

I presume "Visitor" means the "club" with which the ball is hit, and his "lady correspondent" has led him so far astray, not knowing any better, as to call it a crook. As for golf being a game for "tottering old age," it is open to question, considering that each game will entail the walking of between *three and four miles*. I hardly think that "tottering old age" would take on more than about 16 games a day. I will now give a few general remarks on this game, and should be glad indeed if they prove the means of establishing a Golf Club in Halifax.

The ground on which "golf" is played is called "links," and is generally a sandy soil in the neighborhood of the seashore, interrupted by pits and other inequalities, and is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in extent. A series of small holes about four inches in diameter are cut in the soil at distances from 100 to 500 yards apart. From the starting hole and back again is called a "round," and the game consists of making this round, putting the ball into each hole, with the least number of strokes possible. The materials used consist of small hard balls of gutta percha, and "clubs" suited to the nature of the ground. These "clubs" are named as follows: The "play club" is for swiping off the tee, which is a small hillock on which the ball is placed to present a fair stroke. The "long spoon" is used when the ball is in a hollow, it derives its name from having the face scooped, so as to get under the ball. The "short spoon" is about the most useful of "clubs," it is used when the ball is within 100 yards from the hole. The "putter" (*u* as sounded in "but") is a stiff club with a flat head and square face, and is used when the ball is close to the hole. To be a good "putter" is the height of a golfer's ambition, but few attain it. The "sand-iron" comes into play when the ball lights in a bunker of sand or in a sand pit. It is used more especially for "lifting balls"—that is, lifting the ball over the opponents', and into a hole, which is one of the most difficult feats in "golf." The "cleek" is very useful for putting when the ground is rough. The "niblick" is of great service when the ball lies in a cart-rut or horse-shoe print. The head of this club is very short and heavy, and is shaped into a hollow about the size of a 50-cent piece, with the iron sloping backward. The game can be played by two, or by four (two against two). The *tee*, the starting point, must not be less than four or more than six club-lengths from the first hole, and after the balls are struck off, the ball lying farthest from the hole for which the players are trying, is played first. A ball must not be touched or moved except in playing. There are penalties for stopping or interfering with it, but whatever happens to it by accident must be submitted to, that being considered *a rub o' the green*. I have not space to give an exhaustive article on the game, but I have, I think, shown sufficiently clearly that it is not a game that "tottering old age" can enjoy with impunity.

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