



Vintage Golf ball, The 'WHY NOT' Bramble Golf Ball.

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## Description

'WHY NOT' Bramble Golf Ball.

A bramble patterned rubber core golf ball manufactured by Henley's Telegraph Works Co., also known as the Henley's Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd. London, England. The ball has 'Why Not' on both poles with a moulded bramble pattern cover of raised dimples. A nice ball but with a crack in its surface, Circa 1914.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.1 cm).

The advert is taken from the book 'Success At Golf' published in 1914.

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.