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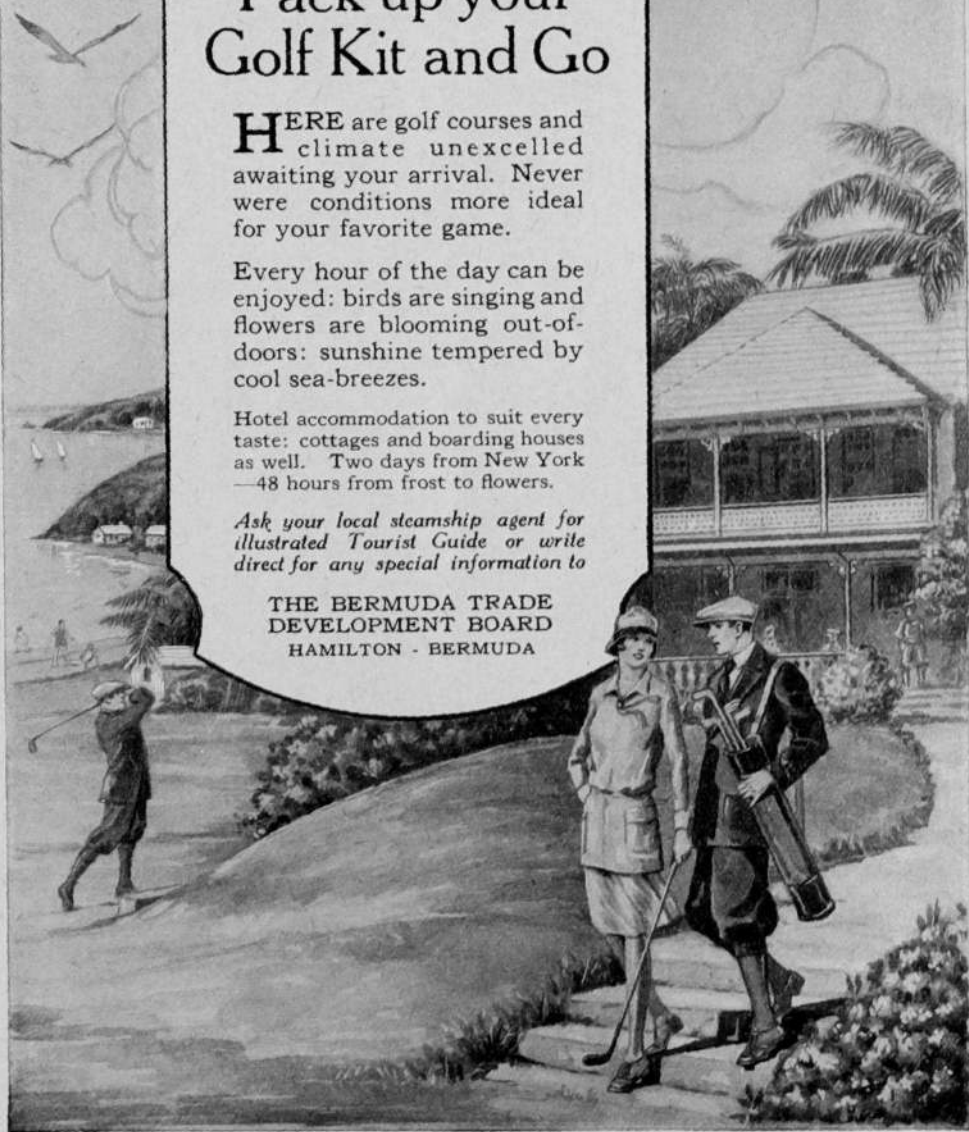
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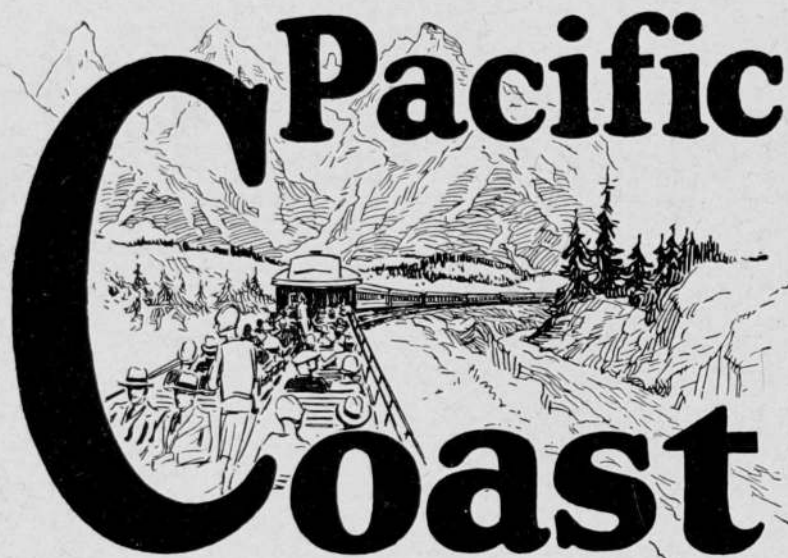
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Bermuda and the South Now Beckoning the Golfer Possessed of Time and Money

Although the curtain has now rung down on golf throughout Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, where the game is played more or less, all the year round, your golfing enthusiast who can spare the time and the money will not lack from now on facilities for playing his diurnal round and engaging also if disposed, in Championships and Tournaments galore. The South and Bermuda and Jamaica beckon, and many Canadians are already planning winter trips to these favoured climes. The following are a few of the many important fixtures already announced for the winter months: Mid-Winter Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C., December 26th-30th; Los Angeles Open Championship, Los Angeles, January 6th-8th, (\$10,000 in prizes, which constitutes a record); Mid-January Tournament, Pinehurst, January 10th-14th; Mid-Winter Tournament, Miami, Fla., January 16th-20th; Men's Florida East Coast Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla., January 24th-28th; Women's Championship of Bermuda, Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club, January 31-February 4th; Men's Bermuda Championship, at the Mid-Ocean Golf Club, February 7th-11th; South Florida Championship, Palm Beach, Fla., February 13th-17th; Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, February 22nd-25th; Palm Beach Championship, Palm Beach, Fla., March 5th-9th; Florida Amateur Championship, St. Augustine, Fla., March 15th-17th; North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, March 29th-30th; Women's North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, March 31st-April 2nd-5th. Hundreds of Canadian golfers will be "picking up their golf bags" the next few weeks and hieing themselves Southward. This Winter



there promises to be a record exodus. It is reported from Pinehurst that already the hotel accommodation is well nigh exhausted. Bermuda, too, reports record bookings.

U. S. G. A. Announces Dates of 1928 Championships In a most commendable manner the United States Golf Association announces the dates of the important championships in that country, many months ahead. In fact, in connection with the Amateur Championship, nearly two years ahead, as the 1929 event has been awarded in September of that year, to the Pebble Beach course at Del Monte, California. This is the first time California has ever staged a National Championship. The 1928 dates have just been officially announced by Mr. H. H. Ramsay, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, as follows: Open Championship, Qualifying Round, June 11th, in various districts. Championship Rounds, June 21, 22 and 23 at Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago. Public Links Championship, July 31st to August 5th, at Cobb's Creek course, Philadelphia. Amateur Championship, September 10th to 15th, Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass. Women's Championship, September 24th to 29th at Virginia Hot Springs Golf and Country Club, Virginia Hot Springs, Virginia. Walker International Cup Matches, August 30th to 31st, at Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill. In connection with the visit of the British Walker Cup Team, a strong effort will be made to get them to return home from Chicago by way of Canada, preferably via Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, where matches would be arranged for them against the leading Canadian amateurs both East and West. It is to be sincerely hoped that the Royal Canadian Golf Association will be able to arrange such fixtures, as they would be in the best interest of Empire golf.

Happy the Winter Lot of the Big Professional A big tournament season looms ahead of the professionals this winter. Los Angeles and District next month will provide no fewer than five tournaments, including the \$10,000 Los Angeles Open. Following their sojourn on the Pacific Coast, the "paid brigade" will head towards Texas and the Southwest, where big fixtures will be held at San Antonio, Hot Springs and other places. Then on to Florida, where Sarasota, Miami, Ormond Beach and other resorts will stage substantial money events. The season will end the latter part of March, at Pinehurst, with the North and South Open. Tens of thousands of dollars await the fortunate winners of these tournaments. Happy the Hagens, the Armours and other golfing aces these Northern wintry days. Theirs is one golden holiday 'down South—golden in more senses than one.

EIGHTEEN HOLE COURSE FOR VERNON, B.C.

STILL another progressive British Columbia Club is extending to an 18-hole course. Vernon has decided the coming year to build a full course from plans prepared by Alex. Duthie, the well known Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, professional. He has given the Vernon golfers a particularly well balanced course of 6,200 yards. Vernon golfers are to be heartily congratulated on taking this forward step.

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(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 stamped-addressed envelope be enclosed with all such communications, otherwise they will not be answered).

Mr. E. J. Sunderland, Secretary of the Vernon Golf Club, Vernon, B. C., in sending in the club's subscription for another year:

"The Canadian Golfer" is one of the best magazines that I have ever seen and the club would miss it very much if, for any reason, it failed to arrive each month."

London "Daily Mirror":

"New York golfers were quite captivated the other evening by a game of golf played in the dark with phosphorescent balls. We had night golf as far back as 1868, when Lord Kennedy played Mr. Cruickshank three holes by lantern light for a stake of £500. Last June Bruce Sutherland (Edinburgh), played an endurance test game lasting twenty-three and a half hours. During the night he used luminous-painted balls."

Harry Vardon, six times British Open Champion and U. S. and German ex-Open Champion:

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"Bobby" Jones is certainly the "Darling of the Golfing Gods." The cheque handed to him at the banquet given to him by the citizens of Atlanta last month with which to buy a lot and build a house, was in the neighbourhood of \$50,000. This easily constitutes a record in presentations, not only in golf, but in any other game.

The greatest study of mankind may be man, but one of the greatest studies of golf is the rules. Put that down as part of your New Year's curriculum. And here is another thought for 1928. No man or woman should accept an office in a golf club, who is not prepared to give both time and careful attention to the affairs of that club.

The Wiltshire Country Club, situated in the centre of Los Angeles' most exclusive residential section, where the \$10,000 Tournament is to be held next month, is said to be the most valuable eighteen holes of golf land in the world. The current value of the land reserved for play by its millionaire members is in excess of \$40,000 an acre. More than \$5,000,000 worth of fairways and greens are crossed in a par of 71.

Don't load up your golfing friend with a lot of "junk" this Xmas. He would much prefer (if not already a subscriber), a year's subscription to this Great Family Golfing Magazine, a box of balls, a well balanced club or so, an

up-to-date golf bag, a good book on golf, a sweater, golfing stockings or selections from a dozen and one other articles dear to the heart of the average golfer. Give something "golffy" this Christmas and he or she will remember you for many a long day to come. By the way, all golfers smoke cigarettes. A box of "Tareyton's" therefore might well be included in your golf list. None better, if as good.

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Our valued Winnipeg correspondent, Mr. R. C. S. Bruce, writes, December 3rd:

"The 1927 golf season was very late in starting and the courses were in a backward condition owing to the unseasonable weather in the springtime, but as the season wore on the courses got into I would say better condition generally than we had ever had previously. Our golf finished very abruptly. Our last outing was on Thanksgiving Day—a fine, though chilly day. Then winter came down on us the following day. Since then we have been snow and frost bound. Today it is very wintry, 20° below zero."

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Walter Hagen, immediately after winning the U. S. Professional Golf Association's championship for the fourth time, left for Rochester, N. Y., where as a young man he was professional at the Country Club in that city, to look after his "baseball interests." It is not generally known that the great Walter has recently acquired an interest in the Rochester International baseball team. Of recent years he has not only made a lot of money playing golf, but thanks to tips from prominent financiers, admirers of his golfing ability, has cleaned up handsomely, it is stated, in the Stock markets. It is understood that his interest in the Rochester Team amounts to \$100,000.

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A great deal of criticism has been evoked in the Old Country as a result of the three major British Championships being put forward several weeks—all three in May. In commenting on the innovation, "Golf Illustrated," London, says:

"For two years efforts have been made to arrange the annual programme of important golf events—previously an unorganized hotchpot—on a basis calculated to serve the best interests of the game, and the convenience of players and public. This essential work has been undertaken by the joint committee of the English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish Unions, but it is becoming increasingly clear that the endeavour must fall far short of its ideal so long as the independent bodies which have charge of the three British championships—the Open, the Amateur, and the Ladies'—continue to disregard the obvious necessities of a new era. Take, for example, the situation which has arisen in connection with next season's list. First the Royal and Ancient Club decided to hold the Open Championship on the Royal St. George's links at Sandwich, in the week beginning May 7th, and the Amateur Championship on the Prestwick links in the week beginning May 21st. Then the Ladies' Golf Union, staying their hand so as to avoid a clashing of the kind which had created difficulty twice in former years, gratefully accepted the crumb that fell from the rich men's table and fixed their championship for the week beginning May 14th.

The result of all this is that there will be three consecutive weeks of championships and nothing but championships, a sickening surfeit conducive as nothing else could be to a diminution of interest in the events. It means that the three classic tournaments which ought to be arranged with an eye to the diffusion of public zeal for the game and for the highest standards of skill that can be attained on the links, will crowd upon one another to the point of boredom."

A GOLFER'S GALLERY OF OLD MASTERS

UNQUESTIONABLY the most beautiful work ever issued in connection with the game of golf goes to the credit of "Country Life," the well known London publication. "A Golfer's Gallery of Old Masters" has just been issued from the press. It is a magnificent collection of eighteen golfing pictures reproduced in colour with the greatest care and accuracy. The "Old Masters" are fittingly introduced by Mr. Bernard Darwin, who "swings" a most delightful pen and is a "Golfing Master" himself in prose.



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Mr. Darwin has drawn on many rare old prints and drawings. However, the plates in colour are the thing! A few well known to golfers, but the majority are in the nature of discoveries, though they are from the brush of such famous masters as Jan Steen, Pieter de Hooch, and van de Velde. Who was aware, for instance, that the National Gallery sheltered a painting in which we see a kilted Scot playing golf in Holland in the year 1668? It is difficult to imagine any golfing enthusiast not deciding at once that he or she is going to have this set of pictures for their home, either by purchase, or by delicate suggestion that it would be a welcome gift. The Publishers have issued one edition in which the plates are specially and artistically arranged completely ready for framing.

The following is the list of the exquisite plates in colour:

1. A Girl with a Golf Club, by an unknown artist. 2. St. Nicholas' Day, by Jan Steen. 3. Mr. William Innes, by Lemuel Abbott. 4. Mr. Francis Bennoch, from an oil painting at Blackheath. 5. Pleasure on the Ice. 6. A Frost Scene, by Adriaen van de Velde. 7. Winter Landscape, by Aert van der Neer. 8. Mr. John Taylor, by Sir J. Watson Gordon. 9. Mr. Henry Callender, by Lemuel Abbott. 10. A Golfing Lady, by Wybrand de Gest. 11. A Young Dutch Golfer, by A. Cuyp. 12. William St. Clair of Roslin, by Sir George Chalmers. 13. The Two Macdonalds. 14. The Golf Players, by Pieter de Hooch. 15. River Scene in Winter, by Aert van der Neer. 16. An Ice Scene, by Antoine van Straelen. 17. Winter Landscape, by Esaias van de Velde. 18. "Old Alick" of Blackheath, by Mr. Gallen, of Greenwich School.

In the ordinary edition the plates are mounted on tinted boards (17" x 12½"), specially chosen to suit the tone of the picture, and grouped together so that those pictures which are natural companions have also mounts to match. The price of this edition is \$20.

The Edition de Luxe is limited to 500 numbered copies, of which 200 are for sale abroad. Each copy will be autographed by Mr. Bernard Darwin.

The plates are mounted on a superfine drawing paper (17"x12½") and each is prefaced by a description of the painting and brief particulars of the painter. In this edition only, Jan Steen's "St. Nicholas's Day" from Rotterdam, companion to that at Amsterdam, is added as a frontispiece, the volume thus including nineteen plates in all. The fine binding of powdered gold cloth is peculiarly appropriate. The price of this edition is \$50.

"A Golfer's Gallery of Old Masters" is unquestionably a work of art in the broadest and best sense of that term, and there should be many golfers and golf clubs in Canada eager to secure a copy before the edition is exhausted. There is no question in the years to come both the ordinary edition and the edition de luxe will go to a premium.

HAGEN AGAIN CAPTAIN OF RYDER CUP TEAM

THE dates of the British Open Championship have been put forward to May next year, so as to enable players from the States to compete in the event, the U. S. Open not being held until the latter part of June. Next year the Ryder Cup Team matches are also scheduled to be held in Great Britain, probably a few days before the Open. At a meeting recently of the Directors of the U. S. Professional Golfers' Association, in New York, Walter Hagen was again chosen as Captain of the U. S. team. Walter has announced his intention to participate in the British Open, next May, and hopes to get together a strong team of U. S. professionals to accompany him.

Altogether it looks as though British golfers were in for a formidable invasion in 1928. The Ryder Cup Trophy was won by the British pros in 1926 and by the U. S. pros in 1927.

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Mr. Stanley Thompson states that a group of Boston financiers have purchased nine hundred acres of land in the Green Mountains on the borders of Vermont and Quebec, ninety acres of which are in Canada. At present plans are being prepared for the erection thereon of a large and modern all year round main lodge, containing 250 rooms, and a group of smaller family rustic log cabin bungalows and a commodious clubhouse. The club house, tennis courts, bowling greens and bungalows will be on the Canadian side. Their location will be some 1,250 feet above sea level up in the mountains.

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In addition to the golf course there will be tennis courts, bowling greens, swimming tanks, trout pools, a riding school, badminton courts and a covered ice rink, or in other words, all the year round sporting facilities.

Mr. Thompson recently returned to Toronto from going over the property and is now actively engaged in completing the elaborate plans called for by this unique undertaking.



BERMUDA'S SPORT PROGRAMME

Many Interesting Golf, Swimming, Yachting, Tennis and Horse Racing Events Scheduled for the Winter Season

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 1.— An elaborate sports program, taking in swimming, motor-boating, yachting, golf, rugby, tennis and horse racing, has been arranged for the entertainment of Bermuda's winter colony this year and the thou-

sands of sports lovers who annually make a pilgrimage to the coral islands will not lack diversion. The first event on the sports calendar will be a visit of a team of American girl swimming champions in December and from then on through April there will be at least one outstanding event taking place on the islands every week. Besides the swimming which will start the 1927-1928 season off, the sporting events that will make Bermuda one of the foremost centres in the world include two golf championships, one for women and the other for men, on the famous Mid-Ocean Club links at Tuckers Town; a series of international tennis matches for which a team of four British interna-



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team; and a series of motor boat and yacht races which will culminate in the annual thrash from New London to Bermuda, now one of the chief events of the yachting year.

These are the outstanding features on the program, but in addition there will be weekly competitions in golf, tennis, yachting and horse racing.

Among the swimmers who will make the trip to Bermuda on December 28th to participate in two aquatic meets in the St. George pool are the Misses Martha Norelius, Ethel McGary, Adelaide Lambert, Helen Meany, Agnes Geraghty, Lisa Lindstrom, Kathryn Brown, Eleanor Holm, Elaine Delany, and Doris and Eileen O'Mara, all champions of the Women's Swimming Association, and Miss



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The Women's golf championship, won last year by Miss Eileen Pattison, who was one of the qualifiers in the national women's championship at Cherry Valley this year, will be held

commencing January 31st, and running through to February 4th. Invitations have been mailed to Miss Glenna Collett, former national champion; Miss Maureen Orcutt, present metropolitan champion; Miss Helen Payson, winner of the Canadian championship this year; Miss Fritzi Stifel, runner-up in the Dominion event; Mrs. Alexa Stirling Fraser, former holder of the

national title; Miss Ada Maekenzie, former Canadian title-holder, and others, and it is expected that the Bermuda championship this season will be one of the feature events of the golf season.

Following closely on the heels of the ladies' championship will come the annual Bermuda championship for

Bay; 31st-February 4th, men's championship at Belmont Manor Golf Club; 31st-February 4th, tentative Bermuda ladies' championship tournament.

February 13th, 36-hole medal competition at Riddell's Bay; 14th-18th, ladies' championship at Belmont Manor; 16th, 18-hole medal competition at Riddell's Bay; 21st-25th, Me-



The Beautiful Club House, Mid-Ocean Golf Course, Bermuda

men. This championship won last year for the first time by a Bermuda entry, H. St. George Butterfield, will be held at the Mid-Ocean Club on February 7th-11th, and it will probably be preceded by a mixed foursome tournament in which the leading women and men golfers will take part. The outlook is for one of the strongest fields that ever played in the men's championship. Invitations have been extended to Jess Sweetser, Francis Ouimet, Jesse Guilford, Max R. Marston, J. Wood Platt, Eddie Driggs, Richard A. Jones, Jr., and other well known amateurs.

The complete list of golf events follows:

December 21, 18-hole handicap medal competition at Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club.

January 3rd-7th—New Year tournament at Riddell's Bay; 18th-19th, 36-hole medal competition at Riddell's

Callum Trophy and Lightbourn Cup tournament at Belmont Manor.

March 6th-10th, ladies' spring tournament at Belmont Manor; 21st-22nd, 36-hole medal competition at Riddell's Bay; 29th-30th, 72-hole medal competition at Riddell's Bay.

The tennis championship scheduled for February 20th-24th, will mark the first appearance of English stars on the island for some time. A team of four men, to be selected by the International Club of Great Britain, under whose auspices the trip will be made, is expected to arrive in Bermuda about February 15th and play a series of matches against players representing the Bermuda Lawn Tennis Club. After that the visitors will play in the amateur championship in which, it is now expected, Dick Williams, Manuel Alonzo, George Lott, Arnold Jones, Fred Anderson and other ranking United States players will take part,

giving the event the greatest international flavour it has ever had.

The annual Princess Hotel tournament has been scheduled for February 14th-18th.

An interesting program has been arranged for the yachting enthusiasts,

one-design class races being held every Tuesday from January 3rd to April 24th, while for the entertainment of horse lovers there will be a meet every Wednesday during January, February and March at the Shelly Bay race course under the auspices of the Bermuda and Garrison Hunt Club.

THE MOST DIFFICULT STROKE IN THE GAME

(By J. H. Taylor, Open Champion Great Britain, 1894, 1895, 1900, 1909, 1913).

STUCK up in front of my writing desk is a verse, which I never read without an inward acknowledgment that it proclaims a virtue every golfer would wish to possess. It is supposed to have been written by Robbie Burns, but I have no hesitation in declaring that the Ploughman Poet could not have been its author. It runs thus:

"Some men ha'e gowd, a few ha'e brains,
Mony mak' guid by takin' pains;
For me, the test of nerve and guts,
Is sinking nesty, seven-fit putts."

I will agree that it has the rugged grandeur of Burns, but the word "sinking" in the last line gives the show away. I do not know my Burns as a great admirer of Scottish character should, so I am unable to say whether he mentions the game at all in his works—some Scottish reader will perhaps put me wise as to this—but I rely on the word to which I have drawn attention to prove whether Burns mentions the game or not, that he could not have written this verse.

I have had considerable experience in the idioms that have crept into the game during the past 40 years, and I never heard of "sinking" a putt until our friends the Americans became a golfing force. With staid British dignity we talked of "holing" a putt. We often said that we "rammed" one home, but "sinking" a putt was a new one to me until a few years ago. I should like to think that Burns composed it, and that reference to the game can be found in his writings, but until I am satisfied on this point my pride in the Scottish traditions urges me to pronounce the verse quoted as a clever parody. I will say, however, that I think it worthy of him. Burns, I believe, had an uncanny insight into the minds of men. He was bluntly honest and outspoken, and did pick out and satirise those weaknesses that men would fain keep to themselves. Had he been a golfer he would most certainly have said that the test of a putter's morale was to be found in the truth expounded in the last line. "Nesty seven-fit putts" have ever been the bugbear of every class of golfer, and the player who can face the issue with complacency and courage is worthy of a hero's halo. Whoever the author may have been, I think he is wrong in fixing "seven fit" as being the most severe test. Half that distance would be the more likely to prove his case. One can miss a "seven-fitter" with a certain amount of equanimity, and without much loss of self-esteem, but one is expected, as we ourselves expect, to hole from 3½ feet. To be confronted with a "seven-fitter" should mean, if we have played the hole correctly, that one long approach has been put at that distance from the hole. If this has not been done, it also certainly means that one chip from off the green, or the long approach putt, has been faulty. Anyone who is dependent upon holing "seven-fitters" to get the figure is basing hopes on a very fragile thread that, sooner or later, generally sooner—will certainly snap.

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The test of a good putter is not shown by the ability to hole "seven fitters," commendable as this is, but by the deadly accuracy of laying the long putt to within a foot of the hole, which I consider to be the most difficult stroke in the game.

Bobby Jones' driving and long approach play are wonderful in their length, direction, and exactitude of strength, but even more wonderful is his ability to lay his chip shots and long putts close around the hole. To be able to score well should not depend upon holing "seven-fitters." To be able to put the chip, or long putt, within a foot relieves the mind from a deal of anxiety, and absolves the player from being termed courageous, which in this case, is only another word for desperation.

A LIGHTER BALL DEMANDED FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Grantland Rice, Editor, "The American Golfer")

JUDGING the situation at large as leading amateurs and professionals feel about it, there will soon be a standard golf ball for all championships, standard as to weight and size.

This does not mean that manufacturers cannot compete in the making of such standardized dimensions and displacements. It merely means a return to the old order where the golfer can let his mashie and his mashie niblick rest once in a while as he takes out a brassie, spoon or long iron and adds a little variety to his play. George Von Elm expressed the present situation fairly well when he said recently—"I'm tired of playing mashie-niblick shots to the green." And this is true even on courses extended to 7,000 yards, which is a ridiculous length.

Golf was never intended for any cross country hike. A golf course around sixty-four hundred yards is long enough for any championship test. The golfer at large who is not interested in championship play can use any ball he cares to hit at. But there is a general belief that even the average golfer will soon take up the lighter and larger ball which lends itself better to brassie and spoon play through the fairway and which is easier to control around the greens.

The modern heavy ball calls for hard hitting and a fine touch through the fairway. It rewards hard hitting out of all proportion. For example, Bobby Jones with the present ball might outdrive A by fifty yards. But with the lighter and larger ball he would only outdrive A by some fifteen or twenty

yards. A larger and somewhat lighter ball naturally sits up better upon the turf and eliminates so many close lies, almost impossible for the average golfer to handle with a wooden club.

In any event there has been a growing need for another type of championship ball for the major tournaments which will cut down some of the incredible distances now obtained. A four hundred and fifty-yard hole to-day is only a drive and a pitch. They hit the ball three hundred yards and then slap a mashie up to the green. At Scioto for example, Bobby Jones played the last hole in the 1926 championship with a drive and a Number 4 iron, and this hole was four hundred and eighty yards in length.

The Brassie, spoon and midiron now play only a small part in modern championships. The three steady working clubs are the driver, mashie-niblick and putter. They carry most of the job in championship play.

It is important for the U. S. G. A. committee to be completely sure this time as to what minimum standard will be used and tests are now under way along this line.

TABLOID TIPS FOR THE WOMAN BEGINNER

Here Are a Number of Useful Hints That Will Interest the Woman Beginner.
They Are Contributed by a Well-known Player

(Tee Topics)

START correctly: go to a professional and seek his advice on the right sort of clubs to suit you.

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Do not use clubs that are too heavy in the head or too long in the shaft.

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Do not attempt to master all the clubs at once; take one club at a time and be patient.

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Do not attempt to play without receiving professional tuition. If you do, you will, unless you happen to be a genius, develop bad habits that will take a deal of eradication later on.

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Do not be in a hurry to start hitting balls. Learn, first of all, the elementary factors governing the correct stroke, such as the grip, the stance, the action of the wrists and the turn of the body from the hips.

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Make sure you get to know the correct grip. You will want to hold the club in your own way—which may feel comfortable but will probably be entirely incorrect.

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Persevere with the correct grip. Although it may feel very awkward

at first, you will find that after a few days your hands will take up the right position without any sense of discomfort.

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Do not, in your first wave of enthusiasm, overdo your practice. In any case your hands will feel sore at first, and unless you practice in moderation painful blisters will develop on the fingers.

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Get out of your head the idea that golf is entirely a matter of physical strength. It is not. The secret of golf is "timing."

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"Timing" in a sentence, means the correct communication to the club-head of the power generated by the movements of the wrists, arms, body, legs and feet.

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When you get correct synchronisation of the wrists, arms, body, legs and feet.

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When you get correct synchronisation of the muscles of the human frame in the carrying out of the movements involved in the golf swing, you secure correct "timing."



And once you get into the habit of "timing" your shots correctly, you are on the high road to proficiency.

When starting to play golf you will have to think of a number of things in order to make a correct swing. You will have to consider the position of your hands, your feet, your shoulders, etc., etc. To have to remember so many points at once will, at first, be exceedingly confusing, but persevere, and your trouble will be well repaid in the end.

When you have sufficiently practised a certain movement in the swing, you will, after a time, find your muscles responding automatically, without any conscious effort on your part. Then you will be able to concentrate on increasing your power.

Golf is a peculiar game, in this way. It is quite possible that you may achieve better results immediately after you start than will be the case after you have been playing, say six weeks. The more you get to know about golf the more you will appreciate its difficulties.

Therefore, do not be unduly elated at your early success or pessimistic at your later failures. Just carry on.

Do not expect to become a finished player in a week, or a month, or a year. Disappointment will be in store for you if you do. Our great women players have spent their whole lifetime at the game in order to reach their present standard of excellence.

Never neglect attention to detail. Make certain that your stance and your grip are absolutely right before you commence the backward swing. Many a shot is missed, owing to an incorrect address, long before the club makes contact with the ball.

Grip the club firmly, but not so tightly that the wrists and forearms are stiffened.

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Guard against over-swinging at the top. Many women beginners fall into this error in an effort to get more power into the stroke.

Take the club back smoothly and quietly. Do not twist or jerk the wrists unnaturally.

Never lift the club away from the ball. Keep it low along the ground. Visualise the club head making a wide sweep behind the ball.

Your footwear is exceedingly important in golf. High-heeled shoes must be ruled out. They throw the body's weight forward on to the toes, and therefore increase the difficulties of correct body balance.

Your clothes must also be considered. Tight-fitting coats are excellent for many occasions, but for golf you must avoid anything that will

cramp the free movement of the arms. A loose-fitting woolly is an ideal garment.

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Women golfers are particularly prone to sway the body away from the ball during the backward swing. This is a fatal error. You can overcome it by keeping the head steady, and by rotating the body from the hips.

Swaying is often caused by allowing the right knee to bend outwards and away from the ball as the club goes back. So watch the action of this knee.

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Imagine, when you have addressed the ball, that the outside of the right leg is touching a stake driven into the ground. This will help you.

WHY THE PROPOSED NEW BALL IS DOOMED

(By a Special "Golf Monthly" Commissioner)

WHEN the Editor commissioned me to go to Woking to secure data as to the new ball which was to be used in a match, wrongly described as being "Guttie Ball v. Rubber Cored Ball," I was more than mildly interested. I went as an agnostic, ready to support the apostles of a ball which might improve the game. I came away convinced that enterprise would be still-born, for there are many things which militate against it.

Let us list some of them, and deal with our items seriatim.

(1) It cramps the style and belittles the achievement of the player.

(2) It would mean re-designing courses.

(3) It would be inordinately expensive.

(4) It is a rotten ball.

(1) Human nature being what it is, a sports implement which tends to combat the human element or "achievement" is foredoomed.

The new ball would take away that magic glory of smiting a long ball down the middle of the fairway, and would rob the game of one of its greatest joys. As a freak ball for employment by giants of the game who want to introduce a spark of adventure into their play it is all right, but ball manufacturers do not cater for lions, but for rabbits. And courses are not too short for rabbits, who constitute 90 per cent. of players, and who form the real market. The tendency in balls, bats, rackets and all

sporting equipment is to flatter the player by facilitating his skill.

(2) As I have said, the new ball travels only small distances. One of the "experts" used a little journalistic license when he said a long handicap player could only hit it 75 yards. But the fact remains that 120 yards would be a good hit for the average amateur.

Now try to imagine what sort of a round the rabbit would get with a ball offering that maximum distance, so that a good punch with a driver and a full iron would probably land him in a bunker meant for a not too good drive with a rubber-cored ball.

(3) Expense would be considerable for two main reasons. Guttapercha is very scarce indeed, and the price is prohibitive. Wherefore balata is used in the new ball, which, having similar properties to gutta, is an acceptable substitute. There is also a 45 per cent rubber ingredient. Ted Ray knocked one of the balls out of shape with his first drive; Cyril Tolley did not take much longer to turn his ball into an egg, and probably four or five balls would be required for one round by a poor golfer. The production cost would be greater than is the case with a rubber-cored ball.

(4) Pardon the Colloquialism, but it really is a rotten ball. When you hit it, it sounds like a piece of wood. It does the most absurd things in flight, and is not so controllable as the rubber-cored, either in the long or short game. If you can punch it into an egg with a hefty drive, it is decidedly irritating.

On the putting greens you want a mallet rather than a putter. It has no liveliness, and, as has already been

said, you cannot hit it far. It is expensive and inefficient. Therefore it is a rotten ball.

"BOBBY" JONES GETS \$50,000

"BOBBY" JONES is not only acknowledged the world's greatest amateur golfer, but last month at his "home-town," Atlanta, Georgia, he was presented with a cheque for \$50,000 by his admiring fellow-townsmen at a banquet in his honour—and this constitutes a record golfing gift. No other professional or amateur, has ever before received such an outstanding tribute.

Nearly 5,000 of "Bobby's" friends subscribed to the fund, which will be used by him for the express purpose of buying a desirable lot in Atlanta and building thereon a suitable residence. The interesting picture herewith shows Mr. Eugene Black, well known Atlanta lawyer (right), presenting Jones at the Atlanta Athletic Club, with the plump cheque which will enable him to provide Mrs. "Bobby," himself and young family, with one of the nicest homes in Atlanta. Everything seems to be coming his way, these days, to the British Open and United States Amateur Golf Champion. He certainly is treading the "Golfing Primrose Path," and no one will begrudge him the honours which have been showered upon him, as he has always played the game fairly and squarely. The Royal and Ancient in all its long and glorious career never had a worthier exponent.



A Plump Little Check for \$50,000 is handed to "Bobby" Jones on behalf of some five thousand Atlanta admirers of the many times Champion.

MEETING OF GOVERNORS OF THE SENIORS' GOLF ASSOCIATION

The 1928 Tournament Dates are September 5th-7th at Lambton—Visit of British Seniors Will Be Feature of the Event

THE first meeting of the New Board of Governors of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association was held Wednesday morning, November 31st, at the office of the President, Mr. Clarence A. Bogert, Head Office, Dominion Bank, Toronto.

Present—Mr. C. A. Bogert (in the Chair); Mr. George S. Lyon, Col. Miller, Col. Paul Myler, Mr. R. H. Reville, Col. J. R. Moodie, Mr. R. H. Greene, Mr. A. E. Dymont; Mr. R. H. Williams, and Mr. F. A. Rolph.

A report of the Association's financial standing to date was read by the President, who stated that in spite of material expenditures connected with the

Canadian Seniors' team's visit to England, there still remained a credit balance of two hundred dollars in the bank. The report was approved.

After some discussion it was decided to restrict the limit of membership in the Association to four hundred. It was moved by Col. J. R. Moodie and seconded by Mr. A. E. Dymont that Mr. Williams and Mr. Lyon form a membership Committee to act with the President.

The dates for the 1928 Tournament, to be held at Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, September 5th, 6th, 7th, were confirmed.

Col. Myler proposed, and Mr. R. H. Greene seconded the following resolution:

Resolved—That the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association invite members of the United States Seniors' Golf Association and the British Seniors' Golf Society to take part in our future annual Tournaments when properly entered by their respective Secretaries, and that, when necessary, special prizes be approved for such entrants.—Carried.

Much interest was evinced in the proposed return visit of the British Seniors' team in 1928, and it was suggested in the event of their coming, that they should sail by the St. Lawrence route to Montreal, play matches in Montreal against a team of Canadian Seniors, then leave for Toronto, where they would play a friendly match at the Toronto Club, and take part in the annual Tournament at Lambton afterwards.

The visitors will also probably have the opportunity of playing over the Hamilton Golf and Country Club course at Ancaster, whence they would leave for Niagara Falls en route to New York to play the International triangular match at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y., and also participate in the United States' Seniors' Tournament.

A special tournament committee was appointed to take charge of the above arrangements, consisting of Messrs. G. L. Robinson, R. H. Greene, H. H. Williams, George S. Lyon and R. J. Dilworth, with power to add two additional members.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Governors were the President's guests at luncheon, given by him at the York Club.

The dates of the U. S. Seniors' Golf Tournament at Apawamis, Rye, N. Y., next year, are September 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, or the week after the Canadian Seniors' Tournament at Lambton. The International Matches, Great Britain, the United States and Canada, will be played at Apawamis, the singles on September 13th and the "sixsomes" on September 14th. The Britishers at present are holders of this Championship, having won it last year in England.

BRANTFORD'S THIRD GOLF COURSE

Work Already Started on a Sporting Nine-hole Course—Strong Syndicate Back of the Enterprise

(By the Observer)

NEXT Spring there will be nine more holes in which to play the favourite game of golf, Brantford having, with other places on this continent, succumbed to the lure in a manner that even its most ardent booster could hardly hope for.

In bringing the sport to the masses the popular "pay-as-you-play" plan has been adopted by many associa-

tions who are fostering the game, and this feature will be used by the men responsible for the latest plan to provide a recreative centre for citizens of Brantford. The feeling that the time has come for the formation of a new and moderate priced golf club for Brantford embodying the public play feature, caused a number of golf adherents to get together and to cast

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about for a suitable location for a nine-hole course. The men interested selected and acquired a 50-acre plot adjoining the links of the Brantford Golf and Country Club.

The property lies just across the Paris radial line from No. 6 fairway of the Brantford club's course, and it is bounded on the west by Byng Avenue, the street which runs from the Provincial highway along No. 5 fairway of the Brantford links to Grand Avenue. The southern boundary of the property is the Brantford Municipal Railway tracks, and its northern limit the main line of the C. N. R. The municipal railway has a stop at the property and it is one minute by auto from the Provincial Highway, turning off to the left at Byng avenue to the first turn past the old toll gate corner.

The situation is an ideal one. From the plateau overlooking the lovely course of the Brantford Golf Club, there is a magnificent view of the river, the hills skirting it and the beautiful intervening landscape. The ground is of rolling description with no severe hills and is ideally adapted for golf purposes. A stream of water runs through the property, a bush, with lovely old trees, is situated in the western portion, with a nursery of thriving young pine trees at the east end.

No time has been lost in preparing the property for next season's play. The services of the well known expert, John Sutherland, of the Hamilton Golf Club, were secured and a nine-hole course laid out under his advice. Work was commenced at once and proceeded with so expeditiously that already the entire nine-hole course has been constructed and will be in play next season.

An attractive club house will be erected early in the spring, near Byng Avenue, at the Western boundary of the property, conveniently located to the B. M. R. stop and easily accessible by auto either from the Paris Highway or the Ava Road.

The new club is named after that

old friend of Brantford and former Governor-General of Canada, the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, whose splendid administration as viceroy and whose charming personality is recalled by all Canadians with admiration and affection.

A pleasant feature in connection with the new course is the friendly reception which has been accorded the undertaking by the existing clubs in Brantford and vicinity. There is a camaraderie among golfers which causes members of the older clubs to exhibit a friendly interest in any accession to the ranks of the Royal and Ancient game.

There is, moreover, the feeling that when a club has public play as a feature, many a person will try a round who would not otherwise essay the attempt, with the old result, "Once a golfer always a golfer" and the increase in the number of clubs and players cannot but help the older clubs.

The course abounds in gentle slopes, with no severe climbs throughout its length of 2,804 yards. The ample size of the property permitted the holes to be laid out so that none of the fairways encroached upon each other. The greens have been constructed under Mr. Sutherland's supervision in the most approved modern plan. An electrical pumping system will be installed for the club house and greens.

The charter incorporating the new club as a joint stock company is now being issued, with the following board of directors:

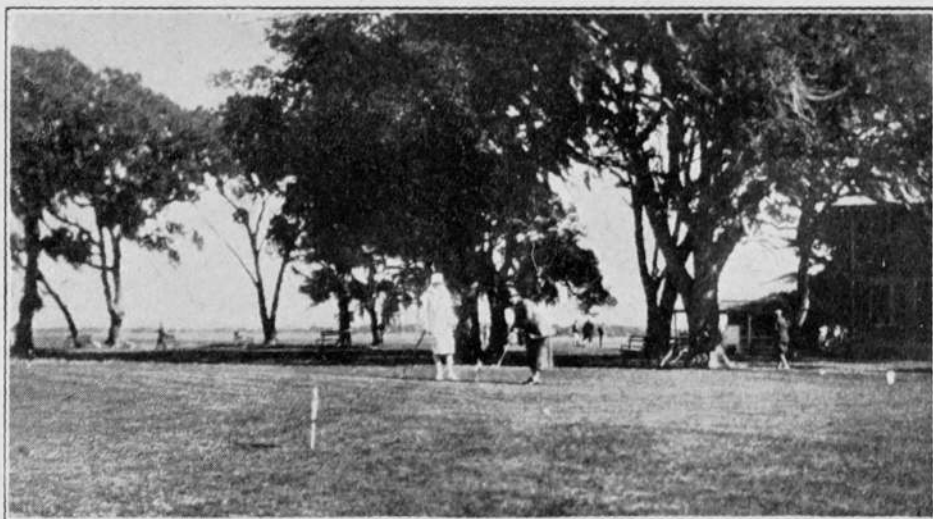
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Manufacturing Co.; R. V. Woffinden, Canadian General Manager of the Spaldings Ltd.

The public golf course with the "pay-as-you-play" feature has within the last two years attained a wonderful popularity throughout Canada and the U. S. Some of these courses are

operated by the municipality, but a large proportion are the outcome of private enterprise. Brantford's new club will embody both features.

Those playing on the new course will have the option of paying a yearly membership or following the "pay-as-you-play" plan.



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NEWS OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Manitoba Association Reports Active Season—Favour Holding the Amateur Championship at Winnipeg—Norwood Course To Be Western Airport

PRESIDENT Charles Harvey presided at the semi-annual meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, when the chief discussion of the evening centred on a report presented, covering meetings held by the Executive with W. W. Walker, President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, while he was in Winnipeg last month. It was intimated to the local officials at that time that, following the line of expansion desired by the Dominion body, the Canadian Amateur Championship might be held in the West in

the near future if the desire was expressed for it. It was the feeling of the meeting that the holding of this tournament in Winnipeg within the next two years would be in the best interests of Canadian golf and the Secretary was instructed to write the Saskatchewan and Alberta Associations in regard to their feelings in the matter, so that no conflict would result with the activities of the Western Canada Association, it being felt that the holding of two major tournaments in the West in the same season might detract from the success of both

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The meeting went on record as being entirely in favour of the continuance of the inter-provincial matches instituted at Hamilton this year, and favored the pooling of the expenses of sending teams from the various provinces, each province bearing a portion of the expense in proportion to the size of its membership. The achievement of the Manitoba team last year in taking second place in the list was favourably commented upon, and the meeting endorsed the action of the Executive Council in undertaking the sending of the team last July.

Reports of officers and committees indicated that the 1927 season had been the most successful in the history of the Association. An increase in membership during the year has brought the total of affiliated clubs up to twenty-four. Along with the increased membership a big improvement in finances was commented on by the President, who was particularly gratified to note a comfortable surplus carried forward. The tournaments held by the Association throughout the year were well patronized and contested, a record entry of 14 teams having taken part in the inter-club team championships, and satisfactory numbers in the amateur, junior and invitation events. The special match play against par competition, staged largely for the financing of the Manitoba team to Hamilton, was held by many clubs throughout the Province. Seven matches for the

Hutchings Challenge Trophy had been played during the summer, and the trophy had finally been enticed away from the Brandon Club, the original holders, being now in the possession of Elmhurst.

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Modern developments are threatening the peace of the Norwood Golf Club, one of Winnipeg's oldest and most popular courses. For some time realty operators have desired the particularly attractive property of Norwood for sub-dividing purposes, as it is well located within Greater Winnipeg. The latest move is to secure it for an airport site and if the negotiations are successful Winnipeg will soon have a modern landing field for transcontinental fliers, equipped with the most up-to-date service facilities for airplanes. There is considerable reluctance on the part of the Norwood members toward parting with the old property, but the offers may prove too tempting.

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Mr. L. Rumford was re-elected to the Presidency of the Alcrest Golf Club at the annual meeting of the club, when a good representation of the members was in attendance. Jack Blair went back to office as Vice-President, while the remaining members of the Board were elected as follows: J. R. Aikman, T. Couling, W. J. Faulkner, W. J. Lindal, W. F. Sutherland, H. P. Dexter and Jack Wheatcroft. Reports for the past season were presented and showed the club to be in a healthy condition. On account of the late start last spring, green fees were far down from the previous year, but, in spite of this, the financial statement was a satisfactory one. The retiring officers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their untiring efforts on behalf of the club.

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Mr. T. J. Lytle was again the choice of the Assiniboine Golf Club as President for another term at the annual meeting at the Marlborough Hotel, with a good attendance of members.

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H. A. Mackay was elected Vice-President, W. B. Thomson was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and the following committee chairmen were appointed: Finance, R. A. Robison; Green, T. J. Hall; Sports, S. Turnbull, and House, S. Turnbull. Reports of the past season's activities were presented, and the club's finances were shown to be in satisfactory condition, although some revenue was reduced from last year. It was decided to make arrangements for an extended lease on the club property, so that projected enlargement of club house accommodation could be undertaken next season. T. J. Lytle, T. J. Hall, R. A. Robison, S. W. Turnbull, and R. G. Murray were the five directors elected for a two year term, the remainder of the Board who still have a year to serve, being H. A. Mackay, W. S. Thomson, W. T. Thomson, and B. C. Galbraith.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Souris Golf Club,

Limited, was attended by a good number of shareholders. President W. C. McCulloch occupied the chair. S. B. Prest, E. Guy Hetherington and S. Lightfoot, the retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board, and, with W. C. McCulloch, G. T. Sewell and Charles Redpath, will manage the affairs of the club during the season of 1928. The membership list showed an increase of forty, and there was a marked addition to the green fees for the past season. The financial statement showed matters in a very healthy condition with a much larger balance on hand than in any previous year. A number of improvements were made on the course last year, which include the re-fencing and the building of a new first green with a much longer fairway.

The annual meeting of the Virden Golf Club, of Manitoba, the retiring President, Dr. I. O. Fryer, reported a very satisfactory season. Election of officers resulted as follows: Hon-



orary President, I. O. Fryer; President, John D. McNiven; Vice-President, George E. Clough; Secretary-Treasurer, Cecil Arthur; Executive Committee, the officers with Murray R. Ames, Ted Boiteau, G. Albert Carscadden, W. N. Miller and P. H. Hamon.

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Mrs. J. G. Cory was elected President of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union at the annual meeting held at the Fort Garry Hotel with a good attendance of delegates. Mrs. H. H. Fleming was the choice for Vice-President; Mrs. James Alves was returned to office as Secretary-treasurer. Mrs. W. J. Faulk-

ner will be convener of the Handicap Committee, while Mrs. K. C. Allen, as Provincial Champion, will be Pars Convenor. Three more members of the Executive will be added at the first meeting of the newly appointed Board. At the conclusion of the meeting, lunch was served at the hotel, when Mrs. George Northwood, Mrs. R. A. Graham, Mrs. Douglas Laird, past Presidents of the Branch, and Mrs. W. W. Chasely, Portage la Prairie, were guests of honour. The Secretary's report, presented at the luncheon, outlined the activities for the past season, and showed the affairs of the Union to be in splendid condition.



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"SOME THUMBNAIL SKETCHES"

Many Promising Young Players Developed This Season in the Old Country—
Two or Three At Least, Have All the Ear-marks of Coming
Open Champions

(By the Editor)

DURING a very enjoyable but altogether too brief visit to England and Scotland in October, I was particularly glad to hear that the Old Country this season has developed some very promising young golfers. Last year when I was there the "older school" was still more or less dominating the situation. This season, three or four stellar young stars have appeared upon the horizon, who ought to be, and no doubt will be, heard from in the major championships and events in 1928. And that is a very encouraging condition of affairs indeed. The old Triumvirate, Vardon, Taylor and Braid, and also "Sandy" Herd, carried the burden long. "Ted" Ray and George Duncan are still playing great golf, whilst "Abe" Mitchell is "once again, himself again," after five months' absence from the links, the result of an operation for appendicitis, on the eve of his departure last June, for the United States and Canada, at the head of the Ryder Cup Team, a most unfortunate incident which sadly crippled the team and its chances to retain the cup won by them in 1926. Arthur Havers, winner of the British Open in 1923, the last time a Britisher headed the field, and the Whitcombes and several other fine players have recently not been much in the picture, so the advent this season, of some young players of great promise is most heartening to British followers and supporters of the Royal and Ancient, who feel keenly the wresting from them, since the war, of their former acknowledged supremacy in the golfing realm, by players from the United States, both Amateur and professional.

As a result of the 1927 championship and tournaments just closed, experts in Great Britain concede that Henry Cotton, of the Langley Park Golf Club, Beckenham, Kent, has all the "hall marks" of a coming Open Champion. En passant. Many years ago, I went to the Church School at Beckenham, then a sleepy little town, dominated by the old Parish church, perched astride a steep hill, into which faded the old fashioned business street. Golf was unheard of in those days in Beckenham; cricket was the only game played. To-day it is virtually a suburb, and a very attractive suburb, of ever-growing London, and golfers by the hundred are numbered amongst its well-to-do residents, Langley Park having a particularly attractive and popular course.

Cotton will not be 21 years of age until next month, which makes his recent performances all the more remarkable. At the early age of six he started play-



T. H. Cotton, who this year again won the
Kent Open Championship





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ing the game and continued to do so throughout his school days. In July, 1923, he matriculated and at once decided to take up golf professionally. His first position was as assistant to W. G. Oke at Fulwell Golf Club, Middlesex. Afterwards he was at Rye and Cannes (France), and then in March, 1926, was appointed to Langley Park, Beckenham.

Cotton first sprang into prominence last year when he won the Kent Professional Championship—no mean performance for a player still in his 'teens, as the County of Kent boasts many experienced pros with high-class reputations.

This season his record in major events is quite an impressive one. It is questionable whether any young player in the past has ever had a much better one. Here it is:

	Rounds	Strokes
Roehampton Tournament	2	149
"Daily Mail" (second place in Qualifying Round, South Section)	2	145
"Daily Mail" Finals	4	318
British Open Championship, Qualifying	2	155
British Open Championship, Finals (ninth place).....	4	298
Dutch Open Championship (second place)	2	155
Belgian Open Championship (fourth place)	2	148
Gleneagles Tournament, Qualifying (reached semi-final)	2	148
York "Evening News" Qualifying	2	149
Irish Open Championship (runner-up to Geo. Duncan)	4	313
Northern Open Championship	4	291
"News of the World" Qualifying	2	146
German Open Championship (fifth place)	4	300
French Open Championship (seventh place)	4	308
Kent Professional Championship (winner)	2	144
Total number of rounds, 44.		
Total strokes, 3,460. Average 75.2.		

It will be noticed that in the Irish Open, Cotton had four rounds in 313, which, however, put him in second place to George Duncan. This championship was run off in admittedly the most execrable weather ever encountered in a championship, which penalized every player some 15 strokes or more. But for this his average would have been even better. Cotton this season



again won the Kent Championship with a very fine 70 and 74 for a total of 144, and was also in second place in the Dutch Open, in addition to being in second place for the Irish Open, in which all the leading British pros competed. When I was in England in October Cotton demonstrated his great ability in no unmistakable manner, when in an exhibition match at Potter's Bar, he was out in 33 and home in 36 for a superlative 69, defeating Charles Whitecombe, who was on the Ryder Cup team which visited the States and Canada this summer by seven strokes, and Herbert Jolly, also a member of the Ryder Cup team, by ten strokes. In a four-ball match, which followed, Cotton and Taylor defeated Whitecombe and Jolly 2 and 1, Cotton again being in great form, the feature of the round being an "eagle" 3 at the long thirteenth. "By large and small," the twenty-year-old Beckenham professional has been quite the outstanding feature of the 1927 season in the Old Country.

It will interest young Canadian golfers to know that Cotton has a fullish three-quarter swing, with a straight left arm, and plays with the ball in a central position, which more or less is rather unusual. He has the ordinary overlapping grip and holds the club in the fingers. He takes up his putting stance and he is a very good putter, which the majority of Britishers are not, with left elbow towards the hole. He uses rather a long-shafted putter.

Quite on the heels of Cotton is another promising young player—"Jack" Smith, assistant to George Duncan at the Wentworth Golf Club, Virginia Water, Surrey. He too, has figured up well in many of the leading events of the 1927 season. Perhaps his most outstanding success was winning last October for the second year in succession the Surrey Championship with the consistent scores of 73 and 72 for a total of 145, three strokes ahead of Arthur Havers, ex-Open Champion, who won chief honours with the Ryder Cup team this year in the matches at Toronto and Montreal against the Canadian professionals.

Smith is a mighty "swatter." George Duncan tells me, and the scintillating George can line 'em out as well as the best of them, that his young assistant outdrives him from the tee, twenty to thirty yards any time he wants to "lean on the ball." George was quite frank in his statement that Smith should have been included on the Ryder Cup team this year, but his youth and inexperience counted against him.

Another young professional, who promises to go far, very far, is "Bert" Hodson, easily the leading Welsh player. He is the professional at the Newport Golf Club, Rogerstone, Monmouth. Like Cotton, he took up the game



D. A. Curtis, one of the longest drivers in Great Britain.

when only six years of age—he is now twenty-two. For the past two years he has headed the Welsh section in both the "Daily Mail" and "News of the World" Tournaments in the Qualifying Rounds—a noteworthy performance. This year too, he won the Welsh Championship at Fenby with a record score of 290, and the Invitation Tournament at St. Albans with a score of 147 for 36 holes. This Tournament, by the way, was arranged by Mr. S. Ryder, the donor of the Ryder Cup, and one of the most generous patrons of the game

in Great Britain. "Jack" Smith, of Wentworth, previously mentioned, also loomed large in this Tournament, tying Hodson with 147 for the 36 holes. The Welsh champion for the first time, this year competed in the British Open Championship at St. Andrews, finishing in seventh place with a score of 297. At the end of the second round with 142, he was only two strokes back of the Champion, "Bobby" Jones. A third round of 81 was his undoing. Altogether, however, a wonderful showing for a young player amongst such a galaxy of stars. Hodson will "want watching" next year.

D. A. Curtis, of the Queen's Park Golf Club, Bournemouth, is another of the "young brigade" who did well in the British Open this year. He had rounds of 73, 76, 79 and 74. As a youngster he won the Assistant Championship of Hampshire four years in a row, 1923-4-5-6. He qualified for the Open Championship of Great Britain in 1926 and 1927, and the Open Championship of Germany in 1926, and was third in the Western Championship this year. With a 67, he holds the record of Queen's Park, Bournemouth, displacing 71, which had held good



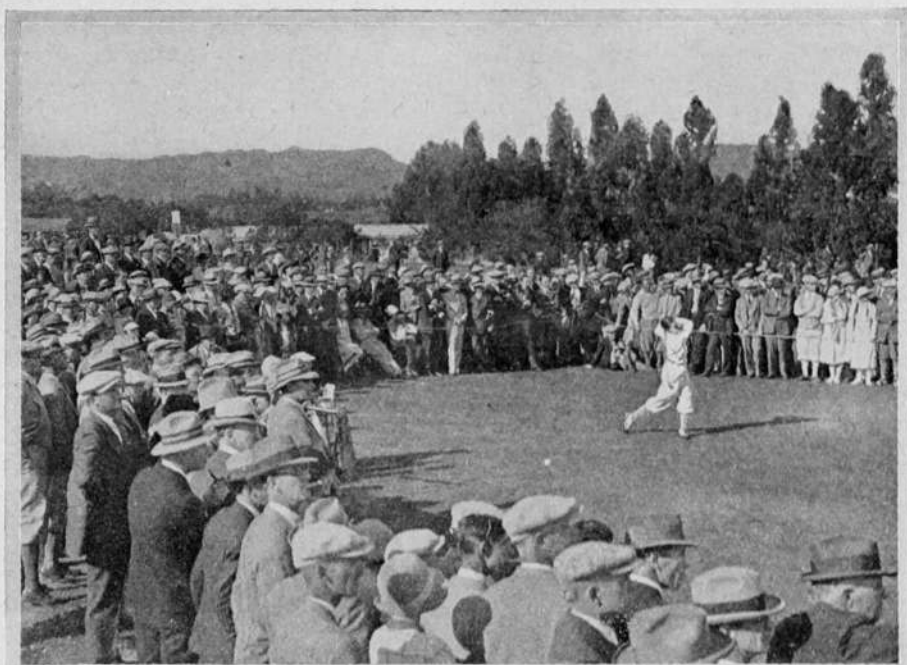
B. Hodson, Welsh Champion, who made a fine showing in the British Open

for five years. Curtis, the same as Smith, is a very long driver. In the 1926 British Long Driving contest his three drives aggregated 790 yards, 0 feet, 4 inches. Archie Compston, the "Manchester Giant," defeating him literally "by inches," his winning score being 790 yards, 0 feet, 7 inches. Curtis comes of a family of golfers. His uncle is Mr. G. H. Cann, who is a partner of J. H. Taylor, five times Open Champion in the celebrated golfing firm of Cann and Taylor, East Sheen, London.

Still another youthful player is Tom Dobson, who won the Scottish Amateur Championship two years ago. Following the example of "Tommy" Armour and "Bobbie" Cruickshank, former well known Scottish amateurs, now resident in the States, picking up dollars ad galore, Dobson has joined the professional ranks, and a bright future is predicted for him.

Young Taggart, of Winston, near Manchester, too, so I am told, is highly spoken of by good judges of the game.

Here, then, we have some sparkling young players who are well equipped to take up the golfing mantle of the old British Masters, who so long and so



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worthily dominated the game, but who naturally are to some extent, making their exeunt from the stage on which they have "played" so brilliantly and so well, for many years. In golf, as in everything else, youth is today in the "spotlight." In this respect, Great Britain, golfingly, apparently is not without hope for the future.

"MRS. DIEGEL'S DIAMONDS"

(By W. Hastings Webling).

IT was the closing dinner-dance of the season at the Eaglewood Golf and Country Club. The long, low-beamed dining room, especially decorated for the occasion, formed a striking setting for the gay assembly of pretty maids and more or less stately matrons, all becomingly gowned and be-jewelled in honour of the event. Nor should the supposedly sterner sex be entirely overlooked, for in them was seen a clean-cut crowd, from callow youth to mellow age, crowned with the glow of good health, smartly clad in tuxedo, with here and there the scarlet coat of the Royal and Ancient adding a splash of color to the gay and festive scene.

The President, beaming with paternal pride, finally concluded his somewhat lengthy peroration, and the orchestra, in response to his timely suggestion, started "Auld Lang Syne." The company rose, joining most heartily in the good old chorus, and what might have been lacking in harmony was certainly more than balanced by the energetic enthusiasm displayed by young and old. The first part of the programme being thus fittingly brought to a finish, the members and their guests formed themselves into various groups and slowly vacated the room, in order to give the club servants an opportunity of preparing for the forthcoming dance.

"Thank Heaven that's over," grumbled little Peter Patmore, doing his best to force a way through to the locker-room, where coat and hat had been left, in order to make his escape without arousing unnecessary comment. For Peter, it must be confessed, preferred the comfort of his cosy bachelor apartments to the intoxicating turmoil of eternal jazz. In the old days he rather fancied himself at the stately waltz, and even surmounted the difficulties of the more modern two-step, but with the gradual disappearance of the cheering cocktail dances were anathema, and club dinners simply bored him to tears.

Having gained his objective, Peter gazed anxiously around, and found to his relief he was alone. Quickly bundling on his overcoat he seized his bag of clubs, and made his escape through a side door out to the driveway.

While waiting for the previously ordered taxi, which even now he saw approaching in the distance, Peter was surprised by the sudden, and quite noiseless appearance of a man in evening dress. With some difficulty he at last recognized the rather striking features of the Hon. Montague Mortimer-Lisle, a brother of the Earl of Muckleford, whom Daniel Diegel, Vice-President of the Club, a man of malt and millions, had recently discovered, and, together with his socially ambitious wife, exploited to the limit, much to their own satisfaction, and the partially concealed envy of their friends.

"I say, not going, are you?" exclaimed the young Englishman, in his usual chipper manner.

"Yes," replied Peter hurriedly. "Important engagement. Sorry."

"Your clubs? Chucking the game, or going south?"

"Neither. Always take 'em in about this time. Safer home. Might be a fire, you know."



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"Quite so," agreed Mortimer-Lisle, taking the aforesaid bag of clubs from Peter's hands. "Rather a load, what? Ah, here's your cab. Must on to the dance. Rather a bore. Envy you, Old Fruit! Ta-ta!"

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Once safely back home it did not take Peter long to divest himself of coat, collar and tie, also those infernally tight pumps, for a loose fitting housecoat and a pair of sensible slippers. He then proceeded to move on one side a picture of "Innocence" that decorated the wall, disclosing the door of a small burglary-proof safe set therein. With the speed of long practice, he quickly negotiated the combination, and from its secret recess withdrew a bottle of sacred pre-war Scotch, a brand long and favorably known throughout the civilized world, and still going strong!

Mixing a moderate portion of the spirit with some of the contents from a syphon standing conveniently near, Peter lighted his favourite briar, selected a recent issue of a popular magazine, and flopped, with a sigh of utmost content, into a well-cushioned leather chair, specially designed to accommodate his peculiar proportions.

With all this comfort, to say nothing of luxury, one would naturally suppose our friend was destined to pass the evening in comparative peace. Not so, fate had ordained otherwise. In fact, this particular evening was to form an epoch in Peter's otherwise rather uneventful life, and provide a topic of

never-ceasing interest to himself, if not to his long-suffering friends, for many years to come.

Peter had risen, and was just in the act of filling his pipe, when he fancied he heard someone tampering with the French windows, which opened on a balcony leading to a small garden at the rear.

Peter promptly developed a bad state of fright. For a moment he thought that it might have been the wind. But no, the next moment, he distinctly saw a movement of the curtains and with bated breath heard the soft snap of a catch. In tones he attempted vainly to control, Peter managed to bleat, "Who's there?" fervently hoping it might prove to be a cat.

"Just coming, old dear," drawled a pronounced English accent, and with a dramatic parting of the curtains the lithe form, and swarthy features of the Hon. Montague Mortimer-Lisle stood revealed to Peter's astonished view.

The Englishman was enveloped in a long, voluminous coat and collar turned up to his ears, a tweed cap almost covering his eyes.

"My word," he exclaimed, removing his cap, and throwing back his coat with a certain unconscious grace. "All the comforts of home, and the rent paid—what?" His dark impious eyes glanced keenly round the room, finally resting on the open bottle. "My Sainted Aunt, an oasis in the desert, or is it merely a mirage? No, by jove, Scotch, by all that's glorious! This is too much!"

"It certainly is too much," Peter managed to splutter haughtily, "by what right——"

"Quite so, old Bean, rather unconventional, and all that sort of thing, but I'll explain later. In the meantime, may I help myself? Thanks."

Without waiting to be pressed, Mortimer-Lisle poured out a generous four-fingers of Peter's precious liquor, and raised the tumbler cheerfully in salute. "Chin-chin, likewise tootle-loo! as our friends the ancient Greeks would have it." And the contents of that tumbler, was not.

Peter watched these inexcusable proceedings with speechless indignation, which threatened to cause a most dangerous combustion. Never in his well-ordered existence had he been subject to such indignity. He again started to assert himself, in tones calculated to wither even the Hon. Montague, but that debonair gentleman once more interrupted, "What aroma! What nectar! By Jove, Patmore, I'd sooner own a case of that Scotch than a bag of diamonds. But that reminds me, old thing' you are naturally curious to learn the reason for this quite unusual visit from one who is, one might say, almost a stranger—what?"

Peter's concentrated glare, undoubtedly confirmed this impression.

"Quite so! I will explain. A cigarette, thanks very much, as Harry Tate used to say. Now that we're all seated nice and cosy, I will a tale unfold. You have yet to be informed, I take it, of a really most trying experience we had at the club, after you left this evening—am I right?"

"You are," replied Peter icily.

"Well, just about the time you made your hurried exit the lights followed suit. For a few moments pandemonium reigned, then for some unaccountable reason the lights came on again. When order was restored, our dear friend Mrs. Diegel suddenly discovered her new diamond necklace was not in its accustomed place, in other words, it was gone. Quite a rag, what? I was close to her at the time, and gently suggested the good lady shake herself, but she missed the point, and looked as if she would rather liked to have shaken me. My word, she was annoyed!

"Of course, everyone started to make a thorough search, a regular house to house canvass, but not a bally sign of the sparklers. Then some brainy lad took the trick by suggesting the police be notified. Excellent idea! Carried unanimously. Although, I believe, the dear president did enter a belated



GOLF UP TO DATE

Here is a picture of "Wild Bill" Mehlhorn (on right), Willie Hunter, former British Amateur Champion, and George Prudden, designer of the plane, which belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, and which is being used by the prominent golfers in California to travel from course to course in exhibition playing.

protest! Something about reflection on the club, public scandal, etc. Just as if he owned the blinking old place—what?

Well, in quite a reasonably short space of time, an automobile dashed up to the door, out of which bounded a big blighter, who splashed into our midst, threw back his coat, in the good old theatrical manner, disclosed his 'sign of the Cross'—ever notice how cross detectives are as a class? And proceeded to

give us a mild form of the third degree. We all got it, even the President, and 'pon my word, Patmore, I never before saw a man give a finer exposition of outraged dignity, without saying a bally word. It was the last word in suppressed emotion. But I am digressing.

It was all, alas, of no avail. Not a sign, not a clue was discovered. Finally we were allowed to proceed on our way, with the exception of old Parkins, the Secretary, who really looks too good to be honest. At least that is the way "Hawkshaw," the detective, seemed to dope it out. Terrible chap, Hawkshaw."

"Very interesting, I've no doubt," observed Peter, as Mortimer-Lisle stopped to light another of his host's specially imported Egyptians, "but what, may I ask, has all this to do with your, your unwarranted intrusion on my privacy?"

"There you have it, old cabbage, that is the question, as the divine William once remarked. Now, just between ourselves," and the Englishman leaned forward and tapped Peter lightly on his pudgy knee, "we must admit, your actions this evening have been, what we might call, open to suspicion—what."

"Suspicion?" echoed Peter, beginning to think his visitor either drunk or demented.

"Well, to begin with," inquired Mortimer-Lisle gently, "did you or did you not, leave the club about 8:45, which, as I have already intimated, was about the time the lights mysteriously went off and on again?"

"What if I did?" queried Peter impatiently.

"Answer me, please." Mortimer-Lisle's dark eyes suddenly dominated Peter in the most curious manner, and he replied in the affirmative.

"So! Did you, or did you not, leave by a side door which is very seldom used by the members, instead of by one of the usual exits?"

"What has that to do with you, anyway?" protested Peter peevishly.

"Did you or did you not?" reiterated that inexorable voice.

"I did, simply because——"

"Now Patmore, I am not asking for explanations, but for facts, you took your golf bag with you?"

"I did."

"Why?"

"I've already told you—haven't I?"

"Where is that bag now?"

"In the hall cupboard, I suppose, that's where I left it. But what in the name of thunder it's got to do with——"

"That we shall see," interrupted Mortimer-Lisle impressively. "Have you any objection to my examining that bag?"

"Not the slightest! But dammit, I don't know why I permit——"

"Please get the bag."

As one hypnotized, Peter rose and went to the outer hall. He was just grasping the object of his errand, when a hoarse voice whispered in his ear, "That's right, Sir, keep it up, not a word—understand? The force is behind you!"

Peter managed to distinguish in the dim light a short, husky man about middle age, whose small, snapping eyes and prominent jaw, gave an appearance of ferocity that was not lost on poor Peter. Surely the world was going entirely mad! But without further delay, the bag was carried to his waiting inquisitor.

"Ah, exhibit A," exclaimed Mortimer-Lisle, who in the meantime had evidently taken the opportunity of again helping himself liberally from the bottle. "Useful object a golf bag, covers a multitude of things—what? Used



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it myself many a time to carry the odd bottle across the border in case of chills. Well, well, well, let us see."

The Englishman shook the bag slightly, took out the clubs, one at a time. He then turned it upside down, and from it descended a heterogeneous mixture, of golf balls much the worse for wear, a bedraggled tie, a pair of decayed gloves, and a quite clean white handkerchief rolled into a sort of parcel.

He then, with the air of a conjurer, proceeded to flip open the handkerchief, and from it fell, jingling and sparkling to the floor, a diamond necklace.

"Merciful Heavens," cried Peter in agitation, "the Diegel diamonds!"

"Quite so," calmly observed Mortimer-Lisle, "evidently," he continued, "there are others who realize the possibilities of a golf bag for illegal purposes—what? Fascinating baubles," he muttered softly, half to himself, while gloating caressingly over the precious gems. "A bargain at twenty-five thousand, trust old Diegel for that! Then deftly tossing the handkerchief to Peter, "recognize it?" he asked, with a sardonic smile on his thin, wide lips.

It needed but one glance to satisfy Peter on that point. It was his! A ludicrous look of surprise settled on his face, an expression one sometimes observes on one from whose hat a rabbit had just been removed. With this incriminating evidence before him, Peter mopped the beads of perspiration from his bulbous brow, and for the first time in his life knew what it was to feel like fainting.

The strained silence that followed, was presently relieved by a clock striking the witching hour of midnight. It brought Mortimer-Lisle's wandering thoughts to heel. "Well Patmore," he said at length, straightening himself up, "far be it from me to criticize anyone. Few of us know what we might do under certain circumstances. Human nature is frail, and even a saint has been known to fall. Of course, you can hardly expect me to condone your

crime, but I, at least, will not be the one to cast you from the pedestal of respectability you have previously occupied. You shall have your chance."

Peter sat petrified, but said nothing, his small, round eyes almost bursting from their sockets, he gasped, for all the world like a freshly caught cod. "Therefore," continued the remorseless judge, "I shall return the necklace to its rightful owner, with the most plausible explanation that may present itself. Doubtless the recovery of the necklace, together with a natural desire to avoid unpleasant publicity, may induce the Diegels to proceed no further in the matter. This, of course, I cannot promise, I can only do my best.

Without further word, Mortimer-Lisle buttoned his coat, carefully adjusted his cap, and with a curt nod, was gone.

"Bully for you, Sir," croaked a hoarse voice behind him, "you certainly played him up for fair!" It was the fierce-looking chap from the hall.

Then as one gradually recovering from an hypnotic trance, Peter burst out frantically, "He's gone! The Diegel Diamonds! Through the window!"

"All right Sir, don't be alarmed, he can't lose us. There's two good men outside waiting. They have their orders. I'm from Pinkertons, John K. Denton. We've been shadowing that guy for a week. Guess we'll get him with the goods this time!"

"Merciful goodness!" exclaimed Peter, regaining somewhat his mental equilibrium, yet bubbling over with excitement. "A regular criminal, eh? Who would have thought it? Connected with one of the oldest families in England! Son of an earl! Dear, dear!"

"Just a by-product, that's all, Sir. A regular old rip, was the late Earl of Mukleford. But Larry's some bird, at that," remarked the detective, with a knowing wink of his left eyelid.

"Larry?"

"Yes, alias London Larry, that's him, Sir. Slickest con man and one of the smartest dips I ever met," continued Denton, with a sort of professional pride. Well, I must be going back. Guess there's something doing at the office by this time. "Good night, You'll be hearing from us later. Till then, mum's the word. Remember!"

"Certainly," acquiesced Peter, beginning to swell with importance. "Always at your service, Officer. Good night."

No sooner, however, had the detective's thick-set form disappeared than Peter, consumed with curiosity, rushed to the phone. Unfortunately the machine was out of order. Connection with central was impossible. (A little precaution on the part of the astute "Mr. Denton.") It was, therefore, very evident nothing could be done till morning, so Peter sadly placed the much depleted bottle back in its former resting place, wrapped his soul in patience, his plump little body in pajamas, and jumped into bed.

It was not till after a brief, very business-like visit next morning from the man previously dubbed Hawkshaw, otherwise James Callaghan, and his chief, Inspector Herbert Smith, who by the way, looked more like a prosperous dry goods merchant, than the successful criminal investigator he really was, Peter discovered to his profound surprise, that he, the previous evening, had been privileged to meet, and in a manner entertaining, a couple of the most notorious and urgently wanted crooks on two continents. Further, that Denton, far from being a detective, was in reality a close confederate of London Larry, only too well known to the police, under the expressive alias of "Muggsie Morgan."

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(By the Editor)

DURING an altogether too brief trip to the "Old Country" last month, one of my most pleasing visits was to Harry Vardon at his club, South Herts, Totteridge, a charming London suburb. I was delighted to find the

"six times Open Champion" in the pink of condition, still playing almost daily his round of golf and playing it remarkably well, as frequent scores in the seventies testify. He is extremely popular with the members of the prominent South Herts Golf Club, of which he is an honorary member, and the hundreds of visitors who come to see him every year. He is still the world's Master Stylist and it is a pure delight to see him play all his shots. A beautiful statue of him in action adorns the Lounge Room at South Herts, whilst in honour of his recently completing 25 years professional duties at the club a handsome silver cup has been put up by the members for annual competition, so it will be seen his name will for all time be perpetuated at Totteridge. Vardon always re-

members and talks enthusiastically of his tours in Canada, and asked me to express his warmest golfing wishes to Canadian golfing friends—and he has them from Coast to Coast by the thousand.

The many times Champion first visited the United States and Canada in 1900, or twenty-seven years ago, when with a score of 317 he had little difficulty in "picking up" the U. S. Open Championship. He was then literally in



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a class by himself. Afterwards he made a brilliant tour of the United States and Canada, under the auspices of the well known sporting firm of A. G. Spalding and Bros., and was everywhere, and deservedly so, received with great acclaim. In Canada, at that time there were few, very few golf clubs, but Vardon played in Montreal and Toronto, then virtually the only golfing centres. In Montreal in 1900—and that was in the days of the old "gutta ball," Vardon in the morning at Dixie played the best ball of Tom Smith, then the professional of the Royal Montreal, now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., and George Cumming, the professional of the Toronto Golf Club, and still the popular professional of that well known club. On this occasion, Smith played a particularly good short game, and at the 17th the match was "all square," when on the 18th Cumming with a fine 3—it would be called a "birdie" to-day, won the hole and the match for his side. In the afternoon, Vardon played Messrs. Percy Taylor, of Montreal, (ex-Amateur Champion of Canada), and Gordon MacDougall. Registering a superlative 71 in those days, Vardon had little difficulty in accounting for the Montreal amateurs. In Toronto, he played on the old Rosedale course, having for his opponents, George S. Lyon, then Canadian Amateur Champion and Mr. Vere C. Brown (now of New York) the 1899 Amateur Champion. Vardon defeated the amateurs by 3 and 2, playing brilliant golf.

Then in 1913, accompanied by the 1912 British Open Champion, Ray, Vardon again visited the United States and competed in the U. S. Open Championship, won by him thirteen years previously. That championship goes down in history, because it was then that Francis Ouimet, a young Boston amateur, first sprang into fame. He tied with the two British cracks and in the play-off won out. Vardon tells me, and with not any excuses whatever, that he

and Ray did not take Ouimet seriously. They thought "he had shot his bolt" and were more or less watching each other and playing against each other. So Ouimet slipped in and rather decisively accounted for both of 'em, and that is possibly the true story of the U. S. Open Championship of 1913.

The American tour of Vardon and Ray, teamed up together in 1920, is still fresh in the memory of present-day golfers. A very colourful pair indeed they were—the long slugging "Ted" Ray and the graceful and accomplished Harry Vardon with every shot in his bag. To my mind the most interesting



When Vardon last visited Canada. Snap shot taken at The Royal Montreal Golf Club, October 27th, 1920, at the end of the Vardon and Ray memorable tour of 96 matches in the United States and Canada. Reading from left to right (match was played in a driving storm, which lasted all day), Mr. W. A. Wilson, Captain of The Royal Montreal 1920; "Ted" Ray, Harry Vardon, Mr. C. B. Grier, ex-Amateur Champion of Canada; Charles R. Murray, ex-Canadian Open Champion, and Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., for many years President of The Royal Montreal and Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

pair of golfers—and I have seen a great many, during the last quarter of a century, who ever teed-up together. They were competitors in the U. S. Championship at Toledo that year, and until the last four holes of the 72-hole grind Vardon looked all over like repeating his success of 1900. But then, as luck would have it, a regular gale of wind for a few minutes only, swept the Inverness course and Vardon faltered, and the Master as a result of two or three holes over par had to be content with tying for second place, allowing his brother Jersey golfer, Ray, to take titular honours with 295, then one of the best scores ever recorded in the U. S. Championship. Vardon, by the way, is particularly proud of his record in the States in the Open Championship. He competed three times only; won once and was runnerup twice.

During the 1920 tour Vardon and Ray played the record number of 91 exhibition matches in the States and 5 in Canada. How they ever stood such a strain of "golf by day" and "train by night," is a wonderful testimony alike to their golfing ability and their physical and mental prowess, because they won 70 of their matches against the best amateur and professional talent of the United States and Canada, lost 22 matches and halved 4—a marvellous

performance. It is computed that during this memorable tour, over 200,000 enthusiasts all told, were in the galleries which watched the play of the "Champions of Champions." Their matches in Canada during this tour resulted as follows: Scarborough, Toronto, defeated George Cumming (Toronto), and A. H. Murray (Montreal), 7 and 5; defeated at Winnipeg George Daniel (Winnipeg), and Ernest Penfold (Winnipeg), 5 and 4; Mr. J. T. Cuthbert (Winnipeg), and Mr. T. Gillespie (Calgary), 3 and 2, and Mr. M. Thompson (Winnipeg), and Hugh Fletcher (Winnipeg), 3 and 1. Lost to Mr. C. B. Grier and C. R. Murray at The Royal Montreal Golf Club, 3 and 2. This 36-hole match, the last of their memorable 1920 tour, was played in a blinding rain storm, which lasted throughout the day. Bunkers and greens were alike flooded. Charlie Murray on this occasion played one of the greatest games of his notable career, his card reading 140, which under the conditions was a remarkable performance. He was out in 71 and home in 69. The Directors and members of The Royal Montreal Golf Club most deservedly presented him with a handsome silver tray in commemoration of his great game on this occasion.

Vardon, who was born in Jersey, will be 58 years of age next May and much to his regret, does not expect to visit Canada or the States again, except possibly on a holiday trip. He has done perhaps more for golf than any other exponent of "the game of games." Those who were privileged to see him during his tours of Canada will always remember him as golf's greatest and most graceful exponent.

May he be spared many, many years to tread the verdant fairways he loves so well, and of which for over thirty years he has been such an outstanding ornament.

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score was tied for between Mr. Taylor, who plays off scratch, and Mr. E. C. Baker, who finished in 85—9=76.

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The Transvaal Open Championship, the most richly-endowed event in South African golf, was held at Potchefstroom and resulted in a win for Charles Mellvenny, the old Sudbury professional, by one stroke from A. F. Tomsett in a most exciting finish. The course at Potchefstroom is one of the oldest and most famous in the country, and was established with grass greens at a time when the old Transvaal capital generally had several British regiments stationed there. Many famous golfers played there during the South African War, including Mr. Freddie Tait and Willie Park, Jr., but latterly it has been maintained by a very small but en-



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When the Herts Alliance 27 holes four-ball bogey competition was played at West Herts, it found Ted Ray in form. The Oxhey professional was partnered by Mr. A. Whittaker, and they won the event with eight up on the day. They had led on the first 18 holes with five up, and Ray was the strength of his side. His score for eight of the first nine holes was three under an average of 4's. Abe Mitchell

and Mr. S. Ryder played for Verulam, but after they had been two up on the first 18 holes they finished three up at the end of the programme. Harry Vardon and Mr. Robert Taylor were the South Herts pair, and they were one stroke worse than Mitchell and Mr. Ryder on the day.

There is a possibility of Rufus Stewart, Australia's champion, and professional to the Kooyonga Club, South Australia, playing in the big tournaments in England next year. Stewart won the Australian Open Championship on the Sandringham course at Melbourne, with rounds of 74, 75, 73 and 75, and is the first golfer from South Australia to secure the title.

One of the old school of professionals in Tom King has passed away in his 63rd year. King was a native of St. Andrews, and served his apprenticeship with "old" Tom Morris. He joined the Royal West Norfolk Club, Brancaster, some 30 years ago and was still their professional at the time of his death.

Gullane Club has decided to erect a new clubhouse on the site of the existing ladies' club house at a total cost of about £8,000. An anonymous donor has promised £500 toward the cost of furnishing the new headquarters. An extra-ordinary general meeting will be held very shortly, when a motion, based on the committee's recommendation, to increase membership fees, will be heard.

It was lately reported in the Press that Mr. Philip Hill having purchased most of Bootle, Lancashire, went off to play golf, leaving a message that he was not to be disturbed. What is a mere £1,750,000 deal compared to the seriousness of a round of golf? A mere bagatelle, of course!

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JOHNNY FARRELL AND A FEW STATISTICS

(Warren D. Devine, "Bridle and Golfer," Detroit)

PROBABLY the best golfer of the year, with the exception of Bobby Jones and possibly Walter Hagen and Tommy Armour, was Johnny Farrell (so popular on Canadian courses). The smiling Irishman, who is also known as the world's best dressed golfer, won exactly nine tournaments this summer, eight of them in succession. His long list of wins included the Metropolitan Open, Chicago Open, Eastern Open, and the Pennsylvania Open, all of them important victories. Furthermore, and this is a most remarkable record, although he competed in seventeen important open tournaments, which was one less than the high mark of eighteen set by Bobby Cruickshank, he had the lowest average strokes per eighteen holes of play with 73.03 strokes per round. It is also especially noteworthy that Walter Hagen, in the seven major events of the year in which professionals competed at medal play, had the lowest average for these events, or 73.28 strokes per eighteen holes, proving that old Walter still is at his best when competition is toughest. Significant, also, is the fact that Johnny Farrell had second best average in these major events, although he had a 308 in the National Open. Based upon their records in the important events at medal play the ten best American professionals follow, named in order of merit. The third column of figures is based upon the seven major open events of the year: the National, Canadian, Western, Eastern, Southern, North and South, and Metropolitan.



Johnny Farrell, winner of Nine Tournaments the past season.

Name	Number of Events Participated in	Average in All Events	Average in Major Events
1. Johnny Farrell	17	73.03	73.46
2. Walter Hagen	8	73.15	73.28
3. Al Espinosa	9	73.25	74.58
4. Bill Mehlhorn	14	73.38	75.06
5. Bobby Cruickshank	18	73.42	74.16
6. William Burke	10	73.60
7. Harry Cooper	6	73.66
8. Al Watrous	9	73.77
9. Tommy Armour	17	73.89	74.80
10. Gene Sarazen	12	73.91	75.60

These statistics are based upon the following open tournaments which may be designated important: the National, Canadian, Western, Eastern, Southern, North and South, Metropolitan, Middle-Atlantic, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Monterey, Long Beach, Sacramento, Miami, Santa Clara Valley, Miami Beach, Los Angeles, El Paso, Texas, Broadmoor, South Central, Florida, Florida West Coast, Central Florida, Westchester, Ridgewood, Stockbridge, Long Island, Philadelphia, Shawnee, Wheeling, Oklahoma City, and the Chicago Open. The Metropolitan P. G. A. was also included because of the quality of entrants. The above thirty-four tournaments represent the events in which America's so-called "touring" professionals participated. Those who did not participate in more than six are not included.

The above rankings bring to light some significant facts. Tommy Armour, although he was one of the most prominent figures this year in national golf, rates but ninth in the standings, but we may as well state right now that the one thing the figures do prove is that there is not much to choose between any of the ten, since the averages do not vary more than a single stroke. Al Espinosa, in third place, proves that while a man may not win a single tournament during a season he still may be one helluva good golfer. Al was generally up among the leaders in whatever tournament he entered. Then there is the case of Bill Mehlhorn and his major event inferiority complex. Mehlhorn was almost two full strokes worse in major events than in the less important, and that is the reason why he is known as the world's best runner-up. Another thing the figures show is that Hagen was never as bad as he was supposed to have been during the early part of the 1927 season.

Some may ask where is Leo Diegel (twice Canadian Open Champion). The former Detroit boy had a rather tough year, although he is next to Gene Sarazen with an average of 73.98 for fourteen events. The three outstanding American professionals were Johnny Farrell, Tommy Armour and Walter Hagen and, though a fact or two might seem to belie the statement, we would still be inclined to rate Walter just a bit above the heap. But what's the use, anyhow. They're all good.

"Still a Few Months Yet!"



—By Herbert Johnson

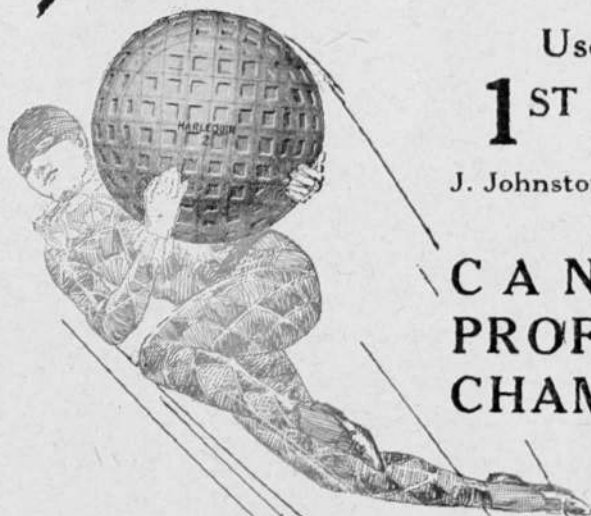


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The Seeded Green

A GREEN newly sown to a putting green mixture passes through two, more correctly three stages before it is permanently established as a putting surface. This is because most permanent grasses are slow growers when starting from seed, which makes it necessary for a good seeded green to "age" before reaching its best, in other words it must grow old. No amount of heavy seeding will overcome this characteristic, a fact that is often lost from sight.

A good seed mixture for the putting green will contain at least two kinds of seed, one being a quick-growing, non-permanent kind and the other to form the eventual sod.

The first stage in the life of the green occurs when the early grasses come up, making a quick covering, rather soft, but if the ground is true, the putting will be satisfactory. This turf is formed entirely by the non-permanent grasses, in this country, usually red top. It will make a passable surface for perhaps a couple of years, rarely longer, because after that time the grass will run out. It is the practice among some clubs to maintain their greens of this turf by sowing annually into the putting surface a small amount of red top seed and thereby producing succeeding generations of this short lived grass. Such, however, lack the fine qualities of well aged greens, though for practical purposes are quite serviceable.

At this time the green sown to an original mixture may show a decided falling off, due to the dying out of the early grasses before the permanent ones have become

properly established, and have spread out to take the place relinquished by the former. This is the second or transition stage and one that causes much alarm in the minds of Green Committees and Executives. Following after a couple of seasons of fairly good service from a new green this sudden decline is puzzling, unless one is familiar with the behaviour of the various grasses in the seeded mixture. The situation is further aggravated when the green has not been properly fertilized during the first stage and the soil exhausted by the former grass is not in a condition to assist the latter, which at this time should be reaching out briskly in all directions. The poorer the soil, the longer and more drawn out will be the transition stage, and an extended period of poor putting will result. When the green has been well cared for from the beginning, this period will be little noticed as the change from the first to third stages will be merged, the life of the red top being lengthened and the other grass coming on more quickly. The last stage comes with the establishment of the permanent grasses. These must take their own time in reaching full growth and while they are assisted by judicious attention, they cannot be unduly hurried.

On the other hand, a green planted with the stolons of full grown plants, does not have to go through the early stages, as is the case of a seeded green. The stolons, as portions of adult plants, undergo very little change when transferred from the nursery, and the green, once it is vegetated and matted up, a matter of a few months at the most, should be as permanent in character as it ever will be.

The Logbook

No two seasons are alike in their influence upon the behaviour of the golf course, and so each winter we can look back on the experiences of the previous months and

glean much useful knowledge to be stored away for future use. By saving and analyzing the history of the year's activities that come within our own notice, and by com-

paring it with the experience of others, do we truly become masters of our profession. The value of keeping a brief diary of happenings in connection with course upkeep has often been commented upon. Such special operations on various parts of the property as weeding, fertilizing, worming, disinfecting, draining, and so on, are done because it is expected that some benefit will accrue, but the fullest measure of profit is not gained unless a complete record is kept of every phase of the work done, from a description of the area before treatment, to an estimate of improvement resulting, together with dates, specifications of materials, labour, etc. To many this might seem unnecessary, a repetition of useless routine, specially irksome to men who spend most of their time in the open and without suitable facilities for this part of their duties; but nevertheless, distasteful as the task may be at the time, there is satisfaction in knowing that at some future date it may be of real value.

Whether we are consciously aware of it or not, every golf course is an experimental station (of a constructive character, let us hope). The man who uses identical methods repeatedly, year after year, is unlikely to rise to the top of his profession; he will soon be left behind in these times of rapid expansion and swift change in working systems. In actual practice we are continually looking for better ways of pursuing a desired objective, trying out some new material or varying the mode of application. When we strike something that appears to be an improvement, we discard our former practice and by this process of elimination tune up the general efficiency by simplifying the work, reducing the labour or economizing on materials. Much of the

good of all this is lost if the only record of procedure is that which is retained by the memory. It is well nigh impossible to remember all the special operations that are employed during one season, together with accompanying weather phenomena as precipitation and sunshine, yet all these are vital factors in pulling a course through a playing season to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is freely granted that the experienced veteran of the greenkeeping profession is able to cope with most emergencies of weather, disease and pests with an instinct born of many years' observation and actual practice, and while he is in active charge, there is little for the management to worry over. But should he by accident or illness, be suddenly removed and it is necessary for a stranger to take his place, the organization will be thrown into a mild state of chaos. The new man may have talent to pick up the responsibility without lost efficiency, but with no written word or record he will have to acquire his own history of the individual behaviour of the course. In these days of highly developed courses involving the investment of large sums of money and with upkeep costs running into many thousands of dollars per year, it is neither businesslike nor ethical to trust human fallibility in so serious and important a matter as the history of the practical field work. This is not a matter of interest only to the greenkeeper, who at this season can review the past year at his leisure and work out his theories on certain aspects of turf management, but is of even greater significance to the executive of the club who obtain by a written record a true impartial resume of the sequence of events concerning their property.

Making the Most of the Turf Nursery

Since the introduction of the vegetative method of making putting surfaces and the use of creeping bent by this means as a turf former, there have been an immense number of bent nurseries put down by individual clubs, in order to provide sufficient planting material to satisfy their requirements. These nurseries are useful, not only in furnishing stolons for laying new greens or converting old ones, but they are stock for use in all kinds of alterations and for the repair of damaged areas. To make the most of them, however, they require more attention than is often thought necessary, particularly so if a supply of stolons is to be available for use at any time. The trouble with many is that once planted there has been very little follow-up work done and so the garden, figuratively and literally, has gone to seed. While not requiring the close care of a putting green, still the turf garden should have a reasonable amount of labour spent upon it. Without the necessary attention the history of a nursery may run like this:

With the original planting of the first stolons, the club is full of hope that in the course of a year or two, it will have enough from the multiplication of runners to do the desired work on the layout. During the first year the rows do well, with very little attention; but the second season, if they are left with the hope that the rows will fill in more completely, is not so successful. When examined in the fall, it is found unsuitable, or if used, does not vegetate as it ought to do. Disappointed, the club consoles itself with the thought that it will make good turf for sodding anyway, and leave it another year unmolested, only to find that as sod it is a poor makeshift. Then later to save their conscience a man is sent to strip the seed heads and a few pounds of material is harvested, mostly chaff. In the end they give it up as a bad job and when they want stolons are obliged to buy live, active material. Such an experience will give a club rather a distaste

for the nursery as an adjunct of the course.

There are few points to bear in mind when maintaining a turf nursery. Its function is to produce turf of a quality that can be used for tee or green and stolons that will root and spread rapidly. For the production of seed it is impractical, and a waste of time and money. When raising stolons for vegetating new areas, it is necessary that new material be planted out, in rows, each year. Young growth is absolutely essential for success. Flower heads should be cut off in order to keep the plants running freely. Cultivation between rows is useful in holding down the weeds and preserving a neat

appearance of the nursery. Watering of course, assists during the dry season.

When growing turf to be used as such, the stolons should be scattered on a specially prepared bed as is done when vegetating a putting green or tee. In this way a good level turf is formed that can be used for careful, particular work without much loss. Old nursery rows, while tough, are seldom level or even enough to do good work and there is a lot of waste. Well developed sod may be left in the nursery for years without hurt, providing that it is tended regularly as regards mowing, weeding, fertilizing, etc.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF GOLF

(By "Bob" McDonald, author of the recent valuable work, "Golf.")

THERE is one important general axiom in golf that may be laid down. That is, train your mind to approach your work without the "inferiority complex," which is the bane of an enormous majority of players and learners. By "inferiority complex," as the psychologists call it, is meant that one must not be obsessed, as so many are, by the idea of failure. One must, on the contrary, tackle one's task with the definite idea that one is going to perform it successfully. That is the only way to succeed.

This "inferiority complex" is probably more marked in golf than in any other game. Eminent engineers, who have built great bridges; master builders, who have erected triumphs of architecture and engineering, great financial figures, who juggle with millions successfully, with never a thought of failure, stand by an inert little ball on the ground and paralyze their muscles from the great powerhouse of the body by the baneful thought: "I know I can't do it." Surely it is not a matter for wonder that they cannot do it.

The truly remarkable thing about this wide-spread pernicious mental attitude is that it is common amongst men to whom it is utterly foreign in the ordinary affairs of daily life.

One must be determined to do one's very best, and if one expects ever to be a golfer, one must carry one's business psychology into golf and for ever exorcise the demon of the "inferiority complex."

This obsession is shown in another very injurious manner. This is in allowing the play of one's opponent to affect one adversely. One's opponent gets away a very fine drive. Immediately the sufferer from this dread disease starts to tell himself that he cannot do anything like so well, and of course, he doesn't, whereas, had he used the proper mental attitude, he would have had a much better chance of doing as well, or approximately as well, if not, indeed, better.

This occurs very frequently when one is being out-driven. One should remember that good approaching and sound putting mean much more than a few yards of extra length in a drive.

As a matter of fact one should, in addition to following out the general mental idea herein outlined, accustom himself to playing his own game and to avoiding too much attention to what his opponent is doing, in other words to play the figures of the course rather than his opponent. This is undoubtedly true of medal play. It is obviously sounder, if possible, in match play.

The golfer, in his early stages, is very similar in one important respect to one who is learning to ride a bicycle. We all know how well the would-be cyclist can hit a telegraph pole or a lamp-post when he has the whole of the

rest of the street open to him. That is because his mind is obsessed by the obstacle. It is exactly the same in golf.

The dub playing to avoid a water hazard is an excellent example of this. He is obsessed by it and the consequence is that he will go into it with unfailing regularity, for he is afraid of it. Bet him, however that he cannot put his ball into the same hazard and he will stand a good chance of missing the water every time.

A good illustration of one of the great mental hazards of golf is in approaching. In this case, one, who has allowed the "inferiority complex" to get hold of him, sees numerous yawning bunkers surrounding the green and obstructing his ball. It really is the fear of the difficulties and not the actual difficulties themselves, that are responsible for the major part of the golfer's trials. One must eliminate the bunkers and all other hazards from one's mind and play firmly not only for the green, but for the pin. This is much more largely a matter of mental resolution than many people would believe, and it applies to all shots to the green from the wooden clubs down.

As a matter of fact it is, in golf, almost, if not quite true to say that what one looks for one always gets.

When one is going along all right and playing well within oneself everything seems to be coming one's way and nothing is difficult.

On the other hand, when one strikes a slump for a few holes it frequently happens that one gets a pernicious obsession of pessimism and then everything goes wrong.

It is always bad to let the mind dwell too much on the result of a shot before playing it. This throws the creative power of the stroke, the brain, too far ahead of the work to be done and the consequence is that one's stroke is bound to suffer. One should concentrate on what has to be done up to the moment of impact and then hit the ball and take what comes.

If anything should go wrong one may then hold the post mortem but it is always bad business to anticipate the corpse as so many do.

These remarks apply with equal, if not greater force to putting. If one is afraid to miss the putt it is half missed already; but, if one has the opposite thought in one's mind, to wit: "I'm going to sink this," one concentrates properly on the stroke, plays it with confidence, and nearly always succeeds. In the vast majority of missed putts it is the paralyzing influence of the fear that one will miss that actually does the damage.

Hit the ball and take whatever comes, but give the ball a chance.

SNAKES ARE A HAZARD IN SOUTH AFRICA

GOLFERS in South Africa have perils sometimes to face which are not encountered in Canada. G. McIlvenny, the young British professional who is now with the Port Elizabeth Golf Club, South Africa, had a startling experience while winning the Transvaal Open Championship, which was played at Potchefstroom, says "Golf Illustrated." In the third round, while walking near the edge of the rough, he nearly stepped on a large ringhals, one of the most poisonous variety of snakes to be encountered on the high veld. The reptile appeared to be much more disturbed than the old Sudbury man, and made his way with all haste to a hole in a hollow just on the approach to the green, while the imperturbable McIlvenny continued to play the par golf which was the feature of the tournament and which enabled him to win his first championship in South Africa. Strangely enough, there was another "snake incident" during the open championship at Bloemfontein a week earlier. When a couple of players arrived on one of the sand greens they noticed the spoor of a snake on the sand. They looked round and failed to see

it, and then proceeded to the business in hand, but when a caddie removed the pin for one of the players to putt, a small, poisonous snake, about 18 inches long, jumped out of the cup, and made tracks for the rough. The snake must have made its appearance just after the couple in front had left the green and hit on the cup as a comfortable resting place.

Then a cable just received states that Cyril Tolley and Major Hezlet, who are touring South Africa with a party of four amateurs sent out there by the R. and A., also had an unpleasant adventure at Cape Town. Their ball had gone into the rough at the third and they had to make their way through thick undergrowth. As they did so they came across a poisonous snake and things looked somewhat ugly until the reptile was killed.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

(From the Edinburgh "Scotsman")

"CANADA had golf before she had a central government, for history records that a Scottish sailor named William Dibman, finding himself in the port of Quebec in 1854, carried his clubs to the Heights of Abraham and there entertained himself in solitary contentment. This solo game on Canada's famous battlefield gives to golf in Canada a fairly ancient status, for although Blackheath and St. Andrews go a long way further back than 1854, Westward Ho! where modern golf had its beginning in England, was not organized until 1863. This interesting historical note on Canadian golf is contained in a booklet just published by the Canadian National Railways in connection with Jasper Park Week, an annual Canadian tournament played yearly.

The game was not played on an organized basis in Canada, however, until the founding, in 1873, of the Montreal Golf Club, the first in North America. Quebec organized a rival club two years later, and annual competitions, held in the "pre-plus-fours" era, were conducted with punctilious regard for the dignity of the pastime. The captains wore flannels and red coats, with caps of the "fore and aft" type. For the initial drive they donned white gloves, discarding them later. The history of the Toronto Golf Club, one of Canada's earliest, notes that in 1895 three members convicted of playing golf on Sunday, appealed against the decision and were upheld on the grounds that golf was not a "noisy" game."

ANNUAL MEETING OF U. S. G. A.

The Annual meeting of the United States Golf Association will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1928, at the Hotel Astor, New York City, at 3.30 p.m. Each member club has the right to be represented by one voting delegate, duly authorized, and his appointment must be certified by his Club Secretary. On Saturday afternoon, January 7th, 1928, at 1.30 o'clock, luncheon will be served at the Hotel Astor, to which are invited all delegates of member clubs and

golfers generally. Green Section—The Green Section Committee of the United States Golf Association have arranged to hold meetings at the Hotel Astor, New York City, on Friday, January 6th, 1928, at 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.; also a meeting on Saturday morning, January 7th, 1928, at 10.00 o'clock. A number of interesting papers will be read, supplemented by a report of the work of the Green Section during the past year.

"GOLF FOR THE MASSES"

Municipal and Public Courses in Canada Are Proving a Great Success—At a Nominal Fee and at No Expense to the Ratepayers, Thousands Are Now Enjoying "the Game of Games"

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT, an enthusiastic follower of The Royal and Ancient, once said:

"Golf has been said to be the game of the rich. This is not so in Scotland, where there are many public golf courses and where working men play in the long twilights of the summer, morning and evening. There is no reason why it should not be a game for the wage earners and those of little means in this country and it is most grati-

following reports, recently received by the "Canadian Golfer":

Mr. E. V. Buchanan, the very able General Manager of The Public Utilities Commission, London, Ontario (a remarkably fine report—London only took up Public Golf in 1924), writes:

"Replying to your letter of November 23rd, we are pleased to submit the following information in connection with the



A View on the Langara Course, Vancouver, B. C., where the revenue the past year was over \$27,000.

fyng to note that in many of the large cities free golf courses are being laid out and offered to the public."

In Canada, as in the States, more and more every year the building of Municipal and Public Golf Courses is being reported from Coast to Coast. It was not so many years ago when the only Public Golf Course to be found in Canada was at Edmonton. Now there is hardly a city of any importance which does not provide facilities for its citizens to enjoy a round of the links for a nominal fee.

The past season has seen many new Public Links opened in the Dominion, and there is now a total of over thirty such worthy enterprises. Without exception, they are proving paying propositions, as will be seen from the

Thames Valley Golf Course for the year 1927:

Revenue, up to Octo. 31st, 1927.....\$13,190.75

Expenditures:

Operating expenses 5,614.31

\$ 7,576.44

Construction expenses 2,190.10

\$ 5,386.34

Construction expenses carried forward from previous year.... 2,591.27

Net Surplus.....\$ 2,795.07

There is a membership of 622 playing steadily. Attendance by those paying green fees, 4,671. Apart from the above there will be additional revenue for the month of November which will amount to several hundred dollars. You will also note that at the end of the fourth season the construction cost of the course is completely paid for and there is a surplus of \$2,795.07. If we have the same experience next year there will be

a surplus of about \$8,000.00. Besides improving the course we intend building a club house. The course will ultimately be 6,000 yards. It is now about 5,500 yards."

The Winnipeg Public Parks Board with some trepidation seven years ago installed a Public Golf Course at Kildonan Park. So great was its success that three years ago still another 18-hole course was laid out at Windsor Park. Winnipeg is fortunate in having a Parks Board and a Secretary, Mr. J. H. Blackwood, keenly alive to the importance and advantage of golf for the masses. Mr. Blackwood writes the Editor:

"As yet we have not taken off all the figures in connection with the golfing branch of our work, nor sufficiently analyzed them to give an accurate statement, but the following items give approximate figures for the year's operation.

Owing to flood conditions Windsor Park Golf Course was not opened until 49 days after Kildonan Park Golf Course, and our expenditures on Windsor have been heavier owing to further construction work and adverse weather conditions.

Kildonan Golf Course:

Total revenue	\$34,122.15
Total expenditure	25,883.98
Net operating surplus	\$ 8,238.17
Total games	46,751
No. days in operation	199
Average daily attendance	235
Windsor Park Golf Course:	
Total revenue	\$19,502.65
Total expenditure	22,581.04
Deficit	\$ 3,078.39
Total games	26,323
Days in operation.....	150
Average daily attendance.....	175

Inasmuch as the Board operates a refreshment department at both courses, the cost of supplies is included in the item of expenditure as is also the cost of golf balls, golf clubs, club house and course equipment, together with any actual improvements carried out during the current year.

The revenues therefore also include the amounts received from the sale of refreshments, golf balls, clubs, etc.

The actual cost of maintaining the greens, fairways, of either of our courses, varies from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum, according to the season. The cost of maintaining and operating the club house varies from \$2,500 to \$3,200, including the cost of serving refreshments.

The average time that our club houses were open and in operation from time of opening in the spring to closing in the fall was 14 hours and 20 minutes per day, opening as early as four in the morning and

closing as late as 10.30 p. m. during the long days."

It will be noticed that owing to disastrous floods at Windsor Park there was a deficit of \$3,078.39, but as Kildonan made a profit of \$8,237.17, the net operating surplus on the two Winnipeg courses was over \$5,000.

The Montreal Public Course at Maissonneuve Park had a particularly prosperous season. Mr. J. Pelletier, Comptroller and Auditor, City Hall, writes:

"Your letter of November 23rd instant, addressed to Mr. Jules Crépeau, Director of Departments, has been referred to me for consideration.

In reply thereto, I beg to submit the following information in connection with our Municipal Golf Course for the 1927 season:

Attendance	27,639
Receipts	\$20,086.25
Detail of Receipts:	
Green fees (golf playing).....	\$17,525.25
Lockers	1,811.50
Showers	249.50
Restaurant, privileges, etc.....	500.00
Expenditures.....	\$20,086.25
Detail of Expenditures:	
Maintenance of club house	\$ 4,287.77
Maintenance of golf course.....	5,520.77
Net profit	\$ 9,808.54
Net profit	\$10,277.71

Mr. W. Walker, Secretary of the Municipal Golf Club, Fort William, Ont.:

"We have not yet completed our records for our Municipal Golf Course for 1927. The approximate figures, however, for the year show that the receipts from golf games played amounted to three thousand, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$3,175.35), and refreshment concessions, one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

After taking care of the upkeep of the course and all operating expenses, we expect to have a surplus of about three hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$352.00)."

Fort William only recently opened up Municipal Links. Its financial showing for a young club is very good indeed.

Mr. H. C. Annis, Secretary of Humber Valley Golf Club, operating the "Humber Valley" and "Glen Stewart" golf courses in Toronto, with the largest attendance and membership possibly in Canada:

"Your request of November 23rd for a copy of our statement for 1927 is at hand,

but regret to advise that our books are not yet closed and the figures desired will not be available for some little time.

Generally speaking, however, we have enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in our history. Members have attended more often, visitors' green fees will show an increase and our cafeteria showed a good margin of profit from month to month. Our course has been in better condition this season than ever before, yet our course maintenance expenditures will be lower. Our taxes have increased this year over twenty-five per cent."

Mr. E. M. Hurn, Club Secretary and Manager of the St. Andrew's "Pay-as-you-Play" Golf Club, Toronto, which was only opened this season:

"For publication, the only thing which can be said at this time is that the first season's operations of St. Andrew's course on the 'Pay-as-you-play' plan have been most successful, some 26,000 rounds of golf having been played, and many players, both men and women, have availed themselves of the unique opportunity afforded of taking up golf for the first time; also many Old Country golfers who were not previously able to make use of the private clubs on account of the expense since coming to Canada have been enabled to get back to "the only game."

It is of special interest to note that the putting greens, which are all of creeping bent, have withstood the tremendous wear and tear of so many players exceedingly well and are in much better condition at the close of the season than at the beginning; this would hardly be possible with greens of fescue or any of the putting green grasses formerly so much in use.

It is the intention of the Directors of the Company to continue operating the course on the "Pay-as-you-play" plan next season, and also to eliminate, to some extent, the overcrowding of the course during weekends."

The Arrowdale Golf Club, Brantford, Ont., under the wing of the Parks Board of the City, opened up an interesting little 9-hole course last May and the officials are very gratified indeed, as a result of the first season's operations. Mr. Wm. Glover, Secretary of the Parks Board, reports the very satisfactory revenue of \$5,945, with an expenditure of \$5,640, leaving the nice little surplus of over \$300. The number of games played during the season was 6,500. Good work!

The Langara Golf Links (a C.P.R. undertaking), at Vancouver, B.C., are open to the public, but are not under Municipal control. They were only

For
Christmas



Herbert Tareyton CIGARETTES



In tins of 50..... 85c
In Christmas packing of 6-20's
(120)..... \$2.00

Herbert Tareyton SMOKING MIXTURE



In Christmas Wraps
3/4-pound tins..... \$1.50
1-pound Humidor Jars..... \$3.00

"There's something about
them you'll like" T55

put into play last year, but have been a tremendous success. Mr. E. S. McCadden, Manager of the Links during an interesting letter, says:

"The following figures represent the twelve months covering July 1st, 1926, to

June 30th, 1927: Green fees, including yearly and half-yearly tickets, \$27,996.80 (all tickets ending June 30th, 1927). Attendance, 58,823.

We have had a permanent staff of twelve men working on the course throughout the year, and at times fifteen men. Our payroll amounted to \$21,128.40 for the twelve

months. The reason for so many men is that we are constantly improving the course. Our object is to make it as near perfection as possible. Our greens are perfect; one could travel from coast to coast and not find anything better, as you are aware, we have the Creeping Bent Grass on the Greens."

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF W. J. TRAVIS

A VERY nice tribute to the memory of Walter J. Travis, "grand old man" of American Golf, has been paid by an anonymous admirer, who has donated a \$1,000.00 trophy in his honour, to be awarded annually to the winner of the National Amateur Championship tournament of golf club champions, the first of which is to be held at St. Augustine, Fla., January 4th to 8th. The tournament committee of the United States Golf Association has announced its acceptance of the gift. Travis, who was born in Australia and who for years enjoyed the fame that is now Bobby Jones' was the first three-time winner of the American Amateur Championship, and the first American golfer to capture the British amateur crown. He was 35 years old before he took up golf, and he closed his competitive career in 1915, at the age of 53, by winning his fourth Metropolitan championship.

Travis never played in Canada, but he will always be remembered here as a result of the splendid course he laid out for the Lookout Point Golf and Country Club, near Welland, after he gave up competitive golf, and took up the profession of a golf course architect. He always considered this one of his best courses. It ranks to-day as possibly the hardest test of championship golf in Canada.

OUR "HOLE-IN-ONE" CLUB

Season Is Now Over With a Total of One Hundred and Ninety-Seven Canadian Golfers Who Have Entered the "Hall of Fame."

THE 1927 golfing season has now come to a glorious finish, and as a result, one hundred and ninety-seven golfers in Canada have been added to the "Canadian Golfer's Hole-in-One Club." This easily constitutes a record for any one season. In 1926 the total was 178, which easily led any other year.

And here are the records of a few belated "ones" received since the November issue:

Playing over the Thames Valley Golf Course (the London, Ont., Public Links), Mr. B. S. Scott was successful in making a "Hole-in-One" at the eighth green. He was playing with Mr. J. B. Walden. The eighth hole is 160 yards. A few days afterwards Mr. E. J. Slattery was also successful in making the same hole in one.

Another Municipal Course is next heard from. At the Windsor Park Links, Winnipeg, Mr. S. R. Laidlaw, a well known barrister of that city, put a beauty over the Seine River and found the cup on the tenth hole, 130 yards away.

Mr. A. Strachan, of Brussels, Ont., playing over the Seaforth Golf and Country Club course, found the "tin from the tee," 177 yards, on Hole No. 1.

Then Revelstoke, B. C., gets into the picture, thanks to Mr. Alfred Kenwood, who negotiated the second hole in one on that picturesque course—a tidy little swat of 217 yards. Mr. W. E. Donaldson was the witness of the performance.

The Ancient City of Quebec is also heard from this month. Playing over the historical Kent Golf Links at Montmorency Falls, with the Rev. W. H. Stevens, Mr. Hope Scott attained the "hope" of all golfers and registered a "oneer" at the 7th hole, 105 yards.

Again Vancouver, B. C. Playing over the sporting Marine Drive Golf and Country Club course in that city, Mr. Robert Fiddes "got his" at the 90-yard 14th, and the stunt was celebrated in the usual manner. Total number of "Holes-in-One" this season, 197.

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GAME

When Kings Played Golf in Scotland—Reminiscences of Famous Golfers of the Past

(B. F. S. A. (Scot.))

WHETHER it was a Roman with his "paganica," a ball of leather stuffed with feathers, or a Scotsman who first mastered the magic of golf is for the learned to determine.

Naturally, we who are not learned would scoff at the paganica, and

favourite game to his heart's content, without fear of the law. Even then, that the game was not always a safe one to play is proved by the fact that some youths who were indiscreet enough to play at the "gowf" one Sunday afternoon, were haled before the Session, and their ringleader was



The First International Foursome. The Duke of York (Afterwards James II.), and the Cobbler John Patersone, defeating two English Noblemen on the Leith Links.

award the palm to the Scot who, beyond any doubt, was so infatuated with the "sma' ba' " in the far-away days before Flodden was fought, that it became necessary to forbid "golfe or uther sik unprofitabil sportis" north of the Tweed, under the pain of "fourtie shillings"; because, forsooth, they interfered far too much with the more important practice of archery, at which their English neighbours were too proficient to be quite comfortable.

And it was not until gunpowder superseded bow and arrow that the Scotsman could indulge his love of his

ordered to pay a "mark" to the poor and "to compear the next Sabbath into the place of public repentance, in presence of the whole congregation."

But apart from this not unreasonable restriction, the game flourished greatly from the dawn of the seventeenth century, and had no keener patrons than the Sovereign himself and the nobles of his Court.

In 1603 we find James VI. of Scotland (and James I. of England) who was no mean golfer himself, appointing, by a letter from Holyrood House, one William Mayne, burgess of Edin-

burgh, to be clubmaker to His Royal Highness; and, a little later, granting James Melvill and others a monopoly of the making of golf balls, the price of which was fixed at four shillings (Scots.) each, for the space of twenty-one years. Thus, more than three centuries ago, we find golf firmly established in Scotland under the highest of auspices.

Of James' eldest son, Henry, who inherited in full measure his father's love of the Royal Pastime, the following story is told by an eye-witness of the scene. "At another time, playing at golf, a play not unlike to Palemaille, whilst his school master stood talking with another, and marked not His Highness warning him to stand further off, the Prince, thinking he had gone aside, lifted up his golf club to strike the ball. Meantime one standing by said to him, 'beware that you hit not Master Newton'; whereupon he drawing back his hand, said, 'Had I done so, I had but paid my debts!'"

The first Charles was never gayer or happier than when he was chasing the "wee ba'" over the famous links of Leith with his courtiers; and it is said, it was while thus employed one day in 1641, that a courier, arriving hot foot on the scene, placed in his hands a letter giving news of Sir Phelim O'Neale's rising in Ireland. On reading the letter, we are told, His Majesty suddenly called for his coach; and, leaning on one of his attendants, and in great agitation, drove to Holyrood House.

It was, however, under James, Duke of York (afterwards James II:) that golf basked most in Royal favour in Scotland. In the years 1681 and 1682, when the Duke, as Commissioner to Parliament, held his Court at Holyrood House, there were few days when he did not make at least one round of the links; and his enthusiasm so infected his Court that "at the Palace the talk was all golf from morning to night."

"I remember," says Mr. William Tytler, of Woodhouselee, "in my youth to have conversed with an old man, named Andrew Dickson, a golf

club maker, who said that, when a boy, he used to carry the Duke's golf clubs, and to run before him and announce where the balls fell," thus performing for His Royal Highness the duties of a fore-caddie.

It was at this time that the Duke of York took part in a very memorable match, of which the following interesting story is told:

Two English noblemen of his suite were one day debating with the Duke whether Englishmen or Scotsmen were the better players of golf, when His Highness promptly challenged them to put the question to the test by playing against him and a Scotsman of his choice, for a considerable wager. The Duke chose for his companion one John Patersone, a shoemaker, who was reputed to be the best player in Scotland. The match was played on the Leith Links and, as might have been expected, since the Englishmen were but indifferent golfers, the Scottish pair scored an easy victory.

So elated was James with the result, which added vastly to his popularity, that he shared the stake with the cobbler, who "immediately built himself a comfortable house in the Canon-gate, upon the wall of which the Duke caused an escutcheon to be fixed, bearing the arms of the family of Patersone surmounted by the Patersone crest and motto."

It was on the same links of Leith that the Hon. Alexander Elphinstone played his memorable "solemn match at golf" for twenty guineas with Captain Porteous, with the Duke of Hamilton, the Earl of Morton, and a "vast mob of the great and little besides" as spectators.

Here, a few years later, was fought the deadly duel between Elphinstone and Lieutenant Swift, in which the latter was mortally wounded, and it was on the Leith links that Duncan Forbes, Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland—"great Forbes, patron of the just"—played many a time when the links were covered with snow—such was his passion for the game.

But to recount the names of famous men who have played on these links would be to catalogue most of Scotland's greatest sons (to say nothing of the distinguished stranger), from the Earl of Bothwell to Earl Balfour in his earlier days, and from Pater-sone, the finest player of Stuart days, to Allan Robertson, "the greatest golfer of all time"; Tom Morris, sen., and the professional giants of more recent days.

Nor must we forget Alexander McKellar, "the cock o' the green," who literally spent his life on the links, playing by himself when he could not get an opponent, and even industriously practising "short holes" by lamplight. Of Alexander it is recorded that, when one night his guid wife, who hated golf as much as he loved it, appeared on the links with his supper and glass of toddy, he good humouredly told her that she "could wait if she likit" till the game was done, but at present he had no time for refreshment.

And what amazing feats these old-time Scottish golfers performed—and thought nothing of them, too! More than a century ago (it was in 1798) wagers were made that no two members of the Burgess Golfing Society could drive a ball over the spire of St. Giles', which rises one hundred and sixty-one feet into the air. Mr. Seeales, of Leith, and a printer, named Smellie, were the chosen champions, each being allowed six balls. Taking their station at the south-east corner

of the Parliament Square, both champions performed the feat with ease, the balls flying a good score of feet over the weather cock.

For another wager Mr. Donald M'Lean, Writer to the Signet, drove a ball, not many years ago, over Melville's Monument in St. Andrew Square; and did not a doughty golfer called Topham once—as long ago as 1775—achieve the remarkable performance of driving a ball to the top of Arthur's Seat?

Such are but a few incidents from the romantic chapter of Scottish golf, which is being added to every year by the present day champions. Not one of them, however, could, we fancy, approach Allan Robertson's amazing performances on the St. Andrews links, which are thus chronicled:—"At various times Allan holed the St. Andrews links at the following numbers, selecting his best holes:—Going out—No. 1, in 3 strokes; 2 in 3; 3 in 3; 4 in 3; 5 in 4; 6 in 4; 7 in 3; 8 in 1; 9 in 3—total 27. Coming in—10 in 3; 11 in 2; 12 in 3; 13 in 4; 14 in 4; 15 in 3; 16 in 3; 17 in 4; 18 in 3—total 29. Number of strokes for the full round, 56!" How amazing these figures are none would more readily admit than such champion golfers as James Braid, J. H. Taylor, Harry Vardon and "Bobby" Jones.

[Note.—A beautiful reproduction in colours of "The First International Foursome, 23 x 17, can be secured through the "Canadian Golfer," price \$15.00.]

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C. L. G. U.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, 1928, at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

A luncheon at one o'clock will take place in the Oak Room, Main Floor. Matters of importance will be introduced at the luncheon, which will be of special interest to all members of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union.

After luncheon business will be continued in the Yellow Room upstairs. A large delegation from Montreal and officers and members of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union from various parts of Canada will be present. All lady golfers are cordially invited.

Luncheon tickets \$1.50, may be obtained from members of the committee and from Mrs. M. K. Rowe, 42 Clarendon Avenue, Toronto.



“HEARD ON THE LINKS”

(Contributions for this Column by Subscribers will be greatly appreciated).

“Here, caddie! Take away my watch and stand back a few yards. The damned ticking puts me off my game!”

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THAT'S ALL

I'm all fed up on golf advice,—
Don't tell me how to cure a slice.
I've just finished a dandy book
On golf faults, including the hook.
What I want to know, and that's all,
Is how to drive a long, straight ball.
—Charles Herndon.

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THE EIGHTH WONDER.

Viscount Castlerosse can not only swing a very wicked brassie, but he can wag a very pointed fountain-pen. This is how he refers in the “Sunday Express” to the victory of the Stoke Poges pair—Mr. Cyril Tolley and Mr. E. F. Storey—in the London Amateur Foursomes at Sunningdale:—

Have you ever stood on a platform while the Flying Scotsman thundered past?

Have you ever witnessed the firing of a sixteen-inch gun?

Have you ever been present at an execution?

Have you ever seen Vesuvius in eruption?

Have you ever been in an earthquake?

Have you ever seen some of the hands on which Sir Mathew Wilson makes no trumps?

Sir, believe me, all these wonders of the world may be familiar to you, but your experiences are incomplete unless you were present to marvel at Mr. Cyril Tolley's driving at Sunningdale.

The charge of the Light Brigade is forgotten. They only dealt in half leagues.

To-day is the era of the heavy brigade, and at Sunningdale Mr. Tolley was the tip—of the scale and everything else.

All the same, I must tell you that Mr. Tolley is a man of iron courage.

As he came out from lunching and stood on the first tee, leaning against

a club, like a battleship in dock, a woman took his photograph.

“I'll have it enlarged and send it to you,” she said.

Mr. Tolley never winked an eye, but I knew what he was thinking about. If that picture was enlarged it could be exhibited “in toto” only as the papering of St. Paul's.

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A TALE OF LIES!

A colonel (retired), was leaving India for good, and going to England. He was a member of a well known golf club in South India, and prior to leaving, went along to his old club to wish everybody good-bye.

He asked the Hon. Secretary to have his favourite caddie brought forward. When the caddie was produced, the colonel handed him a ten rupee note.

The Hon. Secretary told the colonel that it was too much, and that it would spoil the other caddies.

The colonel replied: “Well it may be, but he's worth it; I've been playing on these links for ten years, during which time he has always been my caddie, and I've never had a bad 'lie' yet.”—“Golf Illustrated.”

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Executioner, ready to chop off a victim's head:

“May I ask if you are a golfer, my good man?”

“I am that.”

“Then as one golfer to another, may I ask that you keep your head down until after the stroke?”

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GOLF AT 45

Don't try and cultivate a plus two swing—if you have a handicap of about 46 around the waist.

Don't wear plus fours with the width of sugar bags if you have got legs like a sparrow.

Don't play bare-headed if you have got to the stage when you use a towel instead of a hair-brush to do your coiffure.



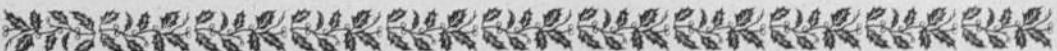


(By Fred Buchanan, "Golf Monthly")

"That is the last time I go round with that scourge Titmarsh—he's been talking and jawing the whole blessed time."

"What the dooce was he talking about?"

"Damned if I know—he didn't say!"



Above all—"Curb your temper and your language," keeping in mind this classic—

There was once an irascible colonel
Whose language at golf was infolnel,
He swore and he cussed
Till one day he bust,
And now he's in a bunker etolonel.

* * *

A professional made this observation to a pupil: "You know, sir, you lift your elbow too much to play golf properly."

"How dare you! I will report you to the committee!" raged the offended novice. "I would have you to understand that I am a life-long teetotaler."

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First Caddie: "Man, he's awfu' rich!"

Second Caddie: "Hoo d'ye ken that?"

First Caddie: "He lost a ba' yesterday and he's playin' again the day!"

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TIP FOR SANTA CLAUS

Salesman: "Something in golf apparel, madam?"

Lady: "I would like to see some handicaps. Large size, please. My husband said that if he'd had a big enough handicap yesterday, he'd have won the match."—Boston "Transcript."

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"Championships are not the result of brilliant strokes so much as they are a result of a minimum of bad ones."

A prominent physician has issued a warning that champagne is a golfer's worst enemy. Yet a certain good book tells us we should love our enemies—especially at Christmas time.

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GOLFING APHORISMS.

1. Keep your eye on the ball.
2. Slow back.
3. Tuck your tummy in.
4. Follow through.

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"It is getting more and more impossible not to associate with people who play golf."

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"Length is an asset when combined with accuracy; otherwise it is a heavy liability."—Miss Cecil Leitch.

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GOLF IS A FOOL GAME— SOMETIMES

And here is a story from Scotland:

It appears that four members of a local club agreed to play a fancy match the other week. Instead of a ball three of them were to play with an egg, a small cheese, and a cork respectively, while the only club permitted to the fourth lunatic was his umbrella. Now what sort of a drive, think you did each make on the first tee?

"Give it up!"

"The man with the egg topped it; the man with the cheese sliced it; and the man with the cork pulled it."

"And the man with the umbrella?"

"Oh, he got under it!"

BRITISH SENIORS COMING TO CANADA

A CABLEGRAM has just been received from London from Col. Popham, Secretary of the British Seniors' Golf Association, that already preparations are under way to get together a representative British team to visit Canada and the United States, next season and take part in the International Senior Matches. There was a little apprehension that the Britishers would not come over here until 1929. This cablegram dispels this fear. The Britishers are assured of a Royal welcome both in Canada and the States. They have some very fine and prominent players indeed in their ranks.

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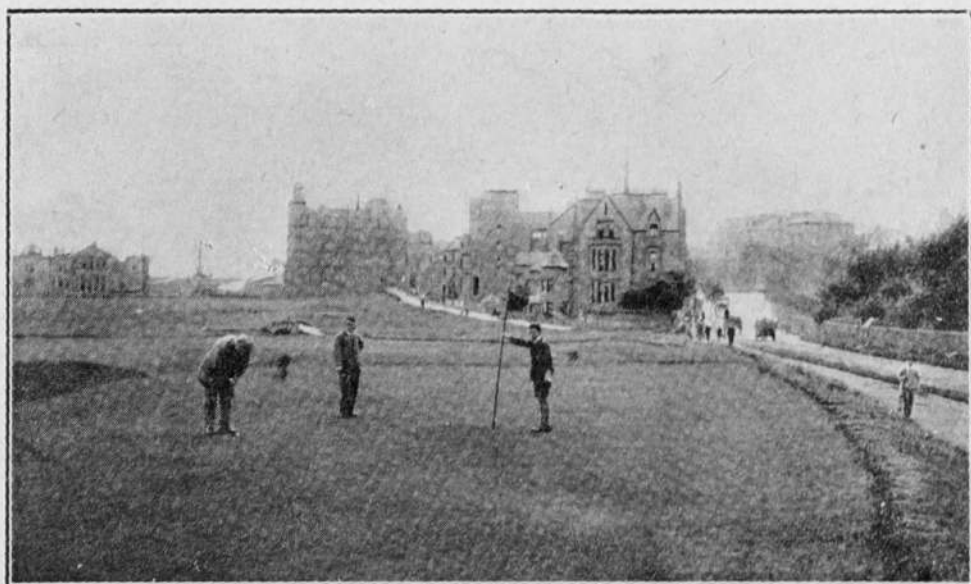


ST. ANDREWS THE COLFERS' "MECCA"

Interesting Chat with "Andra" Kirkaldy, the Club's Famous Professional—
Wonderful Train Service of the London and North Eastern Railway
Makes the Old Town Easily "Getatable" by Visiting Golfers

(By the Editor).


THERE are famous courses aplenty in the Old Country, some of them recently constructed or improved at great cost, but golfing visitors to Great Britain from all the far-flung outposts of the world consider it their bounden duty to visit "Grey Auld St. Andrews," and rightly so too. There is a charm and an association about this Scottish resort which is not equalled by any other place I have ever visited. The dear old town is simply



The Famous "Road Hole" at St. Andrews (the 17th). The building on the extreme left is the dignified Club House, which faces the generous Eighteenth Green. Many a Championship has been won or lost on this "Road Hole" Green.

steeped in the best traditions of The Royal and Ancient and is deservedly the golfer's Mecca and the seat of the government of the game. Here almost every day throughout the year, are to be found prominent people from all parts of the Empire and America enjoying a round of the links in addition to the inhabitants of the town and the many scholars attending the University and fine schools there, all of whom with hardly an exception, are devotees of the game. Here the solons of golf meet and solve in the stately club house, many a knotty question in reference to rules and the general conduct of golf, received by the members of the Rules of Golf Committee from all parts of the Empire of Golf. St. Andrews is in reality and in truth "the hub of the game."

I visited St. Andrews last year when in Scotland and of course had to do so again a few weeks ago when I was again in the "Land o' Cakes." The weather was wet and cold, but that did not deter enthusiasts by the score, both women and men, armed with large and coloured umbrellas, so popular amongst golfers in the Old Land, from enjoying their diurnal round. The mists came up "almost like thunder" from the sea, but what mattered that to your keen player. It only gave an added zest and atmosphere to the "sainted surroundings," literally breathing the spirit of golf.




I was unfortunate in finding that Mr. Henry Gullen, the Secretary of The Royal and Ancient, who visited Canada with the Walker Cup Team and who is so well known to leading Canadian golfers, had only the day previous to my arrival, left for South Africa, as manager of the small team of leading British Amateurs touring there under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient, and the South African Golf Association. However, thanks to Brigadier-General Rose and Colonel Gourlay, I was at once extended the privileges of the marvellous old club house, with its wealth of rare old paintings and trophies unequalled by any golf club in the world. These paintings by the way, are to be added to this year by a life-like picture of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who was Captain of the Club five years ago—golf's highest honour. The celebrated London painter, Sir H. Orpen, has given of his best in this portrait of the Heir to the Throne, who is a devoted devotee of golf, as witness the some twenty courses he visited and played over this year, during his tour of Canada. Colonel Gourlay was at one time a resident of Victoria, B. C., and has the pleasantest recollections of that city and the Oak Bay course of the Victoria Golf Club, and many of its older members.

One of my most treasured experiences at St. Andrews on this occasion was an hour or so spent with "Andra" Kirkaldy, the last of the family of old famous golfers associated with St. Andrews for so many years. "Andra" is quite one of the institutions of the celebrated club, of which he has been professional for so many years. In his time, a great golfer was "Andra." As far back as 1889 or nearly forty years ago, he tied for the Open Championship and lost in the play-off with his old-time rival, Willie Park Jr., afterwards the celebrated golf architect who laid out the two 18-hole courses of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal, the Weston Golf Club, Toronto, and other links in Canada and the United States. He was taken seriously ill in Montreal a few years ago and returning to Scotland, died there. Park is generally conceded to be the world's greatest putter. It is a pity his mantle has not descended upon some of the younger professionals of Great Britain. Kirkaldy was second in the British Open in 1879 and 1891, and third in 1895 and 1899. In a match over four greens (Musselburgh, St. Andrews, Prestwick and Troon), he defeated Willie Park by 8 and 7. In 1895, J. H. Taylor, the champion, challenged the world for £50 a side for two rounds over St. Andrews. Kirkaldy accepted and beat Taylor by one hole.

Of recent years, his health has not permitted him to play the courses at St. Andrews he loves so well. The last time he was round the links was in September, 1922, when he caddied for the Prince of Wales when he played himself in as Captain of the Club in the presence of a gallery of seven thousand people.

Full of anecdote and reminiscence is "Old Andra," and an hour or so spent with him is literally a golfing education. He is immensely popular with all the members and the thousands of visitors to the "Home of Golf." Like every one else in the "Old Town" he is still talking about "Bobby" Jones and his wonderful first round of 68 in the British Open at St. Andrews last June, which more or less won for him again the Open Championship. Kirkaldy is a very great admirer of Jones, as everyone is at St. Andrews, but he does not believe he is "the super golfer" as claimed by so many of his admirers. He thinks he had a great deal of luck in winning the 1927 event. Three or four times he claims he would have been in bunkers or out of bounds if his ball has not been stopped by the huge galleries which followed the U. S. expert and literally lined the fairways from tee to green. J. H. Taylor, it will be remembered, is also on record that the crowds on more than one occasion were a help instead of a penalty in Jones' rounds, as several shots were thereby kept on the fairway as a result of striking spectators. "A breath out of the golfing



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past is "Old Andra." May he be spared many years to preside over the professional destinies of the club he has served so long and so faithfully, and of which he is such an institution.

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In addition to St. Andrews the London and North-Eastern also serves many other famous golfing resorts in Scotland—North Berwick, Cruden Bay and Gullane, to mention only three celebrated places where golfers love to foregather. A visitor from Overseas to the Old Country would certainly be well advised to secure a copy of "A Round of Golf on the London and North-Eastern Railway," by Bernard Darwen, if he wants to get closely in touch with some of the most charming courses in Great Britain.

PLAYS THE LAST GAME OF ALL

Demise of Mr. W. A. Henry, K. C., of Halifax, N. S., Noted Cricketer, Golfer and All-round Athlete.

IT is with sincere personal regrets that the Editor is called upon to record the passing Sunday, December 11th, of Mr. W. A. Henry, K. C., of Halifax, one of the best known amateur athletes of Canada. In his younger days he was a famous cricketer, football player and track champion. Of recent years he had taken up golf in a most enthusiastic manner, and was the leading author-

ity on the game in the Maritimes. He was a member for several years of the Executive of The Royal Canadian Golf Association. The sympathy of golfers throughout Canada will go out to Mrs. Henry, her daughter, Miss Lola, of Halifax, and her son, Hugh, of Toronto.

A despatch from Halifax, December 11th, says:

"William Alexander Henry, K. C., head of a local firm of lawyers, and specialist

in admiralty and marine law, a famous international cricketer of the '90's and prominent golfer, died here to-day from an illness of some months. He was 64 years old and is survived by his widow, who was Miss Minna Troop of this city; a son Hugh, living in Toronto, and a daughter, Lola, at home.

Mr. Henry was an ardent follower of all outdoor sports and at one time was rated as the best all-around athlete in Canada. On his many invasions of American cities with the Canadian cricket team, notably in 1888, 1896 and '97, he received great attention at the hands of American sport writers and formed associations in New York and Philadelphia that were retained throughout life. He was leading batter in the Canadian cricket team that toured England in 1887. He also gained prominence as a football player and in track events, having held the

record for 100, 220 and 400 yard distances for several years.

Mr. Henry was born in Antigonish, N. S., March 19th, 1863, son of the late Hon. W. A. Henry, who was a leader in Confederation and afterward a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. He received his early education in Lycee De Tours, France, and at Murchistan Castle School in Scotland, after which he studied law at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and Dalhousie University, Halifax. He graduated in law from the latter university in 1887, taking his bachelor's degree. All his professional life was spent in Halifax.

Mr. Henry was among the first in Nova Scotia to take up golf and he has figured largely in the history of the game in the Maritime Provinces. He was a member of the executive of the Royal Canadian Golfer's Association."

LET A GOLF CHRISTMAS GO THROUGH!

Game Greatly Simplifies Problem of Buying Presents for Relatives and Friends

(By Kathleen Ahern. The Country Club Magazine and Pacific Coast Golf and Motor)

SCORE your Christmas shopping list with golf presents this year! When you sink those silver eagles, let them buy some article that will bring joy and satisfaction to the golf devotee. The class A golfer will be glad to be stymied with a golf gift, while the dub golfer will forget his slices and missed putts if you approach with golf presents upon the Christmas green.

The best way to start the Christmas shopping for the golfer is to begin at the foundation. Tee off with a subscription to a golf magazine! Every golfer enjoys receiving instruction in the rudiments and fine points of the game. Every fairway hooper likes to keep in touch with the daily golf that is played upon the home greens, as well as the golf played upon the out-of-town-fairways. The golf magazine is indispensable to the golfer! Even the people who don't play the game read the golf magazines. It is necessary these days to listen intelligently on the golf alibis.

Next upon the list comes the golf books. Buy a golf book and lay the cornerstone of a golf library! Every

book shop can supply you with books that will teach the beginner the A B C's of golf; books that treat upon grip, stance, and form; books filled with every kind of golf information. Whether the golfer plays with a twenty-five handicap or from scratch, there is a golf book that has been written for him. Help your friends sneak up on old man par by buying them golf books for Christmas!

Perhaps you have the habit of buying neckties and socks for the male members of the family. If you buy neckties and socks that can be used upon the golf course they will never be hidden away. Why not have the golf socks match the neckties in color? A golf sweater may be added to the set. Be conservative in your selection if you buy golf clothes for men! It is true that many a man who would die before he'd wear a conspicuous suit to business, will scamper out upon the first tee in an array of colors that would put Joseph's coat of many colors to shame. Don't take a chance! If Father wears a necktie, a sweater, and golf socks of your selection upon Christmas morning, he will be unable to blame you if he

scares the birdies, provided the colors are neutral.

Golf shirts are always suitable. They may be found in the finest silk, or in the cotton materials which are practical, trim, and less expensive. In buying a golf shirt, be sure that it has plenty of arm room and a soft collar. These shirts are more practical in white, but effective ones may be purchased in colors that harmonize with golf knickers and sweaters. If you are in doubt, buy white!

Most golfers wear caps, hats or visors. Hat orders may be procured, for every man likes to select his own, not only for style, but for comfort. All sorts of visors are upon the market and these may be bought in white, tan, and gray to match the general ensemble.

Next we come to the real golf equipment. Perhaps you would like to add a club to your golfing friend's bag. If you are a member of a golf club, ask the advice of the club professional before you buy. He will help you in the selection as height, weight and other essentials are important. Don't buy a golf club because it has a pretty handle! In the selection of clubs you must be guided by something more than appearance. If you don't understand how to buy them yourself, go to someone who does. Many a man has been fooled into buying a balky horse, who couldn't read the signs in his eye. The same principle applies to a golf club. If you haven't a club professional to rely upon, go to any sporting goods house and you will find men who will take time and care to select you a good club.

A golf bag is an acceptable gift and they range in all prices, from the fine leather ones, down to the less expensive bags.

Golf balls are as welcome as eagles. Who ever has enough? A box of golf balls under the Christmas green will be doing putting duty while the Christmas breakfast grows cold, provided a putting disk is among the



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There is always a colorful array of gifts for the woman golfer. Sweaters, knitted sport dresses, hats, golf hose, and orders for golf shoes are always acceptable. Clever neckties with matching handkerchiefs are to be found in sets, while golf gloves and scarfs may be tucked into that extra Christmas package.

Leather cases in which to carry score cards and which are fitted with a pencil and cigarette lighter are upon the market.

Jewelry for the golfer offers possibilities in the way of plain wrist watches, flasks, scarf pins, cuff links and cigarette cases.

If you want to give an unusual gift,

why not place an order for a series of golf lessons in the Christmas stocking?

Discard the useless presents this year and make this Christmas a practical and happy one for your golfing

friends! Tee off with a golf shopping list! Follow through with a practical golf gift, and when you check your Christmas shopping score, you'll find that you've missed all the traps and hazards on the shopping fairway.

REFUSES ATTRACTIVE AUSTRALIAN OFFER

WORD comes from England that Abe Mitchell has refused a most attractive offer to tour Australia this winter. A great golfer has never been seen on the links there, that is if "Joe" Kirkwood, a native son, the celebrated "trick" golfer, is not to be considered a great golfer, and possibly he isn't, and unquestionably Mitchell, the world's most consistent long driver, would have made a great "hit" and big money in the Antipodes. He, however, has stated that since winning the Hertfordshire County Championship at South Herts, in such commanding fashion, that he would not again be seen in competition until the British Open, which is scheduled for the week of May 7th at Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich. Mitchell's one great ambition is to win this major golfing event. He should have done so in 1920, but a disastrous third round of 84 allowed George Duncan to slip in. Since then he has never seriously been in the running. His return to golf a month or so ago, after five months absence as a result of an operation for appendicitis, was a most inspiring one. Twice in the Hertfordshire Championship, he drove one hole measuring 285 yards with shots that were practically all carry. He was only once off the course and then he was so little off that he was enabled to take a spoon and crash the ball on to a green 250 yards away. His second round of 67 at South Herts (Harry Vardon's well known course), was six strokes below par and is generally conceded to be the finest and most consistent round played this year in England. If he only retains his health, which has never been too rugged, Mitchell should make golfing history in 1928. He is Great Britain's best bet to bring back the Open Championship Cup next May. For four years now, it has been won by U. S. players—Hagen in 1924, Jim Barnes in 1925, and Bobby Jones in 1926 and again in 1927—a humiliating record from a British and Empire standpoint.



Abe Mitchell, who declines attractive offer to go to Australia, on exhibition tour.

JOE TURNESA WINS MID-SOUTH OPEN

Joe Turnesa, of the Elmsford Country Club, New York, won the mid-South Open Golf Tournament at Pinehurst, North Carolina, on November 12th with a score of 138 for the 36

holes. Turnesa broke the course record in winning the title, having a 31-33=64 for the last round. The course has never been played in less than 67.



IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

Fortunate Powell River, B. C., is just opening up its golf season and Mr. E. Peacock annexed the first competition, the Men's 36-Hole Medal Play, thereby retaining the Bell Irving Cup. This he accomplished with a very creditable card of 148, 78 for his first attempt, followed by a 70 for the second eighteen holes, giving him a comfortable lead from all opponents. Angus Armour was runner-up with 157, turning in scores of 83 and 74, leading Dr. Millar by one stroke only, his card reading 158, showing 79 for each section. Others who competed were George Johnson, 162; J. M. Mitchell, 171; R. Adamson, 173, and W. J. McDonald, 177. Proceeding at the same time was the Ladies' 18-Hole Medal Competition which was captured by Mrs. G. Schuler, who with a net card of 61 annexed the Jamieson Cup. Mrs. John McIntyre and Mrs. E. Peacock tied for second position, both ladies turning in a net score of 64, leaving a position which will need to be decided by a play off. The net scores of other competitors were: Miss Nan Allan, 73; Mrs. Bell Irving, 74; Mrs. Donegan, 75; Miss Seator, 76; Miss Frampton, 78; Mrs. A. S. McLean, 82, and Mrs. C. R. Marlatt, 87.

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One of the largest and most enthusiastic golfing gatherings held this year in Hamilton was the dance and bridge of the Glendale Golf and Country Club, on which occasion the club house was crowded to capacity to take care of the players and their families and friends. This event was the concluding dance of the season and brought to a close the season's program of this young and most enthusiastic club.

During the evening program the prizes of the season were presented as follows: Mr. H. McDonald was presented the Empire Cup, which he won on May 24th; Dr. C. Gooch was presented the Green Section medal, won on June 4; Dr. J. H. Moxley was pre-

sented the Merchants Bank Cup, won on July 1; Mr. Tom Eedson was presented the Eedson Cup, Junior Championship; Mr. G. F. Armstrong was presented the Martin Cup, low gross; Mr. F. Acton Jones was presented the Brown Cup, low gross century. W. G. Spence was presented with the Dunlop Trophy. The winners of the jubilee tournament of September 10, gross, were: Messrs. G. F. Armstrong, J. M. Eedson, C. H. Mitchell (net), D. A. Wilson, H. McDonald and F. Pollett. The ringer score was won by Mr. G. F. Armstrong. Dr. C. Gooch won the club championship and Ellis Cup. The second flight went to Mr. W. T. Dunmore. The Ladies' Club Championship was won by Mrs. C. Gooch; runner-up, Mrs. G. W. Houston; Consolation, Miss Slater. B. Class, Mrs. H. Connor; runner-up, Mrs. H. Allen; Consolation to Mrs. Dewar. Mrs. C. Gooch was presented the Greenaway Cup; runner-up, Mrs. J. M. McCaughey. Mrs. G. W. Houston was presented the Lowe Cup; runner-up, Mrs. F. Grice. Mrs. F. Armstrong was presented the Diggins Cup; runner-up, Mrs. G. W. Houston. The McCaughey Cup for junior ladies was won by Miss Shirley Best; runner-up, Miss M. Eedson. The ringer score, A Class, was won by Mrs. Gooch; the nine-hole ringer, B Class, by Mrs. Snell; the handicap reduction on Glendale, by Mrs. H. M. Spears; the silver division, Mrs. J. McCaughey and Mrs. Gooch.

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C. R. Murray, the extremely well known and popular professional of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, left this month to take up his professional duties at the Gulf Stream Golf Club—one of the leading clubs in Florida. He will not return to Montreal until April next.

Mr. John Dick, of Cobourg, Ont., as usual, is spending the winter at his cottage, Daytona Beach, Florida. Mr. Dick had the unique honour of giving Mr. George S. Lyon his first game of golf many years ago on the old Rosedale course.

John Peacock, pro. of the Algonquin Golf Club, St. Andrews, N. B., is once again at the famous Pinehurst, N. C., Golf Club for the winter season.

The golfing "miracle" of a hole in one happened twice in half a minute at the Fresh Meadow Country Club, Flushing, N. Y., recently. Playing in a foursome with three other New Yorkers, W. Norman Frenkel drove into the cup on the 145-yard ninth hole, and thirty seconds later his partner, A. E. Booth, sent his own ball to nestle beside it. Both used mashie-niblicks.

Following his recent operation a rumour is going the rounds, says "Tee-Topics," to the effect that Abe Mitchell intends to retire from professional competitive golf. This is entirely incorrect, as it is Abe's intention to take part in next year's events as usual.

Laurie Ayton, of Evanston, Chicago, member of a famous family of

Scottish golfers, won the second annual St. Charles Open Tournament after five extra holes, during which Jim Foulis, Jr., Hinsdale pro., doggedly hung on until Laurie's birdie at the twenty-fourth closed the show.

And here is the wonderful match playing record of Hagen in the U. S. Professional Golfers' Championships:

1921 at Inwood—Jack Forrester, 6 and 4; Tom Boyd, 6 and 5; John Golden, 8 and 7; Cyril Walker, 5 and 4; Jim Barnes, 3 and 2.

1922 at Oakmont—Did not play.
1923 at Pelham—George Griffin, 4 and 3; Jock Elphick, 10 and 9; John Golden, 4 and 3; Fred. McLeod, 5 and 4; George McLean, 12 and 11; lost to Sarazen, 38 holes.

1924 at French Lick—T. Harmon, 6 and 5; Al Watrous, 4 and 3; John Farrell, 3 and 2; Ray Derr, 8 and 7; Jim Barnes, 2 up.

1925 at Olympia Fields—Al Watrous, 39 holes; Mike Brady, 7 and 6; Leo Diegel, 40 holes; Harry Cooper, 3 and 1; William Mehlhorn, 6 and 5.

1926 at Salisbury—Joe Turnesa, 3 and 2; Dick Grout, 7 and 6; Pat Doyle, 6 and 5; John Farrell, 6 and 5; Leo Diegel, 4 and 3.

1927 at Dallas—John Farrell, Glenhead, N. Y., 3 and 2; Anthony Manero, 11 and 10; Tom Armour, 4 and 3; Al. Espinosa, 37 holes; Joe Turnesa, 1 up.

Mr. Thomas D. Taggart, President of the French Lick Springs Hotel Company, has offered the "upper" course for the use of the United States' Professional Golf Association Championship next year. To make his offer more juicy, he promises to add \$5,000 to the purse if the pro's look with favour on French Lick as the scene of the 1928 tournament. Mr. Taggart's offer will probably be accepted.

The Arrowdale Golf Club, Brant—which is a Public Course maintained by the Parks Board, held its first annual dinner this month, which was a great success. Mr. A. T. Whitaker, of the Parks Board, ably presided. Among the guests present were Mayor Slein, Ralph H. Reville, W. H. Webbing, K. V. Bunnell, G. Thomas, F. Westbrook and J. Croucher, all of whom made brief speeches, congratulating the club on its splendid record for the first year. Handsome cups were during the evening presented to G. Nicholson (club champion), Elston

Cooper, Jr., R. McPherson and Frank Waterous. It is rather interesting to note that all these prize winners are young Scottish players who would not have had an opportunity of playing their favourite game in Brantford but for the Public Course. At the conclusion of the speeches the members went into a discussion regarding the merits of forming a club to be called the Arrowdale Golf Club for the purposes of forwarding and guarding the interests of the players. Much discussion took place whether or not it would be advisable to wait until the spring or late winter. It was eventually decided to form a committee of five, led by Captain Charles Blair, to stand by until spring and then make a start at the formation of a club with officers to be elected. In the meantime they could take steps to look after the players in anything that might develop.

Showing the difference between the long-driving ball of to-day compared with the old "gutta" of twenty years ago, experts figure out that the courses of St. Andrews of old (6,400 yards or so), would now have to be extended to 8,000 yards, or more.

Among other fortunate Canadian professionals who are spending Xmas in the Old Country with relatives are J. R. Williams, of the Riverdale Club, Moncton, N. B., and Fred. Fletcher (Western Open Champion), of Moose Jaw Golf and Country Club.

Germany intends to figure largely in the golfing picture of the future, vide "Golf Monthly." New courses are being constructed with great rapidity, and the latest are to be found at Essen and Frankfurt. The Essen course, although entirely surrounded by the famous Krupp works and other factories, is a most ingeniously designed links. It has been carved out of a forest, and over 60,000 trees were demolished before a start could be made on the actual preparation of the course. A belt of trees was preserved,

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and this surrounds the entire course, obscuring from view the hive of factories which are barely half a mile away. Poverty-stricken Germany, as we all imagined, seems to have tons of gold to spend on a sport in which she intends to excel.

In the French Open Championship, with a total entry of 71 players, 41 used the "Harlequin" ball, which was so popular on Canadian courses the past season; in a competition open to professionals engaged on the Continent, played at Fourqueux, near Paris, 51 out of 60 competitors used the "Harlequin."

At the annual dinner of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, the guest of the evening was Captain Roderick MacDonald, of the Edinburgh Burgess

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Golfing Society. The occasion is a mile-stone in golf, for it was the first time an official representative has sat at the table of either club. Blackheath was founded in 1608, the oldest club, Burgess has records preserved as far back as 1735, and they are the second oldest golf club; the courtesy so happily inaugurated is to be perpetuated.

In a recent competition at the swagger Biltmore Forest Country Club, Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Board of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and Henry S. Firestone, the rubber magnate, turned in cards of 84 and 90 respectively.

Italy is now taking up quite enthusiastically with the game of golf. The first golf championship has just been run off there. The tournament was to have lasted two days, but was extended one day because the two leading contenders were tied at 145 strokes at the end of thirty-six holes.

They were P. Allis, of the Berlin Golf Club, Germany, and J. Dallmagne, of the Porte St. Germain Golf Club, near Paris. In the play-off Allis won with 135 strokes to Dallmagne's 142. Allis won a trophy and 5000 lire. He is a very well known English professional. In 1926 he won the German Open Championship.

Oscar R. Waighorn, pro at Fredericton, N. B., writes:

"This is my first season in the Maritimes, and I certainly have enjoyed the experience as golfers here are a fine lot of good sportsmen. We recently have added a new tractor to our equipment, which will prove of great advantage to the upkeep of the fairways. We have constructed two new greens, which will be in play by mid-summer. The coming season at Fredericton promises to be an exceptionally bright and busy one."

At a recent meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association the members were strongly of the opinion that the 1929 Amateur Championship of Canada should be staged in Winnipeg, in the best interests of the game. The Alberta and Saskatchewan Associations will be consulted in reference to this suggestion during the course of the next few weeks, and their support asked for in this matter. The Association unanimously decided that next year Manitoba should be again represented in the Inter-Provincial Matches, of the R.C.G.A. Last year the Manitoba Team took second honours in this competition at Hamilton—a very commendable showing. The Canadian Amateur which was first played in 1895 has only once been held in the West in 1921, when Mr. Frank Thompson won the event at Winnipeg. It is about time the Championship should go West again.

Willie Lowe, Lakeside (California), professional, cut the flag with a screaming drive to the 240-yard eighteenth in his home layout last month and the ball, after two short hops, dropped into the bottom of the cup for one of the longest holes-in-one ever recorded in Southern California. The long ace permitted Lowe to finish

with a 73. Willie was playing with Harry Cooper, who had a 72 and helped defeat Charles Guest, 75; and Tom Hodges, 73, 2 and 1.

A valued Montreal "Senior" subscriber writes:

"The past season I played over the old Murray Bay course, which in my humble opinion is ideal for "old blighters." It is not "championship long," but long enough to give the cracks in the Seniors' "A" and "B" Classes a fairly good game for their skill. "The Manoir Richelieu" and "Chamards" Hotels provide excellent accommodation. The former fifteen minutes' bus ride away and the latter almost on and overlooking the links. An ideal spot for a vacation in every way. I recommend it to our Senior golfers especially."

Writes an English correspondent:

"Golf, I imagine, is easily first among the recreations of British actors, for no fewer than 520 actor-golfers and their guests crowded the great banquet hall of the Park Lane Hotel the other night when the Stage Golfing Society held its annual dinner. Mr. George Grossmith, a most attractive speaker, told this humorous story to illustrate the supreme confidence of the old-type actor: "Yes, laddie," was the remark made to a youthful aspirant "Every time I hear a clap of thunder I go to the window and bow!"

A valued correspondent writes:

The Dauphin Country Club, Dauphin, Manitoba, held its annual banquet on December 2nd in the Hamilton Hotel, with President J. A. Campbell in the chair, at the conclusion of which the prizes were presented, and a most enjoyable evening spent. Various members of the club contributed by the way of vocal and instrumental items. The winner of the club championship was H. A. N. North. He also won the handicap and would appear to be invincible. Handsome silver cups were the trophies in both events. In the ladies' section the championship was won by Mrs. C. W. McLachlin, and the handicap by Mrs. H. Heaslip. Incidentally I might mention that we have one of the most beautiful courses in Western Canada, bordering, as it does, on Lake Dauphin. The fairways are surrounded throughout with dense poplar growth, which form a decided



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mental hazard. We hope in the near future to add the other nine holes.

The many golfing friends of Mr. George S. Lyon will sincerely sympathise with him in the death of his older brother, Mr. Omer C. Lyon, a prominent resident of Ottawa, who passed away a few days ago, greatly regretted and mourned.

According to advices from France Mademoiselle Simone Thion de la Chaume, woman golf champion of France and England, may soon become Madame Rene Lacoste, as the wife of the tennis Champion of France and the United States. Rene and Simone played tennis throughout the passage homeward, a net being strung between two smokestacks. But besides tennis, passengers said Rene's courtship in the salon was just as effective as his work on the courts at Germantown and Forest Hills.

Miss Inez Allan, of Toronto, Hon. Secretary of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, has recently resigned and Mrs. M. K. Rowe, Chairman of the National Pars Committee, has been appointed to the position. Mrs. Rowe is one of the best known and most popular golfers in Canada, and will be a most worthy successor to Miss Allan.

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Jan. 6-7-8—Los Angeles \$10,000 Open Golf Tournament, Los Angeles, California.

Jan. 16-20.—Mid-winter Tournament Miami Country Club, Miami, Fla.

Jan. 17-21.—Halifax Tournament, Ormond Beach Golf Club, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Jan. 24-28.—Florida East Coast Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

Jan. 30-Feb. 4.—Twenty-fourth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament, Pinehurst C. C., Pinehurst, N. C.

January 31st-February 4th—Women's Championship of Bermuda, Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club, Bermuda.

Feb. 6-11.—Ormond Beach Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

February 7th-11th—Men's Championship of Bermuda, Mid-Ocean Golf Club, Bermuda.

Feb. 11-13.—South Florida Championship, Palm Beach Golf Club, Palm Beach, Florida.

Feb. 22-25.—Eighth Annual Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst C. C., Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 27-March 2.—Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 27-March 3.—Twenty-fourth Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C.

March 29-30.—Twenty-sixth Annual North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

May 7.—British Open Championship, Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich.

May 21.—British Amateur Championship, Prestwick Club, Ayrshire.

June 11th—Qualifying Rounds for U. S. Open Championship in various Districts.

June 21st, 22nd and 23rd—U. S. Open Championship, Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago.

July 31st-August 5th—U. S. Public Links Championship (Open to Canadian Public Links players), Cobb's Creek Course, Philadelphia.

September 5th-7th—Canadian Seniors' Annual Tournament, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto.

Sept. 10th-15th—U. S. Amateur Championship, Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass.

September 11th-14th—U. S. Seniors' Tournament, Apawamis, Rye, N. Y.

September 13th-14th—International Senior Matches (Great Britain, United States and Canada), Apawamis, Rye, N. Y.

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