

### Charm of Golf Not Caught By Reading About the Game

The literature of golf is the least exciting thing about the game. Accounts of great championship matches are little more than monotonous repetition of a "drive, a brassie, a mashie and one or two puts for a divided hole." That is a very fine thing to look at when the strokes are executed with pleasing precision, but there is a deadly monotony about putting into print the story of a golf game in eighteen chapters which are terribly alike. Drives, pulls and slices, tops, carries, runs, and crooked kicks do not present an important appearance on a printed page as on a links. When you stand the chance of losing a seventy-five cent ball, a five-dollar game, dinners for two, and a considerable damaged temper these same occurrences of the course assume their proper proportions. Golf is a great game and one day may have a literature, and at present most of what is printed about the game looks like canned post mortem.

There is said to have been but little betting connected with the game of golf until this year. The spectacular win of the championship last year by young Ouimette, the French American is said to have inaugurated an era of speculation connected with the game which has attracted the attention of the professional gambler. It was reported that fifty thousand

dollars were bet this year on the various American contestants for the British championship. This is probably an exaggeration, but the fact remains that a larger amount than ever before was wagered.

A business was made of it, for a printed circular was sent to leading golfers and prominent sportsmen by a London betting firm offering to lay odds about the amateur and open championships. It is feared by many that this will hurt the game. But someone is always fearing that this will hurt the game. But someone is always fearing that the game will be ruined by the new balls, new bunkering, increased interest, too many golf clubs and too many golf spectators. In spite of all apprehension the game thrives and still has something the advantage of the average player. The game would not be hurt if people net their heads off over it. Betting has done no harm to the Derby.

After the last British championship golf tournament had got well started it was realized that the chief question affecting Vardon's prospects was whether his putting would hold out. As it happened it did, though he was said to be at his old tricks so that little confidence is placed in the permanence of his improvement. He used a new putter as the result of a great inspiration; just as was the putter with which he won his first

championship at Muirfield in 1896. In his shop he took up carelessly one of a batch of new putting cleeks that had just come in from the makers and were intended for a foreign country. It suddenly occurred to him that the feel and the balance of the club suited him splendidly, an that, in short, it was the very putter for him in the important work that was coming on. And so but for that accident it might possibly that Vardon would not have the unique distinction of being champion for the sixth time now. He has now won the championship three times at Prestwick, twice at Sandwich and once at Muirfield. He has never scored either at St. Andrews or Hoylake. He said lately that he considers his game to be four strokes in the round inferior to what it used to be about the beginning of this century, and he argues plausibly in this matter; but yet those who saw him at Prestwick this time find it difficult to believe.

Up to this year Vardon, Braid and Taylor had each won the open golf championship five times. Vardon is now one championship in the lead.

"What a wonderful thing it is to find the old triumvirate, the very Big Three, still going on and on, and Prestwick was surprising in its revelation of their continued capacity," writes Harry Leach. "The day of the younger generation which has been so long prophesied will not be yet, while these old giants of the game can show their powers undiminished as they did this time. The most wonderful thing of all happened in the first round, when these went, the whole three of them, to the top of the list Vardon, Braid and Taylor. This preliminary demonstration of force must have been a shock to that younger generation. And at the finish there were two of them in the first two places, as there have been many times before. Time and years must begin to tell their tale in the end; but really one must cease, after the experience of this year, to talk of the old firm giving way as we have been doing more or less every year since James Braid won at Muirfield in 1906, in which year they filled the first three places. In the eight years that have elapsed since then only twice have what we may call outsiders taken the premier honors, Massy providing one of these exceptions and Ray the other. The Big Three started their business with Taylor's first championship at Sandwich in 1894, and since then only five times have such outsiders gained the gold medal Jack White Herd and Mr. Hilton being the three others than those two who have been named. It is an amazing record."

"The advisability of adopting the bold or the cautious course is discussed in the London Times by Mr. Bernard Darwin.

"Deliberately to play the ball short of a bunker when there is any possibility of carrying the bunker and reaching the green in one of the most trying and difficult tasks in golf and that of some four reasons each one of which is evidence of the futility of our common nature," he writes.

"First, we do not like to lose the fun of a big hit, and this, if a weakness, is a comparatively amiable one. Secondly we have no very positive object in view but only the negative

### Old Home Week Notes

Vice Chairman J. H. Minshall presided over last night's meeting of the Old Home Week executive, held in the headquarters in the Temple building.

It was an enthusiastic and well attended meeting. Reports from the different committees reported that arrangements for the different days and events were fast nearing completion. Every day has now been arranged for except Friday afternoon, and on account of the inability to secure the local military for that day, no military parade can be held.

Many suggestions were made as to what might be held on Friday afternoon, but the one that met with general approval was the holding of an old boys picnic on that afternoon to Agricultural park where an old time picnic would be held. Speeches would be made and a general good time and renewal of old acquaintances would take place.

J. F. Van-Lane, chairman of the fraternal committee, reported that the committee is working harmoniously and everything in good shape for fraternal day. Every society interested had arrangements well in hand.

Sergeant Major Oxtoby for the parade committee reported that a system of controlling the different parades was being worked out. Each society and every unit of a parade would have a marshal who would report to the head of the parade committee, Lt. Col. Ashton.

Chairman George D. Watt of the Finance committee reported that while reverses had been met with at first, the canvassers were now meeting with much better success.

After a general discussion the executive adjourned to meet again the early part of next week.

**STORSTAD REPAIRED**  
QUEBEC, July 31.—The Collier Storstad, that rammed and sank the Empress of Ireland, causing the loss of over a thousand souls, is expected to come out of the Lauzon drydock Wednesday next. The completion of repairs is being rushed day and night.

**Why There is Corruption**  
—Senator La Follette was talking about corruption.  
"The public is to blame for this corruption," he said. "The public, in fact, reminds me in this connection, of the old lady."  
"An old lady sat knitting in her armchair when a young girl burst in on her."  
"Oh grandma," she said, "father has just fallen off the roof!"  
"I know my child," the old lady answered placidly, "saw him pass the window."

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**LOOK at This List of Bargains for Sale SATURDAY and NEXT WEEK**



**The GREATEST BARGAINS in MILLINERY Ever Offered in Brantford**

- An Extraordinary Clearance—50 Only Untrimmed Hats**  
These shapes are some of the best Hats of the season, values up to \$3.00. While they last ..... **25c**
- 150 Untrimmed Hats**  
Colors White, Black and Tuscan, in Tegal, Mohair, Milne, Java, Peanuts and chips, values up to \$5. Sale price.... **50c and 75c**
- Children's Trimmed Hats**  
Balance of Children's Trimmed Hats at ..... **35c to 75c**

- 100 Newly Made Trimmed Hats**  
This price is going to mean a rush for exclusive hats cannot be offered at this price without causing a sensation, reg. \$3 to \$6. Sale **87c**
- 200 Trimmed Hats**  
Black and light colors, values from \$5 to \$8. Sale price..... **\$1.98**
- 150 Newly Made Dress Hats**  
In all the newest effects, trimmings include a number of beautiful ostrich plumes as well as wings and French flowers, values range to \$12. Sale price..... **\$2.98 and \$3.75**

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