

look and keep looking at that portion of the ball which they wish to hit. ¶ "After studying all these conditions and those advocated by experts and knowing something on anatomy, I realize that this invention will be a big benefit in helping the novice and those not trained to watch the ball, to correct this greatest of all golf faults. ¶ "I believe that with the use of this invention, learning the game will become greatly simplified and the players who have been having things pretty much their own way on the links will begin to find others, who are using this device, making rapid strides to their level."

Dr. McGillicuddy says he received offers from all parts of the United States for his invention since it was patented, January 26. ¶ He says he would like to have the article made in Worcester and probably will start some movement for this purpose soon. ¶ Few golfers have seen this device, but those who have seemed sure that it will be a success. ¶ Dr. McGillicuddy was especially pleased to receive the favorable comment on it from Ouimet.

NOTE—And if this doesn't go Colonel Bogey one better excuse us—editorial usage, please!

Pen Picture of Old Southern Home

Mr. Eugene Hall of Louisburg, N. C., has written a novel which should interest all visitors and in fact all who are interested in the life of the Southern home before the war. ¶ "Vernal Dune," is the title, the name given to the plantation about which most of the life of the story centers. The author gives a vivid picture of plantation life in the first quarter of the nineteenth century, and he would have us feel the contentment of the slaves and their enjoyment in serving, nay idolizing "Mars Theo and all at the gret hus." ¶ We are told in the preface that the threads of the story have been gathered from sources so authentic as to make them fixed facts. This helps to make real in our minds the charm of the life of "ye goode olde tyme." The fun and humor of the negroes add not a little to the pleasure of the volume.

Ninety-four Wins for Spaulding

Twenty added targets gave H. M. Spaulding a winning net score of ninety-four in the weekly trap shoot. At eighty-eight young Stacy Robeson (120), F. N. Merrill (20), and P. W. Whittemore (5) were tied for second place. ¶ The scores:

SPAULDING	—16 19 21 18—20—94
ROBESON	—19 15 17 17—20—88
MERRILL	—20 14 21 17—16—88
WHITTEMORE	—22 19 23 19— 5—88
HOWARD	—21 20 21 20— 5—87
THOMPSON	—17 14 17 17—16—81
ELLCOTT	—15 19 19 14—12—79
MORGAN	—14 14 16 15—16—75

Guilford Rounding Into Form

Jesse Guilford is hanging up a few cards for the cracks to shoot at, among them a seventy-four on number two course:

OUT—	454 433 354—35
IN —	445 434 555—39—74

Seventy-six is his best on number two course which is counted two or three strokes harder than three.

SEVENTEEN MILLION BALES

Greatest Cotton Crop Ever Grown Disclosed By Census Records

The greatest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1914. Census bureau statistics giving final ginning figures, officially place the 1914 crop as a record with 16,102,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is 409,442 equivalent 500 pound bales, or 204,721,000 pounds, more than produced in the great crop of 1911. In addition to the great production of lint cotton, a record quantity of linter cotton, which is extensively used in manufacture of military explosives, was obtained. This amounted to 395,732,000 pounds and brought the total 1914 crop to 16,893,604 equivalent 500 pound bales, or 8,446,803,500 pounds.

Unofficial estimates place the value of the crop at \$570,000,000 for lint. That is based on an average price of 7.2 cents a pound to producers, and an estimate of 70 per cent. as the quantity already sold with the remainder selling at an average of 7.8 cents a pound. On the same basis the value of the seed is estimated at \$134,000,000. These together make the estimated value of the 1914-15 crop of cotton farmers \$704,000,000 compared with \$911,000,000, the value of the 1913-14 crop, estimated in the same manner.

Round bales included 57,618. Sea Island bales 31,598; average gross weight of bales 507.2 pounds. Gineries operated 24,522. Linter cotton not included in total, 772,270 running bales, or 791,464 equivalent 500 pound bales. ¶ Production by States in 500 pound bales:

Alabama	.....	1,750,281
Arkansas	.....	1,015,674
Florida	.....	80,962
Georgia	.....	2,713,470
Louisiana	.....	447,861
Mississippi	.....	1,244,703
Missouri	.....	81,587
North Carolina	.....	925,233
Oklahoma	.....	1,261,350
South Carolina	.....	1,524,594
Tennessee	.....	382,431
Texas	.....	4,584,933
Virginia	.....	25,182
All other States	.....	63,880

Col. Vrooman Visits Wilmington

Col. John W. Vrooman, prominent in Masonic and political circles in New York State, who fifty years ago participated in the siege of Fort Fisher, will arrive in Wilmington today at noon from Pinehurst, N. C., where he is spending the winter, and will visit again the scenes he viewed as a soldier in the Northern army. This afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock he will hold a reception at the Measonic Temple, when he hopes to greet again many of his former foes as fellow citizens of a reunited country. He hopes also to meet many of his Masonic brothers in the city. ¶ Col. Vrooman will be taken tomorrow morning to Fort Fisher, where he will spend several hours visiting the scenes made memorable in battle during the War between the States. He will be accompanied by Confederate veterans and others. ¶ At the regular communication of St. John's Lodge of Mansons this evening, Col. Vrooman will make an address.—Wilmington (N. C.) Star.

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