

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 untouched 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, where a hard 5 set match is generally quite enough for the day, if not too much. Again with four players engaged instead of two there is more variety and charm about the play, more scope for tactical skill. 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.

[In 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. This article was supplied to us by a well-known press agency. It has 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.]

**A Cautious Owner.**—A Pennsylvania farmer was the owner of a good Alderney cow. A stranger, having admired the animal, asked the farmer: "What will you take for your cow?" The farmer scratched his head for a moment, and then said: "Look a-here, be you the tax assessor or has she been killed by the railroad?"—The Argonaut.



## Billiards Both Thrilling and Healthful

It is really unfortunate that English Billiards is not played more generally by women. It is such a splendid, invigorating game, bringing so many muscles of the back, neck, chest, arms, hands and limbs into use. It increases the circulation, aids digestion, makes the eye more accurate. It makes a woman forget her household worries; makes

her feel lively and cheerful. It's the most healthful and thrilling indoor game in the world.

You really ought to have a Burroughes & Watts' Billiard Table in your home, madam. We say Burroughes & Watts' because this is the make of table the King uses, that princes, dukes, rajahs, millionaires, champion players and famous clubs use.

## BURROUGHES & WATTS' BILLIARD TABLES

Don't think these superb tables are beyond your pocket-book. Although they are equipped with mathematically level slate beds, best West of England billiard cloth, and the famous fast, noiseless, wear-resisting Steel Vacuum Cushions, Burroughes & Watts' Billiard Tables are moderately priced,



unless you desire some elaborately ornamented or inlaid tables. But every table is of the Burroughes & Watts' kingly quality, no matter what style or size you select.

Also makers of Dominion Pool Tables and Combination Billiard and Dining Tables. Write for full information and prices.

Billiard Table Manufacturers to H.M. the King

**Burroughes & Watts, Limited, 34 Church Street, Toronto**

Head Office, London, England. Montreal Agents, James Hutton & Co., Shaughnessy Building  
Winnipeg Agents, J. D. Clark & Co., 280 Main St. Vancouver Agents, R. H. Cliburn, 312 Water St.

103

## SHOPPERS' GUIDE

### PRINTING.

**VISITING CARDS**—Ladies' or Gentlemen's, printed to order—latest styles; fifty cents per hundred, post-paid. Frank H. Barnard, Printer, 35 Dundas Street, Toronto.

### BAKERS' OVENS.

**HUBBARD PATENT PORTABLE OVENS**—Plans supplied; latest machinery, lowest prices; catalogue free. Warren Manufacturing Co., 782 King West, Toronto.

### EDUCATIONAL.

**CIVIL SERVICE**—Preliminary, qualifying or second division examinations. Our students lead at the examinations. Canadian Correspondence College, Limited, Dept. K, Toronto, Canada.

### HELP WANTED.

**GET CANADIAN GOVERNMENT JOBS.** Big pay. Examinations throughout Canada during November. We coach candidates by mail. Sample lessons and schedule of examination places free. Write immediately. Franklin Institute, Dept. L. 175, Rochester, N.Y.

### STAMPS AND COINS.

**PACKAGE** free to collectors for 2 cents postage; also offer hundred different foreign stamps; catalogue; hinges; five cents. We buy stamps. Marks Stamp Co., Toronto.

### BOOKS.

**A DESKBOOK OF ERRORS IN ENGLISH**, by F. H. Vizetelly, is an invaluable text book for those who are particular about the language they use. Cloth, \$1.00, post-paid. Norman Richardson, Desk A, 12 E. Wellington St., Toronto.

**THE FORCE OF THE MIND**, by A. T. Schofield, M.D., explains the scientific relation between the mind and many of mankind's ailments. Cloth, 240 pages, \$2.00, post-paid. Norman Richardson, Desk A, 12 E. Wellington St., Toronto.

### PATENTS.

**WRITE** for our 112-page Blue Book on patents. Tells how to invent and dispose of patents. Trademarks registered all countries. Robb & Robb, 287-290 Southern Bldg., Washington, D.C.

**A WORKING MODEL** should be built before your patents are applied for. Our modern machine shop and tools are at your service. We are the only manufacturing attorneys in the world. Get our advice regarding your invention. All advice free. The Patent Selling and Manufacturing Agency, 206 Simcoe St., Toronto.

## HOTEL DIRECTORY

### KING EDWARD HOTEL

Toronto, Canada.

—Fireproof—

Accommodation for 750 guests. \$1.50 up. American and European Plans.

### MOSSOP HOTEL

(Limited)

TORONTO, ONTARIO.

European Plan. Absolutely Fireproof. Rooms with or without bath from \$1.50 and up per day.

### QUEEN'S HOTEL, MONTREAL

\$2.50 to \$4.00. American Plan.

300 Rooms.

### THE NEW FREEMAN'S HOTEL

(European Plan.)

One Hundred and Fifty Rooms.

Single rooms, without bath, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day; rooms with bath, \$2.00 per day and upwards.

St. James and Notre Dame Sts., Montreal.

### THE TECUMSEH HOTEL

London, Canada.

American Plan, \$3.00 per day and up. All rooms with running hot and cold water, also telephones. Grill room open 8 to 12 p.m.

Geo. H. O'Neill, Proprietor.