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*SUNT LACRYMÆ RERUM*

Porter (to Golfer, who is immensely proud of his set of clubs):  
"Where will you 'ave your 'ockey bats, sir?"

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## Preface

THE title of this volume is somewhat bold, but I venture to hope that the reader who possesses sufficient patience to master the contents will not deem it unreasonable.

Though it is a worn-out adage that "of the making of many books there is no end," it is nevertheless a fact that matters appertaining to the golf course have not been over-written to the extent of some forms of sport, while the game is so many-sided as to permit of an almost infinite variety of treatment.

In producing this volume it has been my aim to provide in the first instance a compendium of information, of a more complete character than has before been compressed into a single volume, on all the points upon which golf secretaries, green committees, and greenkeepers desire instruction. If the subjects treated appear to cover a rather extensive field, it must be remembered that the secretary and committee of a golf club are practically in the position of managers of a small estate, so that any point connected with estate management will necessarily be of value to them.

But it is hoped that there is also much in the book to interest, and possibly to amuse, the ordinary golfer—and who is not a golfer at the present day?—while it may help to show him how much is involved in the construction and upkeep of his favourite course.



The writers who have collaborated with me, and whose names appear at the head of their articles, are universally recognised to be leading authorities on the subjects with which they deal ; and if this work in any way fulfils the purpose already referred to, I shall be more than recompensed for the time and labour expended on its production.

I may add that, with a view to facilitate reference to any subject of special interest to the reader, a complete index will be found at the end of the book.

MARTIN H. F. SUTTON.

READING, 1912.

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