

Woodhouselee, on reading the letter, he suddenly called for his coach, and leaning on one of his attendants, in great agitation drove to the palace of Holyrood, from whence he set out the following day for London. The same links were a favourite resort of his younger son, James II., while still Duke of York; and some curious traditions preserve the memory of his keen relish for the game. There accordingly golf is still played with keenest zest; and among its present practisers is an ambidextrous golfer, who has provided himself with a double set of right and left drivers and irons; so that he can use either hand at pleasure according to the character of the ground or the position of the ball, to the general discomfiture of his one-handed rivals. The Scotchmen of Montreal and Quebec have transplanted the old national game to Canadian soil; and the latter city has a beautiful course on the famed historical battle-field, the scene of Wolfe's victory and death. There their experience recently induced the Quebec Golf Club, when ordering spare sets of implements for the use of occasional guests from the Old Country, to consider the propriety of ordering a lefthanded set. In the discussion to which the proposal gave rise, it was urged to be unnecessary, as a lefthanded player generally has his own clubs with him; but finally it was compromised by ordering two lefthanded drivers; so that on a lefthanded golfer turning up he will have to putt with his driver. The considerateness of the Quebec golfers for their lefthanded rivals was no doubt stimulated by the fact that there is a skilled golfer of the Montreal Club whose feats of dexterity as a lefthanded player at times startle them. One of the Quebec golfers writes to me thus: "There is one lefthanded fellow belonging to the Montreal Club who comes down occasionally to challenge us; and I have watched his queer play with a good deal of interest and astonishment."

Such illustrations of the growing disadvantage to which the lefthanded workman is put, as civilization develops arts and pastimes with tools or implements specially adapted to the right hand; all the more strongly demonstrate the innate constitutional tendency to lefthandedness in a certain percentage of cases: since the whole tendency of such artificial righthanded appliances is to foster a uniform prevalent usage, and as far as possible to eradicate lefthandedness. But this is only a result of the innate tendency of the majority. We learn from the palæographic tablets of the Vézère caves, that at