

(By "The Reefer.")

The Reliance has been built by a syndicate of nine members of the New York Yacht Club. They are: Judge E. H. Garry, one of the directors of the United States Steel Company; Clement A. Griscom, of Philadelphia, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company; Henry Walters, of Baltimore, president of the Atlantic Coast Line; Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York; P. A. Widener, of Philadelphia; William Rockefeller, of New York, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company; James J. Hill, of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railroad Company; Norman B. Ream, of Chicago; and W. B. Leeds, of Pittsburg.

Many widely divergent statements have been made as to the cost of a cutter such as Shamrock or Columbia, and we have seen it mentioned (says the London "Field") that one of these large cutters cannot be built for less than £50,000. This is, of course, a considerable exaggeration, but there is no doubt that owners do pay very extravagant prices for racing yachts. According to "Bell's Life," in 1829, the 127-ton cutter Lulworth cost Mr Weld £14,000, or as much as £110 per ton, and we doubt if this price has ever been exceeded. Lord Belfast and Mr Weld in the first half of the century entered into keen competition for racing honours, and each spent no less than £30,000 in the construction of yachts during their years of rivalry, which, as Mr Montague Guest recalls in his "Memorials of the Royal Yacht Squadron," were closed by the building of Louisa and Alarm. In 1901 the cutter Independence was built in America for the purpose of defending the America Cup, and cost approximately £100 per ton. This is a very fair estimate of the complete cost of the latest type of Cup challenger and defender. Their tonnage by yacht measurement varies from about 260 to 270 tons, and the cost varies slightly, according to the materials used in construction and the dimensions. The yacht Independence was a very expensively built vessel, and the cost of hull, etc., was certainly not less than the average for the other America Cup yachts. The original contract for the vessel, rigged, was £15,000; extra work on hull, rigging, and spars £8500; sails, including two mainsails at £600 each, wire rope, etc., £0000; general equipment, including a working steam launch, £2000; outfitting, clothes for crew, etc., £1500; and sundries, inclusive of commission to the designer, £2000—total £26,000. The cost of running the yacht for the season, maintenance, repairs, stowage, wages, racing money, provisions, and general expenses was £15,000. Thus, if we say that the complete cost of building a Cup challenger is £100 per ton, and the expense of running her is another £60 per ton, we shall have an idea of the expenditure required to bring a vessel to the starting line in a race for the America Cup.

The annual eight-oar race between the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide took place on the Parramatta River on Saturday week. There was a desperate struggle for two miles, the Sydney and Melbourne crews rowing almost level for a long way. Then, however, Sydney gradually edged away, and won rather easily by five lengths, Adelaide being beaten off. Sydney has now won nine times, Melbourne on five occasions, and Adelaide twice.

A cable received during the week states that the America Cup challenger, Shamrock III., arrived at New York on Monday. She made the trip across in seventeen days, which is under the average. No doubt Shamrock was towed by Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin for part of the trip, the new regulations allowing this to be done. As the race does not eventuate till August 20, the Britisher will have two months before her to get thoroughly tuned up. The result of her trials with Shamrock II. will be awaited with interest.

Whoever would be "Cock o' the walk"
Must open his mouth and crow it out,
For whispers and mutters are plainly
not talk,
And very soon lost in a crowd,
We take special care that we may be
heard,
Our knowledge we cannot immure,
For bad coughs and colds the stuff
that's preferred,
Is Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

GOLF.

The latest improvement in the putter line comes from America. It is an aluminium club, somewhat oval in shape, with the shaft inserted into the top of the head. The Club is now very popular in America and the old country. Both Travis and Douglas, the two champion amateur players in United States of America, use it, and claim that it has greatly improved their putting. The patentee is Findley S. Douglas, one time amateur champion. He has given it the name of the Schenectaddy putter.

Messrs John Ball, H. H. Hilton, Graham, and some other Liverpool golfers have had a trip to Cannes, at the invitation of H.I.H. the Grand Duke Michael of Russia. They enjoyed it very much. H. L. Doherty, the tennis champion, was playing for Cannes, and beat his opponent, W. Ryder Richardson. H. I. Whigham, ex-amateur champion of America, also played for Cannes, and beat his opponent, in responding for the visitors, said, amongst other things:—"Mr Whigham, as as they all knew, had spread the game north, south, east, and west, and not long since he had been playing over links in Persia, where the hazards were chiefly

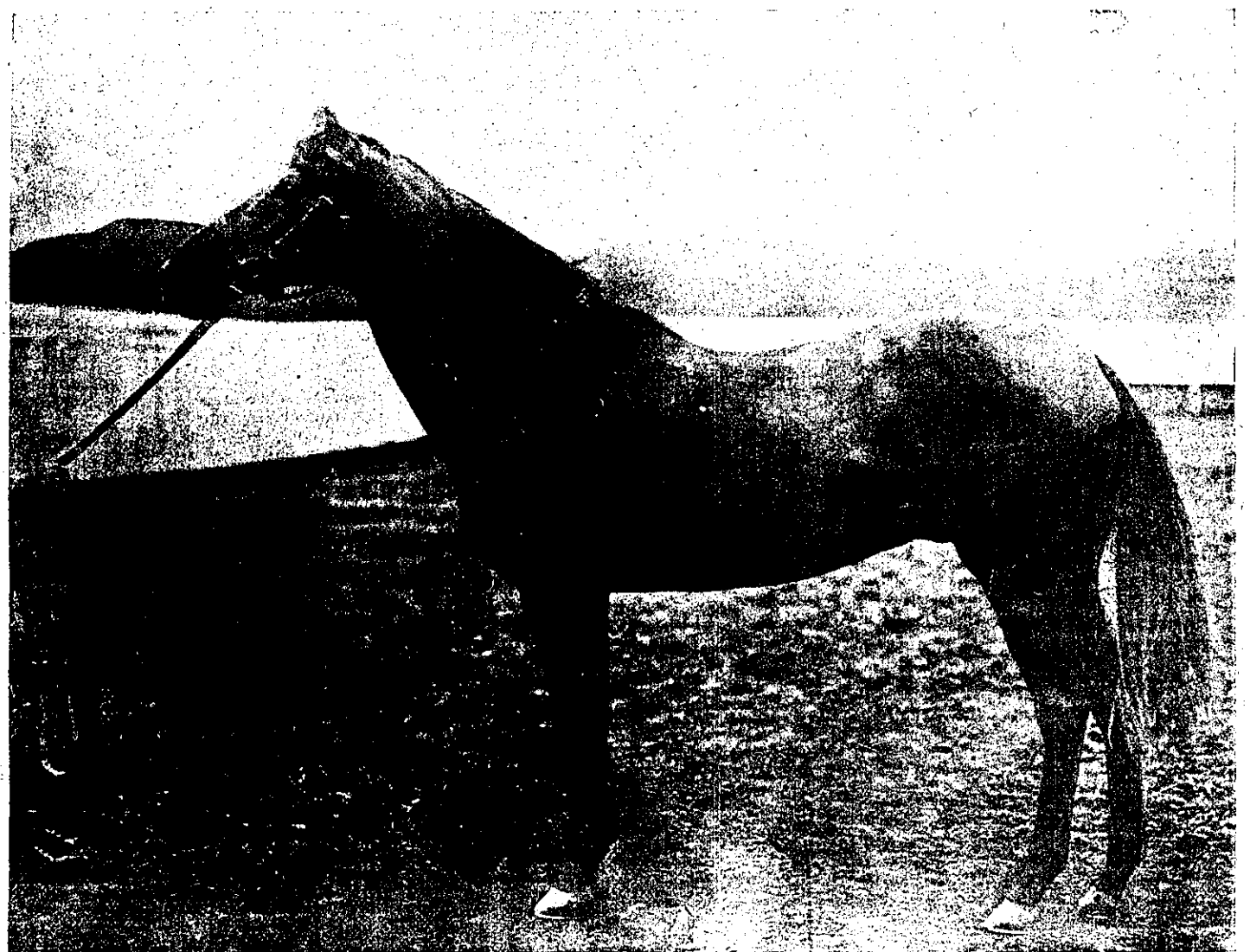
There was a large number of players in evidence on the Cornwall links on Saturday. The constant wet weather experienced during the week did not appear to have affected the ground in any way, the porous nature of the soil allowing the water to get away quickly.

A foursomes handicap was played, Messrs. C. Rhodes and R. H. Carr proving the winners with a gross score of 101, their handicaps of 14 leaving them the nett total of 87. Messrs. R. Horton and D. McCormick, with a handicap of 21, W. Colbeck and H. Pelli, handicap 2, and C. Heather and W. Heather, handicap 17, tied for second place with a nett score of 93 strokes. Next in order came Messrs. J. W. Hull and J. R. Sykes, 95; E. Horton and E. Anderson, 95; J. R. Reed and Dr. Coates, 97; J. Burns and E. Dargaville, 97; E. Turner and C. Pollen, 97; J. R. Hooper and Dr. Gordon, 97; C. Gillies and A. Aitkin, 99; Rev. McWilliam and L. E. Mair, 102; Rev. C. Tisdall and W. Bruce, 105; P. Upton and R. Horton, 109;

for the vacancies on the committee caused by the retirement by rotation of the Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, K.C., Mr J. Shuter, Mr A. N. Hornby, and the Hon. F. S. Jackson were Mr A. G. Steel, K.C. (the retiring president), the Earl of Lichfield, Major W. E. Hardy, and Mr F. H. E. Cunliffe.

Hargreaves, the professional bowler with the English Team in New Zealand, accomplished a fine bowling performance on his return. He played for Warwickshire against Surrey the day after his arrival; and in the second innings obtained nine wickets for thirty-five runs, which is one of the best bowling feats witnessed at the Oval for some years. In the whole match he secured fifteen wickets for seventy-six runs, and this against such a strong batting team as Surrey.

Writing in the London "Sportsman" of his recent tour in New Zealand, Mr Warner says:—"Our record is a brilliant one, but we were always immensely superior to our opponents, even the New Zealand Eleven being no match for us. . . . The fielding was generally very fair, and occasionally brilliant, while the whole side worked together splendidly both on and off



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SEATON DELAVAL, by Melton—Rosedale. The property of Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathn.

formed out of the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's palace. One member of his own team had even carried the game further afield, for when formerly occupying an important diplomatic position as Consul for the Sandwich Islands, he introduced the game there, and the Queen of Honolulu was so interested that he understood she and the Consul had a game together, which she greatly enjoyed.

The May meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's was to be held on May 6. At this meeting it was to be decided whether the Haskell ball was to be barred or not, so we will have the result in a fortnight. Concerning this ball, "Golf Illustrated" says:—"A feature of the hold which the rubber-cored ball has taken at St. Andrew's is the great number of players there now using horn-faces in their wooden clubs. It is claimed for this idea that it adds still more distance to the drive when used in conjunction with the rubber-cored balls."

Alec. Herd, the open champion, gives some useful hints on iron play, finishing with:—"I always play my iron and mashie shots with rigid arms, letting the wrists work slightly as I swing up and down. I keep my body steady, making the arms do the turning of the body, and following well through. I push my right arm straight after the ball."



In the Notts v. Leicestershire match, at Nottingham on May 25, 26, 27, Notts lost seven wickets for 739, William and John Gunn putting on 376 for the third wicket. W. Gunn made 189, and J. Gunn 294. The latter is the left-hand bowler, who was a member of Maclaren's team, and is a nephew of William Gunn.

The Marylebone Cricket Club's annual report shows that in 1902 there were 4847 members, an increase of 74, of whom 4125 paid, 403 were life members, and 317 abroad. Mention was made of the Cricketers' National War Fund, which realised £2290 19s 7d. The total turnover of the club in 1902 was upwards of £26,000. The refreshment department was worked at a loss of some £1200. The entrance fees and subscriptions to the club were £13,056 5s 3d, against £12,821 in 1901. The nominees

the field. There were too many matches against odds, and a little too much travelling and rushing about from place to place, but we had a delightful time, and the hospitality we received was everywhere unbounded. . . . The Wellington Club will live in our memory, for we were made to feel absolutely at home there during both our visits to Wellington, and the hospitality we received from everyone, and more especially from our hosts, Dr. Collins, Mr Bell, Mr Coates and Mr Simpson, was lavish. . . . We had, indeed, a magnificent send-off, and one which made a great impression on us, but it was only a repetition of the kindness and good feeling which has been extended to us throughout the colony. . . ."

What happened to Jones? who knows?
Perhaps 'twas a cold in his nose,
Or maybe a cough, which he couldn't
shake off,
And denied him the joy of repose.
Quite likely he both did endure,
Which him to his room did immure,
Till a friend said one day, Drive your
chills all away
With—
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.