the head of the player at the net. If of good length, and it is left to the server to deal with (his partner changing to the other court), he must be some way back to start with, and the fact of his partner quickly moving across, in front of him, is apt to exercise a disturbing effect upon his smash. In the other case, that is, if the player at the net goes back for the lob, the server can at once gain the commanding position at the net, and is at once ready for any weak return, which may result from his partner's skill. It is clear that in the latter case there is less shuffling of positions, and the combination is less disarranged. There may be cases, I won't deny, in which, even at the expense of loss of position, it may be advisable to adopt the plan of the server taking the lob; for example, where the server is by far the better equipped overhead. Even the best of players vary from day to day in the manner in which they mete out punishment to lobs. So much depends on light wind, and other factors. This course may also apply to other strokes in the game. Most players have their favourite shots, and their most telling positions from which they score. Usually, if there is any doubt as to which player should take the ball, it is best to leave it to that one whose position is the most advantageous for it, and in many cases, this should be the player who made the last stroke, and is perhaps trying to work out the rally to a successful issue. Practice together is the only method by which two players can get accustomed to each other's pet strokes and devices. If constant practice is possible the number of balls that will go by unouched will become smaller and smaller, for one will learn by experience which to take and which to leave for your partner.

I have dealt with the doubles game from a spectacular point of view. To the player himself there are many advantages which the single game does not possess. Requiring far less exertion one can go on playing despite anno domini, far later in life than in singles, wher

not too much. Again with four players engaged instead of two there is more about the is more variety and charm about the play, more scope for tactical skill.

Though the standard of doubles play in this Though the standard of doubles play in this country is relatively much lower than that of singles our best pairs can compare very favourably with those of other countries. No country ever possessed a pair of the calibre of the two Dohertys. The great American pairs, Messrs. Ward and Davis among others, were perhaps not very far behind them. However, to specialize in singles has always been the chief aim of our friends across the herring pond. As evidence of how strength of combination may be obtained by frequent practice together, one has only to turn to our Varsity tennis. Both Oxford and Cambridge are relatively much stronger in doubles than in singles. Only just recently in one of their matches against one of the northern counties they lost nearly all their singles contests, but by winning a bigger majority of their doubles they were successful in the whole match.

Iln our issue of the 23rd of May we published an article entitled, "Service in Lawn Tennis," purporting to have been written by Mr. S. N. Doust, the well-known lawn tennis player.

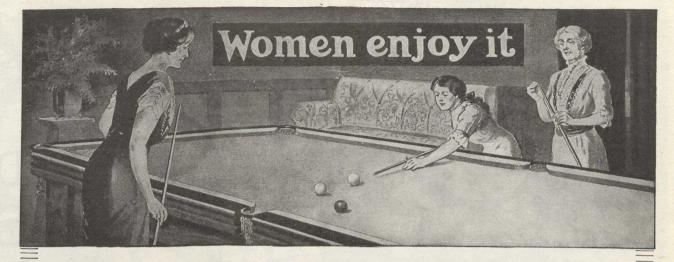
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since transpired that the press agency was imposed upon by a certain individual who led them to believe that he was Mr. S. N. Doust and who made use of Mr. S. N. Doust's name. We desire to express our regret at having, though quite innocently, attributed to Mr. S. N. Doust an article which was not in fact written by him.

The Editor.]

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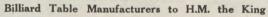
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