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HARRY VARDON CREDITED FOR PECULIAR GRIP

"Vardon" or Overlapping Grip
On Golf Club Prevalent In
Present-Day Golf.

While a majority of the star golfers in this country use what is known as the overlapping grip, there are few who know the origin of this method. If the average links devotee were asked who was the pioneer of this style, he would probably reply without hesitation, "Harry Vardon, of course," but according to Harold H. Hilton, former British amateur champion, this is incorrect.

Many years before Vardon was taking part in championship golf a certain amateur, John Ernest Laidley, was playing better than any other in Scotland and at the same time much more on a par with the best professional talent in either Scotland or England, says Hilton. Laidley was holding the grip of all his clubs by the aid of overlapping the fingers of the right hand over the forefinger and thumb of the left hand, and his success was so great that one would have naturally assumed that he would have many imitators.

No doubt in his own circle at Musselburgh and at North Berwick there

was a certain coterie of admirers who followed him, but as none of them made any marked success it became somewhat recognized that Laidley's unique method was simply the eccentricity of golf genius, and were not safe for the ordinary man to imitate.

Next to adopt the overlapping grip among the famous players was J. H. Taylor. He is a slightly younger man than Vardon, and while it would not be fair to assume that he took to the method of grip before Vardon, he appeared in first class golf before the Jersey man and made a success of it before the latter did, so he must be viewed in the light of being the second apostle of the grip which is so prevalent in present-day golf.

A little later Vardon came on the scene, utilizing a similar grip to that of Laidley and Taylor, and it was only then that the critics began thoroughly to realize that there must be something in this unorthodox method of gripping the club. Soon there became quite a craze for overlapping the fingers, and the comparatively new form of hold was termed the "Vardon" grip, by which it is referred to this day. By that name it will probably always be known.

Onsmen of the Vesper Boat club, Philadelphia, won twenty-four races, including three national titles in five regattas this season. Since the club was organized in 1865 its members have won 304 victories in this country, Canada and France in all styles of rowing.

EDDIE FINGUARD SLATED TO BOX FRANK BARRIEAU

Fifteen Round Affair To Be Held
in Empire Theatre on Thursday
November 20th

Eddie Finguard will box Frank Barrieau in a 15-round elimination contest for the middleweight championship of Canada, at the Empire theatre on Thursday, November 20th.

Finguard has been in the boxing game some five or six years, and during that time has engaged in some 90 bouts two of which he lost on decisions. During the other 88 were straight wins. During the time that the United States was in the war Finguard was a boxing physical instructor in the American army. During that time he boxed Fred Dyer and an Australian middleweight, winning both times. Other bouts in which he has participated recently are with Hugh Ross, Dutch Hager, Frankie Saunders, Thorleson, Jimmy Potts, Freddie Anderson, Eddie Franks, Billy Burke, Kid Decoursey and J. Gorman.

Finguard has established his training quarters at Kid Carson's gymnasium on Jasper avenue west where he is in training every day in preparation for the coming contest.

ONTARIO MINISTER SAYS OUT DOWN PUPILS' HOMEWORK

Whether Hon. Dr. Oddy, minister of education in Ontario, has any claim to the affection of his grown constituents he must certainly have established himself in the esteem of the school children of that province by his edict to cut down the amount of homework. This order is to be effective in all continuation schools, high schools and collegiate institutes. The injunction is accompanied by regulations changing the courses in these schools, the object being to relieve the pressure of studies in these departments.

"The homework assigned to junior pupils is often too great in amount and too difficult in character," Dr. Oddy states in the circular which is being sent out.

APPLICATIONS FOR AMATEUR CARDS TO BE PASSED UPON

A general meeting of the governors of the Alberta Branch A.A.U. of Canada will be held in Calgary on Saturday, November 22nd, in the board of trade rooms, starting at 2 p.m., when applications for amateur cards under the ruling promulgated at the Ottawa meeting, will be passed upon, also other important business will be transacted.

CURLING FOR ELDER AND HOCKEY FOR YOUNGER SPORTSMEN

The Strathcona curling rink is now ready for play and a series of inter-club games is being played this Friday and Saturday. The skating rink opened on Tuesday evening and now curling and hockey will receive the popularity once accorded to baseball, football, lacrosse and golf.

BOSTON RED SOX SIGN NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR TRIAL

The Boston Red Sox have signed a number of players from fast independent teams for trial next spring. Among them are Harry Smith, second baseman, and Hop Hickey, who have been starting with a team in Rensselaer, N.Y. Ed Holly as scout for Boston picked them up.

BINGHAMPTON CLUB MANAGER MAKES HIS PLAYERS FREE AGENTS

George F. Johnson, backer of the Binghamton club, paid off his players at the close of the season and made them all free agents. There is likely to be some protest at this action, however, as some of the International magnates hold the players go with the franchise, which Binghamton has surrendered.

FORMER STAR CATCHER PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS INHERITS \$1,000,000

Peter Noonan, former star catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics and for the last year or more a Knights of Columbus secretary, has inherited a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000.

APPLICANTS FOR REINSTATEMENT CAN OBTAIN FORMS

Affidavit Accompanies Application
and Gives Assurance of Applicant's Good Intentions.

Application forms for reinstatement as an amateur are being issued by the Alberta branch of the Amateur Athletic Union. These forms should be filled out and returned to the applicants' club management who will turn it over to the governors of the Alberta branch to be dealt with at their meeting which will be held in Calgary, November 22nd.

Applicant is required to take affidavit to the effect that he has not taken part in any athletic contest subsequent to October 1, 1919, as a professional, nor entered any competition for money, also that he will not infringe the definition of an amateur as described in the official form, and declares his intention to remain a permanent resident in the Province of Alberta.

Affidavit is taken before a Commissioner for Oaths, and will assure the amateur governors that the applicant is sincere in his wish to become an amateur and remain an amateur.

MINERS HAVE NOT AVERAGED SIX HOURS A DAY FOR 17 YEARS

"If the miners could reach the great mass of our citizens and explain their six-hour day demand, opposition to this proposal would disappear," said Edgar Wallace, representative of the United Mine Workers.

"The coal miners," said the trade unionist, "can show by the United States geological survey that they have not averaged six hours a day for 17 years. Reports by this government bureau show that since 1902 the miner has worked from 150 to 228 days a year. The latter figure applies to 1918 when, under war stress, the mines were operated more regular and the men received 228 days' employment. Their average yearly employment since 1902 is 206 days.

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REVIVE GENTLE ART OF PEDESTRIANISM

A couple of million young men of America have in the past two years had considerable exercise in "hoofing it." It wasn't voluntary hoofing, either, but the army is the army, and when you enter it you are sometimes required to make long marches. All of which leads to the thought that the gentle art of pedestrianism is about due for a great revival.

There was an "almost" revival of walking a few years ago when Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, pulled off his celebrated transcontinental walking stunt, but it sort of fizzled.

It is forty-two years since London witnessed the conclusion of one of the most famous international walking matches, such as were held in the seventies and early eighties. William Holmes, one of the greatest pedestrians of the day, was England's choice in the memorable contest, while Dan O'Leary represented Ireland and America. Dan had taken part in a number of walking matches on this side of the Atlantic, and there was great disappointment over here when the news came that he had been vanquished by the Britisher in the 300-mile contest. O'Leary is now 76 years old and has walked over 150,000 miles.

In the seventies the professional walkers were as celebrated as Jess Willard (1) and Ty Cobb are today. They rolled in money and basked in the limelight of popular adulation. Many of the records set up in those days in England and America have never been surpassed, and unless professional walking comes into vogue again, probably never will.

FOOTBALL ROOTERS AT PITTSBURG NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC

The university of Pittsburgh football candidates were assembled by Coach Glenn S. Warner, at the university engineering camp at Windber, Pa., and the following day the Panthers started their practice.

The coming season is to be an unusual one in many ways, and the Panther rooters aren't too optimistic as to the outcome. The material is the poorest in years, with few tried performers available and the schedule is the hardest Pitt ever arranged. While the return of Hastings, Dehart and Morrow from the service bolstered up the back field considerably, the line material is very green.

It is generally felt that Warner has one of the biggest jobs on his hands that he ever tackled to shape a team to meet Penn, Georgia Tech, W. and J., Syracuse, Penn State and West Virginia.

"Jimmy" Dehart, who was a lieutenant and instructor at Mather aviation field, California, is the new captain. His election came as a result of a letter vote. Dehart is the only man who ever won his letter in four branches of major sport there.

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