever saw, the men contenting themselves with cigarettes.

The U.S.A. have a very large reservation here adjoining the country club, "Camp John Hay", with two golf courses, which we may have the privilege of playing over before we leave. Had a drive this afternoon all over this reservation which is well kept and full of beauty spots. Mrs. Greene used her movie camera freely and I am hoping to send you some snapshots of the place.

Before leaving the naval station at Samoa we took a trip to Suva, Fiji Islands, home of the Ancient Cannibals. There they have the most unique golf course, a veritable cow-pasture, but interesting all the same. We played nearly every afternoon. Sometimes had to wait till the cows rolled by, while the greens, which were very fine, were, as you may well suppose, carefully fenced in. We had a lot of fun over that course, but understand a real course is now under construction.

Leaving Samoa in May we spent some time in beautiful Honolulu, before taking ship to Yokohama, the

earthquake city—all the municipal buildings are built earthquake proof, and would need to be. While there, we experienced the worst quake they have had since the great disaster of 1923, which wiped out 30,000 lives in that city alone.

I intended to have a game at Shanghai before leaving, but the heat was too intense, frequently up to 100. Had I done so, could have played over a course where nearly all the hazards are graves. China is a country of graves, which are scattered all over the landscape. Cone shaped mounds of earth are everywhere."

From a score card of the Baguis Country Club, referred to by Mr. Greene, one is rather staggered by the rules and regulations printed on the back. All hazards and bounds are specifically mentioned on each hole and certainly look very menacing. For instance, number 4, a ball lying in the small drain in front of the passage in the middle of the bunker on the long 4th (short 5th) may be lifted and dropped, etc. Number 5, ditch between 5th tee as well as the Punch Bowl are hazards, and the ditch to the right of the lower foot-bridge is a hazard when driving for the teeing ground number 8. Ditch and road including gutters of road between 8th tee and green are hazards. Ditch back of green is not a hazard, but ball played from ditch must be dropped back of mud wall on far side of ditch.

The main ditch between the teeing grounds and the putting greens is a hazard except when the ball is driven from a tee. The small drain emptying at right angles into the ditch is not a hazard, and a ball may be lifted therefrom and dropped, but not nearer the hole. The road, the Smith-Bell garden and all land to the right of the road except the rough immediately in front of the teeing-grounds are out of bounds. The drainage ditch between the big tree and the tee on the left hand side is a hazard. Can you beat that?

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"Out of the Rough at Nineteen"

MISS HELEN HICKS, the brilliant young U.S. golfer, winner of the Canadian Ladies' Open Championship at Hamilton in 1929 and runner-up this year, in the course of a rather badly written article in "Liberty", New York, says of the visit of the U.S. ladies' team which met defeat in Great Britain this summer:—

"The English girls are delightful to play with, but are not very communicative. Perhaps, after all, that is not because they are golfers, but because they are British.

At Formby I was eliminated in the sixth round by Miss Enid Wilson in the British Championship. Enid is a strapping girl who can hit a ball a mile. Glenna reached the final, only to bow down to Diana Fishwick.

The weather bothered us quite a bit. I am not trying to give an alibi, but those cold, raw winds that blew over the Formby links from the Irish Sea certainly cut us to the marrow. We had to pile on sweaters, dig out the heaviest stockings from our trunks, and if we only had had them with us, we would have put on our woolies, too. Most of us had gone straight from Florida to England. It was like jumping out of the frying pan into the ice box.

But, after all, this is golf. No course is the same from one day to another. Even at St. Andrews, the greens may be as fast as lightning one day, and as soft as lambs' wool the next. A good golfer knows how to change her style according to the wind and weather conditions of the day. We must not kick. We must consider the misty, cold winds of Formby as just one of the "rubs of the game."

Before I leave the British Isles I must say one word about Gleneagles in Scotland. The course there is one of the most beautiful I have ever played."

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Royal Ottawa to Rebuild at the Cost of \$200,000

OVER 200 members of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club attended a special general meeting for the purpose of considering the situation arising out of the destruction by fire of the famous club house on the Aylmer Road on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day. The gathering took place in the convention hall of the Chateau Laurier on Tuesday evening, November 25th, the chair being occupied by Brig.-General C. H. Maclaren, C.M.G., D.S.O., the president, in a particularly efficient manner.

After considerable discussion and a variety of suggestions it was unanimously decided to erect a new club house of semi-fireproof construction to cost in the neighbourhood of \$200,000.

The members also approved the method of raising the money for the new building, which will be done by levying an assessment of \$100 each on the male members of the club, and \$50 in the case of lady members, and to raise \$75,000 or \$80,000 by the sale of debentures to members. Messrs. P. D. Ross and J. A. Jackson, two past presidents, agreed at the request of the meeting to undertake the sale of debentures. The amount received from the fire insurance companies on the building is \$82,000, members' assessment will produce a sum of approximately \$50,000, and the sale of debentures in addition will give the total amount sought. The fire insurance adjusters made a liberal allowance for the contents of the building to the amount of \$20,000, which will go a long way towards refurnishing.

Mr. E. L. Horwood, a well known member of the club, has been appointed architect in charge, and a special committee was appointed to act with the

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executive in carrying out the construction of the new building, those appointed being Messrs. P. D. Ross, Hugh Hughson, G. Gordon Gale, K. A. Greene and Col. George P. Murphy.

The new club house, which will be erected on the site of the former building, will be of similar construction, but will be practically fireproof and will be further protected by the most up-to-date sprinkler installation and more adequate water supply. Both the men's lounge and the ladies' lounge will be enlarged, and additional locker space will be provided for both sexes. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupation by August 15th

next. In the meantime the men will be able to use the ground floor locker room, which is only partly damaged, and will be ready for occupancy in the course of two or three weeks. In addition Karl Keffer's office and shop will also be available for the men. It is interesting to note that practically all the debentures were subscribed for in three days without a single member being solicited. Karl Keffer, who is a full-fledged member of the club, was one of the first to put down his name.

The contract for the erection of the new club house has been awarded to the Ross-Meagher Co., on a cost plus basis. Ground was broken on November 27th, and the foundations will be completed before severe weather sets in.

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Our Hole-in-One Club

Total of 226 Golfers in Canada Record the 20,000 to 1 Stunt. Ontario Easily Leads All the Provinces. Eight Ladies Faire, Register the Stunt.

AS usual every season a few belated reports of holes-in-one in Canada have been received since our competition closed on October 31st. No further returns will be recognized.

Mr. Arthur J. Brown, manager of the W. H. Clark Lumber Company, Edmonton, chose the 11th hole, 155 yards, on the Prince Rupert course, owned by the Hudson Bay Company, to record the stunt. He was playing with Mrs. Brown at the time.

Mr. J. W. Carter, president of the Waupees Canning Co. Ltd., Picton, Ontario, bagged a "oneer" on the 7th hole of the Picton course, 100 yards. He was playing at the time in a four-ball match with Judge McLean, J. P. Williams, secretary of the club, and Dr. F. T. Knight, Toronto.

Once more the Kildonan Public Course, Winnipeg. Mr. T. H. Holyonake found the tin from the tee on the 18th hole, 200 yards.

Another municipal course. Playing over the Thames Valley links, in London, Ont., Mr. E. R. Walters, cashier of the Northern Life, performed the feat at the 3rd hole, 144 yards.

Mr. J. G. Nicholson, of the Riverside Country Club, Saskatoon, whilst on a Shrine visit to Swift Current with Mr. C. Austin Needham, Potentate of WaWa Temple, Mystic Shrine, put over a perfect tee shot at the 8th hole on the Elmwood Golf Club, Swift Current, 129 yards.

The first hole-in-one to be made on the Craik golf course, Craik, Sask., since its inception five years ago, was made by Mr.

William Finlayson. The perfect stroke was made on number three, which is a short hole of about 100 yards. Playing with Mr. Finlayson at the time were Dr. A. S. Gibson, M. R. Vanvelzer and E. H. Insull.

Once again the Macaulay Point Golf Club, at Esquimalt, B.C. Mr. T. Bradley had the great satisfaction in making the 2nd hole, 177 yards, in one, on that course.

And here are some details in connection with this competition for 1930 which should be of interest. The total number of "holes-in-one" registered at the office of the "Canadian Golfer" and the cards verified by the player and secretary of the club where the feat was performed, reached the very remarkable total of 226 from May to October inclusive on the courses of Canada. No recognition was made of one-shots made in the United States by Canadian or American players. Our "Hole-in-One" Club recognizes only performances made on the links in the Dominion and many "one-shots" every season reported to us from across the Border have to be reluctantly passed over, and not recorded or given recognition.

The "one-shotters" in 1930 ranged in age from 15 years to 78 years.

Eight women golfers "turned the trick", which is a record for any one year, demonstrating how the ladies are improving in the use of the mashie as it is generally on the short holes that the ones are recorded.

By Provinces this is how the stunt was registered:—Alberta 25, British Columbia 39, Manitoba 9, Maritimes 9, Ontario 110, Quebec 19, Saskatchewan 15. It will be noticed that Ontario one-shotters almost equalled the total of all the other Provinces. Fifteen years ago when the "Canadian Golfer" first instituted this "hole-in-one" competition now copied in both Great Britain and the United States, there were only sixteen candidates for the "Hall of Fame". The law of average holds in golf as in everything else, so this increase the past season of over two hundred members in our Hole-in-One Club compared with

1915 demonstrates in no uncertain manner the remarkable increase in the number of golfers in the Dominion, the past decade and a half.

To all our "one-shotters" the Editor is privileged at this time to extend sincerest Christmas greetings. You have made a name in golfing annals this year. In 1931 may your life be sans hazards, sans bunkers, with health and happiness aplenty—and please, please, don't repeat "the stunt" next year, but rest on your well deserved laurels.

Herewith a correction. J. B. Wilson, of Blairmore, Alberta, was last month given credit for the record drive for Canada, 325 yards. Tom Ross, well known professional of the Wascana Country Club, Regina, on May 18, 1929, made a hole-in-one on his home course of 325 yards, so he divides the honours with Mr. Wilson.

The British and U. S. Ryder Cup Teams

THE U.S. Open Championship next year at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, promises to be of exceptional interest because the Ryder Cup team of British professionals will visit the States next season to play the U.S. Ryder Cup team and all of them will participate in the U.S. Open. Advices are that George Duncan, Abe Mitchell, the Whitecombe Brothers, Henry Cotton, Aubrey Boomer and other stars will be on the team. It was on the Inverness course in 1920 that Edward Ray, of Oxhey, England, won the U.S. Open after Harry Vardon, the Grand Old Master of Golf, faltered tragically, and lost the title by one stroke.

In 1927 when the British Ryder Cup team last visited America, it will be remembered that the Royal Canadian Golf Association staged a series of games in Toronto and Montreal with the visitors against the leading professionals of Canada. In 1927 the Canadian professionals made a particularly good showing against the Britishers. On the total scores 72 holes played at Toronto and Montreal A. Havers, England, was in front with 296. Only one stroke back of him was Davie Black, Vancouver, 297. In third place was Andy Kay, Lambton, 299, and in fourth place Eric Bannister, Winnipeg, 301. In all, the prize money provided by the R.C.G.A. and the Montreal and Toronto Golf Clubs amounted to \$1,600, and the Canadians of this quite liberal amount won \$825, and the Britishers \$775—a particularly good showing.

Part of the U.S. Team Chosen

Despatch from Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 23rd:—

"Walter Hagen, of Detroit; Leo Diegel, of Agua Caliente, Cal.; Johnny Farrell and Gene Sarazen, of New York, and Horton Smith, of Joplin, Mo., have been chosen for the Ryder Cup team of United States golf professionals who will play the British next year, while 14 other stars will play 72 holes to qualify for the three remaining places. George

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Sargent, veteran pro at the Scioto Country Club here, scene of the International matches next June, made the announcement at the authority of A. R. Gates, head of the Professional Golfers' Association.

Golfers who will attempt to qualify for the last three places on the eight-man team will be Al Espinosa, of Chicago; Ed Hilgendorf and Al Watrous, of Detroit; Ed Dudley, of Philadelphia; John Golden, Billy Burke, Joe Turnesa, Bill Klein and Whiffy Cox, of New York; Olin Dutra, of San Francisco; Henry Cuici, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Craig Wood, of Newark, N.J.; Frank Walsh, of Wisconsin, and Denny Shute, of Columbus.'

The Ryder Cup matches were first played for in England at Wentworth in 1926, when Great Britain won 13½ to U.S. 11½. This, however, was more or less an informal match. In 1927 at Worcester, Mass., U.S. won 9½ to Great Britain 2½. Last year at Mooretown, England, Great Britain won 7 to U.S. 5. The matches next year at Scioto will therefore be more or less of "the rubber".

It will be noticed that the names of Tommy Armour, the ranking U.S. professional of 1930, MacDonald Smith, and other outstanding players are not included in the above list. The U.S. Professional Golf Association takes the commendable attitude that only native-born Americans can be chosen to oppose the Britishers in the Ryder Cup matches. Armour, Smith, Cruickshank, Hunter and other leading pros are now American citizens but they were born and learned their game in the Old Country and are therefore considered ineligible. This is a very sporting gesture on which the P.G.A. of the States is to be heartily congratulated.

The U.S. Open Championship is scheduled for the Inverness Country Club, Toledo, Ohio, July 2, 3 and 4. It is expected, of course, that all the Ryder Cup prizes will participate in this event. George Sargent is chairman of the U.S. Ryder Cup team and his co-workers are Charles Lorms and Jock Collums.

The President of the U. S. G. A.

Mr. H. H. Ramsay, Eminent New York Lawyer and Leading Golf Executive, is Selected for Presidential Honours in 1931.

THE nominating committee of the United States Golf Association has recently announced its selection of the officials of this outstanding organization for 1931, and Mr. H. H. Ramsay, vice-president, heads the list as president.

A better nomination, which, of course, means election next month at the annual meeting in New York, could not possibly have been made because as the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" can personally testify, Mr. Ramsay is a splendid type of "golfer and gentlemen". Like the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, and the Royal Canadian Golf Association the United States Golf Association guards most zealously its nomination for the head of its governing body. He must measure up to the best traditions of the game in every respect.

And Mr. Ramsay does. In 1905 he graduated from Phillips-Andover, a famous academy in Massachusetts, where he played a great deal of golf and was captain of the golf team. From there he went on to Yale, but played very little golf there. He secured his legal education at the New York University and as a result of a brilliant career has now the degrees of Ph.D., LL.D. and J.D. He first became connected with the United States Golf Association in the autumn of 1924 and he has since been successively secretary and vice-president, during which period he has been chairman of its principal committees. He is at the present time chairman of the championship committee and also of the Rules of Golf Committee.

Mr. Ramsay started his outstanding legal career in New York City as a partner of Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, who, by the way, is well known to many Canadian golfers. He is now engaged as a specialist in corporation work. He is vice-president and director of Drug Incorporated, a

director of the Machine and Foundry Co. and International Cigar Machinery. His clubs are National Golf Links of America, Deepdale Golf Club, The Creek Club, Yale Club, Racquet and Tennis Clubs, Links



Mr. H. H. Ramsay, leading New York lawyer and outstanding golf executive, who will head the United States Golf Association in 1931.

Club, St. Anthony Club, Union League Club. It is men of Mr. Ramsay's calibre who have made the United States Golf Association unquestionably one of the outstanding sporting organizations of the world—an organization which will not stand for a moment for anything that calls into question the amateur besmirching of the Royal and Ancient name or the conduct of the game.

Golfers in the United States are to be heartily congratulated that next year they shall have at their head such an outstanding man as Mr. Ramsay.

British Authority Says Jones Still An Amateur

MR. HARRY GULLEN, on two occasions visited Canada as manager of the British Walker Cup team and was a very popular visitor. He is secretary of the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, the governing body of British golf, whose rulings are observed throughout the golfing world, and in his opinion Bobby Jones has not forfeited his amateur standing by signing a film contract.

Mr. Gullen writes: "I do not consider that the making of films has any effect whatever on a golfer's position as an amateur, and so far as I can gather, Mr. Jones has definitely stated that he is not becoming a professional." Such a pronouncement coming from an authority like Mr. Gullen will be heard of with much interest by golfing friends of Jones both in the United States and Canada. If Mr. Gullen is right then "the greatest golfer of all time" still retains his amateur standing.

An Outstanding Golf Executive

The Passing of Mr. Frank L. Woodward, President of the U.S. Seniors' Golf Association, Who Was a Tower of Strength in Upholding the Best Traditions of the Game.

CANADIAN Senior golfers will hear with genuine regret of the death of Mr. Frank L. Woodward, president of the U.S. Seniors' Golf Association and a former president of the United States Golf Association. He was one of the outstanding golfing executives of the States. Only last September he was in Toronto with the U.S. Seniors team and made one of the outstanding speeches of the evening at the annual banquet at the Toronto Golf Club. Mr. P. D. Ross, Ottawa, president of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, wired the U.S. Seniors' Golf Association on behalf of the Governors and members of the Canadian Seniors, their sincere sympathy and regrets at the passing of Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Woodward, who was 64 years of age, and who died as a result of heart disease, was one of Denver's outstanding citizens and a leader in the civic affairs of that city, where he had practiced law from 1891, the year after he finished his studies at Yale, until 1910. He was Deputy Food Administrator of Colorado during the world war. He was a former president of the Denver Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, presi-

dent of the Denver Symphony Orchestra Association and a member of the executive committee of the Denver Chapter of the American Red Cross.

He was also a member of many social functions and organizations in his home city and was president of both the University and Country Clubs of Denver. He was also a member of several New York organizations, including the Yale Club.

Mr. Woodward married the former Miss May Farnam, of New Haven, shortly after being admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1890.

Mr. Jerome A. Peck, of Port Chester, N.Y., chairman of the tournament committee of the U.S.S.G.A., so well known in Canada, writing to the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" pays the following graceful and well deserved tribute to Mr. Woodward:—

"As you know, he was president of the United States Golf Association during the distressing period when the amateur standing of Francis Ouimet was such a puzzling problem for those in authority of the United States Golf Association to decide.

As you will remember, Ouimet as a lad tied with Vardon and Ray for the Open Championship of the United States and on the play-off won from them.

As he was so very young, it was, of course, natural that some of our progressive dealers in sports goods should endeavour to exploit him and because of his age and perhaps needs, he accepted for a time employment in one of the prominent dealers in sports goods.

The United States Golf Association ruled against his amateur standing but the Western Golf Association going over the head of the premier association passed resolutions declaring him eligible to compete in any of their tournaments.

Quite naturally, great pressure was brought to bear upon Woodward to recede from his position and use his great influence with the other members of the governing body of the United States Golf Association, but through it all, he stood very firm and threw his influence to uphold the position taken by that association and probably was more strongly influential in preventing a more serious breach than already existed between the United States Golf Association and the Western Golf Association.

His attitude toward holding sacred the tradition to the game of golf and adhering as far as possible to the rulings of the Royal and Ancient Club during his incumbency of the office of president of the United States Golf Association, and thereafter when the occasion permitted, was marked and appreciated by all true lovers of the game.

His personality and his ability as a speaker were of high order and probably no man who ever occupied the high position in golf which he occupied was better loved or respected.

One of his latest acts and the crowning event in his tenure of office in our association was the memorial tablet placed in the caddie house and gates erected by our association and presented to the Apawamis Club in memory of our founder, Horace L. Hotchkiss, the planning and execution of which was entirely due to his thought and activity."

Golf on this Continent owes much, very much to the late Mr. Woodward and the Royal and Ancient in America is all the poorer for his passing. An outstanding man in every sense of the word has "played the last game of all".

The following was the telegram sent to Mr. Peck by Mr. P. D. Ross, president of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association:

"Ottawa, Nov. 18: Regret deeply to hear of the death of Mr. Frank Woodward. On behalf of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association I beg to offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Woodward's family, and to express through you our sense of the loss the United States Senior Association sustains in losing its fine president."

Valuable Hints in Reference to New Courses

MR. EDWARD B. DEARIE, JR., the noted Chicago greenkeeper, discussing new courses and their treatment says:—

One of the most common mistakes in connection with new courses is opening them for play too soon. Naturally the members of the club are anxious to tee off with the first spring weather. However, grass planted in the fall seldom is strong enough to be trodden upon until the following summer. In the Chicago area few new courses are opened until July or August. The four previous months are the maturing months and during them the young grass toughens.

Root growth must be established. If trodden upon too soon, the shallow-rooted grass is worn down. Players should not be permitted upon the course until the grass covers the ground completely and has been cut several times. The tees should be given a longer opportunity to mature than any other portion of the course. These small spaces are under considerable usage due to confined playing areas.

Even after the greens are ready for play, the tees should be given an additional period for the grass to complete its maturity. For the first month the course is open to play, golfers should tee off slightly in front of the tees. Enforcement of such ground rules may seem arbitrary to some members of the club but they will not complain at the results.

One of the first things to be done in connection with a new course is the establishment of several compost piles. It is preferable to locate one of them convenient to each nine. Hidden locations in the rough should be selected from which all the greens and fairways can be reached with a minimum of haulage which will reduce operating costs considerably.

A large quantity of compost is required by a golf course, especially during its early stages. Over 16,000 cubic feet is none too much. This quantity will make two piles 100 feet long by 20 feet wide by 4 feet high. It is almost impossible to have too much of this material as it improves with age.

Compost is organic fertilizer and, as is generally known, is made of decayed vegetation and rotted manure mixed with sand and allowed to decompose. It is not ready for use until the bacterial action has changed its physical make-up sufficiently to make it available as plant food. Therefore, fresh manure is entirely too strong.

As soon as the ground has thawed out sufficiently in the spring and is thoroughly dry the new course should be completely rolled in order to push the young grass roots, which may be protruding, back into the soil. A triplex roller, weighing from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds complete, may be drawn down the fairways by a light tractor and 500-pound water ballast roller should be pulled by hand over the greens and tees.

It is very important that this rolling should be done while the ground is dry. If the soil is damp, the rolling will pack it into mud and the ground will be sealed. Rolling courses, when the soil is moist has been instrumental in handicapping many links and the loss of satisfactory turf. Instead of assisting in the development of the turf, rolling at the wrong time will retard the growth of grass. However, rolling at the right time is very fruitful of results.

“A Book is a Friend That Never Deceives Us”

Some Seasonable Suggestions for Christmas Book Giving.

“**T**HE Fool of the Family” (Doubleday, Doran and Gundy, Toronto, \$2.00). Miss Margaret Kennedy in “The Constant Nymph” swept the readers of two continents. Her new book tells more or less all about the Sangsters made famous in her previous work. Miss Kennedy has a delightful and delicate touch at all times. “The Fool of the Family” will add already to her recognized reputation.

“On Forsyte Change” (Copp, Clark Co. Ltd., Toronto, \$2.50). This latest collection of nineteen new stories by John Galsworthy will unquestionably add to the reputation of this English novelist, who to-day ranks as the greatest Anglo-Saxon fictionist. It may be of interest to Canadian admirers of Galsworthy to know that this reviewer recently had it from a leading Harvard University authority that Galsworthy is recognized as such in the States. “On Forsyte Change” promises to be “the best seller” of the holiday season. It deserves to be. Galsworthy is now over seventy years of age but his touch is as subtle, his style as perfect as ever.

“Pursuit” (Thomas Allen Publishers, Toronto, price \$2.00). Roland Pertwee with half a dozen or more thrilling books to his credit has in his latest work, “Pursuit”, added to

his reputation. The reader swings from Old London to France and then on to the heart of Africa and the life of the jungle. If you like thrills, and who doesn't, these dying drab days of 1930, then Mr. Pertwee in his latest work will give you a few hours of delightful relaxation from the worries of business and following stock markets.

“Outlaws of Eden” (Copp Clark Co. Ltd., Toronto, \$2.00). The author, Peter B. Kyne, is beloved by tens of thousands of readers. Anyone with red blood in his veins responds to his stirring Western characters and climaxes. “Outlaws of Eden” is a Kyne book at its best and no higher praise than that can be paid any stirring book of fiction. By all means add this virile book to your holiday reading lists. You won't regret it.

“Other Man's Saucer” (Doubleday, Doran & Gundy Ltd., Toronto, \$2.00). J. Keith Winter is generally credited with producing in this unusual book the most remarkable first novel of the year. It deals largely with the life of an undergraduate at Oxford and deals with it in a gripping but frank manner which sometimes leaves the reader gasping. It is the old classical and revered Oxford in certainly a new light which may shock but certainly does grapple. Altogether a

sensational revelation of the life today in the Old Classical 'Varsity on the banks of the Isis, famous for a thousand years or more.

"Golf Made Easier" (Parker, Stone & Baird Co., Los Angeles, price \$2.50. Selling agents for Canada, "Canadian Golfer", Brantford, Ontario). The ordinary book on golf really makes "golf harder". Mr. Herndon in "Golf Made Easier" really makes the game easier, and that is greatly to his credit. You can make no mistake in adding this book to your library or sending it as an Christmas gift to a golfing friend.

Particularly good "Dollar Book"

values this season sponsored by Copp-Clark Co. Ltd., Toronto, are "Walter Damrosch, My Musical Life", and "Smoky" by Will James. This price is made possible by the fact that both these books have run into several editions. The distinguished orchestral leader, Mr. Damrosch, is so well known over the radio and musical circles generally that it is not necessary to dwell upon his incomparable record as a musician and composer. "Smoky, the great cow-horse" by Will James is recognized as one of the really great animal stories in our language. It has run into twenty editions—and that tells the "story".

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A late November view of the short 13th hole (155 yards) of the new course at Lucerne-in-Quebec, designed by Mr. Stanley Thompson, of Toronto. The September planting here brought remarkably fine results. The course, which is most advantageously situated between Montreal and Ottawa, will be officially opened in July, 1931. The links promise to be without a peer in Canada.

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The Art of Putting

IT is interesting to note what Miss Wethered herself, one of the very best of putters, says of that art in the book of which she and her brother claim the joint authorship. The game, she says, would be nothing without this troublesome business round the hole. But for this need for some very accomplished work on the green it would be practically impossible to distinguish between a vast number of fine players who make it a habit to reach any green in two strokes or less. No matter what the lie or difficulty of the stroke, there is scarcely any limit in first-class golf to the powers of recovery to put the ball on the green.

The putting green delivers the final verdict. For the successful issue of a championship week the best of conduct must be observed on the putting green from start to finish, the five footers must be accurately holed with the fewest exceptions, and it is on the green that the final and exhausting strain tells its tale.

Perfection of method, Miss Wethered has pointed out, is of little avail if the player is prevented by the disposition of mental balance from putting it into execution. The head of the putter must know its own mind and must move quite definitely from the one point straight through to its legitimate conclusion without wavering or wagging en route. We all know the devastating effect of a strong wind on the putting green. There is also the wind of the emotions when an attack of nerves at a crisis may exercise an all-important influence. In a crisis indecision is fatal. Rather than that, counsels Miss Wethered, be audacious.

With the Professionals

Interesting News of the Men Who Do So Much for the Royal and Ancient Game, from Coast to Coast.

The Quebec professionals wound up the 1930 season last month by holding a most enjoyable invitation tournament over the fine links of the Grand Mere Club, Grand Mere, Que. Jamie Anderson, the professional of the home club, was winner with a gross 148. His morning score was 73, and his afternoon total 75. J. Brown, of Summerlea, was second with 156. Geo. Elder, of Whitlock, Red McKenzie, Elmridge, and A. McPherson were tied for third place with 157 each. Mr. L. Anderson won the low gross among the amateurs with an 80, and Mr. W. Geddes was nett winner with a 69. His handicap is twelve deducted from a gross of 81.

Scores of the professionals were:—

J. Anderson, Grand Mere	73	75—148
J. Brown, Summerlea	76	80—156
Geo. Elder, Whitlock	76	81—157
Red McKenzie, Elmridge	79	78—157
A. McPherson, Marlborough.....	80	77—157
R. Burns, Hampstead	77	82—159
A. Lawrence, Rosemere	78	82—160
W. Rogers, Islesmere	82	80—162
J. Huot, Kent House, Que.....	83	80—163
F. Johnson, Three Rivers	86	78—164
C. Morin, Belle Isle	84	81—165
Harry Pidduch, Three Rivers..	84	82—166

Anderson was playing fine golf the past season. In addition to the Grand Mere Tournament he also won the St. Maurice Valley Championship, 72 holes, with the splendid score of 287.

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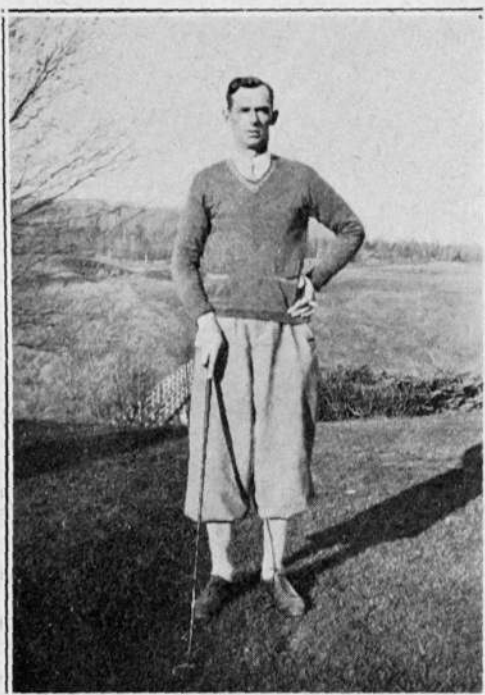
C. R. Murray, of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, left last month to again take up his professional duties at the prominent Gulf Stream Club, Delray Beach, where he has been for some winters past. He writes that this autumn he has been superintending several alterations to the South course at the Royal Montreal, which will bring it right up to concert pitch for the Canadian Amateur Championship to be held there next August.

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Harry Fulford, the well known British professional, states:—

"It is my firm belief that, so far as trade and professionals are concerned, the Continent offers greater possibilities than

the Old Country to-day. Since the war my experience has been wholly continental, and I have seen the game grow at an astonishing rate; but it is only since the spring of this year that I have realized the firm hold that it has taken, more especially in Germany, Switzerland and Holland. Even in



"Jamie" Anderson, popular professional of the Grand Mere Golf Club, who won two tournaments the past season.

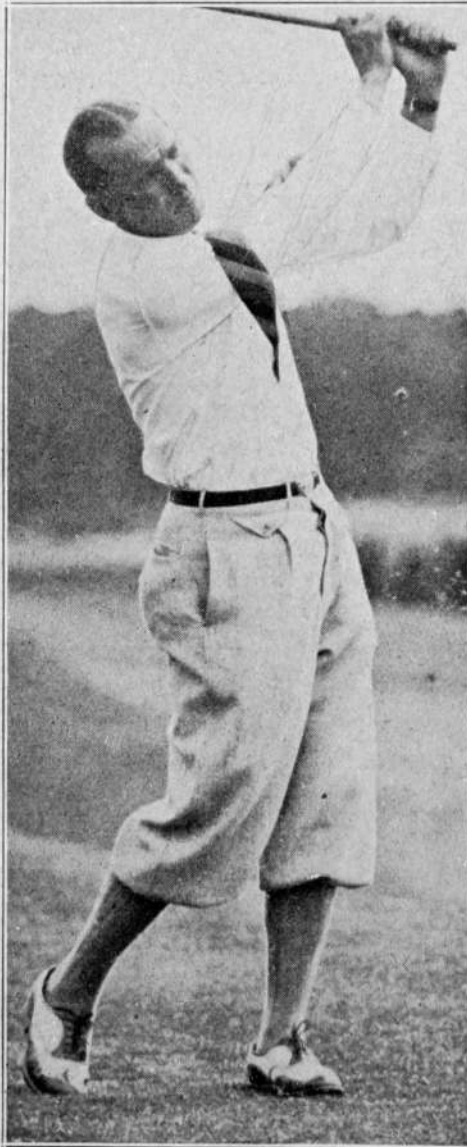
July and August the courses of Switzerland and Germany were crowded with visitors which were made up of fifty per cent. Germans, thirty per cent. British and Americans, and the remainder composed of Dutch, Italians, Egyptians and Argentines. At a small Swiss Alpine resort called Gstaad, where the nine hole course is only 750 yards long and 250 at its widest part, they took £400 in green fees in nine weeks, an amount that many a seaside club in Britain would appreciate."

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Allan Gregg, who was professional at the Parry Sound Golf Club last season, writes the Editor most enthusiastically about the club there. He says:

"It is really a wonderful little club. It is only a 9-hole course as yet but already has over 100 enthusiastic members. It is

situated about four miles north of the town, right alongside Portage Lake, where a cool breeze is always blowing. The members are all very enthusiastic golfers, and play right up till the snow comes. The course



Leo Diegel, former Canadian Open Champion, who was in great form at the Portland, Oregon, Tournament, defeating Gene Sarazen in the play-off for first prize of \$2,500.

was laid out by Fred Rickwood, of Orillia, who certainly did a very creditable job, making it a real test of golf, and a very pretty course. This is the second year for the course, and already a large number of

tourists have played over it and expressed their delight with the wonderful layout, keen greens, and beautiful scenery. Great credit is due Dr. Armstrong, the president; Dr. Brady, captain; Dr. Little, chairman green committee, and H. Jackson, secretary, for giving Parry Sound a golf club to be proud of."

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The former Canadian Open Champion, Leo Diegel, is off to a promising start in the big winter three-ring golf circus, when at Portland, Oregon, he picked up the first prize, \$2,500, in the \$5,000 tournament. Tied with Gene Sarazen at 287 at the end of the regular 72 holes in the 18-hole play-off he uncorked an unbeatable brand of golf. Sarazen registered a par 72 on the difficult Columbia Country Club course at Oregon, but that was not nearly good enough to win as Leo proceeded to reel off a dazzling 69.

Diegel the past summer both in Great Britain, the United States and Canada was not the Diegel of 1929, although he did nearly capture the Canadian Open for the fifth time at Ancaster only losing in the play-off, it will be remembered, to Tommy Armour. He seemed to have lost to some extent his wonderful touch in putting. Possessed of a most uncanny stance and a most unorthodox style in handling his putter, Diegel certainly in 1929 could sink 'em from all parts of the green and from all angles. Judging from his wonderful scores at Portland last month he must once again have got back his wizard-like skill on the greens. It is only when a player is getting his putts down consistently on every hole that he can break into the sixties. There is no other way of doing it. Diegel will again have to reckon with this winter in the big money tournaments if he has got that long-handed putter of his once more working overtime.

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At Bushey Hall our good old friend Ted Ray won the Hertfordshire Open Championship for the sixth time, handing in cards of 71 and 73 for an aggregate of 144. J. Bradbeer, of Porters Park, was one stroke more.

Abe Mitchell, who had done poorly in the morning with a total of 77, retired at the sixth hole in the afternoon on discovering that he had unwittingly disqualified himself by playing from a spot that had been made "out of bounds." The Club Championship went to Porters Park, Mr. Stanton Seddon backing up Bradbeer's fine score with an aggregate of 157, which gave the side a total of 302 and enabled them to win from Oxhey by five strokes.

The first professional change for the 1931 season is announced this month. Ernie Wakelam, the well known Brockville professional, has been offered and accepted the pro berth at the McKellar Club, Ottawa. This is one of Ottawa's youngest clubs which the past two or three years has made phenomenal progress, having an enthusiastic membership to-day of over five hundred. Wakelam will be a distinct addition to golf in the Capital. He is not only a capable coach but a player quite above the average. In the Canadian Open Championship at Montreal last year he was the leading Canadian player with the excellent score of 294, which won the "Canadian Golfer" first prize. He has always figured well up in the leading Canadian championships and tournaments. Ernie laid the foundations of a sound game in England. As a boy he caddied at Hoylake, the famous Liverpool course, and worked at the bench at Prenton. After "doing his bit and doing it well" in the war he came out to Canada and was for two years at the Island of Orleans Golf Club, Que., and then for three years at the Kent Golf Links, Que., since when he has been engaged at Brockville, Ontario.

McKellar has made a splendid professional selection in securing his services. Wakelam writes the "Canadian Golfer":—

"I have been very happy in Brockville and it is with very deep regret that I am leaving so many good friends, but for-



"Ernie" Wakelam, who goes to the McKellar Golf Club, Ottawa, next season.

tunately I shall be able to see them from time to time, as Ottawa is not very far distant."

Mr. G. Cotton, father of Harry Cotton, the celebrated young British professional, Harry Cotton, writes the Editor that his son's average in 1930 in 36 rounds in European tournaments figures out at 71.16 per round. He feels proud and rightly so, too, of this splendid showing made by his son.

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The Passing of Mrs. Albert R. Gates

IT is with very sincere regret indeed that we are called upon to record the passing of Mrs. Albert R. Gates, of Chicago, wife of Mr. Gates, well known attorney and business administrator of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, who holds a position in the golfing world comparable to that of Judge Landis in baseball.

Mrs. Gates, who succumbed suddenly from a heart attack at the family residence, 690 Greenwood Avenue, Glencoe, Ill., was a former woman's golf champion of the South Shore Country Club, the Calumet Country Club, and the old Washington Park Country Club.

Mrs. Gates also was prominent in North Shore social and club circles and was a member of the Glencoe Woman's Club, the Daughters of the British Empire, and the D.A.R.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, William A., and two sisters and three brothers. Mrs. Gates was born in Toronto and later spent the earlier years of her life in Durham, Ont. She was always very keenly interested in the land of her birth. To the bereaved husband, who was quite one of the outstanding visitors to the Canadian Open Championship last summer at Ancaster, and to the family sincerest sympathy of many Canadian friends will go out, in which sentiment the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" begs leave to be associated.

Bobby Jones Will Have to Re-write His Book

A DISCOVERY of importance to golfers the world over, exploding one of the cardinal theories of driving, was announced by Dr. C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington, D.C., one of the foremost research workers in visual radio and motion picture projection, in an illustrated lecture before the Canadian Club luncheon at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, this month.

Golf professionals almost without exception teach that the left or driving arm should be rigid at the moment when the club-head hits the ball. In slow motion pictures taken by Dr. Jenkins and exhibited at the luncheon, Bobby Jones, world's greatest golfer, was seen making a drive with his left arm bent ever so slightly, his right or guiding arm rigid, at the moment of impact.

"When Jones saw these pictures of himself," Dr. Jenkins said, "he told me he would have to re-write a book of his on golf. 'I've been teaching golf one way and playing it another,' he told me. He has been telling people to hold the left arm straight when they hit the ball and he himself has it bent just a little."

The films shown by Dr. Jenkins were taken with a camera that takes 3,200 pictures a second. They depict all action 200 times slower than it was made. The usual slow-motion pictures shown in film houses show action eight times slower than it occurred.

In Dr. Jenkins' pictures, Jones' left arm was still slightly bent when he hit the ball, but it straightened out almost immediately after the impact. The right or guiding arm was completely straight and rigid, a dimple showing in the elbow, when the club-head struck the ball. It began to bend immediately after impact.

Prominent Vancouver Business Man

Chases Golf Ball 30 Miles in One Day. Remarkable Feat of Mr. W. J. Kelly.

(By the Sporting Editor Vancouver Star)

THE average seeker after perfection in the ancient game of golf will break down and confess that he is dog tired after 36 holes of play. Most of them find the regular 18 holes quite enough. When a man shoots 72 holes between sunrise and sunset, he gets up and boasts about it. The average golf course is roughly four miles long and the average golfer will take at least another mile in playing a round.

Consider then, the performance of Mr. J. W. Kelly, prominent Vancouver dealer in musical instruments. He toured the Bird's Hill course in Winnipeg no less than six times in one day. One hundred and eight holes of golf between the rising and setting of the sun.

The writer figured that in doing this Mr. Kelly must have covered about 30 miles. Mr. Kelly doubted the distance, declaring that the best part of his game was accuracy and that he lost very little distance in getting out of his course.

Having concluded this light workout Mr. Kelly checked himself over for aches, pains and other symptoms of extreme fatigue and found none. He felt so good that he regretted not having gone another round as the light was still good.

Coming back to the average golfer again he takes from two to three hours to shoot a game. A three-hour man would take 18 hours to play six rounds without taking time out for the odd sandwich or jug of ale. Mr. Kelly's average time for a round was one hour and 30 minutes.

"I cannot see anything exceptional in it," Mr. Kelly said when telling of it. "I have often shot 54 holes of golf and then danced from 7:30 till midnight without causing any serious drain on my stamina, and I believe that those four and a half hours dancing were more tiring than the extra three rounds of golf."

Mr. Kelly is not as youthful as some of the boys who go out for golf titles these day, but we doubt very much if any of them could follow him right now in a golfing marathon and not find their dogs snarling savagely long before the day is done.

Besides all this Mr. Kelly did not hurry so much as to harm his game. His scores all the day were right to his handicap.

One of the most interesting features of the day's long hike was that he scored eagle twos on the same hole in successive rounds.

The hole was called the Pulpit, a 235-yard drive to the cup with a valley between tee and green. On his second round the ball went straight and true to the pin. It looked like a hole-in-one, but the ball went over about four feet past the flag. He sank his putt for an eagle two.

On the third round his drive once more sailed straight for the flag, but this time came to rest just four feet short of the cup and again he dropped his putt for an eagle.

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Mr. J. W. Kelly, of Vancouver, B.C., who sets up a marathon golf record in Winnipeg.

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The Agua Caliente \$25,000 Tournament

FOR the world's richest golfing event, the Agua Caliente tournament, to be held January 13th to 16th, 49 professionals and two amateurs have automatically qualified. The first 32 players in the U.S. Open Championship will not be called upon to qualify, neither will the 32 qualifiers in the championship of the U.S. Professional Golfers' Association. There are a number of duplicate names on these two lists thus bringing down the total to 49. Then, too, former winners and runners-up in the British and U.S. Opens will be allowed to compete without qualifying. The list of automatic qualifiers includes practically all the outstanding golfers of America to-day.

The first prize at Agua Caliente is \$10,000 and it was won for the first time last year by Gene Sarazen. Not a bad cheque for two days "play". The Los Angeles \$10,000 tournament, Jan. 9th-11th, will be a curtain raiser to the big \$25,000 show. Tommy Armour and Mac Smith have been installed favourites to win one or the other of these outstanding money events, although they will be subjected to the hottest kind of opposition. It is not every week that \$35,000 in cash can be competed for on the golf links, even of America.

"What Price Golf?"

(By Ralph H. Reville, Editor of "Canadian Golfer", in "Mayfair", Toronto)

SOME golfing statistics recently published in New York have created a great deal of interest and comment in golfing circles as at first blush they would appear to be very much exaggerated.

For instance the assertion is made that the three hundred odd golf clubs in the Metropolitan District to-day represent a billion dollar investment. A lot of money certainly, but has the compiler been "pulling the long bow"? Personally I don't think he has. Land values in the vicinity of New York are not rated at \$100.00 per acre. No, not by a long shot. There are golf clubs within thirty to forty miles of New York easily valued at \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, possibly more. It is perhaps quite a conservative estimate to average the Metropolitan clubs and club houses with their equipment at \$300,000 and there you have your billion dollar estimate.

Then our New York statistician goes into figures in regard to this playing of the Royal and Ancient game viewed apparently from a Wall Street angle. He figures out that following an election to a first-class New York golf club, and that is every year becoming increasingly difficult, with entrance and membership fees and the necessary accessories of an outfit of clubs and "plus-four" apparel that a man taking up the game will be lucky to step on the first tee, for the first time, after an initial expenditure of \$2,200. So much for New York. How about Canada?

Conditions here are, of course, not to be compared with those existing in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and possibly Los Angeles and Detroit. But there is no question that nowadays in Canada, in the larger centres golf is more or less a game for the well-to-do from a private club standpoint. In Toronto, Montreal and some of the larger cities, golf clubs following more or less the example of the States have very expensive courses and club houses to maintain and keep up involving a large annual outlay. Gone is the day of small fees and small entrance fees, or no entrance fees at all in connection with these clubs.

It is a fact, hardly credible but no less true, that thirty or forty years ago, the annual membership fee of golf clubs in Canada ranged from \$2 to \$5. Very rarely more than that. To-day all this is changed. Generally speaking, an-

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nual playing membership fees in the larger clubs in Canada now range all the way from \$75 to \$100. But that is not all. A share of stock and an entrance fee are also generally required from the member-elect. These vary greatly in value and price. A share in the leading clubs run all the way in value from \$100 to \$300 and \$400 and even more. There is one prominent club in Montreal which has an entrance fee of \$650, and one club in Ontario (Windsor) which enacts a \$1,000 fee.

Generally speaking, shares of clubs are issued at \$100 and entrance fees are also \$100. These figures apply to 18-hole courses. Clubs with 9-hole courses do not charge such amounts either for shares or entrance fees nor do they require to impose annual fees exceeding \$30 or so. By experience, it has been found that it is impossible to successfully conduct an 18-hole course in a city with less than a \$65 playing fee for men and a \$30 or so minimum fee for women. A nine-hole course cuts the figures about in two. In smaller places still, where land values are not high and where labour is cheaper, a club can be conducted successfully on even more moderate figures. There are clubs in Canada still functioning on \$10 membership fees but it is a hard struggle all right.

Then there is another phase of club membership, which has only of recent years made its appearance in one or two of the larger cities in Canada. Granted that you are over 45 years of age, and granted too that you have the where-withall and don't want to be bothered by paying your golf fees every so and so, which is more or less a perennial nuisance under any circumstances, then

the opportunity is presented in a life membership. In one Montreal club this can be acquired by the payment of \$4,000 and in a Toronto club for \$2,500.

An item of expense which only of recent years has made its appearance on Canadian courses is that money-making and money-taking device known as the green fee. It is not so very long ago that a member of a golf club had the privilege of putting up a visitor for two weeks at his club without any charge at all. Not so to-day. The smallest club now enacts a fee for the privilege of playing the course at \$1.00 per day, whilst the fees at the larger clubs have gone up to \$2.00 and \$3.00 per diem. The green charge has developed into a very important source of revenue. There is one club in Victoria, B.C., which annually collects from \$12,000 to \$13,000 in green fees whilst several clubs in the larger cities add to their revenues by this means \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually and green fees are "velvet"—they do not entail any extra expenditure on the course. They are more or less therefore clear profit. In the aggregate throughout Canada several hundred thousands of dollars are collected via "the green fee route" every year from golfers.

Following along the lines of the New York idea to some extent. In Toronto and vicinity there are listed in all 28 golf clubs. There is no question that several of these clubs have properties which easily are worth \$500,000 or more. Shall we average them all at \$200,000? Then we have a total of nearly \$6,000,000 invested in golf properties and equipment alone in Toronto. Montreal with 19 clubs and with several magnificent club houses and courses can be put in the \$5,000,000 column and "then some". Winnipeg, the golfiest city in America per caput, also claims 19 clubs, many of them very fine properties. It is doubtful if a marked cheque for "five millions" would tempt the golfers of the 'Peg to part with their properties.

Vancouver has 8 golf clubs, Calgary 6, Ottawa 6, Victoria 6, Hamilton 5 Edmonton 4, Windsor 4, whilst several cities have 3 clubs—all boasting valuable 18-hole courses and club houses. In all from Coast to Coast to-day in Canada there are over 600 clubs "by large and small" with yearly revenues ranging from a few hundred dollars to one hundred thousand dollars or so. It is a conservative estimate that \$150,000,000 is invested in club houses, courses and equipment in Canada, and that this year \$50,000,000 will be expended by these clubs and their members.

Regarding the individual expenditure of the player. New York says it costs over \$2,000 to step on the tee for the first time on a golf course there. Nothing like such a figure obtains in Canada, although in one or two isolated cases even here such a total is nearly approached. In the larger cities, after paying for a share, entrance and annual fees a member for the first year does have to face in many cases an expenditure of \$750 or more. After that, however, the yearly dues are quite moderate considering the exceptional advantages enjoyed. In the smaller cities \$200 to \$300 will generally cover all the first year dues whilst in the towns the annual fees all told rarely exceed \$30.00 to \$50.00.

What does it cost the average player, after admittance to a city club, to play golf during the season? That is a moot question indeed. The answer would be anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000, depending largely on how many afternoons and week-ends are spent at the club, entailing rooms, meals, entertainment of visitors and expenditure on green fees, caddies, balls, etc. A man who enjoys his golf in reason at a city club, generally puts his expenditure for the season including fees in the neighbourhood of \$500—money well spent at that.

Fortunately of recent years the public golf course and the pay-as-you-play course have been successfully launched from Coast to Coast in Canada

and no longer is it necessary to have a well-filled purse or social standing to play "the game of games". To its everlasting credit, Edmonton, Alberta, was the first city to "start the ball rolling" in this respect. Now there is not a city of any size in the Dominion that does not possess facilities to enjoy a round of the Royal and Ancient for an expenditure of anywhere from 25 to 50 cents and the remarkable fact about these municipal courses is that although many of them as regards greens and fairways, compare most favourably with first-class private clubs, not one of them has ever cost the taxpayer a penny. Hard on the heels of the public links have come in increasing numbers the pay-as-you-play courses with fees generally averaging \$1.00 per diem—sans entrance fees, sans annual dues, but plus all facilities for a fine day's outing with wood and iron.

What price golf? Well it all depends upon the purse. It can be played for 25 cents per round, or it can be played under conditions calling for dollars ad galore. And in either event you will get full value for your money. Make no mistake about that.

Great Britain and Overseas

Interesting Happenings on the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the British Overseas Dominions

THE proposed tour of the Royal and Ancient Club to Australia has been abandoned because of the financial condition of that country.

Golfing ladies in the Isle of Thanet have presented an inscribed silver bowl to Miss Diana Fishwick in commemoration of her having won the Ladies' Open Championship.

Stoke Poges beat Oxford University by eight games to six, with four halved, at Slough. J. P. Marston, the Oxford University captain, retained his unbeaten record after being down most of the way to R. H. Oppenheimer, the former Dark Blue leader. Both played splendidly, and went round in 73. The strength of the Cambridge University team would appear to rest in their singles play. They finished level with Worpleston, after the home side had won the foursomes 3-1.

Marked superiority in the foursomes enabled Royal Mid-Surrey, over their own course, to defeat St. George's Hill by 6 points. The home team won five of the six foursomes and halved the other, but St. George's

Hill in the singles won four games, halved three, and lost five. Each of the visiting team's successes in the singles was gained by 1 up.

Efforts are being made to hold a golf tournament on a London course for one-armed ex-soldiers. Sixty names have already been secured by the organizer, an officer who lost an arm during the war. There are several one-armed golfers with single-figure handicaps. One of them, F. J. Harrington, using an iron, did a 204-yard hole in one on the Norbury course a few weeks ago.

Miss Enid Wilson, who won the English Ladies' Championship, is going in for intensive training during the winter season. She has resolved to change her style of play and model it on the lines of that of Bobby Jones. Tom Williamson, of Notts, who has acted as her mentor for many years, will endeavour to instil Jones' methods of play into Miss Wilson. Ladies' golf in England is supreme, and with Miss Diana Fishwick and Miss Wilson, supported by a number of promising youngsters coming along



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fast, there is no fear of any American success for many years to come.

The Western India Golf Championship was decided during the annual "week" held on the golf course at Nasik, a hill station situated in the Western Ghats between Bombay and Poona. Heavy rain made the conditions difficult, but despite this, some good golf was seen in the final, and F. R. Gillinder only succeeded in beating A. C. Dick on the last green.

There were 48 entries for the Gymkhana Cup, and the first five places were secured by players from Bombay, T. Parker (8) and A. P. Ingram (12) tied with 74. A. C. Dick was second with 77—2—75, and A. J. Illingworth was third with 89—13—76.

In the match, Metropolitan Police vs. Professionals, the latter headed by Harry Vardon, won 14½ points to 3½.

Abe Mitchell went round in 67, but was only 1 up at the turn against Sergeant Ravenhill, who occasionally drove the longer ball. Three consecutive threes, however, made Mitchell 4 up, and he won the match at the 16th.

Sir Charles Royds and Sergeant Black both took their opponents to the last green, but the only successful members of the police team were P. C. McLaughlan, who beat J. B. Batley by 3 and 2, and P. C. Winyard, who beat Vardon by 2 and 1, so the Professionals again had an easy win.

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In the Surrey Amateur and Professional match on the Wentworth course, the professionals were successful by a margin of 9 points. The amateurs had a very strong team, including a former amateur champion in Sir Ernest Holderness, three "Walker" Cup players in Holderness, W. L. Hope and R. H. de Montmorency, as well as two English ex-Internationalists in the veteran golfer, S. H. Fry and J. S. F. Morrison, who was also a Cambridge Triple "Blue".

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Miss Young, of Auchterarder, near Gleneagles, now a nurse in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, won the Handicap Challenge Cup at the Scottish Ladies' County Championship. She was formerly in the employ of Gordon Lockhart, one time well known Scottish amateur, now the popular professional at Gleneagles, the famous Scottish course.

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On the advice of his doctor, Charles Whitcombe is to rest for six weeks, so that he is unable to meet Henry Cotton in the 36-hole challenge match arranged for this month at Brockenhurst Manor, Bournemouth. Whitcombe has been suffering from an abscess under his right arm. The match was arranged as the outcome

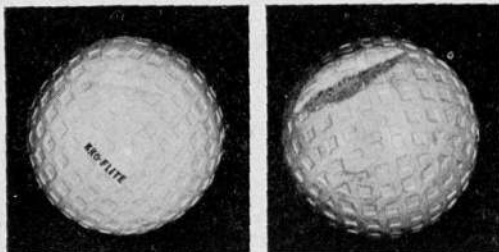
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of a challenge by Cotton, who was beaten by Whitecombe in the final of the "News of the World" £1,040 Tournament at Oxhey in September.

The Portuguese Prime Minister, in a formal decree, commands the authorities to expropriate, if necessary, certain selected sites where golf courses are to be laid out. Once the

land has been acquired the authorities must construct the courses within two years.

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The New South Wales State Championship was decided on the links of the Australian Club at Kensington, and the title won by Miss Wray, who twenty-two years ago captured the title—certainly a remarkable repeat.

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Play Your Golf in B.C. This Winter

BRITISH COLUMBIA is making quite a bid this winter to attract Canadian golfers who have been in the habit of spending the next few months in Southern resorts. Out on the Pacific, courses are now open all the year round and golf can be played under ideal conditions. The Empress Hotel third annual winter golf tournament is scheduled to be played over the beautiful Victoria Golf Club course, at Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C., February 23rd to the 28th, and indications are for a good entry list of leading players from all parts of Canada and the States.

The Challenge Trophy in this interesting Tournament, presented by Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., president of the C. P. R., is competed for by amateurs playing under club handicaps.

The competition is open to all guests of the Empress Hotel and members in good standing of clubs in Victoria City; the entrance fee being \$5.00 for ladies and \$10.00 for men.

The tournament will be divided into classes for both ladies and men and many handsome prizes will be awarded the winners of the various flights. The qualifying round for men starting the morning of February 23rd, and for ladies in the afternoon. The first sixteen in each class to form the Championship Flight, and eighteen holes to be played daily thereafter until finals are reached. Consolation and other flights for the remaining contestants.

Dinner dance with cabaret entertainment every evening in the Empress Hotel, with presentation of prizes at a Grand Ball Saturday night, February 28th.

Last year the Beatty Trophy was won by Harold Lineham, of the Colwood Golf and Country Club, Victoria, who defeated in the final 17-year-old Clarence Byrndjolfson. Mrs. R. B. Philbrick, of Victoria, one of the best known players on the Coast, won the Ladies' Championship.

Prospects are for a large attendance of both women and men experts at Oak Bay the week of the tournament which every year is becoming increasingly popular. Eastern golfers would be well advised to plan a trip to "Canada's Evergreen Playground" this winter starting with "an old English Christmas" at the famous Empress Hotel, where they certainly do know how to observe Christmas and ending up with the Mid-winter Tournament. That would be a holiday to remember for many a day.

Quebec Branch of C. L. G. U.

Holds a Banquet and Annual Meeting Which is Attended by Hundreds of the Prominent Members of Montreal and District. Interesting Annual Reports.

THE Quebec Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union held its annual meeting and dinner last month at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, and the event was the most successful in the history of this particularly successful and energetic Branch of the C.L.G.U.

There was an attendance of several hundred members who enjoyed a thoroughly interesting programme and listened to most encouraging reports. It was a magnificent gathering. The past season's activities were reviewed, and the reports of the various committees were read and adopted. The 1930 season was considered the most successful year in the history of women's golf in this Province.

One of the encouraging features of the year was the increased participation of clubs and players outside Montreal District, which gives the Branch a broadening-out aspect heretofore very much lacking.

Extracts from the report of Mrs. E. P. Christian, for four years the particularly energetic hon. secretary of the Branch:—

The Branch ran eight tournaments in all during the past season—five field days, including one for Bronze Division players only, a Provincial, a City and District and a Junior Championship, and worked closely with the National Executive in the two Canadian Tournaments held in our Province. The results of these events are known to you all, and as those of the field days are attached to this report and the prizes are to be presented on this occasion, I shall not take your time by repeating them here. For the major tournaments—the Provincial again saw the third successive annual battle between Miss Virtue and Mde. Dagenais carried to its now "almost-a-habit" extra hole finish, Miss Virtue emerging the victor one up at the 21st hole. As Mds. Dagenais so sportingly said at the finish, "All right Dora, your turn this year—mine next time."

The City and District was again won by Miss Marjorie Kirkham, who retains, with the title, the Lord Atholstan Cup. This win was just a preliminary to Miss Kirkham's greater achievement some two weeks later in winning the Canadian Close Championship, bringing that honour for the first time

to Montreal. Hearty congratulations to Miss Kirkham.

The Junior Championship was full of thrills—and of excellent golf. Double the number of entries over last year, and tremendous enthusiasm. Miss Dorothy Nicoll, who came from behind to oust Miss Roland, the first day leader, was the winner,



Mrs. T. Arnold, Montreal, president of the Quebec Branch of the C. L. G. U.

and now leaves the junior ranks, together with some half dozen others who have completed their career as juniors, and I predict that they will all be heard from in the future.

In view of the fact that it is most important that these junior players be given as much experience as possible in match play, I respectfully suggest to the incoming executive committee that, if at all feasible, it be arranged that this Junior Championship be changed from a medal to a match tournament in future.

As to the field days themselves—the interest and participation of the clubs and players was most satisfactory. The total entry was 893, an average of 175-3/5ths; and of these 106 were from clubs not in the Montreal District. These figures do not include the 236 entries for the three championships.

It has been suggested on several occasions that it would be interesting and

beneficial if some scheme could be devised whereby match play could be arranged for one or more of these field days. Your committee has racked its brains to try and find some solution for this problem but has so far been unsuccessful. At a recent meeting, Miss Kinsella proposed that an event might be arranged along the lines of the men's tournament for teams of four players from the different clubs—each club to send as



Mrs. W. Garth Thomson, Montreal, handicap manager Quebec Branch C.L.G.U., and also hon. sec.-treasurer of the Canadian Women's Senior Golf Association.

many teams as it desired (or could), details of play to be considered and published. This would of course eliminate prizes for that particular day—but the resulting experience would be reward enough for playing.

Any suggestions that may occur to any of you for the holding of more numerous match play competitions would be very gratefully received, I am sure, by the incoming tournament manager.

Extracts from the report of Miss Eileen Kinsella, pars committee chairman:—

During the past season we re-parred 19 old courses and parred two new courses. There being one course par 68, 4 par 70, 4 par 72, 6 par 75, 9 par 76, 9 par 77, and 4

par 78. A foursome consisting of Miss Marjorie Kirkham, Miss Dora Virtue, Mde. Dagenais and myself parred and played exhibition matches at the Kent Club, Quebec; Grandmere, Shawinigan; and Ki-8-eb Club, Three Rivers. We think that this trip was well worth while, and that a greater interest will be taken by the women in this part of the Province. We were amazed at the beautiful courses, the excellent layout, all of which proved quite a test of golf. In the near future we hope these courses will be available for championships which is always a stimulus to golf. We are indebted to Mrs. George Chahoon, Jr., Mrs. Pigott, of Quebec, Mrs. Morgan, of Shawinigan, and Mrs. Baptiste, of Three Rivers, for the deep interest they are taking in golf, and for their kind hospitality, so characteristic of Quebec.

Extracts from the report of Mrs. W. Garth Thomson, handicap manager:—

We have now forty clubs in the Branch. Three of these are geographically in Ontario but because of their proximity to Quebec they have preferred to join this Branch.

Practically every club shows an increase in the number of players with handicaps and it is gratifying to record an unusually large number of handicap reductions. In this connection I have pleasure in announcing that Miss Nora Hankin, of Rosemere, has won the C. L. G. U. Cup for the greatest reduction in handicap. This young golfer achieved a 62.2% reduction, viz., from 33 to 13.

Following the banquet a short business meeting and a round table discussion on various aspects of the competitions was held. There was opposition to the idea of making a charge for the gallery in final events such as the Canadian Open and Closed Tournaments, although the majority seemed in favour of it. It will be settled later by the executive.

Mrs. Christian stressed the need for more match play experience, especially among the junior girls.

The following were elected officers for 1931:—

Miss Kate Campbell—Hon. President.
Mrs. Thomas Arnold—President.
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Mrs. W. M. Dobell—Vice-president.
Mrs. J. W. Hammond—Vice-President.
Mrs. W. L. Lighthall—Hon. secretary.
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Meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association

"Free Press", Winnipeg, Comes in for High Praise. Mr. A. A. Weir Shows Interesting Movie Pictures of British Championships.

MORE than 20 representatives of the various golf clubs were present at the semi-annual meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association, held in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg. President Robert Jacob occupied the chair, and kept the business of the evening running along smoothly. That the association had enjoyed a successful year could easily be determined by the manner of those present.

A despatch was read from the Royal Canadian Golf Association, asking the opinion of the Manitoba body, whether or not a person accepting a cash prize for winning "Pee Wee" golf competitions, was professionalized. The Manitoba Association, however, was of the opinion that no relationship existed between the two games.

The delegate from the Alcrest Club, Winnipeg, present holders of the Hutchings Trophy, which they won at Brandon a few years ago, made a suggestion that the rules governing this competition be changed in some way, so that the tournament might be revived. One suggestion forthcoming was that it be used as a travelling "ambassador," the same as is done in curling circles. This was left over to the executive council to take the matter into consideration, and to bring in their report at the annual meeting on March 26.

Nothing has yet been decided upon as to the future of the Free Press tournament for rural golfers, which was taken over by the M.G.A. at the conclusion of this year's final. Preparations, however, will be made, and the executive will meet early in

January, to discuss and get plans ready to present at the annual meeting. High tributes were paid to the Free Press for the manner in which it had gone to work and fostered and encouraged the splendid game of golf amongst the rural towns of this Province. This, it was stated, had been in a large way responsible for the rapid strides this popular summer pastime had made during the last few years.

The question of keeping the Western Canada Golf Association alive was brought forward, and after being thoroughly discussed it was thought that the association should continue.

A very interesting feature of the meeting was some moving pictures, shown by Mr. Alex. Weir, ex-Manitoba Amateur Champion, who visited the Old Country this year, and took part in the British Amateur Tournament. The pictures showed scenes of the British Open, at the Royal Liverpool Hoylake course, the British Amateur played over the picturesque and famous Royal and Ancient St. Andrew's course, and where Bobby Jones won the title for the first time. Others were also flashed across the screen of the Walker Cup games at Sandwich over the Royal St. George's Club course.

The Question of Too Many Clubs

OF golfers whom Sir Ernest Holderness has known some have been connoisseurs in the matter of clubs and looked after their own set with old-maidenish care; others have treated theirs as if they were necessary but worthless property. There is a type of player who does not feel himself to be properly equipped for the game unless he has an enormous bag heavily laden with clubs resplendent with varnish. Needless to say, he always has some one to carry them for him, and if he had not he would probably not be bothered to play.

Another type is content to shoulder an old tattered bag containing a few rusty weapons held together by bits of string, which could be used as an exhibit of the Bronze Age in an historical museum.

"The number of clubs which a golfer carries does not, of course, indicate his capacity," Sir Ernest continues in *The London Field*. "Like good clothes, it is indicative rather of his temperament. But in the higher walks of golf the fashion of carrying a large assortment has grown in popularity. It may perhaps be called an American fashion because the size of bags fancied by some American professionals is truly amazing. They are

not unlike innovation trunks and just as objectionable to the unfortunate caddies who lug them around.

"When one does not have to carry one's own bag there is a great temptation to slip in a few extra clubs on the off chance that they may come in handy. One may not have occasion or the courage to use them but the knowledge that they are there is comforting, as though there were safety in numbers.

"Fashions change, or as some persons would say, progress. Thirty or forty years ago few golfers had more than eight or nine clubs in their bag. There is a tale that the great Mr. John Ball required only three clubs, a driver, an iron and a cleek or putter, I forget which, to win his very many amateur championships and that he actually lost one because an over-zealous friend tried to make him take a mashie at a critical moment to loft over a bunker instead of his accustomed iron. One cannot help wishing that some genius could repeat the performance in these sophisticated days.

"On the question whether it is a good thing to have a great number of clubs, opinions may differ. I often wonder whether the person who carries twenty clubs ever uses all of

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them or whether he takes them with him for moral support. There is one element in the game which is frequently overlooked and that is the judging of distances. This enters into the playing every stroke, except perhaps the full drive, but it is difficult to see how it is simplified by the possession of numerous clubs.

"Distances cannot be judged solely in terms of yards. There are few if any golfers who could play a shot of say 100 yards to order without the assistance of a target and there is no object in learning to reckon by yards because conditions of wind, ground, humidity and temperature make important differences. It is not generally appreciated that on a warm day a ball will travel fifteen yards or so further off a full drive than when it is cold and damp. This has been proved by exhaustive tests on driving machines.

"If R. T. Jones were told that as a condition of his entering a championship he would only be allowed to use

five clubs he might feel perhaps a bit disconcerted at the handicap, but it would be imaginary rather than real, and any one who thereby hoped to sneak a victory off him would be disagreeably surprised to find that the handicap was not worth more than one stroke if that per round.

"A good carpenter may justly be proud of his tools but it is easy to overestimate their value to his craftsmanship. The exploit of the Hon. W. G. Brownlow with his father's clubs is a case in point. He arrived one day to play in an important tournament at St. George's Hill to find that by mistake he had brought his father's bag of clubs instead of his own. As there was no time to rectify the error he had to sally forth equipped as he was. It was a nasty, cold, damp day, but despite the chill wind which was blowing and his father's clubs he easily led the field with a magnificent round of 72. Strange clubs sometimes act as a tonic and the novelty of the adventure may have contributed to its success."

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Swinley Forest, Exclusive London Club, Venue of Seniors' Tournament in 1931

NEXT year the Triangular Senior matches, Great Britain, Canada and the United States, are scheduled to be played in England. This year, it will be remembered, these very interesting games were played at the Toronto Golf Club, resulting in a victory for the United States with a score of 28½, Great Britain 14½, Canada 14.

The Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. Francis Popham, D.S.O., of the Senior Golfers' Society of Great Britain, writes from the Carlton Club, Pall Mall, London:—

"You will be pleased to hear that with the very fine co-operation of Lord Derby we shall be able to hold our annual triangular tournament here when we have it next year at Swinley Forest; this is really a great triumph because at Swinley Forest they have a hard and fast rule that no matches shall be played there and the club be kept entirely for the use of individual members. This concession on the part of the club is a very fine compliment."

Note.—Swinley Forest is one of the most exclusive clubs in Great Britain. Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, formerly general manager of the Bank of Montreal, is a member of the club, and thanks to his introduction the Editor

had the pleasure of playing over it three years ago. It will be an ideal venue for the Seniors' Tournament next year. It is interesting to note that the president of the Senior Golfers' Society of Great Britain is The Earl of Derby, K.G., P.C., G.C.B.; vice-presidents, The Lord Lurgan, K.C.V.O., The Viscount Dunedin, P.C., G.C.V.O., Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., The Viscount Willingdon, G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G.

Mr. A. C. M. Croome, the well known golfer and authority on golf, was from its inception the captain of the British Seniors' Society. His recent demise left the office vacant and it has been filled by the election of Mr. R. de Montmorency, who like Mr. Croome is a fine player.

The Golfer

Consider the golfer, for he is the son of Joy, and the heart of his wife rejoiceth in him.

He requireth not to be awakened, but ariseth at dawn, and arouseth the whole house.

He swalloweth his breakfast without complaint, and fortifieth himself at the font within his locker.

Mighty are his preparations and there is much rushing about amongst the women to find his THINGS.

Optimism is his middle name and his bright lexicon containeth no such word as "rain".

The mind of his wife is at peace; for she knoweth where he is all day; and in the evening he is weary, and goeth to sleep after dinner.

Whatsoever his wanderings, and however long his absence, she feeleth no jealousy but says: "Thank heaven he is safe."

His moods, his grouches, his temperamentalisms are known only to his God and his caddie; and in the open, where it can do no harm, he bloweth off the carbon of his brainstorms.

The "touch of liver" knoweth him not, and dyspepsia is a stranger unto him.

The sun lighteth up his countenance, and his figure keepeth its beauty; embonpoint cometh not near him.

He lacketh not the topic of conversation, and concerning his score, the TRUTH is not in him.

He is happy in his folly, and weareth the smile that will not come off.

He prefereth a pleasant day unto a moonlight night, and a beautiful course unto a beautiful woman.

And a smile of approval, from his caddie, he findeth more thrilling than the smiles of blondes and of sirens.

Verily, verily, a little hobby is a wonderful thing.

For every man must have his folly, whereon he worketh off the original sin within him.

And some choose wine, and some tobacco, and some flirtations.

But the golfer exceedeth them all in wisdom; then, blessed be the driver, and the putter, and the mashie and the niblick, and the little white rubber ball;

For where golf is, there is sweetness and light—a good digestion. And no man can be both a good golfer and a bad husband.

New Women's Par Accepted by Metropolitan Association

THE delegates at the annual meeting of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, last week, reaffirmed the action of their executive committee in adopting the new yardage system for ascertaining women's par on any course, as accepted by the United States Golf Association a short time ago.

After a survey made by the handicap committee, of which Mrs. James McMillen is chairman, it was pointed out that the new yardage system would lower the women's par on most of the metropolitan district courses from two to four strokes and in turn necessitate the raising of handicaps by approximately two strokes.

One of the immediate results will be the elimination of plus handicaps, enjoyed in this district by such golfers as Miss Glenna Collett, Miss Helen Hicks and Miss Maureen O'reutt.

The marked improvement of women players throughout the country was the cause for this new system being adopted by the U.S.G.A. and the stipulations on which the new par will be based are as follows: Holes up to 200 yards in length, par 3; 201 to 275 yards, par 4; 376 yards and over, par 5.

The old method of computing par in the Women's M. G. A. was based on holes up to 190 yards, par 3; those 191 to 350 yards, par 4; 351 to 500, par 5, and all over 501 yards, par 6.

How to Get More Fun Out of Golf

YOU'LL find them on every golf course. Sad-eyed golfers, parading along with heads bent, as if they were chief mourners at a funeral. Swearing by heaven, that they will abandon golf and take up some game like marbles. Murmuring the old complaint, "I'm off my game again."

And the worst of it is, that there's no real need for most of the trouble.

A. G. Spalding & Bros. have been keeping an inquisitive eye on the grand old game for the last 38 years, and have a few friendly suggestions that may be of real help to golfers.

The trouble is that most golfers foolishly decide that the way to get the most fun out of golf is to make up a congenial foursome and get right into a red-hot match. There's a lot to be said for that. But if the round is spotted with sliced drives, flubbed iron shots, and atrociously missed putts, just where is the fun?

Of course, not every golfer can be a scratch man, or break course records—nor does every golfer expect to. But there isn't a golfer who can't improve his game to an extent that will amaze him if he will do two simple things.

And when we say improve his game, we don't refer merely to the making of a few low scores—lower than before. We mean something vastly more important; the ability to play his best game most of the time—to have a consistency of play that he can rely on—to go into a match confident that he will play the round in about the form his handicap indicates. That's fun!

And that is something that every golfer can do if he will take a page from the experience of the greatest stars in the game—that is, if he will devote a little time to practice, both by himself and under the eagle eye of a professional.

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There isn't a champion in the game—amateur or professional—who doesn't practice religiously to keep his game at top form. If something does go wrong, every one of them has his favourite professional to whom he turns, knowing that the trained eye of another can quickly ferret out troubles which the player himself is often unable to diagnose.

These are two things that every golfer can do as consistently as the stars themselves. Practice. And never give a fault a chance to become a habit. As soon as a trouble develops—before you play another round—go to your professional. Maybe you're not keeping that left arm straight. He'll spot it. Maybe you're using too much right hand. He'll find it out. Maybe you've changed your grip, are shifting your weight too soon, or aren't pivoting. He'll know.

And just a few minutes of practice under his supervision—say half an hour in all—and your troubles are discovered, and ironed out for days, perhaps for weeks.

Then, when trouble shows up again, consult your professional again. Faults will develop, you know. Nobody has ever succeeded in learning the game for all time. But if you'll give your game just a little attention regularly, you'll never go far off. You'll keep getting a little better all the time. And most of the time you'll be enjoying the thrill of playing at the peak of your game—and that's a thrill whether your best score is 75, 85, or 100. And, we repeat, that's fun!

Golf is Booming in the Argentine

WHEN the Prince of Wales visits the Argentine next year to open the British Empire Fair in which it is satisfactory to note many prominent Canadian firms will participate, he will not lack opportunity for playing his favourite game of golf.

It is really astonishing how the Royal and Ancient pastime has of recent years "caught on" in South America. There are many fine 18-hole courses quite up to the best championship standard in all the principal centres and there are tens of thousands of golfers and would-be golfers.

The natives have taken very readily to the game and the majority of the professionals are now South Americans with a smattering of British pros. This year the Argentine Open Championship was won by Thomas Genta, the assistant professional of the Jockey Club, with the splendid score of 288, six strokes ahead of Jose Jurado and J. I. Cruickshank (a member of the well known Scottish family of golfers), who tied for second place. Next year a team of Argentinians are going over to compete in the British Open at Carnoustie. They are Thomas Genta, Marcos Churio (Ituzaingo Club), Jose Jurado (Golf Club, Argentina), and Hector Freccoro (Lomas Athletic Club). Churio, by the way, won the Argentine Professional Championship this year, which is decided by match play, the same as in the United States.

The Humour of the Links

The Funny Side of the Game as Told in Poetry and Prose.

Enthusiast: "Do you know, I'd rather play golf than eat!"

Friend: "But whatever does your wife say to that?"

Enthusiast: "Oh, well, she'd much rather play bridge than cook!"

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It is better to have both feet in the bunker than one foot in the grave.

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It is said that 75,000 new words are awaiting admission to the next English dictionary. And the average golfer who gets into the rough still feels that there are not enough of them.

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The Other One

Two men were playing a ding-dong golf match, into the exciting spirit of which even the caddies had entered.

Going to the last hole all square, one man sliced badly while the other had an equally wild pull. The first man found himself in a jungle. His first niblick shot raised a huge divot and moved the ball about 6 ft. He

took turf with his second also, but got the ball well away.

"By the way," he said, as he replaced the second divot, "what happened to the other clod?"

"Oh," said the caddie, with satisfaction, "he's playing six out of a bunker."—Tatler.

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The Optimist: "Is this your ball over here?"

The Pessimist: "Is it in a rotten lie?"

The Optimist: "Yes."

The Pessimist: "Is it unplayable?"

The Optimist: "Pretty near it."

The Pessimist: "Right under the bank of the bunker."

The Optimist: "I'm afraid you might call it so."

The Pessimist: "Then it's my ball all right."

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Lives of duffers all remind us

How to strike the ground with force,

And departing, leave behind us,

Divots all around the course.

There was a man in our town
 Who happened to advance
 His left foot very far in front
 When taking up his stance.

And when he found he got a hook,
 Which wasn't very nice,
 He put his right foot out in front
 And then he got a slice.

—Judge.

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His Handicap

Visitor to a golf course who is about to play from the first tee in front of the club house is asked by his opponent the usual question, "What is your handicap?"

"Sh," he replied, pointing to his masterful looking wife, coming down the verendah steps, "here she comes."

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"Consume Your Own Smoke"

"When driving or putting or making approaches,
 No matter what happens, be it this thing or that,
 'Twill help you a lot just to keep your tongue quiet,
 Consume your own smoke—keep it under your hat.
 Let Jones chatter on, as you tee-up for driving,
 Let that caddie of yours sniffle as he will,
 When you settle yourself to run that long putt in—
 Consume your own smoke, hold your tongue and be still."

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A boy goes to school and studies the "three R's" so that he can grow up to be a business man and study the "three G's"—Gold, Golf and Gasoline.

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Here's a Good 'Un

The Scotsman reluctantly discarded golf and took up football because he thought a quarterback was some sort of a cash refund.

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With no particularly reference to a certain well advertised "pink pill"

golf has been defined as the pursuit of pale pills by purple people.

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It is hoped that some of the reigning professional champions we know, are putting something aside for a reignless day.

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Caddie (to himself)—"I'm afraid to call it Mister 'cause maybe it's a her."

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What Were the Refreshments?

And here is a good one from a New Jersey paper:—

"The Intermediate Christian Endeavour Society (Caldwell) held a novel golf meeting Tuesday evening on the lawn of the home of Robert Pettit, of Fairfield Avenue. As each member put the ball in a hole, he had to recite a verse from the Bible or lead in singing some hymn. The ninth hole was the stop for refreshments for the players."

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The Fair La-dy Golfer

See the La-dy on the tee. What is she do-ing?

She is writing down her score, which was only nine for the hole!

Why does she not move on? Some men are waiting to play.

She will e-vent-u-al-ly. But first she must re-turn to the edge of the green and pick up her bag.

Why does she not lay the bag on the far side of the green, so as not to de-lay the game?

Because if she did that she would not be a la-dy golf-er.



The Enthusiast

Old Timer: "Well, I see you've made a start at the game. What did you make it in?"

Novice: "Say, this is a real game; I'm all for it. Made it in forty."

Old Timer: "Well, well, you are a wonder. I suppose you'll be out regularly after this?"

Novice: "Yet bet, I'm going to try the second hole to-morrow."

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We've All Met "Playful Little Horaces"

Mother, at golf club for first time, to prankish son who had galloped out onto the 18th green, picked up a player's ball and hurled it down a bank thirty yards away:

"Horace, dear, you mustn't do that. You might lose the gentleman's ball."

Then smilingly at the golfer, who was foaming at the mouth:

"I'm sure he didn't hurt it any. He's so playful."

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You Never Can Tell!

"That chap has the look of a man who would beat his wife!"

"I thought so, too, the first time I saw him, but when I became acquainted with her I asked did he, and she said certainly not! I had him two down only yesterday in a 9-hole match for chocolates against cigars."

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The Personal Touch

The Bishop—after driving from the first tee, "Did that go out of bounds, my boy?"

Caddie—"Out of the diocese, I think, my Lord."

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"Keep Your Head Still"

(By Charles Herndon in "Golf Made Easier")

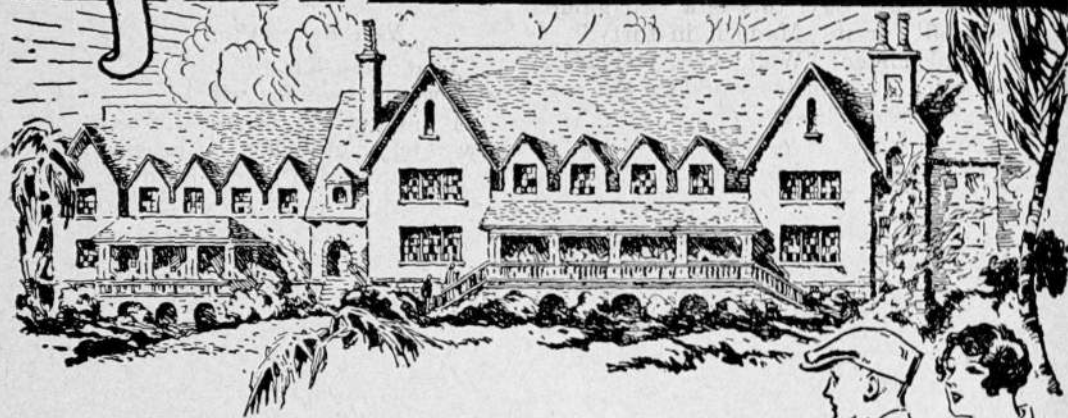
THIS advice is given by almost every golf writer and instructor.

Moving the head is claimed by some to be the worst golf fault; and they warn us not to move it in the slightest degree or the shot is likely to be ruined. One author says, "The player must keep his head perfectly motionless." Another author urges us to keep the head down "as though you had it in a vise." Still another tells us to imagine we have a glass of water balanced on our head and are swinging as hard as we can without spilling any of the water, and that this will give us a pretty fair idea of how we must swing to avoid moving our head. We doubt if anyone could imagine himself swinging his hardest with a glass of water on his head

without spilling a drop. And as such a thing could not be accomplished in actual play, what is the use of imagining it? Thinking of the wrong thing would be bad enough, but thinking of this balancing stunt would make us too careful and tense, and would certainly cut down the vigourness of our swing.

It is a physical impossibility to make a full swing, no matter how well we pivot, without moving the head slightly. You can prove this by watching your shadow on the ground or your reflection in a mirror while making a full swing. Any attempt to keep it as still as if it were in a vise will tense, to some extent, the muscles of the neck and shoulders and lessen the efficiency of the swing.

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The head has three voluntary movements. It may nod up and down; it may turn from side to side by a twisting movement, which is a combination of nodding and twisting. But these movements of the head are not the ones that ordinarily cause the golfer trouble in his shots, and so we will ignore them in our discussion of the subject. Aside from these movements, all other head movements are responsive to the movements of the body. And if poor shots result, we should not blame our head—for the movement of the head is only an effect of, not the cause of the trouble. The cause of the head movement was the body movement, and there must have been a faulty swing that caused the body to move in the wrong way; and there may have been something back of that that caused the

faulty swing. And so our poor heads are not to blame at all.

It probably does the pupil more harm than good to tell him, "You lifted your head," or "Keep your head still," unless he knows, or we can tell him, what caused his head to move excessively.

When your head bobs up and down, you have altered the angle of your body to the ground; and when your head moves sideways or forwards or backwards, you have swayed your body.

If the player merely concentrates his mind upon keeping his head still he probably will only succeed in tensing his muscles and interfering with the rhythmic movement of his body. He must go back of the symptom, and remove the cause of the faulty body movements. And this sometimes is a pretty big order. Some of the causes of bad body movements are "snatching", hitting too soon, pressing, "scooping", bad balance, having the body too bent or too erect in the address, straight-back swinging, curiosity, anxiety, overeagerness, thinking of the wrong thing, fear, indecision, and lack of confidence. Whatever causes one to lift or lower the body, or causes it to sway, will cause the head to move.

It is an almost irresistible temptation sometimes to lift the head quickly in order to see the result of the stroke; but unless we resist it, the result is apt to be disappointing. In looking up to see where the ball has gone, the head will surely raise (usually prematurely), and the body is almost certain follow suit, and a topped ball is the usual result.

The most frequent cause of head lifting is one that the majority of golfers never suspect. Practically all shots should be made by a descending blow; that is, the clubhead should not reach the lowest point in its arc until the ball has been struck. But most players do not play their shots in this manner, but, instead, strike the ball an ascending blow; or, in other words, the clubhead meets the ball after it has reached the lowest point

in its arc and has started to rise. Now this act of hitting up is the main cause of head lifting; for in hitting up, the body will usually raise a little. The cure is simple enough; just hit down at the ball, and keep hitting down until the ball has left the club-

face. If this is done, the body, and consequently the head, will stay down as long as needs be. What happens thereafter to your head or body will have no effect on the flight of the ball, for it will already have been despatched.

Nominations for R. C. G. A. Executive

Representative Golfers From Every Province in the Dominion are Named by the Nominating Committee for 1931.

THE nominating committee of the Royal Canadian Golf Association which is composed of seven of the most prominent golf executives in Canada has just handed down its nominations for officers of the R. C. G. A. for 1931 as follows:—President, Alfred Collyer, Montreal; vice-presidents, to be elected by the new executive committee; secretary-treasurer, to be appointed by the new executive committee; executive committee, British Columbia, Kenneth McLennan; Alberta, H. Milton Martin; Saskatchewan, N. C. Byers; Manitoba, C. W. Jackson; Ontario, Gordon T. Cassels, W. M. Plant, L. M. Wood; Quebec, G. H. Forster, Adelard Raymond, N. M. Scott; Maritime Provinces, Hugh MacKay. These nominations will have to be ratified by the delegates from the various clubs at the annual meeting of the Association next February. Up until December 20th other nominations can be made to the secretary of the R. C. G. A., Mr. B. L. Anderson, 357 Bay Street, Toronto, but in the past the nominations of the nominating committee have always been unanimously endorsed.

Mr. Collyer, of Montreal, is the present president of the Association and has done exceptionally good work ably assisted by Vice-Presidents Mr. W. H. Plant, Toronto, and Mr. H. Milton Martin, Edmonton, who will unquestionably be re-elected to that office. Other members of the 1930 executive who are again nominated for office in 1931 are Messrs. N. C. Byers, Saskatoon, C. W. Jackson, Manitoba, L. M. Wood, Toronto, G. H. Forster, Adelard Raymond, and Norman M. Scott, Montreal—all particularly able executives. The new men nominated are Mr. Kenneth McLennan for British Columbia, Mr. Gordon T. Cassels, Toronto, for Ontario, and Mr. Hugh MacKay for the Maritime Provinces—all most excellent selections. The R.C.G.A. has always been fortunate in having an outstanding executive. The 1931 nominations representing as they do every Province in the Dominion are alike representative and outstanding and live up to the best traditions of the Governing Body of Golf in Canada.

Cotton and Mitchell Test New U.S. Ball

IN order to test the possibilities of the larger and lighter ball which has recently been standardized in the United States, Henry Cotton and Abe Mitchell met in a 36-hole challenge match on the course of the Brockenhurst Manor Club, Hampshire. Cotton won by 9 and 8, after being 6 up at the end of the first round. He found the new ball to his liking, apparently, and putted well on greens that had been made difficult because of the rainstorm, which

delayed the start for 15 minutes. The Brockenhurst Club offered an additional side stake for the remaining eight holes after the match proper had finished, and Mitchell won this by 2 and 1.

Mitchell, after the match, stated: "It was my first experience of the ball in play, although I have struck it with clubs before in practice. I should think it would be a good ball for women golfers or people getting on in years, but I would not recommend its adoption as the standard ball in this country. I found it easier to pick it up for the second shots, but it affected my putting because it was lighter. Of course, what I wanted in this match was a larger hole, not a larger ball."

Cotton remarked: "I like the ball, but the best advice I can offer people is to test it for themselves. I found that it shortens my drive by ten to fifteen yards, but in other respects I have nothing to say against it."

Hit by Golf Ball—Sues for Damages

A WRIT for \$500 damages for injuries received when struck by a golf ball on the McKellar course, Ottawa, Ont., has been filed with the Official Receiver, F. A. Magee, by Arthur Ellis, K.C., M.L.A., who is acting in behalf of Norman Kilby Hodgins and Irene Slattery Hodgins. The action is taken against Edward D. Watson. The plaintiffs allege that they were playing golf on the McKellar course and had driven off from the first tee. The defendant, they say, drove off from the first tee while Mrs. Hodgins was on the fairway and the ball struck her. This factor, it is alleged, constituted negligence and recklessness.

The Value of "Golfing Hands"

A Good "Pair of Fists" Absolutely Essential if a Player is to Attain to Super-Proficiency in the Game.

MR. W. N. COX in the current issue of the "Pinehurst Outlook" discussing proficiency in golf dwells on the necessity of "golfing hands". Herewith extracts from his well thought out article:—

There is such a thing as possessing a knack for handling tools and that trait is easily recognized if you will take time to turn your hands palm down and examine them. If you have a capable thumb and fingers well developed towards the points—not conical or fragile—the chance is that you are a pretty good hand at fixing new ribbons to typewriters, putting that extra shelf in the closet your wife has been wanting for lo these many years or tinkering with anything that happens to go wrong about the house, office or automobile.

The meat of the matter is that golf clubs, every weapon in the bag, are tools for expression. Good golfers are able to make them serve as an artist uses his brushes, the skilled craftsman uses saw, chisel, ham-

mer and levelling plane. Each of us can use the same implements to some extent, but the man with the natural touch shoots in the 70's in golf and the rest of us near a hundred, more or less.

The trouble seems to be that the concentration demanded of the person not gifted takes such a heavy toll that the result is a spotted job, in other words a dubbed shot that sends the ball no where in general and nine times in ten into some chasm the devil himself never thought existed. This is certainly disconcerting when you are trying so hard, but you are licked before you started and the so-called will-power will not help you much, if any at all.

If you will stop your pro and examine his hands, you will see what is meant. There they are, strong fingers with more or less stubby points and big thumb with plenty of power and determination. Your pro can use those hands to express himself at the game. It is pleasure for him, pure enjoyment. He can make his irons play a tune. He is able to touch up his game here and there much after the fashion of an

artist stroking with a crayon to get minute light and shade desired.

There are medal students who have all desire in the world to become surgeons; they are on the wrong trail if they do not have mechanical hands. You have never seen an outstanding dentist who did not have telltale mechanical hands. Men so gifted head their respective professions and are cited as examples. They work with tools—they call them by other names but they are tools.

By rather a strange coincidence J. H. Taylor, five times Open Champion of Great Britain, about the same time was also dissertating in the "News of the World", London, on what famous players owe to their hands. He says in part:—

A golf stroke is made by "feeling" how it is to be played, and this cannot be imparted through the medium of words. It requires a deal of experience to gain it. More often than not the most erudite of professors find themselves faced with a hopeless pupil, and varied are the subterfuges they have to call to their aid before any glimmering of golfing sense can be absorbed.

Many pupils forget that the fingers, hands, wrists, and forearms are the main propelling factors in hitting a golf ball.

It is true that the hips, and in a lesser degree the shoulders help, but they only are of a secondary consideration. The mistake most people make is to employ the shoulders and hips as the primary force, forgetting entirely that the fulcrum of the blow should come from the first-mentioned members of the anatomy. The wrists should be regarded as a pair of easy-going hinges, on which the club is hung with a delicate an flexible balance. The more flexible the blow the greater the distance.

A heavy, clumsy blow delivered from the shoulders retards the velocity of the club-head on its downward swing, with the result that the ball flies in a sluggish manner. Those who have seen "Bobby" Jones play will remember that he possesses large and powerful hands, in which every club appears to be responsive to his fingers and finger work.

I have lately learnt, not to my surprise, that "Bobby" Jones is what most people call double-jointed, a characteristic handed down to him from his mother. This provides abnormal flexibility and delicacy of touch, which is seen in his short game, especially in putting.

Harry Vardon's hands have been jocularly compared with "a pair of hams." The clubshaft appears lost in the expanse of flesh and bone, but no player I have yet seen surpasses Vardon in the delicacy of his touch or the artistry he employs in every stroke. James Braid has an outside



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in "maulers," and when James snakes the clubhead so menacingly at the ball during the address, it signifies quite plainly that the hands are the man.

Arthur Lacey, one of the longest hitters and one of the most promising players of the younger school, is also endowed with a pair of fists that a pugilist might envy, and Arthur Havers' hands look crushing with the power they yield. Abe Mitchell may get his power from his back muscles, but the grip he exerts with his hands is

no mean factor in the distance he gets. George Duncan's hands are long and his fingers tapering—in short, the hands and fingers of a real artist and George at his best is all that.

I would counsel those who read this article, and who wish to improve their game, to pay close attention to the work the fingers, wrists, and forearms do. Strengthen the first by application, and the rest will follow with most gratifying results.

A Worth-while Hint to Golf Executives

BY this time those clubs that need new professionals, greenkeepers and secretaries during the 1931 season are well aware of their requirements.

Unfortunately, many of these clubs will wait until the last minute before they engage their new men, and by then, most of the better qualified men will be signed up by rival clubs. Those hired late will be handicapped, by lack of time in getting off to a good start at their new clubs. Plenty of planning should be allowed a man who enters a new job full of ambition and energy. Sign your man during the next month or so, and give him time to consider carefully just what he is going to do when he enters your club's service. If he is the right kind of a chap, this early action will pay you well.

We have many good men on our "Canadian Golfer" lists and shall be only too pleased to forward these lists to you.

Debunking Golf

(By Charles Herndon)

Putting

"I will go further and declare my belief that nature has implanted in our inmost being a sixth sense—the putting sense."—Arnaud Massy in Golf.

Nature may be a friend of a few golfers; and, according to Massy, implanted in their inmost being a putting sense, but Nature has certainly overlooked most of us. And I presume the only course left for us is just to knuckle down and do a lot of hard putting practice to develop this "sixth sense."

The "Snap of the Wrists"

"The left arm is the guiding arm on the backswing and the right arm should be the guiding arm the instant the club reaches the ball. The transfer is made with a snap of the wrists."—Marshall Whitlatch in Golf for Beginners.

It isn't necessary for either arm to do any "guiding", and I don't believe they do. But even if they did, the wrists would be unable to accomplish the transfer from one guide to the other.

According to Mr. Whitlatch the left arm should do all the guiding until "the club reaches the ball", and then the right arm should assume the guiding role by a "snap of the wrists". After the speeding club has reached the ball, would seem rather late to make a change in guides.

There's no such thing as a "snap of the wrists". It's a myth!

The Golf Swing

"The swing must be as wide as possible—that is to say, it must proceed as close to the ground for as long as possible before and after the ball has been

struck. The only method of affecting this big sweep of the clubhead is by determining to keep the left arm straight and stiff throughout. Then the arc will be as wide as man can make it. As an aid to steadiness in every department of the game, this rigidity of the left arm will be of the utmost assistance."—Roger and Joyce Wethered in *Golf From Two Sides*.

Every one of the above theoretical advices is impractical. The swing, or rather its arc, should not be made "as wide as possible" by means of a "big sweep of the clubhead". Attempting to keep the clubhead "close to the ground for as long as possible" in the backswing would straighten and stiffen both arms, remove the elbows away from the sides, sway the body, prevent a proper roll of the arms, interfere with body pivot, and preclude a full swing of the club. Try it, and prove to yourself how impossible it would be to make a good swing in such a manner.

The fallaciousness of the statement that a rigid left arm will be "an aid to steadiness in every department of the game" is too apparent to need rebuttal.

Make no attempt to keep the clubhead near the ground in the upswing. Swing the club up in its normal arc, letting the arms roll and bend to whatever extent your length of swing-back might dictate.

Famous Carnoustie the 1931 Venue of the British Open

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland, where next year's British Open Championship is to be played for the first time in its long history, is one of the oldest courses in the East of Scotland and many famous players have learned their game on its fine natural fairways. It was originally a 10-hole course and was extended by old Tom Morris to 18 holes in 1872.

The expert greenkeepers of to-day would be amazed at the primitive implements used in early days for the upkeep of the course.

The first holes on the reconstructed course at Carnoustie, as it was a very frosty morning, were cut with a mallet and chisel! In the very early days the course was kept with the sole aid of a spade, a brush and a pocket knife. The rabbits did the mowing and did it very well.

An interesting fact about its early days is that one artisan club that played over the course made special rules for its competitions. This club was composed chiefly of men who were better bowlers and curlers than golfers. Every year they held a grand prize meeting and a rule was made that if a player could not get his ball out of a bad lie in two strokes, he might throw it out without penalty. Also no player need mark more than ten strokes on his card for any one hole! Several famous professional golfers both in the United States and Canada learned the game and learned it well at Carnoustie.

Manitoba Branch of C. L. G. U.

Very Successful Season is Recorded at the Tenth Annual Meeting. Mrs. Iman Salberg Elected President of the Branch.

THE tenth annual meeting of the flourishing Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union was recently held at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg. To the general regret of everyone, Mrs. J. G. Cory, the

very capable president for the past three years, handed in her resignation. Mrs. Iman Salberg, of the Niakwa Club, Winnipeg, was the unanimous choice to succeed Mrs. Cory in the presidential chair.

The Manitoba Branch has every reason to be proud of its sound progress and the reports heard indicated that the affairs of the organization have been in the hands of executive officials who have been unremitting in their efforts for the Branch. The meeting unanimously returned Mrs. J. W. Alves as honorary secretary-treasurer. This position has been most capably filled by Mrs. Alves for four years. Mrs. W. J. Faulkner was re-elected handicap manager, while Mrs. Rupert Morrow was the choice of the gathering for the vice-presidency.

The season just closed was unanimously accorded to be the most successful yet enjoyed by the organization which is formed of 11 affiliated city clubs, the Portage la Prairie Club and Dauphin Country Club. Mrs.

Alves reviewed the activities and final competitions, mentioning the existence of an excellent esprit de corps among the participants. In her treasurer's report, Mrs. Alves showed a credit balance of \$651.49.

Keen appreciation of the services of Mrs. Cory, as president, to the Branch was expressed, and a bouquet of roses was presented to her as retiring president.

The manner of drawing for partners for inter-club play and the advisability of meets between Minneapolis and Winnipeg players were matters discussed. The meeting approved a change be made in the system of arranging partners for city and district competitions so that partners be arranged for by a draw each day rather than by score, as previously.

Golf Layouts

An Instructive Article on Golf Course Construction by Peter Stewart, Greenkeeper, Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Ill.

IN talking to different architects I find they use almost the same fundamentals when planning their layouts for a course.

First they consider a get-away hole, one that calls for two good shots, but not too difficult so that the crowd can start away without congestion on busy days. A very difficult finishing hole is agreed by all to be a practical point to be considered. Aim if possible having the first and tenth tees, and ninth and eighteenth greens near the club house.

A good assortment of holes must be considered to make the play enjoyable and interesting, and above all the combination of holes that will call for a real test of all shots. My suggestion for your approval is the following assortment:—

- 1—Mashie pitch of 115 yards
- 1—Iron shot of 190 yards
- 1—Spoon shot of 220 yards
- 1—Two shotter of 360 yards
- 2—Two shotters of 380 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 395 yards

- 2—Two shotters of about 410 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 420 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 435 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 440 yards
- 2—Three shot holes of 530 to 540 yards.

Arrange so that each nine holes total about 3200 yards. Holes that can be reached with a mashie on the second shot should be trapped tightly, but on the other hand if it requires a long second the green should be quite open.

It is not absolutely necessary to have extremely high built greens in order to make the course difficult. A well placed trap is far more practical and less expensive to maintain. One may ask what is a well trapped hole—needless to say that is a matter of opinion judging from information I gathered to submit for your approval which is as follows:—

First, on a drive and pitch hole, place tee shot and green bunkers to call for a well placed drive and a proper second.

On a full two-shotter, trap the tee shot but leave the green open. A well trapped tee shot can be arranged by placing a pit and sand face on the left running diagonally from 125 to 150 yards, covering one-half the course. On the right a similar bunker about 180 to 190 yards covering one-third of the course. Then for the second shot trap the green so that the player who carries the left bunker will have a rather difficult second. But if he can negotiate the right trap his second shot to the green will be a much easier one. This is accomplished by placing a trap that covers the left half of the green.

All greens should be of the average size around eight to ten thousand square feet, except the full one-shot hole which should be a trifle larger.

The one-shot mashie hole calls for less putting surface and a tightly trapped green.

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The First Test of the New U.S. Ball

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Dec. 10th.—The new golf ball, which becomes official on January 1, will receive its first test in a major tournament when the National Championship of Golf Club Champions, the winter amateur classic which has been set for February 3 to 7, opens here over the St. Augustine Links. Johnny Farrell, 1928 U.S. Open golf champion, is in charge of arrangements for the Walter J. Travis Memorial Trophy Association.

Leading amateurs who have recently tried out the larger and lighter ball profess the belief that distance will be sacrificed to possible greater accuracy, although the condition of the ground on northern courses at this time of year admittedly works against a fair test. The new ball will be 1.68 inches in diameter as against the present dimensions of 1.62 inches. Under the new rules it cannot weigh "more 1.55 ounces," while the present ball is uniformly 1.62 ounces.

Farrell is of the opinion that on St. Augustine Links, with its well-drained fairways and fast greens, the difference in performance will not be appreciable in the average of play. If there is a difference, the five-day tournament here will be likely to make it apparent. A field which already exceeds in size that of the 1930 championship has filed entries, and there is every likelihood, Farrell says, that the contestants in the forthcoming classic test will outnumber those of last season two to one.

In and Round the Club House

Interesting Happenings on the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Overseas Dominions

The far-famed Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., is giving special winter rates good until April 30th. "The Empress" has a world-wide reputation for its rooms and its cuisine. The ideal place to spend two or three weeks or more this winter. It is the outstanding hotel in "Canada's ever-green Playground."

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Extracts from article in "Golf Illustrated, London, on "The Hypocrisy of Present Day Amateurship," in which the amateurism of Bobby Jones is discussed:—

"There are some who hold that Mr. Jones in accepting this film contract has acted in opposition to the best interests of amateur golf. With these people we are in profound disagreement. To take up any other attitude would be on our part sheer hypocrisy, for we know in our heart of hearts that had we a game that we could sell tomorrow for £50,000 or £100,000 we should sell it without a moment's questioning. And we can imagine many others doing likewise. We can also imagine many who, having sold their game, would still continue to stand by the letter of the law, forgetting the spirit of that law, and hold that they were still amateurs. As a more intelligent type of man is attracted to the professional ranks, as the whole social scale of professional rises, so we can see the words professional and amateur disappearing from the vocabulary of sport. But until that time, if we are going to recognize the difference between amateurship and professionalism, then the various authorities at present governing golf must meet and agree upon a far more stringent code than the one at present in existence. As it is, if we cut out sentiment, we are forced to describe amateurship as it exists in golf to-day as downright hypocrisy."

H. A. MacKay was elected to the presidency of the Assiniboine Golf Club, Winnipeg, at the annual meeting of that body held at the Marlborough Hotel. A large attendance was on hand to hear the reports of the various committees which showed the club to have gone through the year with success from every angle.

Other officers elected were:—

Vice-president, R. G. Murray; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Thompson; auditor, H. R. Partidge; directors, H. A. MacKay, T. J. Lytle, T. G. Hall, A. W. B. Foster, D. N. Arnott, S. Turnbull, W. B. Thompson, R. E. Forde and R. G. Murray.

The presentation of prizes took place as follows, with the winner and runner-up being named in order:—

Club champion, D. N. Arnott; runner-up, A. Black, Sr.

"B" Champion—H. Weremy; runner-up, J. Allan.

Birks Trophy — T. Patterson, Jr.; runner-up, G. F. Jeremy.

Fisher Trophy — H. Wilkinson; runner-up, C. E. Reynolds.

Four ball best ball—D. N. Arnott, W. F. Duff, and A. Black, Sr., A. Black, Jr.

Partner in mixed foursome—A. Black, Sr. Four ball—J. Allen and C. Dalton.

Mr. Arnott, who added the Manitoba Championship to a long list of victories, and was a finalist for the Prince of Wales Trophy at Banff, was warmly congratulated, and was the recipient of a gift from his fellow members.

Mr. Creed, the expert greenkeeper of the St. Charles Country Club, was presented with a clock in appreciation of his services.

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The Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club held their annual presentation of prizes and a bridge tournament in

GRIP OF CLUB

The two "V" overlapping grip is formed by the thumbs and fore-fingers. The ball of the right thumb should rest on the back of the left thumb with the little finger on the right hand over the middle joint of the fore-finger of the left. Another grip is the double "V" (finger grip—let both hands work together), pinch tightly with the thumb and first finger of the left hand, see that the "V" between the thumb and finger of left hand is facing the lead side of the club head. Pinch less tightly with the thumb and first finger of the right hand. The "V's" of both hands should be opposite each other. Keep the wrists down.—George Duncan.

the dining room of the Arlington Hotel, Tillsonburg, Ont. The reception committee who welcomed the many guests were S. S. Vance, vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. C. S. Hogarth, president and vice-president of the ladies' section. Mr. W. R. P. Taylor presented the cups and prizes to the following winners:—

Thomson Cup for open championship, won by Dr. R. W. Rankin; Torrens Cup for the handicap championship, won by Bert Trestrain; Van Geel Cup, for ladies' open championship, won by Mrs. Margaret Hayton; Blackwood Cup, for ladies' handicap championship, won by Mrs. C. U. Thomson; the ringer score was won by Miss Margaret Hayton. Mrs. C. U. Thomson and Mrs. L. R. Blackwood, last year's champions, were presented with replicas of last year's cups. There were 20 tables of bridge in the play, the prize winners being:—

High score, ladies, Mrs. L. R. Blackwood; gents, Mr. L. R. Blackwood. Low score, ladies, Miss Winnifred Maddock; gents, Mr. Bert Hunter. Luck number, Mrs. M. H. Hill. The bridge prizes were donated by Mrs. S. G. Vance, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. E. U. Tillson, and Mrs. W. H. Hill. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

The annual dinner, dance and presentation of prizes of the Thistledown Golf and Country Club, Toronto, was held at the Granite Club, and was attended by a large number of the members and their friends. The following were the prize winners:—

Men's Section—Club championship—Winner, J. W. Dunlop; runner-up, A. G. Hedges.

Club championship on handicap—Winner, H. W. Miles; runner-up, H. L. Black.

Junior club championship—Winner, Gordon Wurts; runner-up, W. H. Stokes.

Thistledown Shield—Winner, B. F. Craig; runner-up, J. C. Anderson, Jr.

Financial Times Trophy—Winner, J. C. Anderson, Jr.; runner-up, Alex. Blyth.

Nugget Trophy—Winner, G. A. Seringer; runner-up, R. C. Clayton.

Macdonald Trophy—Winner, K. L. Wallace; runner-up, A. G. Hedges.

Dr. Niddrie Shield—Winner, W. H. Stokes.

Monthly medals—May, R. G. Milne; June, A. M. Cumming; July, S. Marsh; August, C. H. Tillett; September, W. H. Stokes; October, L. C. McClure.

Husband and wife competition—Winners, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Blyth; runners-up, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cummings; semi-finalists, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Orr, and Mr. and Mrs. S. White.



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Handicap championship—Winner, Miss Elsie Armour; runner-up, Mrs. M. S. Shiels.

Musson Cup—Winner, Mrs. C. W. Jarvis; runner-up, Mrs. J. D. Craig.

Partington Cup—Winner, Mrs. W. B. Wurts; runner-up, Mrs. F. E. Jeffrey.

Mrs. Niddrie Shield—Winner, Mrs. C. M. Robertson; runner-up, Miss Jean Craig.

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Next year, following a recognized rule the Canadian Seniors Annual Tournament will go East and already three or four courses in Montreal and Ottawa have been placed at the disposal of the association. Mr. P. D. Ross, the president, will shortly call a meeting of the Governors to decide upon the venue for 1931 and also to discuss other important matters.

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For the third year in succession Mr. P. J. Clifford, a young Englishman, has won the amateur championship of Mexico. Miss Martha Kinsey, of Cincinnati, Ohio, captured the ladies' title. The presentation of the championship cups was made by the President of Mexico. Golf is becoming increasingly popular in that country. There are several very fine courses.

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The Ava Golf Club of Brantford will at the opening of the season of 1931 have in operation three outdoor badminton courts. Badminton in the open air has always been most attractive and exhilarating, the only objection being interference by the wind with the flight of the birds. This difficulty has been met at the Ava Club by reason of the unique conditions existing in the location of the courts, namely, in the woods at the foot of the hill to the north of the club house. Set in the heart of the woods surrounded by tall trees and thick bush, the courts are immune from wind interference. The location is most picturesque, a woodland stream running near the courts. The courts will be open for play early in May, and the formal opening will take place with a tournament on

Victoria Day, which will be open to all badminton players.

The Ava Golf Club is to be congratulated on its enterprise in providing for the Brantford devotees of badminton, who, with a great deal of regret have in the past been accustomed to lay by their racquets for the summer, and who will now be able to avail themselves of the added advantage of the open air when indulging in this popular pastime.

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A correspondent writing in connection with the breach of the rules so lamentably in evidence all over the country very pertinently says:—

"In most cases where the rules are broken there is no criminal intent, rather is the violation unintentional and the outcome of ignorance. But ignorance is no excuse, the presumption in golf being that every player is conversant with the law. When the late Mr. John Low coined his famous aphorism, "the rules of golf were made for rogues," he merely emphasized the point that the man who plays the game in the traditional spirit is in no need of rules. Neither is he; nevertheless, Mr. Low has left behind him a monumental work in which provision is made for every conceivable contingency in golf.

I have heard it said by a prominent golfer that no club medal, or competition, either in the women's or men's section, is ever properly awarded, the implication being that the winner commits some breach of the rules of which cognisance is not taken. In other words, the score returned is not a true, or correct, interpretation of the winner's round. While this is much too sweeping a statement, I must agree that quite a number of competitions, because of innocent abuses of the rules, are improperly won."

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George Von Elm, the former ranking amateur who recently turned professional, picked up \$532 as a result of being semi-finalist in the San Francisco Open.

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Fred Robson, the famous British pro, who toured Canada with the Ryder Cup team in 1927, who leaves the Cooden Beach Club to take up an appointment with the New Addington Palace Club, Croydon, was this month presented with a cheque for £100 by the members of the Cooden Beach Club



The prize winners of the Eaton Golf Club events of 1930 met in the board of the Winnipeg branch of Eatons Ltd., when H. M. Tucker made the presentations. The premier event, the R. Y. Eaton Cup, presented by the president for annual competition, was won by H. A. Steele.

The H. M. Tucker Cup donated by Mr. Tucker went to A. H. Irwin. The S. Wilson Cup was won by W. B. Pickard.

Additional prizes for low nett and gross donated by members of the store executive, J. E. Robertson, B. C. Scrivener, S. Wilson, S. E. Harris, W. B. Pickard, W. J. Gunn, R. J. Fry, F. Beal, and by the Eaton Golf Club were won by the following in this order: A. C. Glennie, D. Holmes, A. Black, D. Arnott, E. Anderson, C. Binkhorn, T. Waldon, N. Taylor, F. Lyons.

Hidden hole events went to R. McConksey, A. C. Mitchell, N. Livingstone, M. Starr, each of whom received prizes presented by the club.

In the "A" division of the store knockout championship W. B. Pickard was winner and E. Anderson runner-up. In the "B" division M. Elson, T. Waldon, runner-up. In the "C" division S. L. Irwin, A. McCormick, runner-up. Father and son competition for the Dailley Cup was won by A. C. Glennie and son, Allan; runners-up, were J. E. Palmer and son, Joedy.

A feature of the occasion was the presentation of a prize to Mr. Bemestir in recognition of his entry into the hole-in-one club. Mr. Bemestir is the second club member to win entry to the select circle.

Mr. Tucker in a few words congratulated the club on its membership—the largest in its history. He expressed pleasure that so many new names appeared on the prize list and congratulated the executive on a successful season.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Tucker for the interest he has always shown in the club.

Mrs. W. H. McPherson was elected president of the ladies' golf section of the Elmhurst Club, Winnipeg, at their recent annual meeting. Other officers are: Secretary-treasur-



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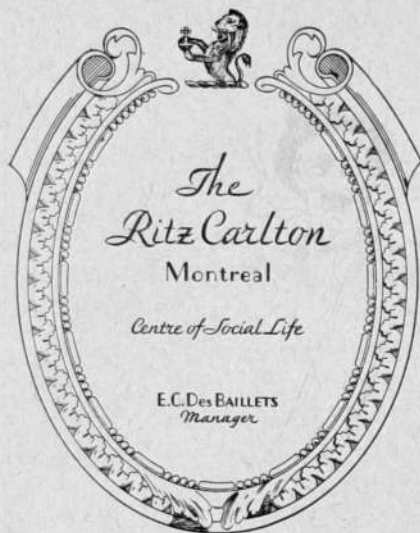
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er, Mrs. W. Gordon; sports captain, Mrs. W. Hicks; social convenor, Mrs. F. Halliday; transportation, Mrs. D. McNichol.

The meeting took the form of a luncheon and was held in the tapestry suite of the Royal Alexandra Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and roses with matching papers. A presentation of prizes for season's competitions was carried out and the afternoon spent at bridge, the prize winners being Mrs. Starmer, Mrs. T. Wardell, Mrs. G. Freer. * * *

By a conservative estimate Bobby Jones has cost the professionals of America approximately \$200,000 the past few years, so they certainly won't bewail his determination to drop out of championship golf in the future. * * *

The Prince of Wales and members of the Royal Household who live at St. James Palace, "keep their eye in" by driving in a golf net erected in Colour Court on the Palace property. * * *

Yorkton, Sask., has in Charles Beck, Jr., one of the most promising players in the West. For three consecutive years he found himself in the grand finals of the annual Winnipeg

Free Press golf tournament and after two of these finals the Yorkton golfer was forced to content himself with the runner-up honours. This year, however, he managed at last to win this important championship which is participated in by clubs throughout the West. In winning the coveted title this season, Beck defeated a luminary who was not only medalist this year but the champion in 1929. The superior play of Beck won for him the triumph over Duncan G. Walker, of Sherridon, Man., by a 5 and 4 score. Walker is a product of far-famed St. Andrews and was runner-up in the Scottish Amateur Championship in 1921. It is very gratifying to know that the smaller Western towns are now producing golfers of championship calibre.

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Augusta, Georgia, has been selected for the 26th annual tournament of the Winter Golf League of Advertising Interests, Carl Percy, president, announces. The dates for the tournament, which marks the opening of the League's second quarter century, have been set for January 24th to 31st. Seventy-five prizes will be awarded in a comprehensive links programme which includes both men and women.

The Winter Golf League, an organization of leading publishing and advertising men, and the oldest trade golfing association in the country, was organized 26 years ago by Frank Presbrey, one of the best known advertising men in America and a pioneer golfer. Every succeeding tournament has had players who were entrants in the initial tournament, and one of the most interesting events is the annual play between old-timers, members of more than 20 years standing, and the new members. Some 200 advertising men and their wives and families will attend the 1931 tourney, which will be played on the Hill and Lake courses of the Augusta Country Club. Headquarters will be at the Bon Air-Vanderbilt. The famous Hill course was

the scene last year of Bobby Jones' victory, from which he carried forward through a series of conquests to the Grand Slam of Golf.

"Golf's the Game", words and music by Mr. John D. Hunt, of Edmonton, Clerk of the Executive Council, Alberta (published by the Douglas Co. Ltd., Edmonton, price 50 cents), is a song that should become popular at all golf dinners and functions. It has a splendid "swing" to it, both the words and music being "snappy and catchy". Mr. Hunt made a great hit amongst curlers with his song "The Roarin' Game". This golf song of his should find equal favour amongst the followers of the Royal and Ancient game.

"Golf's a movie demonstration,
Of the spirit of the nation,
In the form of recreation,
High in aim.
Peaceful strife the chief attraction,
Open air and skilful action,
Competition, satisfaction.
Golf's the game."

The complete schedule of annual golf fixtures to be played at Palm Beach, St. Augustine and Ormond Beach, comprises a total of twenty-one events extending over a period of thirteen weeks. The list opens with the Christmas Day handicap tournament at the Ormond Beach Golf Club, December 25, and ends with the winter amateur championship of Florida at St. Augustine, March 17-21, and the Tombstone Handicap, which annually winds up the East Coast season, March 26.

Lakeview Golf Club, Toronto, with its cheerful grate fires and floral decorations was the setting for the Lakeview Ladies' Golf Club's annual luncheon party, the occasion being the climax of the season's activities and the annual meeting. A long L-shaped table was attractively arranged with salvia and dahlias that blended in with the apple green and pink coloured letters "Lakeview"

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that were effectively placed across the end of the table where the committee sat. Mrs. Tom McCarron, who occupied the seat of honour with Dr. J. X. Robert, president, on her right, and Mr. W. H. Plant, on the left included in her remarks a clever and original toast in rhyme to the players giving their names and suitable characteristics. Dr. Robert and Mr. Plant addressed the ladies. Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Plant, Mrs. Henry C. Lower, Mrs. E. Koken, Mrs. J. E. Abbott and Mrs. Lee occupied seats at the head of the table.

Mrs. George Wilson, vice-president and captain, with Dr. Robert presented the many prizes. At the con-

clusion of the luncheon the annual meeting took place which resulted as follows:—

Mrs. Tom McCarron (by acclamation), president; Mrs. F. W. Heath, vice-president; Miss Edna Haywood, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Abbott, assistant secretary-treasurer; handicap committee, Mrs. J. N. Lang, Mrs. F. C. Armitage, Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

The following were the prize winners for 1930:—

Club Championship—Mrs. F. C. Armitage; runner-up, Mrs. R. Hughes.

Club Trophy—Mrs. F. C. Armitage; runner-up, Mrs. H. R. Knowles.

Bronze Division Championship, Koken Trophy—Mrs. Tom McCarron; runner-up, Miss Edna Haywood.

Ringer, Silver Division—1, Mrs. Lang; 2, Mr. W. H. Plant's prize, Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Spoon presented by C.L.G.U.—Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Ringer, Bronze Division—Mrs. Tom McCarron, Mrs. W. Wallace; for handicaps ranging from 30 to 36, Mrs. J. N. Lang's prize, Mrs. J. R. Clarke.

Mrs. P. W. Haywood Trophy, played on handicap, Bronze Division—Mrs. F. W. Heath; runner-up, Mrs. F. W. Heath.

Coffee spoon presented by C.L.G.U.—Miss Edna Haywood.

One best gross played on Thursdays during July and August—Mrs. J. N. Lang.

Best aggregate nett score played on Thursdays during July and August, Silver Division, Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

One best gross score, Bronze Division, played during July and August on the Thursday competitions—Miss Edna Haywood.

Aggregate nett scores played during July and August—Mrs. Tom McCarron.

Second flight championship—Mrs. G. L. Crooks; runner-up, Mrs. L. Mould.

Fourteen holes, ringer competition—Mrs. Inwood; runner-up, Miss Eleanor Crooks.

Sealed hole, during July and August—Mrs. L. Mould.

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A very interesting club in British Columbia is the Port Alice Golf Club, Port Alice, B.C., which is 250 miles from the City of Vancouver, reached by C.P.R. and Union steamships. The club has now an enthusiastic membership of over fifty. The officers are:—President, Mr. F. Rogers; vice-president, Dr. G. A. Lawson; hon. president, Mr. L. Killam; secretary-treasurer, H. V. Smith; captain, L. K. Bickell; chairman green committee, Mr. W. L. Ketchen; chairman finance

committee, Mr. E. L. Tipping. The course is very picturesquely situated.

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The ladies' section of the Thistle-down Golf and Country Club, Toronto, held their annual meeting for the election of officers for the year 1931 at the King Edward Hotel. The following is the list:—President, Mrs. J. F. McCullough (re-elected); captain, Mrs. S. White; vice-captain, Miss Elsie Armour; secretary, Mrs. H. G. Finlay; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Wurts; tea hostess, Mrs. J. D. Craig; committee, Mrs. W. A. Orr and Mrs. L. H. Nerlich.

A silver rose bowl was presented to Mrs. J. F. McCullough (president), and a silver tea-pot to Mrs. Alex Blyth, who held the office of captain last year. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers. Luncheon was served and enjoyed by those present.

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At the annual meeting of the Trenton Golf Club, Trenton, Ontario, arrangements were made for the coming season and the following officers were elected:—President, D. B. McClung; vice-president, W. G. Avey; secretary-treasurer, W. C. Taylor; chairman of green committee, O. G. Alyea. Cup committee—Messrs. A. A. Cullen, Dr. F. I. Reid and J. G. Squier. Membership Committee—Messrs. M. W. Addison, W. G. Avey and Dave Terry.

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Despatch from Stonewall, Man.:—

"At a well attended meeting held in the fire hall here recently, it was decided to form the Stonewall Golf Club. A. W. Brownlie was elected president, and Harris Edwards, secretary, with W. C. Corbett vice-president. Messrs. Montgomery, Langtry, McPhedran and Gorain were named as the executive. Tentative arrangements for a course have already been made and the executive and intending members are looking forward to a successful season next year.

It is hoped that the club will have a permanent groundsman and that the club will have a nine hole course with which to go through next season. The secretary will be glad to hear from anyone interested with a view of having as many members in the club as possible."



The annual banquet and presentation of prizes of the Rising Sun Golf Club, Winnipeg, was held at the club rooms of the Thistle Curling Club, when members brought to a close in fine style a most successful season. Max McElhearn was unanimously elected president.

E. E. Shaw provided the major surprise of the evening, when he donated a beautiful trophy, for annual competition in the singles event. This was cheerfully accepted by Dr. R. J. Yeo, on behalf of the club.

The club championship was won by H. Saunders, who defeated J. E. Gallant in the thirty-six hole final, but only after a great struggle in which the winner was in doubt until the final holes. With the championship went a fine trophy.

President L. L. Devling and Secretary-Treasurer S. J. Patterson, were presented with a lovely set of silverware, as a token of appreciation of the members for their splendid work during the season just concluded. J. G. Gallant and George Sharman, who broke the eighties during the summer were also honoured.

The officers elected was as follows: President, Max McElhearn; secretary-treasurer, S. J. Patterson (re-elected), and chairman of the prize committee, William Muirhead.

Following is the list of prize winners: 1 round, E. E. Shaw and S. M. McElhearn; 2 round, Geo. Sharman and E. Jessop; 3 round, J. E. Gallant, winner in group one and H. Saunders, winner in group two.

Leo Diegel is at it again. Last week he won the first annual San Francisco open match play golf championship on the Lakeside links of the Olympic Club, by defeating Al Espinosa, Chicago, 6 and 4.

A string of birdies overwhelmed the Chicago professional. Diegel was two up on Espinosa at the end of the first 18 holes, and at the turn of the

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second 18 held a lead of six. He ended the match by winning the thirty-second hole.

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Hugh McCulloch, vice-president of the Babcock-Wilcox and Goldie McCulloch Company, and one of Galt's younger business men, has been appointed a director of the Gore Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Galt's only financial institution of this kind, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late C. R. H. Warnock. Mr. McCulloch is a well known golfer and prominent in golf club affairs in Galt.

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Mr. R. C. Matthews, M.P., Toronto, who for so many years did so much for golf in Toronto—he was a former President of Rosedale, of late has devoted a great deal of time to the upbuilding of cricket in Toronto, with notable results. He was last week elected for the sixth year president of the Toronto Cricket Club. The grand old English game, like the grand old Scottish game, has a warm and liberal supporter in Mr. Matthews.

Fallacy of the Straight Left Arm Theory

(By J. H. Taylor, Five Times British Open Champion)

THE longer I play golf the more I am set wondering whether the principles that are supposed to govern the successful playing of it are as vital and should be as seriously observed as the pundits insist. My faith in them is being severely shaken. I am prone to be a little sceptical when they insist that such and such a thing must be done if real and lasting success is to be attained.

The cult of the straight left arm in playing all full shots is a case in point. It has gathered many adherents during the past couple of years. The golfing public is very gullible. It redounds to its credit—I gladly make this admission—that it is only too ready to seize upon and exploit anything new or novel, if by so doing it may help players to play better. Golfers take too literally what is said, and subscribe to it with a faithfulness that was not meant. I honestly believe that this "straight left" business is being "ridden to death," and with this contention the vast majority of professionals will agree.

I will admit it is advantageous that the left arm during the back swing should be kept taut and firm, but I do not believe that it should be straight. And in this slight divergence of interpretation lies the difference between success and failure.

I go as far as to say that if the left arm be kept straight on the way back it is impossible to get the left wrist into position under the shaft at the top of the swing, and so obtain the necessary freedom of movement. There must be a slight relaxation at the elbow to allow of this being done, and if this point be conceded away goes the theory of the straight left. The left forearm and wrist is the rudder that guides and controls the shot, and this control is the more perfectly exercised by the fulcrum located in the bent elbow.

The straight left is one of the heresies that the rubber-cored ball has brought in its train. With its greater resiliency and its natural propensity for getting quickly up into the air it is obvious that a far straighter left can be employed with more or less success than it could be with the old "guttie."

Mention of the guttie may be ancient history to the majority of present day golfers, but the old guttie players had perforce to swing accurately if the best results were to be obtained. A shut face, in those days, was disastrous, whereas in these it can be utilized with an impunity that some sort of success justifies. A straight left undoubtedly tends toward shutting. Still, these new-fangled theories have their uses. By trying them the seekers after truth will discover that there is but one right way to play golf. I am convinced that the straight left does not come into this category, however elusive the right way may be.

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"Regulations for the Game of Golf"

THE "Canadian Golfer" is greatly indebted to A. G. Spalding & Bros. Ltd. for the old copy of the "Regulations of the Game of Golf" which is reproduced herewith.

It will be noticed that over a century ago the members of the St. Andrews Society of Golfers managed to get along with 17 rules only, or regulations as they were then called. The golfer of to-day is required by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews to master 22 definitions; 36 rules "general and through the green;" 2 special rules for match play competitions; 10 rules for three-ball, best-ball and four-ball matches; 16 special rules for stroke competition, and 2 rules for bogey competitions, or the nice little total of 88—not to mention over 300 official decisions on the rules handed down by the R. & A. of St. Andrews, the Privy Council of Golf.

This copy of the old "Regulations for the game of golf" will be read with intense interest by the golfers of to-day. All said and done, it will be noticed that these XVII "regulations" are really the foundation of the rules of to-day and the modern player would not go far astray if he memorized and followed them.

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I.

THE Balls must be teed not nearer the hole than two Club-lengths, nor farther from it than four.

II.

THE Ball farthest from the hole must be played first.

III.

THE Ball struck from the tee must not be changed before the hole is played out, and if the parties are at a loss to know the one Ball from the other, neither shall be lifted till both parties agree.

IV.

STONES, Bones, or any break-club within a Club-length of the Ball may be removed when the Ball lies on Grass, but nothing can be removed if it lie on Sand or in a bunker, if however it stick fast in the ground, it may be loosened.

V.

IF the Ball lie in a Rabbit-scraps, the Player shall not be at liberty to take it out, but must play it as from any common hazard, if however it lie in one of the burrows, he may lift it, drop it behind the hazard, and play with an Iron without losing a stroke.

VI.

IF the Ball is half covered or more with water, the Player may take it out, tee it, and play from behind the hazard, losing a stroke.

VII.

IF the Ball lie in the supernumerary hole on the hole-across green, it may be dropped behind the hazard, and played with an Iron, without losing a stroke.

VIII.

WHEN the Balls lie within six inches of one another, the Ball nearest the hole must be lifted till the other is played, but on the putting green it shall not be lifted, although within six inches, unless it be directly between the other and the hole.

IX.

WHATEVER happens to a Ball by accident, must be reckoned a Rub of the green, if, however, the Players' Ball strike his adversary or his Cady, the adversary loses the hole: If it strike his own Cady, the Player loses the hole: If the Player strike his adversarys' Ball with his Club, the Player loses the hole.

X.

IF a Ball is lost, the stroke goes for nothing, the Player returns to the spot whence the Ball was struck, tees it, and loses a stroke.

XI.

IF in striking, the Club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke, if the Player either strike the ground or pass the Ball.

XII.

IN holing, you are not to place any mark to direct you to the hole, you are to play your Ball fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on your adversarys' Ball not lying in your way to the hole.

XIII.

ALL loose impediments of whatever kind, may be removed upon the putting green.

XIV.

IN all cases where a Ball is to be dropped, the party dropping shall front the hole to which he is playing, and drop the Ball behind him over his head.

XV.

WHEN a Ball is completely covered with fog, bent, whins, &c. so much thereof shall be set aside as that the Player shall have a full view of his Ball before he plays.

XVI.

WHEN the Balls touch each other, one of them must be lifted till the other be played.

XVII.

ANY disputes respecting the play shall be determined by the Captain or Senior Member present, and if none of the Members are present, by the Captain and his annual Council for the time.

Signed STUART GRACE, Secy.
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"Briars", Ontario Summer Resort Club

The closing dance and dinner of the Briars Golf and Country Club, Jackson's Point, Ontario, witnessed the presentation of over 40 cups and prizes.

The president, A. E. Eckardt, of Toronto, assisted by Mrs. Eckardt, after a happy opening speech, presented the various trophies and prizes. The original donors of trophies in several cases were present to present the trophies donated by them and in each case a miniature of the original trophy was given to the winner. The trophies are held by winners for one year. Amongst donors present were: A. E. Eckardt, Mrs. Geo. W. Graham, Mrs. D. D. Macleod, J. T. Eastwood, Frank P. O'Connor, whose daughter, Mary O'Connor, presented the trophies donated by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. O'Connor and Mr. R. Norman Brown. The respective winners and runners-up were each accorded a happy reception and heartily applauded for their success. The winners were:—

Club Championship, Briars Trophy—Winner, J. J. Chipman; runner-up, J. Donald Atkinson.

First flight—Winner, Frank W. Hunnissett; runner-up, Edmund Finningley.

Second flight—Winner, Frank Higgins; runner-up, E. Roy Clarke.

Century handicap, R. Norman Brown

Trophy—Winner, J. A. Lake; runner-up, H. M. Millar.

36-hole medal handicap, J. F. Brown Memorial Trophy—Winner, Thos. H. Hall; runner-up, Fred J. Boland.

Junior boys, championship trophy—Winner, J. Patrick Eastwood; runner-up, Frank Doherty.

Junior boys' century handicap, F. P. O'Connor Trophy—Winner, Jack Weir; runner-up, Crawford Biggs.

Ladies' Section—Club championship, J. Homer Black Trophy—Winner, Miss Roselma Lake; runner-up, Miss Aileen Williamson.

Beaten eights—Winner, Mrs. H. J. Fox; runner-up, Miss H. J. McCarthy.

36-hole medal handicap for Dr. Geo. W. Graham Memorial Trophy—Winner, Mrs. H. J. Fox; runner-up, Miss H. J. McCarthy.

Century handicap, J. T. Eastwood Trophy—Winner, Mrs. H. J. Fox; runner-up, Mrs. R. J. Crang.

Nine-hole championship, the A. E. Eckardt Trophy—Winner, Mrs. Wilfred Bredin; runner-up, Mrs. Fred Atkinson.

Ringer competition—Tie for first place, Miss Roselma Lake and Mrs. R. J. Crang.

Most lowered handicap under C.L.G.U.—Mrs. John A. Livingstone.

Junior girls' championship, McLeod Trophy—Winner, Mrs. Philemon McSweeney; runner-up, Miss Margaret Clarke.

Junior girls' century handicap, Mrs. F. P. O'Connor Trophy—Winner, Miss Margaret Clarke; runner-up, Miss Nancy Hunt.

The club champion, Mr. J. H. Chipman, made a course record notwithstanding one ball out of bounds, whilst playing Mr. N. H. Campbell in the championship competition, making a 35 going out and a 32 coming in. Par is 35 out and 35 in. His score included seven birdies.

Testing Greens with Mechanical Putter

MR. JOHN MONTEITH, an eminent authority, in charge of the Research Work of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, has some interesting remarks to make on the question of testing turf with a mechanical putter. Here is what he says:—

What grass will give the best putting surface? Probably every golfer, who is sufficiently interested to know one grass from another, has most decided opinions on this subject. When called upon to furnish proof as to the superiority of such a grass from the putting standpoint alone, such an individual is soon forced back to the

defence that it is the grass on which he personally can make his best scores.

It is claimed that turf produced from one supply of bent seed is superior in putting qualities to that produced from seed of very nearly the same kind of bent. Advocates of fescue argue that its bristle-like blades produce the only true putting turf. Enemies of bent planted with stolons argue that there is always a tendency for the stolons to run in one direction, producing a "grain" which makes a slow turf when the putt is against the stolons and a fast turf for the putt rolling in the direction in

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which the stolons have grown. Annual bluegrass, to some golfers, affords the most accurate and uniform putting turf. Likewise, each grass used on putting greens apparently has its supporters who are willing to argue interminably in its favour and as vehemently to condemn all others.

During the past season at the Arlington Turf Garden we have had several large plots kept in as nearly perfect putting condition as possible. These plots all have the same degree of slope and are mowed and otherwise cared for in exactly the same manner. The only difference is that each was planted with a different grass. Each plot is provided with a regulation cup, and visitors have been invited to choose the grass, which

looked like the best putting turf, and then to compare his choice with the other grasses.

Anyone who has any misgivings as to an actual effect of the much-discussed "psychological influence" on putting would have seen some convincing demonstrations on those plots. Many professionals and amateurs of no mean putting ability have tested that group of grasses. If a golfer expressed a decided preference for any particular plot before trying any, he invariably holed a higher percentage of putts on that particular grass than on any of the others. On the other hand, another golfer who preferred an entirely different grass usually succeeded in holing more putts on his favourite than on the others, all of

which supports the verdict that putting is largely mental.

It also demonstrated the utter futility of mere argument, and especially the intense feeling that has marked some discussions as to the relative merits of various grasses, for when the evidence supporting any theory is seriously overbalanced by the personal element no convincing decision is possible from argument.

Such balancing of opinions indicates that some impartial method is needed for measuring the differences that may be found among the various grasses. During the season of 1929 Mr. R. F. Arnott, of the Upper Montclair Country Club, kindly furnished the Green Section with a mechanical putter, which should do much toward settling some of these disputes. Mr. Arnott's machine simulates very closely the stroke of the ordinary putter, but unlike the human putter the machine is tireless and can continue in a test indefinitely without any deviations due to fatigue. It of course has the additional advantage over the human putter in that it has no "mental attitude" to handicap it in a decision; it has no favourites and can give impartial decisions; it sees no "grain," weeds, footmarks, or other imperfections. And above all, it is looking for no alibi for missed putts.

To test the influence of different grasses on putting it is essential that the conditions for all be as nearly

alike as possible. During the past summer the machine has been used on a series of plots at the Arlington Turf Garden, where the various grasses are grown on the same soil, with the same degree of slope (2 per cent.), receiving the same compost and care, and cut with the same mowing machine at the same height. In making the tests the machine is set up at the edge of the plot and a ball is repeatedly putted from the same position. The average distance of several (usually five) putts is taken as the distance for that setting on that particular grass. The machine is then moved to a corresponding position on a nearby plot and with the same spring and back-swing setting the test is repeated.

After several repetitions of the above, both upgrade and downgrade on the different grasses, there is something more than mere personal opinions on which to base a judgment as to the relative putting qualities, particularly that of speed, of the various grasses. Before any scientific judgment is warranted from such tests it will be necessary to repeat them many times, at different seasons of the year and in different localities. It is perhaps sufficient for the present to say that, from the preliminary trials made so far, it is safe to predict that many of the dogmatic assertions of the past are doomed to decided modification in the near future.

Mentality in Golf

Prominent British Doctor Writes Entertainingly Along the Lines of Psycho-Therapy.

IN DISCUSSING Psycho-Therapy in connection with the game of golf Dr. T. B. Hyslop, the eminent English physician writes:—

Before a player can estimate his par value it becomes absolutely essential that he should undergo some self-analysis and recognize unmistakably the mental data or factors which render him comparatively mentally deficient, and by reason of which his golfing mental handicap is below par. Many players are in intense sympathy with them-

selves when they play badly, and they tender the excuse that they are feeling below par physically. Few, however, have the wit to discern the fact that they are below par mentally. Some are occasionally subject to lapses in their mentalities, whilst others are incurably deficient, and to whom the punishment of additional strokes does not serve as a corrective. So far as the latter are concerned little need be said. Their instructors may act as "vets," and prescribe for their physical needs, but nothing short of psycho-analysis and psycho-therapy can



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prove really of lasting or permanent efficacy. Unfortunately for some individuals, their egotism and innate conceit acts as a preventive to further development. In golf, as in science and philosophy, one needs to know a lot before one appreciates one's own ignorance. In golf, the man who desires to excel realizes that he has to have a lot of shots in his mental bag before he can appreciate the fact that his mental

equipment for the Royal and Ancient game is but very imperfect.

In match play a study of the mentality of one's opponent is sometimes of benefit, whereas in stroke competitions the reckoning has to be with par, and with it alone. Competitors should therefore realize that two widely different categories of considerations may present themselves. In the former they should render themselves impreg-

nable to suggestions from all others, and remain free to exercise their own brains. The fair spectator who remarked, "Well, this 'ere golf may be all right; but I think footballers are more manly—they do set abacht each other, anyway," little appreciated the fact that a golf match is sometimes in great part a battle of wits, and that victory is for him who either ignores or has his opponent's mentality well in hand.

Far be it from me to advocate any special line of psycho-therapy for the mental failings of golfers apart from the use of common sense; not that I underrate the co-operation of psycho-therapy with clinical medicine. A lady once asked me what I thought of a certain unqualified so-called spiritual healer; I suggested that his treatment might possibly be taken with a grain of salt. Sub-

sequently she informed me that, although she found his advice consoling, the salts had proved themselves to be much more efficacious, and had she done right in taking Epsom's?

It has been said by Hortus Faber that it is not the function of any game or sport to satisfy the intellect. Sport is relaxation for the intellect, and, properly considered, its virtue consists in its very negation of intellectual attributes. I would qualify this statement by suggesting that when the mechanical operations have become automatic, the whole charm of the game rests in conscious and intelligent use of the mechanism; and it is not too much to say that it is only by keeping our mental vision clear that we can put up a good sporting fight for mastery.

The Larger Hole and Stymies

EXTRACTS from a letter from Mr. A. B. Sanders, a valued Victoria, B.C., subscriber, who it is very interesting to note, played on the Oxford University golf team in 1895, or 35 years ago, and also has played the game on courses "round the world" during much extensive travelling:—

"On several points I don't see 'eye to eye' with you on recent articles in the 'Canadian Golfer'. For instance, your dismissal of the proposal for a 5-inch hole by a sneer at 'poor putters' endeavouring to have the hole enlarged for their special benefit. On the contrary, the contention is that a 5-inch hole would reward skill on the green and that the present sized hole with a ball as untrue as the modern rubber-cored ball, benefits the bad putter. It is unquestionable, that one constantly sees a man who hits his putts true, just slipping past the hole and an opponent who is several feet short and off the line, getting halves as a result.

"Also the larger hole would make stymies of a type that are unplayable, playable. But for the hide-bound conservatism of a few old golfers in St. Andrews, stymies would have been abolished before the present century and in my experience not one golfer in ten agrees with them."

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Stop Press News

Executive of the R.C.G.A. Makes Important Ruling in Regard to Miniature Golf Course Competitions. Lord Willingdon Accepts Hon. Presidency of the Association.

THE last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Royal Canadian Golf Association for 1930 was held in Montreal last week. The date of the Annual Meeting of the Association was fixed for Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. It was announced that His Excellency Lord Willingdon, has graciously consented to accept the position of Honorary President of the Association and the new office will be in effect for the year 1931.

A very important ruling was made by the Association in connection with Miniature Golf Courses. It is to the effect that not only the acceptance of cash prizes but playing in competitions for cash prizes on Miniature Golf Courses is in violation of the R.C.G.A.'s definition of an amateur.

The Committee heard a report of a joint meeting, in the interests of green section work, held at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, between representatives of the R.C.G.A. Committee, the *Dominion* Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The Committee recorded its appreciation of the assistance offered by the Government Departments and completed arrangements for further studying the problems for more economic operations and the production of better greens throughout the Dominion. It is anticipated that an announcement of more definite plans can shortly be made, which will involve closer co-operation between the various Provincial Associations by the information secured in each Province being distributed by means of bulletins through the R.C.G.A. for the benefit of clubs throughout Canada. This will be most valuable information and the R.C.G.A. is to be heartily congratulated on the far-reaching action it has taken, for the betterment and improvement of greens and fairways. Toronto will be the venue of the Annual Meeting on February 21st.

When Golf Was Golf

(Extract from "Humphrey Clinker" by Smollett, 1771)

"HARD by, in the fields called the Links, the citizens of Edinburgh divert themselves at a game called golf, in which they use a curious kind of bats, tipt with horn, and small elastic balls of leather, stuffed with feathers, rather less than tennis-balls but of a much harder consistence. This they strike with such force and dexterity from one hole to another, that they will fly to an incredible distance. Of this diversion the Scots are so fond, that when the weather will permit, you may see a multitude of all ranks, from the senator or justice to the lowest tradesman, mingled together with the utmost eagerness. Among others, I was shown one particular set of golfers, the youngest of whom was turned fourscore. They were all gentlemen of independent fortunes, who had amused themselves with this pastime for the best part of a century, without having ever felt the least alarm from sickness or disgust; and they never went to bed, without having each the best part of a gallon of claret in his belly.

"Such uninterrupted exercise, co-operating with the keen air from the sea, must, without all doubt, keep the appetite always on edge, and steel the constitution against all the common attacks of distemper."

The Winter Tournament Calendar

December 19-21 — \$4,000 Tournament, Pasadena.

Dec. 23-27—Christmas Week Tournament at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

December 25—Santa Claus golf tournament, Del Monte, Calif.

Dec. 26-31—28th annual midwinter tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

December 27-28 — \$2,500 Tournament, Glendale.

December 28-31—New Year's golf tournament, Del Monte, Calif.

January 2-3-4—\$3,500 Tournament, Long Beach.

January 5-6—\$1,500 Tournament, Santa Monica.

January 9-10-11—\$10,000 Tournament, Los Angeles.

Jan. 12-16—7th annual Mid-January tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

January 12-17 — \$25,000 Tournament, Agua Caliente.

Jan. 26-31—27th annual St. Valentine's tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

Jan. 27-30—4th annual Pine Needles Tournament for women, Pinehurst, N.C.

Jan. 27-31—January Tournament at Riddell's Bay, Bermuda.

Feb. 2-5—26th annual St. Valentine's tournament for women, Pinehurst, N.C.

Feb. 5—Spey Royal Tournament at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

Feb. 9—International Inter-Club Tournament at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

Feb. 10-13—11th annual Seniors' tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

Feb. 10-14—Club Championship at Riddell's Bay, Bermuda.

February 12—Lincoln's Birthday golf tournament, Del Monte, Calif.

February 12-14 — Intercollegiate golf tournament, Pebble Beach, Calif.

February 13-15—Valentine Golf Tournament, Del Monte, Calif.

February 16-21—Amateur Championship of Cuba, Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 17-21—Ladies' Championship at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

February 20—Gold Vase golf tournament, Pebble Beach, California.

February 20-22—Washington's Birthday golf tournament, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Feb. 23-28—Third annual Mid-Winter Empress Hotel Tournament, Victoria Golf Club, Victoria, B.C.

Feb. 26—Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts Tournament at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

Feb. 27-March 5th—27th annual spring tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

March 2nd—Augusta Country Club, Georgia, Club Championship, 32 to qualify.

March 2-6—Pebble Beach Golf Championship for Women, Pebble Beach, Calif.

March 3-7—Men's Amateur Championship at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

Mar. 7-12—Pine Needles Tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

March 9th—Augusta Country Club, Georgia, Women's Championship, 16 to qualify.

March 10-14—Annual Bermuda Amateur Championship at Riddell's Bay, Bermuda.

March 17-21—Annual Bermuda Ladies' Championship at Riddell's Bay, Bermuda.

March 19—McCallum Perfection Trophy and Lightbourn Cup Tournament at Belmont Manor, Bermuda.

Mar. 23-24—Pine Cone Tournament for Women at Pine Needles, Pinehurst, N.C.

Mar. 26-27—29th annual united North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N.C.

March 30-31—Southeastern \$5,000 Open Championship, Augusta, Georgia.

Mar. 30-April 3—29th annual United North and South Amateur Championship for women, Pinehurst, N.C.

April 1—April Fool's golf tournament, Del Monte, California.

April 6-11—31st annual united North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N.C.

April 17-22—21st annual Mid-April tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

April 21st, etc.—English Close Amateur Championship, Hunstanton.

May 18th, etc.—British Amateur Championship, Westward Ho!

June 1st, etc.—British Open Championship, Carnoustie.

June 8th, etc.—British Women's Open Championship, Portmarnock.

June 8th, etc.—French Open Championship.

June 26-27—Ryder Cup matches, Great Britain vs. the States, Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio.

July 2-3-4—U.S. Open Championship, Inverness Country Club, Toledo, Ohio.

July (dates to be decided upon)—Open Championship of Canada, Mississauga Golf and Country Club, Toronto.

August (dates to be decided upon)—Amateur Championship of Canada and Inter-Provincial Match, The Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal.

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