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Height: 5 cm (2")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 15 cm (5.9")

## Description

Full Box Of Army & Navy Bramble Golf Balls.

An extremely rare, full box of twelve, Army & Navy C.S.L. No.2 bramble golf balls. The gutta percha covered, rubber core, golf balls are marked 'Army & Navy C.S.L. No.2' with painted green semicircles either side of "No.2", the name on both poles. These are not the typical bramble golf balls one sees, these have random placed brambles over the surface of the ball in two different sizes. Seven of the balls have never been removed from their paper wrappings, the others still have their wrappings.

The balls are approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

The base of the box is made of wood with paper covering, cardboard lid with paper 'Army & Navy' trade label to the top:- Army & Navy, Golf No.2 Ball, New Marking, A golf Ball of excellent Quality. The Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Ltd., Victoria Street, London, S.W. Interior with 'Golf Requisites' label:- The A & N clubs are made at the Society's Works by experienced Scotch workmen. Ball by the best makers. Any goods appertaining to the above game can be procured to order in a few days. A large selection of Golf Clubs and balls, &c., always in stock. Golf Club Repairs of all kinds undertaken. WOODEN CLUBS (Society's make) Drivers ... 4/3 Brassies ... 5/3 Brassy Spoons ... 5/0 Wood Putters ... 4/3 Cleeks, Driving Irons, medium Irons, Lofting Irons, Putting Cleeks, Putters, Driving mashies, Niblicks, fitted with hickory shafts ... each 5/3 DIAMOND BACKED IRON CLUBS AND CONCENTRATED IRON CLUBS, Cleeks, Medium Irons, Mashies ... each 5/3 LOGAN'S GENII IRON CLUBS Cleeks, Medium Irons, Mashies, Niblicks ... each 6/0.

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable.