



Harry Vardon Photogravure By George Beldam  
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Height: 40.5 cm (15.9")

Width: 28 cm (11")

Framed Height: 74.5 cm (29.3")

Framed Width: 58.5 cm (23")

## Description

Golf Print, Harry Vardon by Beldam.

A fine golf photogravure of the champion golfer, Harry Vardon, by George Beldam, signed in pencil by Harry Vardon himself. Published by the Swan Electric Engraving Company, Northumbria House, 116 Charing Cross Road, London, 1st September, 1905. George (William) Beldam was born in Kent 1868 and was a first class cricketer and pioneer of action photography in sport. He revolutionised the way sport was photographed and captured many of the sports personalities as spectators would have seen them, in action and not the traditional form of posed photography.

Please note, the shipping price is for the print without mount. It will be sent in a tube.

Harry Vardon was a champion golfer and member of the Great Triumvirate of the sport, together with J.H.Taylor and James Braid. During his career Vardon won 62 golf tournaments, including six British Open Championship titles, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1903, 1911 and 1914, and the U.S. Open in 1900. As well as being a professional golfer he was a golf course architect, designing several courses in Britain. Vardon was one of golf's first superstars in the era of hickory golf clubs and gutta percha golf balls. With his reputation and his tremendous golf skills, Vardon wrote several books on the game of golf including 'The Complete Golfer', 'How to Play Golf' and 'Progressive Golf'. Harry is also well known for the 'Vardon Grip', or overlapping grip, although he did not in fact invent the grip, he popularised it, and it is still the most popular grip amongst professional golfers today.

Henry William "Harry" Vardon was born in Grouville, Jersey, in the Channel Islands and he grew up with five brothers and two sisters. Harry did not play much golf as a youngster and never had a lesson. On leaving school he followed his father to work as a gardener. He played in a few tournaments into his late teens but didn't really decide to make a career in golf until he saw that his younger brother, Tom, already a successful golf professional in England, was doing well in tournaments. In the spring of 1890 Harry moved to England taking a job as greenkeeper at Studley Royal Golf Club, Ripon, North Yorkshire. After some time in Ripon, he moved on to become club professional at Bury Golf Club and in 1896 the club professional at Ganton Golf Club, in Yorkshire. In 1900 he toured the United States with his sponsors, AG Spalding, introducing a new ball, "The Vardon Flyer". During his trip he was paid to endorse Spalding products with his tour taking nearly a year. He played many matches and exhibitions all over the country and it is said losing only two games. The tour ended with him winning the US Open at Wheaton, Illinois