

and, with all the jovial Irish accompaniment of wit, fun, good cheer, and a few escapes.

"*Golf*."—A Scottish game of ancient date, but now growing again into repute in both Scotland and England. The game consists simply in this : each party strikes his ball in turn towards a hole, and he who reaches and holes his ball in fewest strokes, gains the hole ; and as the players walk on and play their own ball by alternate strokes, watching each others play, it makes the match sociable as well as interesting. The first hole is decided either by being divided, or what is called halved, or is won by one of the players having done it in fewer strokes than the other. The winner of the majority of holes in the round, gains the match, and also counts the number of holes by which he has beaten his antagonist.

"*The Guards Ball*."—Scarcely equal to the subject, which certainly appears to have been the most splendid effort of the kind ever made in England. The illustrations of the Ball are only second-rate, we might say commonplace.

AMERICAN PERIODICALS.

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The United States Armory.—Ingenuity and excellence in all mechanical contrivances are characteristic of the American people. Division of labour when necessary and the concentration of labour by machinery is their forte. Prominent among their mechanical achievements is the manufacture of small arms. The governments of different nations in Europe have copied the admirable organization and the complicated but most exact machinery employed at Springfield. At this establishment a rifled musket, composed of forty-nine pieces, can be manufactured for nine dollars. Each particular part of the musket from the barrel to the smallest screw or spring is made like its fellow, so that, any one who understands the art of putting a musket together, can pick out at random one and all of the forty-nine parts required to complete the arm, out of ten thousand separate pieces, fix them together without the least trouble, and provide himself with a complete and serviceable weapon.

The Conquest of Cuba, had a most important effect upon the revolutionary war. It is contended that if the English had maintained possession of the Havanna which they took in 1762, it is probable that the French would have been prevented by the Spaniards from assisting the Americans, and without that assistance the issue of the contest would scarcely have been doubtful.