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## CHRISTMAS CARD

**E**VER since we saw it happen, we have been waiting for the appropriate moment to write about it, and here it is Christmas again, as it has a way of being at this time of year. It was just twelve months ago to the day and not a very nice day at that, considering the *clima ideal*.

It wasn't cold enough to be at all reminiscent of Christmas at home, and the famous Mediterranean sunshine was celebrating in some other part of the world. If there was any of the Yule spirit going, we couldn't find it, and we were thinking bitter and cynical things about Dickens and Tiny Tim and all the Christmas stories we had ever heard.

The sight of the fellow who lived a little way up the road did nothing to awaken any sentiments of good will to men. If you were here last year, you probably knew him and felt the same way we did about him. He was tall and lank and sour, given inordinately to neat cognac, which he consumed in gloomy solitude until the bitterness of life overcame a certain natural reticence, whereupon he would burst forth into staccato diatribes against anything the people next to him might be discussing.

He scowled at you while he told you, without introduction, that you were a fool. He would throw his angry, annoying sentences into the smooth machinery of your conversation. Once, at least, somebody made the only effective retort, and the lonely drunkard sported a black eye for a week. It didn't cure him.

On this rather bleak Christmas afternoon it was better to pretend not to see him and watch the postman coming the other way, or even the Spanish boy who had come out for a breath of fresh air after one of those terrifying Spanish meals which make the English Christmas dinner look like a hurried snack. With extremely languid interest, he watched our neighbor meeting the postman.

The bearer of letters was wearing a broader smile than usual—for it was Christmas and the season of tips—but this client did not respond. He snatched the envelope tendered him, and strode on with as much steadiness as he could muster. Roughly he tore out a card, a brightly tinted affair of red and blue and gold. He flipped it open, grunted

audibly and flung the thing from him with a wide gesture.

The discarded greeting fluttered a moment in the breeze and settled down on a dry patch of ground. And in the eye of the boy a small gleam of covetousness awoke, struggling through many layers of food until he was moved to action. Very round and brown and sleepy he resembled a small bear gorged to bursting and preparing to hibernate. But he lumbered down the stairs and retrieved the card, obviously his one bright spot in the day since he had lost interest in things to eat.

Retreating to his own balcony, he positively gloated over the find. He turned it over and over, lovingly, in his hands. He tried the effect of it beneath the holy picture tacked on his front door. He ran a finger carefully over the gaudy surface.

He was so engrossed that he did not notice at first the return of the rightful owner. That sombre individual, scowling fiercely at the ground, was unmistakably looking for something. He was abreast of us before the boy saw him, and a troubled look replaced the child's happy expression.

Greed, obviously well developed in that rotund little body, struggled with a dawning conscience. What we like to call better nature won; and he ran, panting, after the tall man. The fellow stopped at a timidly murmured, «Señor,» and took the card with the same gesture that had snatched it from the postman. He opened it, stared intently, was about to put it in his pocket. Then he looked down. The appeal in that small upturned face would have penetrated the fog of oceans of cognac. The tall man almost smiled, a smile that was first cousin to a sneer.

He drew out a pocketbook, noted something, and handed the card back to the boy. We never saw him again, but we did see the card.

«It was this that the Señor copied,» said the boy, pointing inside to an address. Above the address was a snapshot of a stern, handsome young woman, and scrawled below:

«I hope this reaches you. A Merry Christmas, dear.»

«Is it not beautiful?» said the little fat boy proudly, pointing at a crimson tree on the cover.



## Boom in Deyá

Deyá is also having its share of the development mania rampant on the island of Mallorca. Residents of that little town will soon be able to drive straight down to the sea, and the climb back after a swim will be made easier by the levelling of the road that is now under construction from the main highway to the water's edge. It will be a private thoroughfare, a toll being exacted from those who would use it, and on either side there will be built a number of houses in keeping with the natural beauty of the place.

This development has been planned by Miss Laura Riding, who has lived in Deyá for some time. The hillside that juts up from the sea is hers by right of purchase.

### Henry W. Bloss Dies

Mr. Henry W. Bloss, a resident of Mallorca for some time, died suddenly on Thursday of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in the Dos de Mayo, Terreno. He was buried the following day. Mr. Bloss was an American, a graduate of Cornell University. He was thirty-five and leaves a young widow, who is Danish. During the summer Mr. Bloss was quite ill, suffering at one time from a preliminary stroke to that which killed him. After three days of unconsciousness he recovered, and it was thought he was completely restored to health.

### Art Exhibits

The present show at the Galerias Costa will be

followed by an exhibition of Mlle. Helene de Marguerie's photographs which will open on Jan. 3. In conjunction with this, Nicolau M.<sup>a</sup> Rubio Tuduri will show models of gardens which he has designed and constructed, and which have been successfully exhibited in Barcelona.

Rul-lan, the photographer, has an interesting display of photographic studies. His work includes portraits and landscapes.

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Coming to the Rialto next Thursday is one of those kid pictures which so many people pretend to despise, and then sneak off to enjoy with a quiet cry and a good laugh. This one, a Fox production, is *Young America* with a good cast including Spencer Tracy, Doris Kenyon and Tommy Conlon (the boy hero). The Spanish title is *Sangre Joven*, but it is spoken in English.

The picture stems from the famous Mark Twain stories, but really owes nothing to them save a vague influence, for the problem which is offered to the audience is one of a boy in a 1932 town. However, there is a complete, and from all accounts refreshing, absence of hot parties and wild drinking scenes, which are so often the unescapable accompaniments of any film dealing with the contemporary life of anyone under eighty-five.

The story deals with an orphan who has won the reputation of «the worst boy in town,» and the misunderstandings which attend his rise from a youth upon whom the police have their eye, and their hands too sometimes, as an unregenerate character until he reaches a kind and respectable home and a brief turn of glory as a hero who foiled the burglars.



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## REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

**T**HE United States House of Representatives voted for the legal manufacture and sale of beer containing 3.2 per cent alcohol, and the way was thereby cleared for other problems. One of them was debts, on which subject President Hoover addressed a message to Congress.

Recognizing how inextricably this question is linked in European minds with disarmament and economic recovery, he proposed a commission to deal with all of them together, looking towards revision but not cancellation of the debts. However, President-elect Roosevelt did not think so much of the idea. He believes that in any such conference the United States would face a solid block of debtors and be very much in the minority. Therefore, his plan is to negotiate revision directly and separately with each debtor, and keep the disarmament and economy questions out if he can.

### France Quiet

The French political crisis met the usual unexciting settlement when Paul-Boncour formed a Cabinet which was hardly more than a reorganization of the Herriot regime, and is regarded as a stop gap until Herriot can return to power. Paul-Boncour will settle the immediate problems arising from the debt to America, on which issue Herriot was overthrown, and then the former Premier will replace him.

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### Peace on Earth

The Commission of 19, to which the League of Nations committed the task of settling the Manchurian question, has adopted the usual League expedient. The committee postponed the debate for four weeks. Adjournment over the Christmas holidays was considered essential so that there should be peace on earth and good will to men in Geneva, whatever the situation might be in Manchuria.

### Exchange of the Week

On the Madrid bourse the pound rose last week while the dollar and franc were falling off a few points. Starting at 40.60, sterling reached 41.10 and closed at 40.80. The dollar declined from 12.31 to 12.28 and the franc from 48 (for 100 francs) to 47.90.

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There were sport frocks, suits and hats. And what woman could not win her way to popularity if she were to attend a cocktail party in one of the pyjama suits which the mannequins wore so effectively? The accessories also caused a great deal of comment, for they were both striking and artistic. Those who showed the costumes to such advantage were Miss Faith Lumley, Mrs. Vance Goddard, Camilla Sommers, and the chic *Beric* herself.

Especially interesting was the jewelry. All of it was fashioned by the same young woman who showed such originality in the costumes she displayed at her first public exhibit.

## Drugs in the Cartuja

The Cartuja in Valldemosa has another cell to attract tourists and take their minds off the problem of just which room once catered to the discomforts of George Sand and Chopin. The old pharmacy of the Monastery, preserved in its original condition, has been reopened to the public by Señor and Señora Bartolomeo Ferrá, Mallorquin artists who in a manner discovered the old cell.

When the monks left, their medicines remained behind and they are still preserved in the old blue and white jars ranged on the shelves. The queer specifics which they took to alleviate the ills of the flesh repose under the paper tops of the containers, as the pharmacist left them.

The little room, lit by candles, was shown for the first time last Sunday, and will in future be open to the usual visitors.

## Coming Music

The chief musical event of the coming week will be the Christmas carols which the Capella Classic is to sing Tuesday afternoon at the Teatro Principal under the direction of Don Juan Thomas. The Asociacion Cultura de Musica, which sponsors this program, offers as its first January concert the Kolisch quartet from

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Comfortably settled in the hostel, she was at peace with the world once more, when she was perfunctorily notified that the rooms she and her children occupied had been promised to a couple who were due to arrive in a day or two. Again the now harassed woman sought shelter for herself and children. She has found it in Genova, in the Casa Massaro and now Mme. Torchin and her children hope to be allowed to remain in their new home for the rest of the season.

## Record Passenger List

The Njassa of the German African Line brought to Palma on Sunday the greatest number of passengers for this port ever to disembark from a single ship. There were just 100 of them, mostly English and German, the vessel arriving from Hamburg and Southampton.

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Official attempts to obtain an interpretation of the new foreign automobile regulation which will permit foreign residents here to keep their cars for, say, a year are under way. A letter from the Fomento del Turismo in Madrid seems at first glance encouraging, since they see nothing in the ruling to affect tourists bringing in cars temporarily for their own use.

But it is just that word «tourists» and the additional phrase «in accordance with regulations» that makes one doubt whether this covers tourists who have taken houses. For in a letter to Mr. Eyre Pinckard, Mr. Claude I. Dawson, American Consul General in Barcelona, says «that once a person takes up residence in the country (the lease of a home seems to be the test) the tourist status is abandoned.»

However, Mr. Dawson's bit of encouragement is contained in a paragraph announcing that the Consulate General has presented the case to the American Embassy at Madrid «with the hope that something can be done to alleviate the situation.»

Meanwhile several car owners are preparing to store their machines in the free zone in Barcelona, although there is still some optimism that before Jan. 13th, the date when residents' cars must go or pay, something will turn up.

### Bird of Mystery

To the Editor:

Noting interest in local flora and fauna of y<sup>r</sup> correspondent, K. Armstrong, I make bold to ask if readers of y<sup>r</sup> valuable publication can assist in classifying a bird specimen observed by me on a climb last Thursday.

Specimen seen on summit of Puig Mayor, dark plumage, in bad condition, tail feathers gone, wings damaged, neck awry — evidently escaped from a storm or fight, some ill treatment. Its cry very hoarse, something between a foghorn and a hoarse laugh. I judged it a variety of falcon but would welcome suggestions of other ornithologists.

A. D'A. STODDY, Colonel (Retd.)

To the Editor:

K. Armstrong's story of a turtle large enough for a child to ride upon is not unusual. I have seen these animals frequently in the waters around Cala Ratjada, quite big enough to carry a five-year-old child. They were of a pale coral shade and the fishermen frequently catch them.

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## The Week in Spain

As in previous years the Christmas Lottery puts all other items of interest in second place. Those who have possessed a lucky number can speak of nothing else, while those who missed by one or two points give vent to their disappointment. On Wednesday, throughout the morning and afternoon, crowds stood outside the various places which announced the winning numbers as they came through from Madrid, and great was the rejoicing among many when it was known that Barcelona had the *gordo*, the second, fifth and sixth prizes, as well as many smaller ones. Some holders of participations of Ticket 29757, the *gordo* number, had a sad disappointment when they learned that nothing would come to them as in the Estanco which sold it too many subdivisions had been made of a section of the ticket in question. Their money was returned to them but they considered this poor consolation.

The director of Loterias in Madrid has stated that this year many less tickets had been sold than former years, and that the decrease was from abroad particularly America.

In Malaga during the past week, due to the heavy rains, there were land slides of minor importance in the vicinity of the Castillo de Gibralfaro, as a result of which human remains of the Arab epoch were laid bare. After excavations where the remains were found, an Arab tomb was discovered as well as objects of Archaeological value. Further excavations are being made in the vicinity.

The necessary formalities for the transference of certain administrative powers to the Generalidad of Cataluña are being hastily put through in Madrid, and we are assured that from the beginning of the New Year the Parliament of Cataluña will take on the major part of the responsibilities of their new office. Among other changes the office of Civil Governor all over Cataluña will be suppressed and the duties of the office centred in the Generalidad. From the Archives of Aragon in la Plaza del Rey, practically all the important documents will be sent to Madrid, but the Generalidad will put in a claim for those which refer to itself.

## Málaga Notes

By Our Correspondent

Lady du Cros and Colonel Tracy have arrived at the Hotel Miramar during the past week.

The tremendous influx of visitors, has made the bull fight promoters sit up. The weather being too cold in January and February, and with previous failures in these months in good memory, they have decided on having the first bull fight on March 5, but will make it a first class one.

Spanish aristocracy is returning to Málaga this year and found to be almost as numerous in number as before the revolution. Count Mieres lives with his family at that most impressive castle above Miramar and Bella Vista that since the Middle Ages has been called Santa Catalina. The Marquise de Aldama and Countess de Villapadierna are staying for the winter at Caleta Palace Hotel. The British

## About Barcelona

Today, Christmas Day, Daniel McCoy Braddock Jr., son of Mrs. and Mr. Daniel Braddock of the American Consulate General, will be christened at St. Georges Church by the Rev G. H. D. Grimes. The Consul General and Mrs. Dawson will act as god-parents.

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Consul Harold Shantz, now stationed at Moravia, Liberia, has been assigned to the American Consulate General at Barcelona, and is expected to arrive here to take up his duties early next month.

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On New Year's Eve the Anglo-American Dance Club will have a dance in the Continental Hotel. Tickets for members will be 17 pesetas and for non-members 22 pesetas.

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Mrs. W. Riley Deeble and her daughter, Mrs. Joseph A. Molloy, have arrived in Barcelona from their trip in Mallorca.

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On Tuesday the Group had its usual fortnightly meeting. Owing to the extremely bad weather there was but a poor attendance and so it was decided by those present not to hold the usual debate. There was an interesting discussion, though, regarding the activities and future possibilities of the club. The date of the next general meeting will be announced later. On Tuesday committee will meet.

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On Sunday a group of the English speaking Catholics in company with their Chaplain, Fr. Gabana, called on Bishop Irurita to give expression to their loyalty to him as their pastor. He received them cordially and promised some Sunday next month to say mass personally for them in the Crypt. There will be no service Christmas Day in the Crypt, but on New Year's Day will be High Mass at 10 o'clock.

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Last Thursday the British Club held their annual raffle. It was so arranged this year that all ticket holders received prizes of some kind. The principal prize winners were: Mr. A. J. M. Williams, a turkey; Mr. R. de Graffenreid Villars, two bottles of champagne; Mrs. Alfred Vesallo, three bottles of whiskey; Mr. A. W. Lichelo, two bottles of whiskey; Mr. S. Erlanke, two bottles of whiskey; Mr. L. P. Warner two bottles of whiskey; Mr. W. Newman, Mr. A. D. Millar and Mr. J. Thomson, a bottle of whiskey each.

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Mr. Donald Darling's plans to spend a safe and sane Christmas seemed greatly imperiled as he heard of the preparations that were under way for the inevitable festivities of the season, and so he fled to Ibiza where he hopes to spend the holidays according to his own ideas.

Ambassador to Madrid, Sir George Grahame, has booked a suit at Caleta Palace Hotel. He is expected in January.

Mr. H.R. Beck, of Herbert Beck & Co., Liverpool, has come down with his daughter. They are staying at this hotel as usual for their Christmas holidays.

# What to Do and Where to Go in Barcelona

## Theatres

NOVEDADES — *Don Gil de Alcalá.*  
 BARCELONA — *Quien tiene vergüenza aquí?*  
 TEATRO ROMEA — *Una Dona y Dues Vides.*

## Cinemas

COLISEUM — *Cinemanía*, with Harold Lloyd.  
 FANTASIO — *Una Canción, Un Beso, Una Mujer.*  
 FEMINA — *Médico improvisado.*  
 TIVOLI — *Mercador de Arena.*  
 URQUINAONA — *Bajo el Cielo de Cuba.*  
 CATALUÑA — *La Chica del Guardaropa.*  
 PARIS — *El Congreso se divierte y La Insaciable.*  
 PATHÉ — *El Caballero de la Noche*, in Spanish.  
 VOLGA — *Pérez contra Pérez.*  
 PRINCIPAL — *La Loca Aventura.*

## Amusements

Football — Español vs. Donostia, Christmas Day.  
 Barcelona vs. Ujpest, Christmas Day.  
 Boxing — Tuesday, Logan vs. Cecarelli at Olympia;  
 Wednesday, Martinez Fort vs. Simend at El  
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## Golf Championship

In spite of persistent and heavy rains, it was possible to hold the competition for the championship of Cataluña at the New Barcelona Golf Club last Sunday, due to the good condition of the ground thanks to the care and hard work of Mr. Coulson, the professional.

The championship, which was contested by 34 players, was won by Mr. Ian K. McRosty, (scratch) with rounds of 80 and 74 — 154 followed by:

D. F. Witty	(2)	158
D. C. Julia	(9)	162
D. J. A. Macaya	(10)	162
D. A. Battlo	(10)	163

The handicap was won by Mr. Macaya, 162 less 20, 142 and the prizes for the best rounds of 18 holes scratch by Mr. McRosty, 74; handicap by Mr. Battlo, 76 less 10, 66.

Mr. McRosty has played for three years for Cambridge University, and last year was Captain. He has a fine drive and possesses excellent control over the ball. Mr. Witty the previous champion did the first nine holes in 38—1 under bogey. In the afternoon he had bad luck at the tenth driving into a *barranco*. Probably his having to on his jacket during a shower made him uncomfortably bulky, affecting his swing.

Mr. Julia belongs to Pedralbes Golf Club; Mr. Macaya to Terramar. Both, as well as Mr. Battló, played very good, steady golf.

The contest for the championship was, Medal play over 36 holes, and besides the members of the New Barcelona Golf Club, members of the other golf clubs of Cataluña, as well as of clubs in England and Scotland took part.

### British Club Billiards

During the week the final of the British Club billiards competition was held. In the semi-finals Williams beat Blackey, and in the finals Williams was beaten by Morris by 40 points. The winner's best break was 29 and that of Williams was 9. The game for the finals lasted an hour and 25 minutes.

### British Warships Coming

In February a contingent of the British fleet will pay a visit to Barcelona, arriving about the 17th. They will be with us till the 27th, one battleship, one destroyer, one submarine depot ship and five submarines. The names are not yet known.

### Musical Recitals

The last two concerts of the *Asociació de Música de Cámara* to take place before Christmas were given in rapid succession and proved to be of great interest. On the 17th we had the pleasure of listening to Thibaud who playing as is his custom with great feeling and at the same time, amply displaying his great knowledge of technique, made this concert a memorable one. The second concert consisted of a piano recital by Alexandre Uninski, who in spite of his youth is a player of great capability and it is not surprising that he should be the winner of the Chopin Prize. The *Associacio* is providing good fare this year.

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## When the British Ruled Port Mahon

**M**INORCA had been a British colony for nearly fifty years when the Seven Years War broke out in March, 1756, and the first effort of the French fleet was directed against the Island. A British fleet under Admiral Byng was ordered to save Minorca at all costs.

He ordered Admiral West to attack, and West put several French ships out of action, but Byng was overly cautious and would not support him and risk the fate of both Minorca and Gibraltar in a general engagement. Declaring the latter place was in danger, he returned there and the French forced Mahón to capitulate after a siege of ten weeks.

The Admiralty brought Byng back to London and a court martial found he had not done his best to destroy the enemy, but not because of cowardice or disaffection. Nevertheless, he was sentenced to death and when George II refused a pardon was shot, as a witty Frenchman said, *pour encourager les autres*.

On the news of Minorca's capture, Paris gave itself up to three days of celebration and the victor was honoured by the King. However, by the treaty of 1763, the French returned the island to England. The new governor had a dispute with the Bishop, and was recalled after a clerical deputation went to London. His successor was Governor Mostyn, after whom a street is still named. Ciudad Jorge was named in honour of George II.

In 1782 the French again took Minorca while England had her hands full with the American War of Independence. General Murray put up a brave defence with 600 men, but succumbed to the Spanish De Cullon with 12,000 troops. So great was the joy in Spain that the victor was made a grandee with the title of Mahón.

In 1798, when England was at war with France and Spain, she saw the necessity of a base in the Mediterranean since Napoleon had taken Malta and was planning his descent upon Egypt. Lord St. Vincent, after fighting the battle which gave him his title, sent Nelson to watch Napoleon, and Commander Duckworth and Col. Stewart to take Minorca. As soon as Stewart landed his troops, the island surrendered and the French commander was dismissed from the service for not putting up a fight. Throughout the ensuing wars Mahón played an important role as a naval base.

Stewart, raised in rank to General Sir Charles Stewart, made a very popular governor, getting on

well with the Bishop, but his successor was less well liked. In February, 1800, General Abercrombie united at Mahon the chiefs of the different armies which were to drive Napoleon from Egypt, and the war ships and transports must have made a brave sight as they lay in the harbour.

By the treaty of Amiens in 1802, England gave up Malta, Elba and Minorca in return for French evacuation of Egypt. Minorca was handed over to Spain two days before a ship came in with an order countermanning the surrender in view of French delay in quitting Egypt. It was too late, but the message reached Malta and Elba in time to keep these two British, as Minorca might be to this day (since there has been no subsequent war with Spain) but for those two days.

We know, on the authority of a Spanish writer, that the islanders regretted in many ways the change of government. England was far off and they had a good deal of local autonomy, but the Spain to which they returned was under the most absolute rule of any European nation. Still, as the writer adds, their national sense was perhaps stronger than their desire for liberty.

Those who know the island well say there remain marks of the English occupation, which lasted eighty years in all, in the habits and customs of the people. Many words in common use are corruptions of English words. The knockers on the street doors, the whitewashed steps of these doors, the long, rectangular windows, all remind one strongly of English houses. An Englishman wandering over Minorca is constantly reminded of the distant past when his countrymen played an important, and in spite of some errors of pompous officials, on the whole useful part in the life of the island.

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(This is the second of two articles on the English in Minorca.)



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*The Refuge at Nuria.*

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When these centres were first established accommodation was primitive and none but the real enthusiast ventured into the wilds. The journey was difficult, the refuges cold and without means of diversion in bad weather. Now one can be as comfortable as at a good hotel in town.

There was a time when anyone carrying skis in the streets of Barcelona attracted much attention; now every Saturday and on the eves of holidays you can see numbers of cars with skis strapped to the sides bearing their occupants into the mountains; special trains are run and when good skiing conditions are known to exist lovers of the sport crowd the stations.



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## Golf Notes

By MacGregor

Many «crack» players will tell you that they play the ball off the left heel when driving but you will probably recall to mind that they were short men who had their feet comparatively close together; a taller man naturally takes a wider position of feet and depends on arm work.

In your room, or Better in the open air where there is no danger of breaking lights, with a golf club or even a walking stick held as was indicated in previous articles take your position before an imaginary ball, and go through the necessary motions. You will notice the following points: first, that your weight will automatically pass from the two legs to the right leg in raising the club or stick back in preparation for the swing, and will then transfer itself through the swing to the left foot.

Secondly you will notice that your left knee will bend in towards the right leg, the heel lifting a little from the ground with the ball of the foot bearing a share of your weight and giving you balance during the attack, and vice versa with the right foot through the swing and finishing it. Your pivot will also take care of itself. Concern yourself with the full free arm swing and you will notice that all else follows. Even your wrists will respond as they should; they will bend outwards at the top of the swing due to the club-head, that is if you do not hold your club with a death grip, and will get into action as you approach the position of your imaginary ball, bringing force into your stroke.

The novice very often brings his club up with great force, necessitating a very tight grip, and without a second's hesitation brings it down again, causing the body and arms to start down before the club due to the effort necessary to bring the club back, and the result is a slice. The tight grip bringing the club up, and at the top to bring it back, hinders the free action essential in the wrists. The club should be brought up slowly with the hands just holding it, there should be a short pause before bringing it down and if ever, the grip should only tighten just before striking, when the club should reach its greatest speed, and when the greatest force should be put into it. Novices though, should not think of great force which is for distance, till they are somewhat practiced.

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# Madrid Report

on the current news from our correspondent in the Capital.

**T**HE Sol recently expressed its horror at an article by the Times correspondent in Madrid on the present political situation in Spain, which any impartial person would say was perfectly fair comment. One of their own leaders, Sr. Unamuno, had already previous to the article in the Times expressed himself in similar but stronger terms. The first attitude of the Sol was incredibility that any responsible paper could publish such an article, accompanied with lamentations and vague threats. They failed, however, to expose any inaccuracy in the article in question, but have tried to make out that a campaign of calumny was being launched against Spain by the English and French Press.

Now they find that certain organs of the Spanish Press seem to hold similar views, which, of course, is grossly unpatriotic, as anyone who does not look at matters with the same perspective as the Sol can only be a traitor to his country.

The Sol now threatens to retaliate by saying that one cannot motor through England without serious risk of assassination, or walk in the streets of London without being robbed. Let the Sol go ahead; we doubt if their own countrymen will lend it credence, but it will not worry the English people much. Recently we have seen violent attacks in the Spanish Press on the United States, which would lead any ignorant person to imagine that almost every other American citizen was a gangster or assassin and kidnapper of babes, and a most violent attack on President Hoover, covering pages, making him out to be one of the big «crooks» of the world. The American Press, apparently treated the matter with the contempt it deserves.

## Social Notes

Vice-Consul of the United States in Bilbao and Mrs. Gains are visiting Madrid during the holidays,

as is the Vice-Consul in Vigo, Mr. Leo Schumacher.

Last Tuesday the American Luncheon Club entertained the Alcalde of Madrid, Don Pedro Rico, and the President of the Diputación Provincial, a cheque being handed to the former for the poor in Madrid.

A most enjoyable dance was held at the Hotel Nacional on Saturday in aid of the British Sports Club, dancing being kept up with great enthusiasm till the early hours of the morning.

## British-American Club Dance

Great preparations are being made for a dance on New Year's Eve at the British American Club, and it promises to be a most delightful evening.

The exhibition of Chinese and Japanese art at the Salones Brooking, which was announced in these columns several weeks ago, is attracting many visitors daily. One of the most interested callers was the American Ambassador, Mr. Irwin Laughlin, who has an exceptional knowledge of Oriental art.

## In Praise of Spain

During the last week the Chinese Minister has been on a tour of the South of Spain. In the course of a conversation with the Alcalde of Málaga he congratulated this country on her representative at the League of Nations, Don Salvador de Madariaga, and he was also enthusiastic about the beauties of Spain. He announced that his colleague, the Chinese Minister in London, will spend a holiday in Málaga.

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**T**HE old-fashioned welcome of a glass of sherry and a biscuit has come into fashion in England, and here in Spain it is, perhaps, the pleasantest of the holiday customs. For sherry, the typical and best of Spanish wines, has something peculiarly Christmasy about it.

They tell in Spain, to illustrate the beneficent qualities of the wine, of an Archbishop of Seville who disappointed his prospective successors by living to the age of 125 years. He attributed his longevity to regular habits, the most important of which was that he consumed a bottle of sherry for his dinner every day, «excepting only when feeling at all out of sorts, when he consumed two bottles.»

Sherry, taking its name from Jerez de la Frontera where it originates, was introduced into England by Drake and Frobisher during the end of the sixteenth century. They acquired a taste for it, and also a large supply of the choicest product of the Jerez vineyards, when they sacked Cadiz.

They did not, however, learn to pronounce the name very well, and popularized the drink under the name of «sherris sacke» for *Jerez sec*, and it was often called simply «sacke.» One of the largest sherry houses in the world, Williams and Humbert, have kept the name alive by calling one of their famous brands «Dry Sack.»

Sherry is a sort of universal drink, good before or after a meal, and achieved such popularity within a few years in England that King James I felt called upon to make laws about it. In the second year of his reign he issued the following ordinance:

«Whereas in times past Spanish Wines called Sacke were little or no whit used in our Court, and that in late years, though not of ordinary allowance, it was thought convenient that such noblemen and women and others of account, as had diett in the court, upon their necessities, by sickness or otherwise, might have a bowle or glass of Sacke, and so no great quantity spent. We, understanding that within these late years it is used as common drinke, and served at meals, as an ordinary, to every mean officer, contrary to all order, using it rather for wantonnesse and surfeitting than for necessity; We, considering that often times sundry of our nobility and others, dieted and lodged in our Court, may for their better health desire to have Sacke, our pleasure is that there be allowed to the sargeant of our seller, twelve gallons of Sacke a day, and no more.»

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By the time Pepys was industriously recording in his diary the amount of sherry he had taken, it had become one of England's national drinks, and today a tour of Spain is hardly complete without a visit to Jerez de la Frontera. One of the oldest of cities, it looks its age as it basks in the sun of the Andalusian plains.

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The holiday season is off to a gay start with many Christmas Eve parties, which are making the week-end anything but a time for sleep, Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard are having about seventy-five to help them celebrate Sunday at Santa Eulalia. Mr. Richard Henderson and his mother are having an old fashioned eggnog party at their Terreno home. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meier are having open house all day.

Several Christmas Eve progressive parties were in progress on Christmas Eve. Mme. Blair Stein entertained at her home, Son Riera, assisted by her daughters, Mme. de Marguerie and Mme. Dorogi, and her granddaughter, Mlle. Helene de Marguerie. Among the guests were Don Bernardo Joffre, Miss Celia Delfs, Mr. Richard Jackson, Eva Tay and her aunt who has just arrived from England, Mr. George Frasher, Dr. L. Erlich, Mr. Werner Schultz, Sr. Thomas.

We started to list all the Christmas parties, but there are too many of them; everybody seems to be giving at least one.

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Mrs. Frederick Chamberlin is reported as being well on the road to recovery after a minor operation last week. She is still at the Clinica Juaneda and unfortunately will not be able to leave before the Christmas holidays.

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Comander and Mrs. H. S. Haislip have taken up residence at No. 37, Calle Salud, Terreno. They expect to make their home here for the season.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pethick Lawrence arrived during the week for their second winter on Mallorca. They are visiting Miss Madelaine Doty at her house in San Agustin. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is one of the best known leaders of the feminist movement in England, as is her hostess.

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The pupils of the Ecole Internationale des Balears gave a series of four Christmas playlets Thursday afternoon just before school adjourned

for the holidays. Most of the parents attended, and apparently the entertainment was pleasant, for the spectators praised children other than their own.

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One of the most elaborately planned dances for the holiday week will be given by the International Language Club, Los Amigos de España, on Thursday night at the Trocadero. It will begin at ten, and during the evening Mr. Werner Schulz will give his lecture on the development of the dance while Miss Eva Tay dances.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burge have left the Hotel Majorica and have moved into Casa Bannasar in Genova.

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Commander and Mrs. H. S. Haislip have joined the increasing number of American residents in Mallorca. They have taken No. 37 Calle Salud in Terreno.

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Mrs. Alice Robbins and Miss Ja'ne Laidlaw were hostesses to some eighteen guests at a cocktail party at their home last Friday afternoon. The party was given for Mrs. H. A. Laidlaw, to meet the friends of her daughter, Jane.

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Brig. General Sir A. Dorward has taken up residence in Terreno. He will make his home in the Calle Dos de Mayo, No. 17.

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Too much water was the explanation of the reappearance in Palma last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goetz and Miss Bancroft, who had left several days before to motor to Paris. About seventy kilometers north of Barcelona they encountered the floods which have interrupted traffic in that region, and crossing a stream, Mr. Goetz could not see the bridge at all. He hit the parapet and stalled the motor. Stepping out to see what

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was wrong, he walked right off the bridge and had to swim back to the car. After a short time, a lorry towed the automobile to comparatively dry land, and the party returned by train.

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Mrs. Leonard W. Best has returned from London where she went for an operation. After several weeks in a nursing home, she was able to make the trip to Mallorca and expects to fully regain her strength now that she is again established in her home in Terreno. Mr. Best is in Germany taking a cure, and will join his wife soon after the first of the year.

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This year, as heretofore, there are big doings at Victor's for the holidays. Christmas Eve the bar was open all night, and after 2 a.m. Tom and Jerry was the popular drink. It was free to all who called for it. And Victor promises to do the same New Year's Eve. He has secured Vivian Jackson, brought from Paris by the Rendez-Vous, and she entertains at the piano every night.

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A unique Christmas present arrived by mail for Mr. Richard J. Jackson of Son Alegre. It was a plot in the cemetery at home, described by the donor as enjoying a beautiful view from the top of the hill. The grateful recipient is now enquiring into just what are the regulations for shipping bodies home for burial.

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Guided, no doubt, by the movie version of the social life of artists, the elderly Mallorquin lady from whom Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jones have rented a studio in the Calle Almudaina made several stipulations regarding any conviviality that might take place in the sacred precincts of her house. Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect to prove to their landlady that the friends of artists can maintain the same decorum at a party as anybody else these days. The artist and the sculptor have invited several friends to inspect their new working quarters next Thursday at the cocktail hour.

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The week's arrivals at the Mediterraneo included Mrs. Gertrude Huxham, who spent several months in Mallorca last year, Miss Margot Ingram, Mrs. Sarah and Miss Claudie Rice Evans, Gen. and Mrs. George White, Mrs. Henry Tuck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders Cooke, Mr. Mark Sennet, Mr. Enrique Verdonas, Mr. and Mrs. George Lindley and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Worrell.

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Mr. F. F. Baldwin and Mr. L. H. Owen left on Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Ibiza.

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On the other hand Mrs. Mason, Cecil Aldin's daughter, has gone to England for Christmas, and Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, who were spending their honeymoon at Camp de Mar, have also left.

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