



ANY OFFERS? *There are always some big bids forthcoming when Cotton auctions his ball after Red Cross matches, but at Pollard's Hill on Saturday all previous records in the series were smashed with an offer of £106 5s. from a number of members who bought the ball for the club.*

he plays it, probably too expensive for the river must collect many of his erring second shots. There is a big tree which tempts the player to short cut to the green, though the real line is left of the tree, as this opens up the hole.

Now the 16 handicap player is not appreciative of this lovely hole—he wants to cut it out to save losing balls and to stop having to do the obvious thing in playing shots with his second where the distance between the river banks is wider and hoping for a chip and one putt.

Holes to "Sell"

This hole is beautiful, and I know it is a good one, and yet it may not become part of the Reddish Vale course if the leave-things-alone brigade win the day. The 14th and 16th holes are worth while "selling" to the golfing public, and any course with two such lovely holes should tell the world.

In the match from which we collected over £225 for the Red Cross, I played very well all day and hardly hit a poor shot in the whole 36 holes. This enabled me to win comfortably by 8 and 6, but my rounds of 67 and 66 (we agreed not to play stymies) were made with very few "give-me's."

Richard Burton did not play as well as usual, and I played extra well, which is the whole story, as there is not a difference of 8 holes in 30 between tournament professionals.

Then to Hornsea, on the East Coast, where



CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY: *A view from the tee of the new dog-leg 16th at Reddish Vale, the merits of which are vigorously debated at the 19th. Cotton's verdict is that it is the best-looking, most fair and, at the same time, probably the most difficult hole he has ever played. The green is in the extreme right.*

we had another fine golfing day, and a big crowd turned out to see Richard Burton and Johnny Fallon play Stanley Stenhouse and myself in a 36 holes match. We lost on the 36th green, Fallon holing a putt of at least seven feet to win—a good effort!

The Hornsea Golf Club, which has organised more exhibition games in the last 15 years than any other club I know, and profitably, too, I am sure, staged this match most successfully. About £200 will go to the Fund.

The course is on flat ground and although the hundreds of sheep now willingly allowed to graze on it bring the rough down to fairway length, they do not make the lies on the fairway any better at the moment. Once the grass begins to grow in earnest this will soon change. There are many good holes at Hornsea, although they are not spectacular and with only three short holes it is not easy to get round in a very low score.

In January of this year a disastrous fire occurred in the professional's shop, which reduced it to ruins, as ice-bound roads and frozen pipes held up the work of the fire brigade. As a result many members lost their clubs. Being wisely covered by in-

surance, some sixty members were fitted out again with complete new sets and it must have been an exciting day in the club's history when the snow went and golf could be played once more.

Stanley Stenhouse, the local professional, had a busy few weeks, but unlike the wise members he was not fully insured. Owing to the war his stock was bigger than usual, and he was caught out under insured. Another lesson, but to himself this time.

Henry Cotton

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Red Cross Golf Fixtures

- To-morrow.—West Herts (Watford): Laidlaw, Cotton, Cox and Kenyon: 36 holes.
- April 28.—Temple and Maidenhead: Rees, Kenyon, Oppenheimer and Cotton; 18 holes each course.
- May 4.—Knowle (Bristol): Burton, W. J. Branch, S. Easterbrook and Cotton; 36 holes.
- May 5.—Pype Hayes (Birmingham): J. H. Cawsey, E. Cawsey, Cotton and —; 36 holes.
- May 11.—Sunningdale: Bingham, Herd, Braid and Cotton: 18 holes.
- May 13.—Formby: Burton, Cotton, Busson and —.
- May 16.—Leicester: Branch v. Cotton; 36 holes.
- May 18.—Pollok (Glasgow): Cotton, Burton Adams and McLean; 36 holes.
- May 23.—Woolaton Park (Nottingham).

- May 25.—Beaconsfield: Cox, Allis, Kenyon and Cotton; 36 holes.
- May 26.—Moor Park: Herd, Braid, Padgham and Cotton: 36 holes.
- June 1.—Troon: Burton, Kyle, Adams and Cotton; 36 holes.

How the Fund Grows

- £218—Northenden. £250—Wheatley.
 - £325—Hill Barn. £200—Derby.
 - £153—Stoneham. £225—Reddish Vale.
 - £222—Sandy Lodge. £200—Hornsea.
 - £313—Prestwick. £110—Mid-Surrey.
 - £412—Gosforth Park. £350—Pollards Hill.
- Cotton's approximate total on April 21st was £8,800.

Beginners' Corner
No. 22—Finish of the Swing

A good player keeps his elbows together as well as he can and holds on with his left hand all the time.