

CANADIAN GOLFER

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(By J. H. Taylor)

*Don't sway in the backward or forward swing.
Don't lift the hands higher than the right shoulder.
Don't relax the finger grip of the club.
Don't allow the right elbow to wander.
Don't allow the mind to go off on an excursion or in
anticipation of disaster.*

DONT'S IN BUNKERS

(By Jas. Braid)

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in a bunker, two for the occasions on which you
decide to take the ball clean.*

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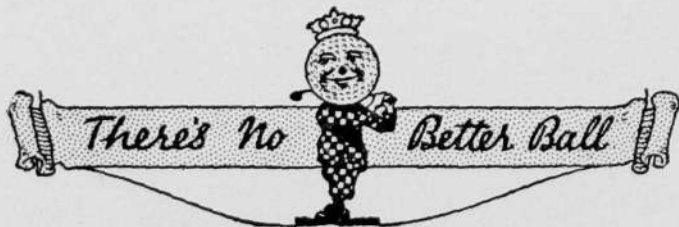
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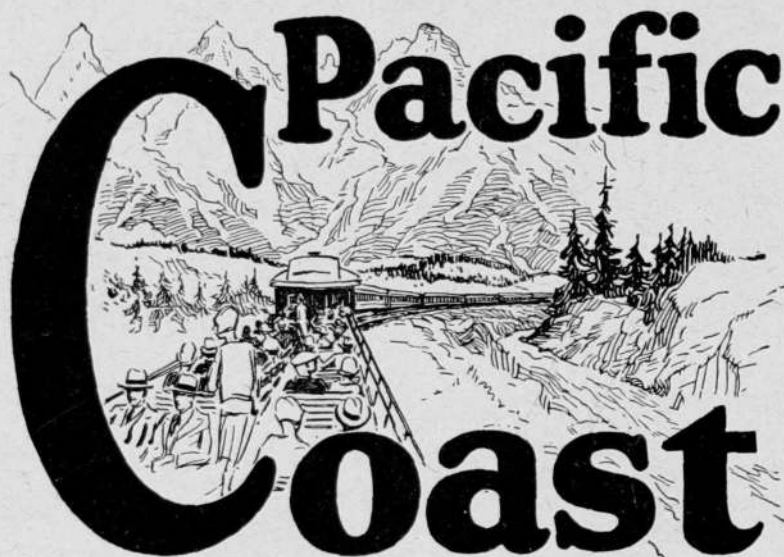
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Balls and Implements Again Leading Question

Critics and students of the game are again disturbed over the effect that modern balls and clubs are having on the game in relation to architecture and style of play. The long-driving qualities of the 1927 ball (and greater distance is promised by the manufacturers in 1928), has nullified the extra thousand yards that has been added to first-class courses of recent years to such an extent that expert drivers are no longer called upon to master the brassie and spoon. Then too, the refinements in club manufacture as provided by eight or more graduated iron clubs have simplified the play of even the average golfer. There is a grave danger of the game becoming over-mechanised and President Fownes, of the U. S. G. A., has called upon the rival manufacturers to call a halt in this race, which may ultimately react on the popularity of the game. "Bobby" Jones is in favour of a standardized ball, as any additional increase in its power will make the play ridiculously easy. This has been followed up in England by an attempt to revive the solid "guttie" ball and test matches with the "guttie" have been played, not the old gutta-percha variety, but a new composition ball. Weather conditions favoured the solid, light ball and its exponents won their match, but the ball is lacking in durability and will not hold the line of flight in a wind, so that it will not meet with any popularity. The essential point in considering this vexatious question is that championship golf is not average club golf; a drive and mashie niblic by "Bobby Jones" becomes a drive, brassie and approach shot in the hands of the

average golfer. In order to protect the big investment in present courses and to preserve the variety of the game it would undoubtedly be wise to curb further efforts on the part of manufacturers, but it is questionable if any reduction in power would be acceptable. There has been a certain tendency this year for the makers to compete on the grounds of durability, and they might well make this the basis of their future competitive efforts.

**The Winter
Golfing
Pilgrimage**

With December upon us the thoughts of the inveterate golfer turn to Southern courses and even the itinerate golfer now demands golfing facilities in the immediate neighbourhood of his winter resort. Those who are not privileged to spend the entire winter months at Southern resorts are now busy booking up a four-some for at least a fortnight's golf during the months when most Canadian courses are buried deep in snow. We are reminded, however, by a correspondent that on the Pacific coast of Canada, golf continues practically the year round. The Victoria district is favoured with a climate tempered from the winter blasts by the warm Pacific currents and there is scarcely a day throughout the entire year that is not favourable to a round over their splendid links. In the Southern districts there are several resorts that have become particularly popular with Canadians and where old golfing friends are bound to be met on the links. Pinehurst is an old favourite with superb inland courses, while at Bermuda can be found ocean links that vie with the best of the world. Then along the East coast of Florida can be found scores of courses linked up by the Florida East Coast Railway, which has arranged a splendid programme of golfing events for the winter season. Those who would go to California should plan to be there during the big \$10,000 Los Angeles tournament and should make certain of several rounds over the Pebble Beach course at Del Monte. At one and all of these world famed spots Canadian golfers will be made doubly welcome.

AUSTRALIA WANTS ADVICE

(By Griffith Bonner)

J. B. THOMPSON, Hon. Secretary of the Western Districts Golf Association, Court House, Molong, Australia, has written one of the contributors to the "Canadian Golfer" for advice, so we are herewith sending this information to the leading golf magazine in Canada with hopes that some of your readers will be so good as to communicate with Secretary Thompson.

He writes: "Our Sand Greens" are becoming so congested and the delay of our method of smoothing so great that we really must have some quick way and good alternative to our present way—with the club shaft. This is of course a very slow and tiresome way and it ruins the greens. The greenkeeper has a drag (bag), which smooths the greens well, but the trouble is to keep them in good order while play is on. I saw somewhere a picture of an American or Canadian player smoothing the green with the flag stick. Evidently a kind of a clock drag is affixed to it. Could you very kindly give me the details of the best methods you have seen for enabling individual players to do the smoothing. Our clubs cannot afford more than one smoothing, and that before play. Is the green raked from the ball to the hole, or vice versa? Are both balls (or any ball) lifted while smoothing is in progress? Golf clubs are springing up in our little scattered towns like mushrooms. We had over 150 starters in our championship association the other day. You may imagine the state the greens are in at half time."

Secretary Thompson would be very pleased to hear from readers of the "Canadian Golfer" on this subject.



(The Editor is always glad to answer questions about the Rules, and other golfing matters, but owing to so many of these requests coming in every month, he must ask in future that stamped-addressed envelope be enclosed with all such communications, otherwise they will not be answered).

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Mr. W. Diek, of Victoria, in renewing his subscription very kindly says: "I have pleasure in enclosing my renewal subscription; find the magazine very interesting and readable, not a mere record of games and matches."

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Canadian golfers will be interested to know that Mr. G. A. Philpot, who was manager of the Ryder Cup Team during their visit this summer to the United States and Canada, is now editing a new golfing publication in London, "Tee Topics." The initial number has all the ear-marks of success—plus.

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Mr. John Smart, past president of Southwood Golf and Country Club, Winnipeg, now resident in Southern California, in renewing subscription to "Canadian Golfer,":

"The arrival of the magazine is more than welcome every month and finds a place after perusal in the reading room of San Gabriel Country Club, where writer now plays; have been a subscriber for ten years now."

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The new portrait of the Prince of Wales, which Sir William Orpen has just completed, depicts the Prince in the garb which he wore when he "played himself in" as captain of the R. and A.—plus fours, Fair Isle jumper, jacket and cap. The portrait, which is a full length one, is to hang above the fireplace in the large smoking room at St. Andrews.

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His Lordship the Bishop of Sheffield is a strong advocate of golf amongst his clergy and owing mainly to his initiative the Sheffield Clergy Golfing Society has been formed and the Bishop has presented a handsome cup for competition. Here is a clerical golfing idea that might well be followed in some of the larger centres in Canada, where clergymen by the score are playing golf.

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Donald Carrick has again been doing yeoman service in the line for the Varsity Inter Collegiate rugby team. Undoubtedly the Amateur Champion is one of the most outstanding all-round athletes produced in Canada for many years. Sturdy, strong and true, "Don" is a credit to amateur golfdom. There is no flinching to "Don," whether it is on the links or the gridiron, and many a Queen's and McGill line plunger can testify to that.

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Golf played at night may become more or less a common pastime if the experiments being conducted by a New York man prove successful. The investigations are being conducted by Millard J. Bloomer in conjunction with

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a scientist from Columbia University. His tests at the Van Cortlandt Park golf course revealed that they have a phosphorescent ball that is sufficiently luminous to be easily followed in flight and shows up strongly on the fairway. The difficulty is that their brightness soon evaporates and they become invisible in darkness after some eight or ten minutes' exposure. The inventors are confident, however, that they will discover a composition that will produce a more permanent glow.

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The St. Andrews Rules of Golf Committee have just cleared up a golfing point of considerable interest in a reply to a query from the Speybay Club. The Committee state:

"When a player has driven a ball and has presumed it to be out-of-bounds, and, to save delay, plays a second ball, he may continue playing the second ball till he reaches the spot where the first ball is likely to be.

"If the first ball be found, all the strokes played with the second ball are wiped out and he continues to play with the first ball."

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Mr. J. R. Stewart, Secretary of the Aetna Insurance Company, of Hartford, writes interestingly:

"I had the pleasure of taking a trip through Canada this year, from Fort William to Vancouver, returning by way of Jasper Park. I played on many courses, but the one at Jasper Park certainly presents everything that a golfer would wish to find in a course. You have the fine scenery and a good golf proposition. The thing that delights one at Jasper is the fact that you have a most difficult problem to conquer in the way of making a low score. When one does conquer, he has the exhilaration that comes to a golfer when he really feels that he has done something. Of the five games that I played at Jasper, I conquered the course on the last game, otherwise, of course, I would not refer to it in a letter.

It is always a pleasure to send my yearly subscription. I know of no golfing paper from which I derive so much pleasure and instruction as from the "Canadian Golfer."

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That golf has some relation to an ancient game of lawn-ball appears from a judgment recently handed down by Judge Audette of the Exchequer Court in connection with a patent suit. The suit related to infringement of patent rights by rival tee manufacturers and failed because the original manufacturers failed in the primary test of "ingenuity of invention," the tee having a fore-runner in a contrivance used in the old time game of lawn-ball. Certainly this past year or so a multitude of artificial tees have been offered the golfing

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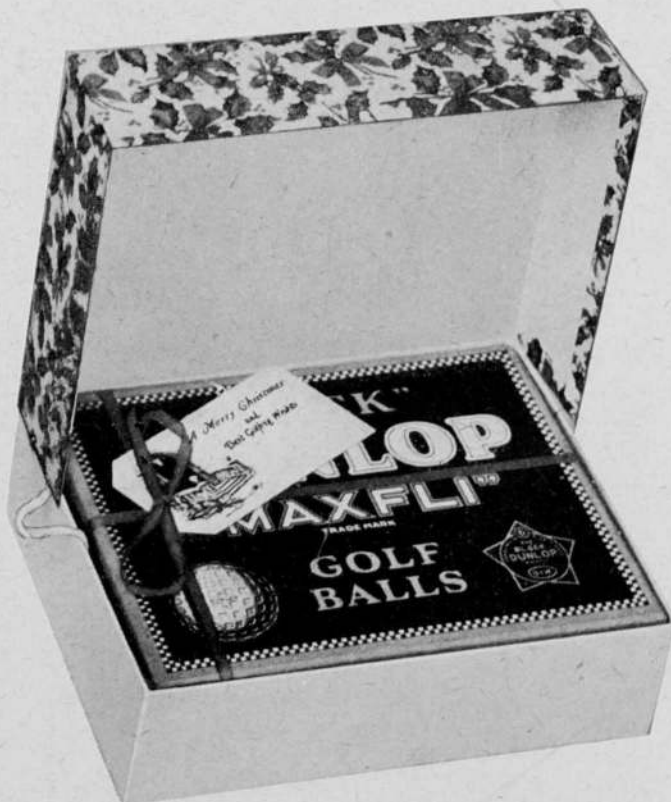
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A group of Chicago golfers started out playing for a nickel a hole, but with such a lack of action that they adopted the suggestion advanced by one on the fourth tee that they play the fourth for ten cents and then double the bets on each hole. It sounded very innocent, twenty cents for the fifth, forty for the sixth and so on, but when they reached the tenth they found that they were playing for \$6.40. This aroused the suspicion of one player, who set to work with card and pencil and found that by the time they reached the 18th tee they would be playing for \$1,662.40. This was a bit stiff even for Chicago, and the bets were called off.

"BOB" MACDONALD SCORES IN "GOLF"

THERE is no more popular visitor to the Canadian Championships than "Big Bob" MacDonald, of Chicago, formerly of the Country Club, Buffalo. He is a mighty driver and an all-round golfer of championship calibre. The best book of the 1927 season goes to his credit. "Golf" is the title of this superbly printed and illustrated work of 212 pages and the publishers are The Wallace Press, Chicago. The contents of the book by chapters: Exercises, Grips, The Drive, the Brassie or Spoon, the Iron Clubs, Driving Iron, Mid-iron, Mashie, Mashie-niblick, Pitch Shots, Pitch and Run, Low Iron Shot, The Pull, The Slice, Bunker Shots, The Stymie, Faults, Psychology of Golf.

The book comprises both posed pictures and action pictures. It is lucidly written and should be in the library of every golfer who wants to improve his game. Macdonald really has put over something "big and worth-while" in "Golf."

"BOBBY" JONES AND HIS "LOOP"

ARTHUR RILEY, the professional of the Idylwyld Golf and Country Club, Sudbury, Ontario, writes most interestingly:

"Editor, 'Canadian Golfer,' Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir.

In a recent article Bobby Jones said that there is a decided loop at the top of his swing. This loop is easily discernable on a slow motion photograph, though by no means is it obvious to the naked eye.

I had the pleasure of watching Bobby win the British Open Championship last year, and, incidentally, of seeing his swing. He plays with his feet nearly parallel with the line of play and his right foot is only slightly, if any, in front of his left.

When playing with a true swing from this position the club-head crosses the line of play at a wide angle, going outwards and forcing almost a hook and certainly a pull. Bobby makes the loop and before he strikes the ball he follows the line of play of a more open swing when the club head travels along the line of play for an appreciable distance after contact. This loop is made with a true swing by Bobby and is caused by a turn at the waist during the first part of the down swing before the wrists move at all. The waist also moves slightly forward at the same time giving the arms a much freer movement for the stroke. In the up swing the right elbow is kept very close to the body, but, on the down swing has an appreciable clearance. This waist motion is unconsciously done by nearly all golfers.

Many readers will confuse this swing with the slice swing which throws the club outwards with the right arm and, as a consequence, puts the wrists straight long before the ball is reached, besides pushing the club much further from the body than is caused by a slight movement at the waist.

I hope my little attempt at explaining this loop will prevent many of your readers from learning the slice swing, which always spells trouble and prevents the making of really good players."

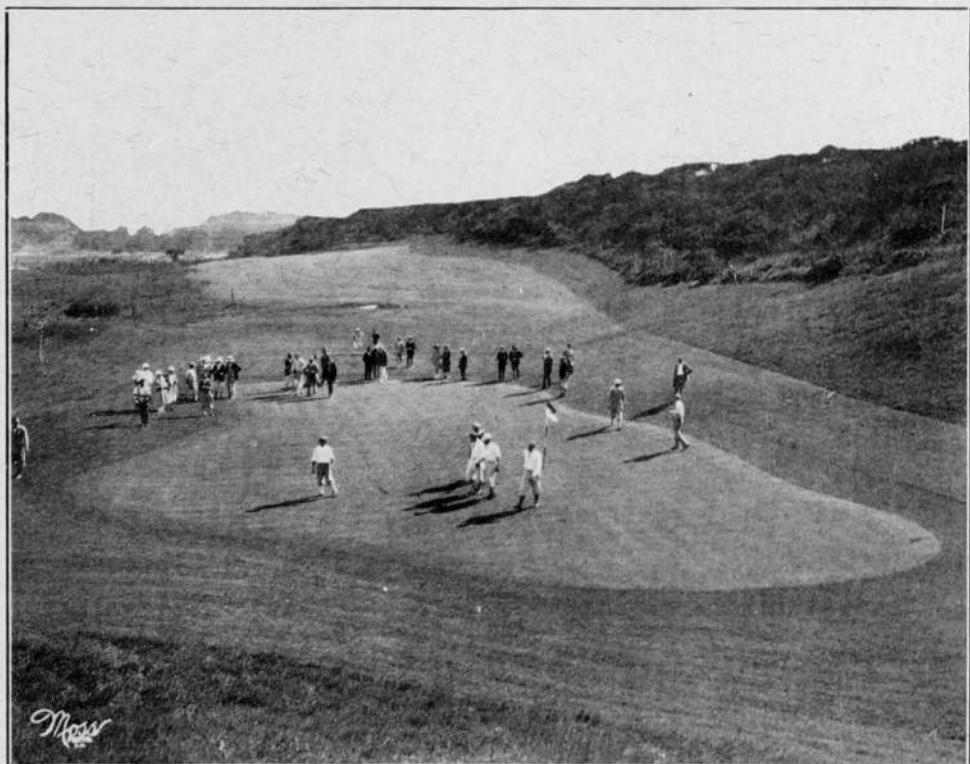
THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR TOURNAMENT

Los Angeles Will Be Golfing Mecca During First Week of January—Record Field Promised For This Big Money Event

(By Maxwell Stiles).

CASH and climate are in alliance to lure many of the world's best known golfers from their native haunts of snow and ice to Southern California this winter. Native sons have long led tourists to believe that Southern California has had plenty of climate; but not until recently did the idea of cash creep into the scheme of things.

But when Los Angeles, in January, 1926, put up \$10,000 for a golf tournament, the music changed from "Sunny" to "Thar's Gold in Them Hills of



One of the perfect greens at the Wiltshire Country Club, Los Angeles, which has been selected for the big \$10,000 tournament in January. It is considered the most perfect test of golf in California.

Californ-i-a" and the hustling professionals of the Eastern and Middle Western sections of the United States, to say nothing of one bright young man from Texas named "Light Horse Harry" Cooper, began to fall all over themselves in an effort to catch the first covered wagon to the far Southwest. It was a new gold rush, and no Chaplin comedy at that. They came from everywhere, or so it seemed, but it remained for this dashing young Texan, who then was virtually unknown, to walk off with the first prize of \$3,500 and a major share of the glory. Again last January they came, this time to bow to the crafty play of the Highland Scot, little Bobby Cruickshank, who won from an illustrious field that found the handsome Ed Dudley, now of the Hollywood Country Club, in second place, tied with Charley Guest, a Southern California product.

I have every assurance of the gentlemen of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and others who are taking the 1928 Los Angeles \$10,000 Open in hand, that this one which approaches will be contested by a field eighty per cent. better than those of 1926 or 1927. Since it is the field that makes a tournament big, and the lack of a field that keeps it small, one may feel safe in predicting that the 1928 Los Angeles Open will be the biggest and best golf event ever held on the Pacific Coast. The forthcoming tournament will take place over the course of the Wiltshire Country Club on January 6th, 7th and 8th. The play will be over 72 holes, at medal, with 18 holes on the 6th, 18 on the 7th, and 36 on the 8th. A 36-hole qualifying round will precede the championship itself and this probably will be played on January 5th over a course or courses other than that selected for the 72-hole finals. The low 64 scores and ties will qualify. This system will give all comers an equal chance, yet will restrict the final field to a number that can easily be handled by the Tournament Committee and the course itself. Low 32s of this year's \$10,000 Open and low 32s of the National Open are exempt from the preliminary qualifying round. No stake ever offered for a golf tournament approached that of the annual \$10,000 Los Angeles Open.

Some of the names illustrious in golf that have appeared in the Los Angeles Open during the last two years were those of Harry Cooper, who came from Dallas, Texas, to win the 1926 event; Bobby Cruickshank, winner of the 1927 prize; Tommy Armour, present United States Open Champion; George Von Elm, former United States Amateur Champion; George Duncan, famous British professional, and his brother, Jimmy; Bill Mehlhorn, Leo Diegel, Macdonald Smith, John Black, Joe Turnesa, Larry Nablitz, Ed. Dudley, Charley Guest, Willie Hunter, Eddie Loos, Joe Kirkwood, Johnny Farrell, Johnny Golden, Mike Brady, Cyril Walker and Abe and Al Espinosa. It is deemed reasonably certain that virtually all of the gentlemen named above will play in the 1928 Los Angeles Open. And there will be others, just who it is at this writing too early to forecast with certainty. Efforts are being made to induce Bobby Jones to play. Bobby has never been seen in the Far West and California is clamoring to see him play. Bob McDonald and Jock Hutchison have declared that they will be on hand. "Chick" Evans replied to an invitation that he was ready and anxious to appear and would do so unless urgent business made it utterly impossible for him to leave his home. These men are coming not merely for the chance of picking up a cash prize. They realize that victory over such a field as will play in the Los Angeles Open, or even the making of a good showing in such a field, will mean added prestige. And to a professional golfer prestige is his very livelihood. Harry Cooper was practically unknown until he won the first Los Angeles Open. His victory netted him a fat salary with the El Sereno Club of Los Angeles, and now he has a fatter one with the Biltmore Country Club, of Los Angeles. Charley Guest was nobody until he tied Ed Dudley for second last January. He at once stepped into a good job at the Lakeside Golf Club near Hollywood, and since that time has become a private instructor at \$10,000 for ten months.

Amateurs always strive for glory and next to winning the amateur championship of the United States, what could be nicer than to receive a diamond medal that would sparkle with victory over the greatest professionals known to golf? For if an amateur chances to win he receives a diamond medal of great worth. If a professional triumphs he receives \$3,500. Second prize is \$1,500; third, \$1,000; fourth, \$750 and fifth \$500. There are other prizes of smaller figures.

Cooper won the first Los Angeles Open by three strokes over Von Elm. Last January "Light Horse Harry" was going great until he came to the tricky seventeenth hole on his final round, a par three. Harry flitted from

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trap to trap until he had consumed nine strokes and exploded himself out of the money altogether. Meanwhile Cruickshank was blazing a 67, which set a new course record at El Caballero, where the championship was held. This brought the wee Scot home in 282, six strokes ahead of Dudley and Guest. Cruickshank had consecutive scores of 70, 71, 74 and 67. It was a curious thing that Cooper and Armour tied with 296 strokes apiece. In the United States Open last summer Cooper and Armour once again were tied, Armour winning in the play-off for the championship. Johnny Farrell and Al Watrous had 289 strokes last January to tie for fourth and fifth places, each receiving \$625 in recompense for the good and steady golf that they had played. Eastern professionals last winter went home from California singing the praises of the El Caballero course over which they had played. They were just about unanimous in declaring El Caballero one of the five finest golf courses in the United States.

Last year a number of Canadian professionals from the East as well as from the Pacific Coast travelled over the Southern circuit and took part in the big Californian event. This year there are indications that more will be on hand and there is no reason why some of them should not be in the money. Then too, Canada has a number of amateurs thoroughly capable of making a splendid showing in the Los Angeles event and the many other tournaments throughout the Los Angeles District that are scheduled for the coming January.

FARRELL'S WINNING SCORES ANALYZED

THE fact that Johnny Farrell was eliminated from the P. G. A. Championship by the Canadian Open Champion, Tommy Armour, by 4 and 3, only serves to draw attention to Farrell's splendid record this season of winning eight open tournaments. The titles collected by the smiling young professional from the Quaker Ridge Club of New York, and his winning scores are: Metropolitan Open, 286; Wheeling Open, 146; Shawnee Open, 279; Eastern Open, 286; Massachusetts Open, 285; Philadelphia Open, 292; Pennsylvania Open, 295; Chicago Open, 285; a total of 2,154 strokes for 540 holes, or an average slightly under four per hole. To this can be added Farrell's showing of 292 in the Canadian Open for fourth place; 308 in the U. S. Open for ninth place and 146 in the qualifying round of the U. S. P. G. A. event at Dallas, Texas, for a grand total of 2,900 strokes over 720 championship holes, the major events of this continent, a remarkable record of 4.02 strokes per hole

for the events of the year. The slight increase caused by including the events where a win was not achieved discloses the fact that he was playing an average of three strokes per round better in his winning events than in those where he failed, but most of these extra strokes were picked up in the U. S. Open.

THE SPIRIT OF MONTREAL FIELD DAYS

(By Mrs. Leonard Murray, President C. L. G. U.)

MONTREAL, in instituting her field days, has set a fashion which might well be emulated by the other cities of our Dominion. The credit of the idea must be given to Miss Mollie McBride, Chairman of the Field Day Committee, and Mrs. J. Williamson Ross, the Secretary. They are both well known golfers, and have brought renown to Beaconsfield, a popular Montreal Club, and likely to be chosen for the Open Championship next year. Miss McBride is the Provincial Pars Officer in the Quebec Branch of the C. L. G. U., and Mrs. Ross the Provincial Handicap Manager, and it was a happy thought that captured one or both, as from every standpoint the field days have proved an outstanding success.

From June to September these events took place, and as the entry was a large one on each occasion, it went a long way to disprove the theory that "all golfers go away in the summer, and nothing can be done." The eight clubs that kindly invited the Montreal women golfers, (in fact all in the Quebec Branch), were Kanawaki, Summerlea, Beaconsfield, Senneville, Islesmere, Country Club, Whitlock and Laval. In some cases over two hundred players teed off and prizes were given for medal rounds in both silver and bronze divisions (gross and net scores), and there were also prizes for players with 36 handicaps, for first and second nine holes, and sealed holes, so there was encouragement for all to enter, and I am told that potential champions are the result of this most excellent idea.

Forms were sent out to every club in the Quebec Branch, and the entries were sent in to Mrs. Ross. To insure all entrants being present, unless the player had a good reason for not being on the tee at her appointed time, she was refused entry for the next field day. The dates were decided on at the beginning of the season and I understand that "all summer engagements were made according to field days."

Miss Campbell, the popular President of the Quebec Branch, has presented a cup for the best net scores made in the bronze division by a team of two from any club, in five days out of seven.

The crowning triumph was the closing luncheon given at the Mount Royal Hotel, when the prizes for all events were presented by the Presidents of the Clubs who entertained the players. I had the honour to be present, and that is where I caught the "spirit" of the field days. Three hundred women golfers from various Clubs sat down at a luncheon presided over by Miss Campbell. Another guest was Mrs. Morgan, of Saskatoon, the Vice-President of the year-old Saskatchewan Branch, who will carry the "spirit" back to the West.

The Committee in thus bringing together all women golfers from C. L. G. U. Clubs is doing a most valuable work, not alone from the viewpoint of the game, but also imparting that spirit of comradeship, sportsmanship and good humour which should never be separated from golf.

That is what I saw in Montreal, and was deeply impressed, so deeply that I should like to see the other cities in our big country take a lesson from Montreal and institute the field day, thus letting free that "spirit" which should be an inseparable part of our unwritten rules.

WHAT I SAW IN AMERICA

No. 1.—The New Idea in Golf.

(By G. A. Philpot, Editor "Tee Topics")

HAVING recently returned from a tour in America and Canada as Manager of the British "Ryder" Cup Team, it may interest readers if I relate some of my impressions of the golfers and the courses in these veritable hotbeds of the Royal and Ancient game.

In the first place I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our golfing friends both in America and Canada for the extremely cordial manner in which the members of the British Team were received. Wherever we went the greatest enthusiasm was shown; and better treatment could not be desired or even imagined. From the moment the "Aquitania" reached the landing stage at New York until, finally, we bid good-bye to our Canadian hosts at Quebec, everyone with whom we came in contact did his utmost to make us happy and comfortable.

During the tour I travelled several thousands of miles and I had the opportunity of seeing some of the courses in and around New York, Worcester (the venue of the "Ryder" Cup match), Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Buffalo, Toronto, Niagara, Montreal and Quebec. In each of these great cities I discovered that golf is making tremendous strides in popularity.

The only unfortunate part of the tour was the fact that the British team failed—and failed signally—in its two main objectives—the winning of the "Ryder" Cup match and the American Open Championship.

That they were unsuccessful does not reflect on any member of the team, for each one did his very utmost amid strange conditions and against extremely powerful opposition. It was simply a case of our men coming up against a side which, for the time being at any rate, was much more effective. The Americans gave a truly remarkable exhibition of approaching and putting, and quite outplayed the visitors in these departments of the game.

The "Ryder" Cup match provided me with an unique opportunity of ascertaining the methods that have brought such a great measure of success to American professionals, and it is with this subject that I propose to deal in the present article. Much that I discovered merely confirmed what has been common knowledge for years, but what did give me a shock was their mental attitude towards the game, which amounts to this: Golf is not a game; it is just a business. A tragic discovery, this, to one schooled in the conventional belief that golf never could be regarded as anything else but a game. But facts are facts, however distasteful they may be, and in view of the American attitude the time has come when British professionals will have to make an



Mr. G. A. Philpot, Manager of the Ryder Cup Team during its tour in the States and Canada.

awkward choice. Either they must fight the opposition with their own weapons, or be prepared to suffer eclipse.

The American professionals think of golf in terms of a very simple formula. Expressed in phraseology coined in their own country, this formula resolves itself into "pars," "birdies," and "eagles." Nothing else matters, nothing else will suffice. The professionals are all in the same line of business—manufacturers of "pars," "birdies" and "eagles," and as there are so many first-class players, business is exceptionally keen. The deadly battle goes on all the time—a battle in which the winner gains great prizes and the remainder of the field (including the runner-up), just fade out of the picture. In America you must win or you are quickly forgotten.

Studying the means by which the greatest "flock" of "pars," "birdies" and "eagles" may be obtained the American professionals have come to the obvious conclusion that the best way lies in saving as many strokes as possible round and on the greens. And it is here they are concentrating the whole of their efforts—here the business struggle is most intense.

They have made an intensive study of putting and have reached a point where they try to hole out in one putt, whatever the distance. They have trained themselves to be satisfied with nothing else. They aim at a supremely high standard all the time.

My readers will be incredulous about all this. They may probably suggest I am writing nonsense, but I happen to have good grounds for my statement, for I discussed the subject independently with each member of the American team, and their views were unanimous. They do not worry about the niceties of style, conventional methods, or traditions, or reputations; all they seek is to become mechanical swingers of clubs—highly developed pieces of machinery for the production of "par" figures or better. They coldly calculate each shot, allow themselves a strict ration of strokes within a certain radius of the hole, and measure their success by the nearness to which their actual figures coincide with the pre-conceived schedule. Practice naturally enters largely into the scheme of things—stern, relentless practice. They cheerfully place the pleasures of the game in the background and spend laborious hours either at the practice teeing-ground or upon the practice putting-green.

It is also noticeable that British-born professionals living in the States rapidly assimilate the same ideas. I had talks with Tommy Armour, the present Open Champion, and Willie Hunter, who permanently reside in districts so far apart as Washington and Los Angeles. They both confessed that in order to hold their own they have been compelled to give up the old British idea of golf being a game—a pleasant pastime steeped in friendly tradition—and have fallen into line with the American idea.

Armour told me, for example, that upon taking up a professional post in the States, he found that his old amateur conceptions of good putting were nothing like good enough: he simply had to raise himself to a higher standard in order to have any sort of chance when competing with the home-breds. Armour set about the task in a most determined manner, and by unremitting practice has achieved the desired end. He considers his work round and on the greens has improved at least 20 per cent as a result of this intensive effort.

Well, there in a nutshell is the mental attitude of the modern American professional towards golf; and it is made possible because of the great financial rewards which await the "topnotchers" in that country.

The point that emerges out of it all is simply stated; do we on this side of the Atlantic want to see the game of golf cease to be played in the spirit

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of a great outdoor game? If we do not, then I am afraid we must resign ourselves to America forging slowly ahead in the realm of international rivalry. If we do, then our professionals must get busy, while some, at least, of the golfing community, including the writer (who refuses to abandon the belief that the game is greater than the player), will sit back and wonder whether the sacrifice is worth while.

CHARLES O. PFEILL SLATED TO HEAD U. S. G. A.

Bobby Jones To Be On 1928 Executive—Annual Meeting Will Take Place in January

MR. CHARLES O. PFEILL, of Memphis, Tenn., has been selected for the Presidency of the United States Golf Association by the Nominating Committee of that organization, according to an announcement made public this month. As selection by the Committee is tantamount to election, it is expected that Mr. Pfeill will succeed William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, who has been head of the U. S. G. A. for the past two years.

In addition to selecting a candidate for President, the committee selected candidates for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and also for membership on the Executive Committee. Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., the American Amateur Champion and the British Open Champion, was one of nine selected for a place on the Executive Committee. This nomination was said to be evidence of a new policy of representation on the Executive Board.

Mr. Pfeill is a former President of the Western Golf Association and now is Senior Vice-President of the U. S. G. A. The selection is considered flattering to Westerners, as no Westerner has occupied the Presidential chair since Frank L. Woodward, of Denver, was elected President in 1915. The annual meeting of the Association at which the officers will be voted for, takes place in January of next year.

The other officers were all New Yorkers. Findlay S. Douglas and H. H. Ramsay were named as candidates for Vice-President. Prescott H. Bush was named for the Secretariat and Charles H. Sabin for the job of Treasurer. Eight cities, however, will be represented on the Executive Board if the candidates selected are elected. This is considered practically certain.

The men selected for the Executive Board and their home cities follow: Roger D. Lapham, San Francisco; H. C. Mackall, Minneapolis; Robert T. Jones, Jr., Atlanta; Ganston Depew, Buffalo; Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago; George V. Rotan, Houston; Herbert Jacques, Boston; Rodman E. Griscom, Philadelphia. Counsel—Joseph S. Clark, Philadelphia.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

Interesting Happenings on the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and the British Dependencies

TWO extremely interesting holes-in-one were recently reported as being made on the same day. The Bishop of London had the distinction of holing a 160 yards' shot in one in a match in which he led the Diocese of London against the Diocese of Southwark at Tandridge. Southwark won the match by $8\frac{1}{2}$ points to $6\frac{1}{2}$. They won the singles by $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$, but lost the foursomes by two games to three.

The ninth hole, measuring 185 yards, on the new course at Addington, was accomplished in one stroke by Lord Lurgan, the golfing peer, who has a remarkable record in this respect. This is the sixth occasion in five years that he has holed out in one at Addington, twice on the new course and four times on the old course.

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An injunction was granted in Chancery Court October 28th restraining a group opposed to Sunday golf from obstructing play at Torwyn, Wales. The Court remarked that the obstructors could exercise their religion without interfering with other people.

Scores of inhabitants of the Welsh town have been carrying on a crusade against Sunday golf and at the Aberdovey Golf Club gathered on the first tee and paraded through the fairways. The parade interfered with play, as did an evil-tempered ram with large horns tethered on the seventeenth green. The crusaders at a mass meeting declared that Sunday golf play "violates the most sacred conviction of a majority of the inhabitants." Posters were broadcast calling on the objectors to join hands "to save Aberdovey from being besmirched with Sunday golfers."

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There was a strong entry for the autumn meeting of the Royal St. George's Club, which opened at Sandwich with competitions for scratch

and handicap awards. The chief prize was the trophy presented by the Prince of Wales, Captain of the Club. This is awarded for the best score over



CADDIE MASTER AND MAYOR

Councillor Frederick Butler lost his leg at Ypres, but he has not let that interfere with the joys of life. He is a keen golfer, a successful painter and caddie master at the Henley Golf Club. He is so popular with his fellow townsmen that he has been elected Mayor of Henley-on-Thames for next year.

36 holes under handicap, and the first round of the event was decided. C. Marzetti (1) led the field with 73 net, and won the Corporation of Sandwich Cup with the same return. Robert



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Harris (plus 3) had the best scratch score, and, with 73, won the Franklin Adams Gold Medal, while he tied for third place in the aggregate event with a net return of 76. Douglas Grant, who holds the record of the course with 68, had the next best scratch score with 77, but with his handicap of plus 3, was well down the list in handicap returns.

Harry Cotton, most promising of all Britain's players, demonstrated his ability during exhibition matches at Potters Bar, where he established a record and outclassed the other professionals engaged. Cotton went round in 69, taking 33 to reach the turn. In a medal round he beat Charles Whitcombe (Crews Hill), and J. J. Taylor, the local professional, by seven strokes, while Herbert Jolly (Foxgrove), was 10 strokes worse than the young Langley Park player. The figures for Cotton's round were:

Out 4,4,3, 3,4,4, 4,3,4=33

In 4,3,3, 4,5,4, 5,4,4=36=69

In a four-ball match, Cotton and Taylor beat Charles Whitcombe and H. C. Jolly, 2 and 1. Cotton was again in great form, the feature of a fine round being a 3 at the 13th, which measures 425 yards, at which he holed a 12-yard putt.

Oxford University golfers entered into serious training for their annual match with Cambridge. Contrary to the custom of most English athletes, they will rely on temperance beverages and abstinence from tobacco to get them in shape for the links test. Oxford has lost the last two matches and is growing desperate. Much promising material appeared when the first trials of candidates were held

and leading Oxonians believe the dark Blue will be able to retrieve some of its lost prestige if the men train carefully.

Percy Alliss, the English professional formerly of Wanstead, and now attached to the Berlin Club, won the Italian Open Championship on the Stresa course after a tie with M. Dallamagne at 145. Alliss lowered the record for the course when he returned 67. Leading returns: P. Alliss 145, M. Dallamagne 145, N. Grant, 149, W. Simmer 151, A. Loyer 152, Percy Boomer 153, J. B. Lath 153.

Mrs. Guedalla (formerly Miss Edith Leitch), is the native woman golf champion of England. In the thirty-six holes final at Pannal she beat seventeen-year-old Miss Enid Wilson 1 up after a thrilling struggle. Mrs. Guedalla once held a three holes lead, and was brought back to level terms by the tenacious young girl. Then Miss Wilson gained the same commanding lead, and she too, was pegged back.

Finally came the tragedy of a lifted head at the last hole. Miss Wilson was playing her approach. Up went her head—that most common of golfing "crimes"—and the ball stopped two yards short of the green. She had a chip shot to save the match, but she missed it, and Mrs. Guedalla, twenty years her opponent's senior, won her first national title. Miss Wilson is very young, with the promise of a great future.

The 21-years' lease which the Sandy Lodge Club obtained from the late Lord Ebury, expires in 1930, and as the whole of the land belonging to Lord Ebury, is now on the ownership of Moor Park Ltd., a company which possesses three courses of its own on the other side of the railway, there has naturally been some speculation as to the arrangements that would be made when the lease expires. After considerable negotiation, the Sandy Lodge Club has been given the option of purchasing the course outright for

£53,000. A meeting of the members held in London to consider the position was well attended—though the unfortunate illness of Mr. J. Francis Markes, the founder of the Club, prevented him from being present—and a committee consisting of Mr. J. Stanley Holmes, the present Captain of the Club, who is a former Liberal M. P. and a well known chartered accountant, Sir Gilbert Garnsey, and Messrs. D. N. Black, J. Dewhurst, Philip Gee, C. S. George, W. Nicholson and C. E. Twist, was appointed to draw up a scheme by which a members' club could be established and the freehold secured.

The professional invitation tournament at Roehampton, which has established itself as the recognized "curtain-raiser" of the professional season, is next year to be held on April 18th, 19th and 20th. Colonel C. D. Miller has presented a new trophy to take the place of the one which Abe Mitchell won outright at the beginning of this year. The conditions under which the new trophy is to be played for are the same as before; that is to say, it will become the absolute property of any player winning it twice, not necessarily in succession. It is something of a curiosity that the old trophy had seven different holders before Mitchell managed to "repeat."

In order to encourage the development of the game in South Africa, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews is sending a team of leading amateurs on a three months' tour of that country. Mr. Henry Gullen, the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient, is accompanying the team, which is made up of Mr. R. H. de Montmorency, Mr. Cyril Tolley, Major C. O. Hezlett and Captain A. G. Pearson. It is rather strange that the leading Scottish Club should be represented by three Englishmen and an Irishman, but a more serious objection has been raised by some critics, who claim that the quartette is sadly lacking in style, though three of them are British Internationalists. What is lacking

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in style, however, is more than made up by colour, for there is certainly a fascination in watching the ungainly Major and the long-hitting Tolley. Certainly this quartette is capable of creating enthusiasm and probably much more so than any four of their more orthodox brethren.

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Prince Ri, of Korea, when he arrived in England, expressed a desire to see how golf balls are made. His ambition was fulfilled by a visit to the golf ball department at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham. Prince Ri is a most enthusiastic golfer, and during his visit played on every well-known course in England and Scotland, including St. Andrews. "Golf is very popular in Korea," he said, "but we cannot get the grass to grow quickly. I like to play in Japan where the courses are better, although not as good as yours." Before leaving England, Prince and Princess Ri gave a silver cigarette case, embossed on one corner with a golden Lotus emblem, to J. T. Randles, the Works Director of the Dunlop Rubber Co., as a memento of their visit to Fort Dunlop. The First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy, in a letter to Mr. Randles, expresses their Highnesses' "hearty satisfaction with their pleasant visit," and stating that the cigarette case was "a token of their sincere appreciation of the cordial reception extended to them on that occasion."

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Abe Mitchell made a triumphant reappearance in tournament golf last month on the course of the South Herts Club. The famous professional had been out of the game since May, when he underwent an operation for appendicitis, but there was no suggestion of loss of touch as he played at South Herts. On the contrary, he produced the true Mitchell brand of quietly commanding golf to such effect that he won the Hertfordshire Open Championship with rounds of 74 and 67, his total of 141 leaving him seven strokes ahead of his nearest rival. It was just the "come-back" which Mitchell's countless admirers

earnestly desired. He looked well, and appeared to have put on a little weight, but there was some anxiety lest he might be too highly tried on a hilly course and against a strong array of professionals and amateurs, among whom were Harry Vardon—on his "native heath"—Alex Herd, Ted Ray, P. L. Smith and C. V. L. Hooman. His second round of 67 was one of the most brilliant of his brilliant career.

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The Kent Professional Golfers' Union concluded its two-day meeting at Sundridge Park with a thirty-six holes competition to decide the professional championship of the county. T. H. Cotton, the holder, made practically certain of success in the morning, when he went round in 70, which was three strokes ahead of the field, and a record for the course. He took four strokes more afterwards to win by three shots from W. Twine, who was second in the first round, and four from H. C. Jolly, third in the morning, all three taking 74 for the second round.

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Miss Joyce Wethered and Cyril Tolley defeated Mlle Simone Thion de la Chaume and Roger Wethered by three up and two to play in the thirty-six holes final of the scratch mixed four-somes tournament which marks the finish of the English golf season. It was Miss Wethered's third winning final in the seven years' history of the competition, and in completing that distinction she stood out to-day as the best of four very good players. She was indeed, a very great player, calm, commanding, and less prone to error than her partner and the gallant members of the opposition. If marks were given for general excellence the second share would fall to Mlle. de la Chaume, yet, well as the French girl played, she was overshadowed by Miss Wethered.

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Senorita de Alvarez was very vexed when she made one poor shot, and held her club above her head and threw it to the ground. But she continued her round, although not returning a score.

Many well known lawn tennis players competed, the women receiving four strokes in addition to the club handicaps.

Mrs. A. D. Stocks, a limit handicap player, off the 22 mark, won the competition with a net score of 76, the Hon. P. Bowes-Lyon (13) being second with 77 net, and Mrs. Chesterton (20) next with 78.

The scratch prize was won by Dr. W. Lamplough with 83.

J. Smith, assistant to Duncan at Wentworth, won the Surrey Championship for the second year in succession at Worpleston last month, with a net score of 145 (73 and 72), Havers being second, three strokes behind. Three British Walker Cup players—Sir E. Holderness, Mr. Wethered, Mr. W. L. Hope—competed, but the distinction of being the leading amateur was won by Mr. Duncan Anderson, of St. George's Hill, one of the most improved young golfers of recent years, whose total of 153 included an admirable second round of 73. Mr. Sidney Fry (the celebrated amateur billiard player), had the unique, if not the bitter, experience of twice disqualifying himself by holing out with the wrong ball. In the course of the first round he played from the heather at the fifth a ball that appeared to be his, but on picking it out of the hole found to his horror that it was not the ball he started with. So far as the championship was concerned, he was out of it. Then in the afternoon sweep-stake Mr. Fry got as far as the ninth hole, where, after many adventures in the woods on one side of the course and the rough on the other, he finally holed a long putt from the very edge of the green, at the same time congratulating himself that things might have been worse. In point of fact they could not have been worse, for when he came to pick the ball out of the hole again he discovered that he had played with an alien ball. Considering the high wind that swept in tremendous gusts across the course, Smith's golf was admirable in the extreme.

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KING HAGEN STILL REIGNS

Wins Fourth P. G. A. Crown in Row—Joe Turnesa, Runner-up in Thrilling Final—Close Matches Are Feature of Championship at Cedar Crest Golf Club, Dallas, Texas

A SUPERB composure, the skill to play great golf, the ability to rise to great heights; to play best under pressure and more than all the mental control that enables him to play each hole without relation to that which has gone before, are the qualities that have enabled Walter Hagen to win for the fourth successive time the championship of the United States Professional Golfers' Association. It constitutes a great record, for a great golfer, one that will go down in the annals of the game as one of its greatest achievements, for in this event the pick of America's professionals are assembled and on their own achievements they stand as the greatest band of professionals that can be gathered together in any single country. To win, Walter had to defeat at match play Tommy Armour, Open Champion of the United States and also of Canada, and he did so by the comfortable margin of 4 and 3, the day following that on which Armour had defeated by the same margin, Johnny Farrell, who this year has gathered unto himself no less than eight important open titles. Then in the final he defeated Joe Turnesa, a golfer of great promise, who has been threatening to win a major event these past few years.

Unquestionably last year's Champion was favoured to repeat by virtue of his remarkable record at match play against his fellow professionals, and that he entered at the top of his game was shown in the opening play when he headed the qualifying field with a score of 141 over the Cedar Crest course at Dallas, Texas. Cedar Crest had been lengthened and stiffened up by the addition this year of some forty traps and is considered by golf architects the most difficult course in the Southern States. The critics had predicted 160 as the dividing line between those who

would qualify and those who would become onlookers, a rather high figure even under the plan of district preliminary qualifying rounds, and so it



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turned out, for scores of 154 were necessary to make the inner circle, the former Winnipeg pro, Ernest Penfold, missing the figure by two strokes. Those who qualified were:

Walter Hagen, New York	72	69=141
Al Alcroft, Youngstown	71	73=144
Joe Turnesa, Elmsford	72	72=144
Gene Sarazen, Fresh Meadow	71	73=144
Al Espinosa, Chicago	72	74=146



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Johnny Farrell, Quaker Ridge	72	74=146
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Francis Gallett, Milwaukee	73	74=147
Jack Farrell, North Shore	71	77=148
Mel Smith, Portland, Ore.	75	73=148
Charles Guest, Hollywood	75	74=149
Bobby Cruickshank, Progress	74	75=149
Mortie Dutra, Tacoma	75	74=149
Ed. Dudley, Vannuys	74	76=150
Bill Mehlhorn, New York	76	74=150
Chas. McKenna, Rochester	80	71=151
John Perelli, Feather River	71	80=151
John Golden, No. Jersey	72	79=151
Bob Shave, Aurora, Ohio	78	74=152
Willie Klein, Wheatley Hills	75	77=152
Tommy Armour, Washington	77	75=152
James Gutlane, Bartlesville, Okla.	75	77=152
Harold Long, Raleigh, N. C.	75	77=152
Roland Hancock, Wilmington	75	78=153
Charles Koontz, Lincoln	73	80=153
Ralph Beach, Burning Tree	80	73=153
Tommy Harmon, Hudson Riv.	77	76=153
Fred. Baroni, Pittsburgh	77	77=154
Willie Kidd, Minneapolis	75	79=154
Eddie Murphy, Chicago	80	74=154
Leonard Loos, Ashland	78	76=154
Anthony Maners, Fairview	78	76=154
J. G. Curley, Marlboro	73	81=154

In the opening round of match play, Tommy Armour defeated Farrell by 4 and 3 in one of the finest matches ever played in a P. G. A. tournament, the result only being achieved in the last nine holes of play, when the Canadian Champion developed an unbeatable streak. At the same time Jack Farrell forced Hagen to play a Garrison finish to nose out a victory. Sarazen had a close call against a hitherto unknown by name of J. G. Curley, who had barely succeeded in qualifying, but succeeded in carrying his match with Sarazen to an extra hole for a decision.

The second day's play witnessed the passing of Harry Cooper at the hands of Al Espinosa, of Chicago, by a 5 and 4 decision. The other favourites came through the round easily, Hagen administering a 11 and 10 drubbing to Tony Manero.

Then came the battle of Champions, Armour vs. Hagen, with the Open Champion playing better golf for the first few holes. Early in the game, however, came the break that probably accounted for the final result. At the fourth Armour placed a mashie shot within a foot of the pin, but it jumped ten feet to leave him a downhill putt. Hagen short in his pitch to the green, putted uphill to the left and two feet away and then Tommy made a fatal mistake. He putted and laid himself a stymie he couldn't negotiate, and Hagen won the hole. Armour was somewhat unnerved and his opponent was quick to take advantage to finish the morning round four up. In the afternoon Hagen played a waiting game, taking every advantage of any slip on the part of his opponent, losing a hole here, but picking it up again until the match ran out by 4 and 3. This same round proved fatal for Gene Sarazen, whose hopes were blighted by Joe Turnesa, the former P. G. A. champion suffering a 3 and 2 defeat.

Turnesa advanced through the semi-finals by a wide margin of 7 and 6 over John Golden, of North Jersey, but Hagen against Al Espinosa, of Chicago, had one of those thrilling 37

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hole matches in which he only delights.

All that Espinosa had to do to overthrow the old wizard and to bring about a new dynasty was to get a half on the eighteenth green in the last round. He couldn't do that, although his ball was only twenty-five feet below the hole on his second shot, while Hagen's was on the fringe behind the pin, leaving him with an almost impossible chip for the birdie which appeared to be necessary for him to get in order to save himself. There was a death-like silence as the Chicagoan lined up his putt. Every one in the gallery of more than 5,000 persons, who had raced breathlessly up and down the fairways watching the dramatic match, waited for the blow that was to fell the champion. Espinosa putted and left himself short, failing to give the ball a hard enough tap to send it on up the sloping green to the immediate neighborhood of the pin. His ball was still five feet away when it stopped rolling.

Hagen played his chip shot and almost holed out, the ball curling off to the right of the hole at the end of its journey and stopping eighteen inches away. Once again there was silence and once again Espinosa putted and missed, giving Hagen the hole and squaring the match. That sent them on to play extra holes. Both got away good drives to the thirty-seventh, Hagen being a trifle ahead. Espinosa played a mashie-niblick shot and was on, but short of the pin by twenty or twenty-five feet. Hagen put his ball on the green hole high to the right, nearer to the pin than Espinosa's.

Once again Espinosa putted and left himself short, this time not more than four feet, if that, and then, after Hagen almost holed out, Al again missed and Hagen was the winner of the match.

The final witnessed another spectacular match, with Turnesa putting up a magnificent fight against the master of U. S. professionalism. A

steady, ding dong morning round left the defending champion one down and it was not until the 30th hole that he was able to square the match. The next hole was halved, when the young challenger putted far past the hole and Walter won the 32nd hole with a 4 against Turnesa's 6.

Hagen was now 1 up, and from here on Walter hung on to that lead for dear life, his faultless play keeping Turnesa in his place. Walter had a great chance to clinch the match on No. 15, where he missed a short putt for a 3 after Joe had left himself short and failed to hole a five-footer, but it made no difference. The long sixteenth was halved in 5s, the seventeenth in 4s and the last hole in 4s. Turnesa had chances to square the match on both the seventeenth and

eighteenth, but his putter, which had worked like a magic wand all day, failed him in the crisis. At the seventeenth his second shot out of the rough left him a seven-foot putt uphill to make for his 3, and he had an even shorter one for a victory on the last hole, but neither one went down and Hagen was again the P. G. A. champion.

It was a great final, certainly the outstanding final since the one in which Hagen and Sarazen clashed at the Pelham Country Club in 1923. Incidentally that was the last time that Hagen has been beaten in a P. G. A. event. He has now won four years running and has set up a record that has not only made history, but may never be equalled again. The Hagens in golf come few and far between.

SPLENDID SEASON AT OSHAWA

THE home of Canadian General Motors, Oshawa, is one of Canada's fastest growing cities, but midst all the bustle of producing motor cars for golfers, throughout the country, to use between matches, the residents of Oshawa themselves find time to spend on the links. This year has been a particularly successful one at the Oshawa Golf Club and the closing festivities consisting of match competitions and a prize tea resulted in a record attendance.

In the mixed foursome competition of the afternoon Mrs. F. G. Carswell, paired with Dr. C. E. Wilson, were the winners, with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lander tied with Mrs. H. P. Bull, and Mr. George Jacobs for second place. After the forty-eight players who teed off in the competition had finished playing the 18-hole course all adjourned to the club, where tea was served by the lady members, and where Major E. C. Hodgins, President of the Club as master of ceremonies, made the presentations of trophies to winners and prizes to runners-up in the different club competitions.

President Hodgins in a short address spoke of the season just closed as being the best in the club's history, financially and otherwise. During the season over nineteen hundred visitors had played over the Oshawa course, an increase of over four hundred over that of 1926. In conclusion, the president thanked the board of directors and members of the different committees for their co-operation during his term of office, also Jack Roberts, the club's professional, who had done such wonders in keeping the green of the Oshawa course in the best possible playing condition. Other members of the board of directors who were present voiced the success of the 1927 season and were very optimistic of the future activities of the club.

The following were the members of the club who donated trophies and prizes for the different competitions in the ladies' and men's sections, the winners and runners-up in same:

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Houstan Trophy—Prize by Mrs. T. E. Houstan, won by Miss Margaret Bull; runner-up, Mrs. F. W. Bull.

Three best scores—1st flight prize donated by Mrs. W. E. Phillips, won by Mrs. F. W. Bull; 2nd flight prize, donated by Mrs. E. C. Hodgins, won by Miss Marjory McGillivray.

Ringer Competition—1st prize, donated by Mrs. Fred Storie, won by Mrs. Eric Phillips; 2nd flight prize, by Mrs. H. E. Smith, won by Miss Marjory McGillivray.

First person of second flight to make a first flight score—Prize by Mrs. W.

H. Tait, won by Mrs. F. G. Carswell; 2nd prize, by Mrs. W. H. Tait, won by Miss Bascom.

Men's Section:

Club championship—Trophy by R. S. McLaughlin, won by Robt. Henderson; runner-up, prize by H. P. Schell, won by George Jacobs.

Cowan Cup—Donated by F. W. Cowan, won by Robt. Henderson; runner-up prize, by Geo. Jacobs, won by Dr. Bascom.

President's Trophy—Donated by Major C. Hodgins, won by F. G. Carswell; runner-up, prize by F. G. Carswell, won by Dr. Bascom.

Century competition—Trophy by Major H. E. Scott, won by Robert Lazier; runner-up prize, by Robert Henderson, won by Dr. A. F. Mackay.

KEEN RIVALRY IN TORONTO PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Andrew Kay, Jimmy Johnstone and Bob Cunningham Are Winners in Series of Fall Events—Medal Play Over Islington, Cedarbrook, Thistledown and Lambton Courses

THIS fall has witnessed a series of professional tournaments in the Toronto district that have been productive of some splendid golf and of the keenest rivalry between the acknowledged leaders, all of whom strove to win a majority of the events. Andrew Kay, the clever Lambton pro who usually leads the Canadians in the Open Championship, was able to win two out of the four that were played, though Cunningham and Johnstone were always close on his heels.

Islington was the first venue where early in October Kay finished in front after Cunningham had established a lead in the morning round which was only overcome when the Lambton pro let loose for a record-breaking 69. In the second meet at Cedarbrook Kay encountered considerable trouble and after driving into a ditch at the fourteenth he retired from the field in disgust. Cunningham, Johnstone and Willie Lamb fought it out for the honours, Johnstone's 78 bettering the other two cards by one stroke. Other leading scores at Cedarbrook were turned in by Frank Locke, of St. Andrews, 80; J. Hunter, of Glendale, 81; J. Martin, of Galt, 81, and two assistants, J. Littler, of Scarboro, and Arthur Hunt, of Lambton, also returned 81s. In the eighty-twos were Eli Hitchin, of Rouge Hills, and Roy Bronsdon, another Scarboro assistant. Arthur Russell and Arthur Hurlbert were still one stroke back with totals of 83.

Then came another battle at Thistledown between the big Mississaugan, Bob Cunningham, and Andrew Kay, in which Kay was once more forced to establish a course record to overcome Cunningham's lead in the first round. Kay's afternoon round was almost consistently perfect when compared with par. He played eight holes

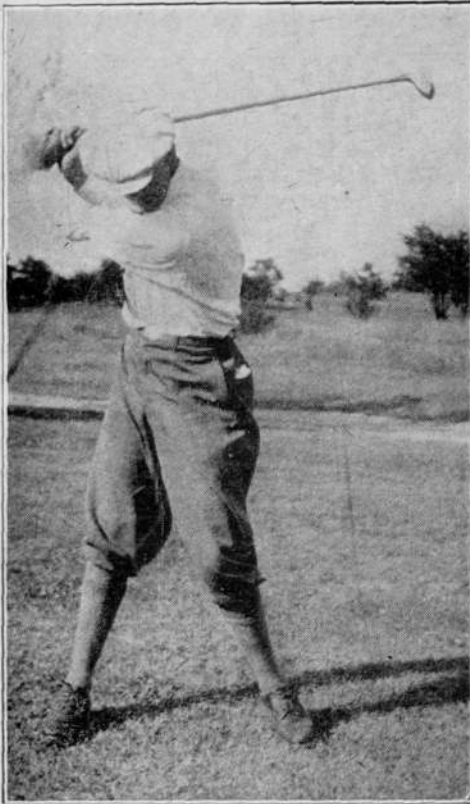
on each nine in par figures, having a birdie three on the fifth and taking two over par on the tenth. In the morning Kay had but one wooden



Andrew Kay, professional of the Lambton Golf Club, who captured two out of four Autumn tournaments for Toronto professionals.

club in his bag, a brassie, and he was trying out an aluminum spoon and driver, and before long used his brassie on all shots calling for a wooden club, but in the afternoon he borrowed a wooden driver from his assistant, Arthur Hunt. The tenth nearly proved his undoing, but many of the competitors found trouble on this hole, and several double figures marred the cards that were turned in.

The competition provided the closest struggle that has been produced so far in the series.



'Bob' Cunningham, of Mississauga, winner of the fourth tournament at Lambton, after finishing in second place in the three previous events.

At noon Cunningham and Arthur Lindfield, of Islington, were leading, tied at 76, and nine players were bunched at the top, all within three strokes of each other. At the twenty-seventh hole Kay, Lindfield and Johnstone were leading with 113's and Cunningham had one stroke more. Coming home Kay and Cunningham each took 39, while Johnstone needed 41 and Lindfield 42. Kay's 34 on the outward journey in the afternoon was the only time that par was either bettered or equalled on either of the nine holes during the two rounds. The prize winners were:

Professionals—1, Andy Kay, Lambton, \$25; 2, R. Cunningham, Missis-

sauga, \$20; 3, J. Johnstone, Rosedale, \$17.50; 4, L. Robson, Weston, and Arthur Lindfield, Islington, \$13.75 each; 6, W. Freeman, York Downs, and Arthur Russell, Lakeview, \$10.000 each; 8, J. Martin, Galt, \$7.50; 9, Frank Locke, St. Andrew's, \$5.00; 10, D. A. Ferguson, Toronto Ladies, \$5.

Assistants—1, Roy Bronsdon, Scarborough, \$10; 2, A. Hunt, Lambton, and Pardy Cooper, Islington, \$6.25 each; 4, Dick Borthwick, Toronto Ladies, \$5.

Cunningham came into his own in the fourth and last tournament at the Lambton Club, playing steadily



Jimmie Johnstone, Canadian Professional Champion, Winner of the Second Tournament at Cedarbrook.

throughout for a card of 73, which was two strokes better than Andy Kay, who found his own course troublesome. There was keen interest to see if the three times-runner-up

could beat out the twice victor in the final engagement, and the winning by the long hitting pro was deservedly popular. Tom McGrath, Beaumaris, and Arthur Russell, with scores of 79, tied for third prize. Russell reached the turn in even 4's. On his way home his putts refused to drop for him.

Lou Cumming, assistant at the Toronto Golf Club, led assistant professionals. He had a card of 79 and a four-stroke lead over A. Hunt, assistant to Kay at the Lambton Club. Jack Littler, Scarborough, led the assistants at the turn, but found the second half of the course more difficult.

The results were:

Robert Cunningham, Mississauga	.....4,2,5, 4,5,4, 3,5,4, 5,5,3, 3,4,5, 4,5,3=	73
Andrew Kay, Lambton	.....	39 36= 75
Tom McGrath, Beaumaris	.....	40 39= 79
Arthur Russell, Lakeview	.....	36 43= 79

W. Freeman, York Downs	.....	40 42= 82
James Martin, Galt	.....	43 39= 82
Frank Locke, St. Andrews	.....	41 41= 82
James Johnstone, Rosedale	.....	42 40= 82
Arthur Hurlbert, Thornhill	.....	43 40= 83
Arthur Lindfield, Islington	.....	41 44= 85
J. Hunter, Glendale	.....	47 40= 87
Tom Cairns, Cedarbrook	.....	45 43= 88
L. Thornton, unattached	.....	44 44= 88
G. Hutchison, Sault Ste. Marie	.....	45 44= 89
Eli Hitchen, Shoreacres	.....	41 49= 90
D. Hutchison, Humber Valley	.....	46 44= 90
D. Hastings, Oakville	.....	46 46= 92
A. Howie, Washago Beach	.....	46 49= 95

Assistants.

L. Cumming, Toronto Golf	.....	39 40= 79
A. Hunt, Lambton	.....	40 43= 83
Roy Bronsdon, Scarborough	.....	40 44= 84
J. Littler, Scarborough	.....	38 46= 84
J. Noble, Rosedale	.....	41 45= 86
Pardy Cooper, Islington	.....	46 40= 86
W. Martin, Thornhill	.....	45 42= 87
D. Borthwick, Toronto Women's	.....	45 44= 89
W. Compton, Weston	.....	45 45= 91
A. Bloor, York Downs	.....	48 45= 93
J. Martin, Bayview	.....	49 44= 93
H. Ford, Lambton	.....	45 49= 94
F. Droy, St. Andrews	.....	51 51=102

"TIT WILLOW"

(With apologies to the immortal Gilbert and Sullivan).

In the sand in a bunker stood Sandy McKay,
Singing willow, tit willow, tit willow.
Said he, let me show how this shot you should play,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.
His niblick he gripped in his sinewy hand,
Then he swung at the pill in a manner so grand;
But he lifted his bean, and the atmosphere fanned—
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.

In the bunk he remained, and we all heard him say,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow (or the Scotch equivalent).
I'll get out, by Jock, if I stay here all day,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.
So he cursed and he fussed at that poor little pill
With swats most tremendous, but minus all skill,
And for all that I know he is swinging there still,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.

A moral no doubt you will learn from this song,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.
A niblick to play there's a right way and wrong,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.
So if like McKay, you may take twenty strokes,
Till over the bunker the ball faintly floats,
You have still lots to learn, like so many poor blokes,
Tit willow, tit willow, tit willow.

—W. Hastings Webling.

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Winter Ills

AT this time of year most courses have closed down completely, taken in their furniture, discharged their men and settled into the winter routine. The worry of the greens and fairways and the anxiety of pleasing all the players with turf to suit their individual tastes, is lifted for the time being and the green keeper and the green committee may breathe more freely for the ensuing four or five months. This does not mean, however, that the course may be left entirely to itself with the secure hope that when we come around next year we will find things as we left them this fall. If that were so the burden of maintenance would be very much lighter than it is and there would not be the premature grey hairs brought on by the cares of carrying the course over from one season to another.

One of the most prominent uncertainties of greenkeeping is to predict in the fall the condition that the course will be in at the opening of play the following season. There may have been every precaution taken, all the arts, artifices and experiences of a lifetime employed, to ensure the safekeeping of the greens during the winter, and just a few months later, only to find that all the effort has gone to naught. The weather during the fall months, the winter climate, the quantity of snow fall and the earliness or lateness of the spring, all contribute in making or marring the turf and are factors that cannot be controlled or determined in advance. The best we can do is to provide for all the eventualities within reason and leave the rest to nature to help us through. If she is kindly and considerate we have much to be thankful for, but should we fare badly at her hands, our spring troubles are not very sweet to think upon.

Much success in carrying the greens over the winter is associated with the early and later fall treatment. This phase of course maintenance has already been commented upon. If we can get our greens in good heart before the severe trial of winter comes

upon them, there is a better chance of their withstanding the rigours and vagaries of the hard season. Should, however, the grass be tender and of poor constitution when the course is closed there is less hope of it pulling through in anything like good shape. Overly nourished turf is very prone to suffer from exposure and smothering than grass that has not been cared for with such a liberal hand. Further, grass that has been cut very close to the ground right up to the last moment and has in consequence very short roots, has not the recuperative powers in spring as has the grass that has been allowed to grow longer, deeper roots. Late stimulation leaves the growth in a soft, succulent condition and its tissue, being swollen with moisture to excess, has not the vigour to combat the variations in temperature and humidity. Ordinarily, the grasses we use on Canadian courses are not affected by the cold of winter. Straight cold will do them but little injury in the normal course of events, but when they have been heavily fertilized at the time that they should be nearing the dormant condition, there is a risk of the change being too much with a sudden onslaught of winter.

There are so many cases of grass being injured and killed between the close and opening of playing seasons, that it is impossible to give any specific reason for the grass dying or to lay out any set of rules which, if followed, would ensure a safe passage. While there is a definite cause for the injury to any specific case of "winter kill," still it is hardly likely that the same cause will hold good for all the damaged areas found on a particular course, or, to be more exact, on any single green. That is why even the oldest hands in the work cannot prophesy whether their greens will come through safely or not.

When we make a survey of the causes of so-called "winterkill," which includes in a general way, all forms of turf injury, apart from digging and washing, we find that they can be classified under a few

headings which if briefly described might help in identifying individual instances. In the first places, not all species of grass are hardy enough to withstand the hard, cold weather of winter; these, of course, are of no use in golf course work in Canada. A number of the summer grasses belong to this class and though they would make good turf during the warmer weather they cannot be considered as a permanent thing. In consequence we are confined to those that are winter hardy, grasses like the bents, fescues and blue grasses, that are seldom killed by cold temperatures, and which are found in regions far north of civilized settlement. However, the fact that these very grasses do suffer when transferred to the golf course shows that they are susceptible to other agencies than plain, straight cold. The degree of cold may not be so important, in all probability there is more damage done in the first ten or fifteen degrees of frost than at all lower temperatures. A steady cold, however severe, is safer insurance than variations where the thermometer rises above the freezing point and then recedes. A few periods of such fluctuations during the winter is ruinous to all but the hardiest of grasses, as by starting up the growth processes for short periods without a chance to recover the energy expended, makes a heavy drain upon the vitality of the plants. Grass that has been poorly managed during the later season of growth will be more sensitive to fluctuations of temperature than that which has been properly hardened off.

The physical conditions that bring about injury to grass during the winter are fairly well known. Poor drainage is responsible for much of this damage, particularly ineffective surface drainage. While under-drainage is of great value in improving the stand of grass, by correcting the physical texture of the soil, by carrying off excess moisture, by allowing the air to penetrate more freely which promotes a healthier, warmer rootbed from earlier spring to later fall; while all these things are helpful to the grass, especially when on a heavy clayish soil, still when the ground is frozen to a considerable depth as in winter time, under-drainage has no chance to work. At this time we must rely almost entirely upon the slope of the ground itself to shed the surplus water that comes from the winter snow and rains. Such is called surface drainage and in the great majority of cases is of more importance to greens than under-drainage. Many greens have shallow depressions, hardly noticeable to casual observance, and as the soil absorbs the rains fairly readily, these pockets do not seem worth worrying about, but when the ground is frozen below, the trapped water may freeze into a sheet of ice of considerable thickness. A serious trouble that results from the formation of ice in sheets upon the greens is that the ground below may become quite warm upon a sunny day. Ice will transmit the rays of sunlight very effi-

ciently, as high as 90% in some instances, thus the amount of heat that will pass through and strike the ground is considerable. Many claim that the ice acts like a magnifying glass, but a parallel would be more truly drawn by comparing it with a greenhouse which every one knows becomes very warm on a sunny day, even though it is cold outside. The ice in such locations always melts from the under side. The preventive measures to be taken against an eventuality as this is to see that no pockets are allowed to remain in the greens over winter if it can possibly be avoided. Low lying parts of the greens that form basins might be provided with outlets by lifting the sod and making ditches to lower levels. These need not be large, but deep enough so that water will not stand overnight. In the spring these trenches will be filled in and the sod replaced. Greens that are so located that they cannot be drained should be planted to creeping bent, which will withstand the effects of water and ice covering better than any other. It is also a good plan to break up the ice sheets that form over depressions so that the air can get in and a circulation started that will prevent a high rise in temperature.

The killing out of grass on high knolls is not unusual. This is due more often than not to the drying effect of winter winds. The snow is blown off and between the sun and wind, the surface soil, on these exposed places, is robbed of a great deal of its moisture. Places as these that habitually kill out are often helped by a light covering of brush or boughs, sufficient to hold the snow, these being taken off at the first suggestion of warmer weather. Quite frequently these spots suffer from poverty of soil, which allows only a scanty covering of turf; such a condition is corrected by fertilizing up to a point where the grass has a strong enough stand to hold its own.

Another form of "winter kill" that has become very noticeable in recent years is caused by a fungus disease that develops in the early spring as the snow leaves the course. Since it appears at about the same time of the year, it also is classed a winter injury. The damage in this case is done by a fungus that will grow and spread at quite low temperatures, becoming active while the snow is still upon the ground, hence the term of snow mold. It is also called spring web on account of the thin gossamer-like cover that might be seen over the affected patches in the early morning. Though it is principally seen in the spring, still if the weather conditions are right in the fall (plenty of moisture and cool, almost freezing nights), it may appear then. The disease is easily distinguished by the circular patches of dying grass varying in width from a couple of inches to seven or eight. Sometimes these spots run into each other, making quite large areas, but the general outline of individual circles can usually be followed. The remedies for Brown Patch will serve to check the growth of the fungus

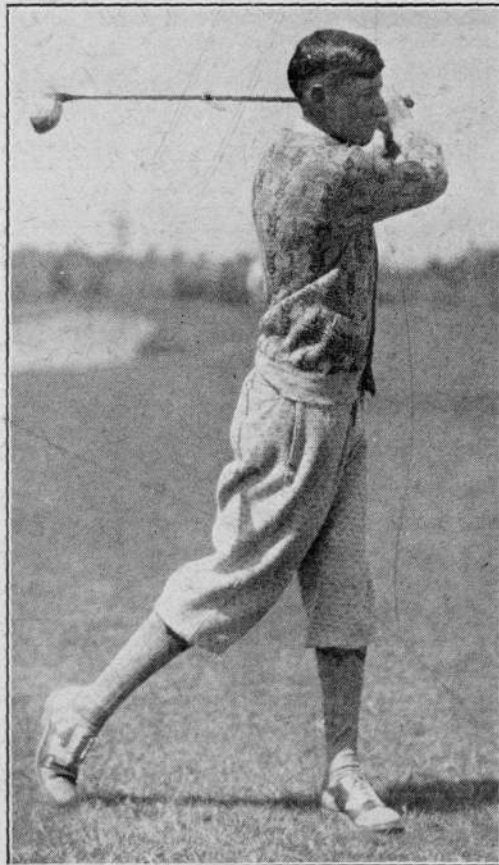
and if caught in time, not much damage will ensue, but should the complaint be allowed to run its course, the turf will be marred for a good part of the season. The practice of treating the green with corrosive sublimate late in the fall, as one would do for worms or Brown Patch has proved successful in the few instances where it has been tried and it is quite likely that this will become the most popular method of combat.

The difficulty of spring treatment lies in the fact that the fungus will start under a snow bank, so that treatment then is difficult and would entail the work of removing the snow from the turf by hand. This latter operation has been recommended as a means of checking the growth as, with the snow removed, the green will dry up more quickly, but is a costly business where much snow has fallen.

PROMISING VANCOUVER JUNIOR

A GOLFER of great promise is rising in Vancouver in young Charlie McCadden, the sixteen-year-old son of the manager of the Langara Golf Links. Last year he attracted attention by the splendid showing he made in an exhibition match with Walter Hagen, and this season he has blossomed out to win all sorts of events around the many Vancouver courses. Early in the season at Shaughnessy Heights he won the Vancouver City Championship at the age of fifteen. His round of 72 during that event equalled the amateur record of the course and is an even par figure. A few weeks later he equalled the amateur record of the Jericho Country Club with a par 72 in a morning round and added a 73 in the afternoon for a total of 145, the previous best score for 36 holes registered at Jericho having been 147 made by Neil Christian, an American pro who formerly held the Northern Pacific Open Championship. His 72 for eighteen holes places him on a level with the well known Pacific amateur, Mr. Bon Stein, who had previously held the course record with this figure.

During the summer, he also won the championship of the Glen Oaks Club with a card of 74 and established an amateur record at Langara with a score of 73. In October he kept up his splendid showing by winning the Canada Metal Cup at the Langara Links by defeating Russ Case by 5 and 4. Young McCadden celebrated his sixteenth birthday about mid-summer and is still attending high school, so that he is just entering into the golfing game and with proper



Sixteen-year-old Charlie McCadden, of the Langara Links, who has made a splendid record on Vancouver courses this year.

coaching should develop into one of Canada's leading amateurs. His showing this season entitles him to rank with the best juniors of the middle West and Eastern provinces and the leading juniors in these provinces can occasionally give the best of them a very stiff battle.

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THIS year at Edmonton J. A. Mountfield nosed out 19-year-old Harvey Day for the City Championship, but Harvey showed him something the other day when he sank his tee shot at the difficult 17th hole at the Municipal Links. It is a tricky hole of 125 yards, stiffly trapped, and with a narrow, tree-lined fairway that calls for extreme accuracy if par is to be negotiated, let alone a oneer. They were playing in a club sweep at the time and needless to say that one gave Harvey a good lead over the field and an easy victory with a 74 less 7 for a net 63.

Another Edmonton player, Mr. P. B. Rose, was made a happy man at the Municipal course when he holed out at the 135-yard twelfth hole. Mr. Rose was playing with Dr. Hugh McCrostie when he made his record tee shot.

Then at Vancouver Mr. G. McKay holed out in one at the famous 120-yard Punch Bowl, whilst playing with Messrs. C. C. Worsfold, Oscar A. Olson and J. H. Foster.

In order that all the Vancouver honours should not rest with one club, this month the Secretary of the Jericho Country Club reports a few days later that Mr. J. W. Ruggles, playing with Mr. T. R. B. Nelles, bagged a hole in one at the 114-yard 8th hole.

Still shortening them up we come to the Little River Golf Club at Windsor, where Mrs. E. J. Warne played a dainty little shot at the 80-yard second hole which, to her great delight, trickled into the cup. This is the second offense at this hole, but Mrs. Warne is the first lady to accomplish it. The feature of this hole is the mental hazard provided by the river, which intervenes between tee and green, but after this we think that this hole should be reserved for ladies. Mrs. Warne's feat was witnessed by Mr. A. J. McLean, Secretary of the Ladies' Section; Mrs. P. H. LeSueur, the Captain, and Mrs. D. S. Whyte.

The Winnipeg Druggists' Athletic Association has a slogan, "It Pays to Play," and Mr. Norman B. Henry certainly played up when he made the seventh in one at the Winnipeg Golf Club. Very glad to welcome a representative of the Winnipeg druggists to our charmed circle.

Another golfer from the "Peg" made his bid to fame at the Elmhurst Golf Links, Mr. F. J. Halliday, who made the tee to tin shot at the 17th. Mr. J. Hodge and Mr. J. Spracklin made up the threesome, which participated in this attack on par.

The first hole at Souris, Manitoba, is going to make that town famous in the history of our Hole-in-One Club, as it is already well on its way to establishing a record in the frequency with which it is accomplished in one stroke. This time Mr. W. J. McShane is the lucky player.

Mr. Frank B. Allen is reported by the Secretary of the Elmwood Golf Club, Swift Current, Sask., as having negotiated the 8th hole, known as the "Brink," in one stroke during their Labor Day Tournament. It enabled him to score a win over his opponent, Mr. J. L. Colter.

The municipal courses are well represented in this month's report, and we are very glad to be able to include the Hastings Park course at Vancouver, where Hector McDonald placed a clever mid-iron shot on the sixth green, and it promptly rolled into the cup.

Then across the continent to the Gorsebrook Golf Club, of Halifax, where Mr. H. M. Carty, when playing in a century competition with Mr. P. O. Soules, made a hole-in-one at No. 3, a 147-yarder. Surely this enabled him to break the century mark.

A. A. McKinley, of Kapuskasing, Ontario, whilst visiting the Uplands Club at Thornhill, Ontario, achieved fame by lofting a neat one over the burn at the 17th, 125 yards.

This 17th at Uplands is not reserved for visitors, however, as it was also negotiated in one by Mr. James Gow, of Toronto, while playing with Mr. E. C. Gill.

Then at the same hole D. Borthwick got his ticket for the inner sanctorum of Canadian golfdom. Three in a row is pretty strong going, even for a club with the playing ability of Uplands.

In September we accepted the application of Robert M. Jones, of Seaforth, by virtue of a one made at the 177-yard first hole. At that time we said that we were glad to have a "Bobby" Jones in Canada, and prophesied a great future for him. He has taken us up on that statement and on October 25th, while playing with President W. G. Spencer and Charles Baxter, he duplicated the feat.

Dorothy Grey Morten, of Cobble Hill, B. C., is particularly welcomed to our Club, having made her one at the 158-yard fifth hole at the Cowichan Golf Club.

Mr. J. B. Goyer, of the Laval-sur-le-Lac Club, Montreal, chose the difficult 14th hole at the Senneville Country Club to be associated with him in golfing fame. This hole is named after the famous Canadian battle field, Vimy Ridge, owing to the nature of the terrain, the green lying over the crest of the ridge, and is played blind from the tee. Mr. Goyer's assault was highly useful for when the foursome reached their objective they found his ball had burrowed right into the hole.

Mr. Everett Townsend, of the Cataragui Club, Kingston, will be rewarded with a year's subscription to the great family golfing journal as a result of his "eagle" one at the sixth



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hole. He should share his case of "Canada Dry" with Messrs. D. McIntyre, K. C.; W. Jackson and J. B. McLead, who witnessed the stunt.

On October 13th a foursome composed of Mr. N. W. Warren, General Manager of the Dominion Bridge Co.; Mr. Thos. G. Leonard, General Manager of the Eastern Canada Steel and Iron Works; Mr. H. A. Ralph, of the same company, and Mr. F. Evans, of the Dominion Bridge, went out to play the South course of the Royal Montreal Golf Club. Naturally you would expect a crowd like that to pick out the 5th hole, known as "Steel to Steel," if they were going to pull off any golfing stunts. Not so, for Mr. Warren picked out the 12th for a one-shot hole, it is only 140 yards, but the secret is that it is known as the "Highball." Hope there were a few "highballs" at the 19th to duly celebrate the occasion.

Mr. J. B. Ballantyne, of London, whilst playing over the Thames Valley course, waited until the 18th to play the best shot of his life and it was perfection itself, for it plumped right into the hole.

The ideal time to make a hole-in-one is during a championship, and the occasion chosen by Mr. Frank Le Noury was during the Hamilton District Championship, played at the Ancaster links of the Hamilton Golf Club. He made the 165-yard 16th in one, and while it did not win the championship for him it secured a place on our Honour Roll.

Mr. D. Campbell, Secretary of the Regal Golf Club, of Calgary, writes:

"I wish to bring to your attention that Mr. J. A. Stewart, of the Regal Golf Club, accomplished a hole-in-one at our second hole on Sunday, September 11th. We believe you are offering one year's subscription to your well known magazine to all golfers who make this feat. While I read that you were eliminating this owing to the fact that there are, more or less, only three golfers in Canada who have not now accomplished this, we trust that this notice will arrive in time to get in on the final few."

Mr. J. E. Ganong, of Toronto, has been trying to hole out in one for twenty-five years, and to further his ambition has become a member of the Toronto Golf Club, the Lambton Golf Club and the Toronto Hunt Club, all without success, though he has had several "eagle" 2's on the longer holes. Nothing daunted he hied himself down to the "sounding sea" at St. Andrews and braced by the salt sea air he boldly sank his tee shot at the 3rd hole. We congratulate Mr. Ganong on his successful pursuit of the most elusive shot in golf.

Once more a lady leads the men at the Cowichan Golf Club, B. C., for this is the second hole-in-one reported this month from the ladies' section of that club. Mrs. F. R. Gooding, of Duncan, was the successful player and as said before, the ladies are doubly welcome.

Mr. George J. Tuck, of the Humber Valley Golf Club, Toronto, "got his" Nov. 5th—third hole, 110 yards.

On the Seaforth Golf and Country Club course Mrs. R. J. McLaughlin, of Brussels, playing with Mrs. C. C. Ramage, made the Home Hole, 156 yards, in one. Good work, Madame!

Mrs. George V. Pook, a visitor to the Point-Grey Golf and Country Club, Vancouver, made the 143 yard 15th hole in one shot.

Mr. D. B. Scott, Secretary of the Pictou Golf and Country Club, N. S., writes:

"It gives me great pleasure to advise you that we now have a lady member of Pictou Club who has qualified as a member of the 'Hole-in-One' Club. Mrs. Harold Tanner (Lois F. Ferguson), who was quite recently married to Harold Tanner of the Royal Bank staff, made our No. 6 hole in one. It is called Waterloo, being a pitch of 93 yards over a pond with the green about 20 feet higher than the tee. It is a good mental hazard and Mrs. Tanner deserves congratulations on her feat, particularly as this is the first time that a hole-in-one has been made on our course. We enclose her card, certified by the undersigned. You will notice that she was playing with her husband, but the performance was witnessed by Mr. J. A. Fisher, Editor of the Pictou Advocate, and J. F. English, Town Clerk, both of whom can vouch for same."

W. E. Buckingham, President of the Guelph Golf and Country Club, entered the golfers' hall of fame when he drove the sixth hole on the local course in "one." He was playing in a foursome. It was not only the first time a president of the club had performed this epochal feat, but it was the first time that this 165-yard hole had been the scene of such a stroke. The feat signalized the conclusion of Mr. Buckingham's successful term of office as president of the club. He was playing with Messrs. Geo. Chapman, H. W. Cram and Heber Little.

Playing with the President of the Club, Col. I. W. Vidito, Mr. H. S. Ward, District Manager of the New York Life, Halifax, over the Brightwood Golf and Country Club course, had "the thrill that comes once only in a lifetime" when he holed his tee-shot at the 144-yard fourth hole at Dartmouth. A small baffly against a head wind "turned the trick."

Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, is this month on the map, thanks to Dr. R. M. Armstrong, a member who, however, chose the 11th hole at the Kanawaki Golf Club, Montreal, 125 yards, for the stunt.

Total number of "Holes-in-One" up to and including November 15th, 190.

WESTERN GOLFERS BROAD-MINDED

DURING a business trip to Winnipeg this month Mr. W. W. Walker, of Montreal, President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, had the pleasure of a couple of very interesting talks with Mr. Harvey, President of the Manitoba Association and also meeting the Secretary, Mr. Jackson. Mr. Walker was very gratified to realize that the golfing authorities in the West look upon matters pertaining to national golf in such a broad-minded and generous way, and he is convinced there is nothing in the way of

consolidating the golf interests of the Dominion in a more thorough manner. He thinks the recent revival of the inter-provincial matches will go a long way to attain this, especially as means will no doubt be found to make these particular contests of interest from Coast to Coast.

THE WESTON GOLF CLUB LOOSES POPULAR MANAGER

THE Weston Golf and Country Club, of Toronto, will have a new manager next season as a result of the resignation of Mr. C. H. L. Knuth, which will be effective at the end of this season's activities. Mr. Knuth's resignation has been accepted with regret, as the membership feels that great credit is due him for the splendid development that has taken place at Weston during the last five years. Recently Weston has become known throughout Ontario as the home of the "Willie Park Tournament," an annual fall tournament in memory of the late Willie Park, who designed the Weston course. To Mr. Knuth goes a large measure of credit for his share in initiating and carrying out this most popular autumn event.

Mr. Knuth came to Canada in 1907 and prior to the war spent the greater portion of his time in the mining regions of Northern Ontario, with the exception of a trip to Brazil on behalf of large mining interests. During the war he served four and a half years with the Royal Engineers and afterward again resumed business life in Canada. Like most "Old Country men" he has always had a liking for the "Royal and Ancient" game and with his engineering experience has been particularly interested in the development and maintenance of golf courses. Weston has improved its course under Mr. Knuth's management until it is now ranked as one of Canada's leading courses, with a par that tests the ability of the most expert players.

Mr. Knuth, who is a member of the Albany Club and has the distinction

of being a Freeman of the City of London, has again felt the lure of Ontario's untold mineral wealth and it is



Mr. C. H. L. Knuth, who this year retires from the Managership of the Weston Golf and Country Club, Toronto.

his intention to again enter the mining industry. A business to which he is admirably fitted by virtue of his former experience. With him will go the good wishes of the Weston membership and of the many golfers who have come to know him and enjoyed his hospitality during the "Willie Park" tournaments.

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"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

(Contributions for this Column by Subscribers will be greatly appreciated).

First Member: "I hit a peach at the 13th to-day."

Second Member: "Did you really? Well, it serves her right for not keeping to the ladies' course."

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Mother (who is waiting lunch): "How's Daddy getting along, Jack?"

Jack: "I think he must have been rather unsteady, because when I left I heard Captain Tippler say that he was one over eight at the nineteenth."

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A golf ball is very temperate, avoiding the cup whenever possible. This characteristic is not conducive to temperance on the part of the golfer, however.

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Golfing fiend who—sad to relate—
Had passed this life in a sinful state,
Was finally called to his great reward;

And found himself on a soft green-sward
Where a sprightly imp, with a bag of clubs,
Stepped out from behind the concealing shrubs,

And led his guest from green to green
Of the finest course he had ever seen.

The golfer muttered, in glad surprise,
"If this is Hell, I guess I was wise
In living the kind of life I led";
And not another word was said
Till he took his stance at Number One,
And, swinging a club, said, "Now my son,

Just give me a ball and I'll show you
The kind of driving I used to do."

"There ain't no balls," said the grinning imp.

"Say, what do you take me for—a simp?"

Then what's the good of these clubs to me?"

"Why, that's the Hell of it, you see!"
—Maurice Allen.

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An Irish girl, returning from a round on the links on a Sunday morn-

ing, was accosted by the priest with "Good morning, daughter of the Evil One."

She meekly replied, "Good morning, Father."—A. W.

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A certain London club claims the super-optimist in an elderly member who is a fanatic golfer. Recently after a match the secretary asked him why he had not conceded a three-inch putt to a veteran opponent on the 18th.

"Well, you never know," was the reply. "I've seen a younger man than him have a fit on the green."

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A professor of chemistry at the Berlin University has invented Cocktail Cubes which may be carried around in the pocket. The cubes consist of gelatinized portable ethyl alcohol of various flavors.

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She: Is it true that single players have no standing on the course?

Her: Certainly not. They have just as much right there as married ones.

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"How did you play to-day?" asked the wife of the world's worst golfer.

"I'm terrible; I got 144," replied the husband sorrowfully.

"What roes a good player like Bobby Jones go around in?" asked the wife.

"It's nothing for him to get a 72," was the reply.

"Well, you shouldn't feel so blue. He ought to be twice as good as you, hadn't he?" inquired the sweet creature.

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Mrs. Blanks: You simply must stay with us; we're close to a beautiful old golf course.

Visitor: How old is it?

"I'm not so sure, but my husband can remember someone going round it in '69."—Answers.

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"How much did you pay for that awful looking brassie?"

"It was given to me as a present."

Well, whoever gave you it, robbed you."

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"THE BANEFUL CIGARETTE INFLUENCE."

Miss Mackenzie appeared to have surrendered a third of her three-hole margin on the eighth. Down in the

conventional two puffs would have won it for Mrs. Whittington, taking three would have given her a divide, but she took four. The tenth was similar, only on this occasion Miss MacKenzie—outplayed to the green, holed a tricky puff and Mrs. Whittington again erred sufficiently to lose the hole with three puffs.

—Montreal "Star."

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I like to play golf in the autumn,
When the air is crisp and keen,
And the trees are gay with yellow and
red,
Like a beautiful painted screen.

I like to play golf in the winter,
With a red ball in the snow,
For I laugh to scorn the icy sting
Of the north wind's bitter blow.

I like to play golf in the springtime,
When the songs of birds are sweet,
And the ground is covered with
violets
Like a carpet for my feet.

But I'd rather play golf in the summer,
With the course as hard as a floor,
When my half-topped drive of a hundred
yards
Will run two hundred more!

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The Britisher: "Splendid view of the Welsh mountains you get from this course."

The American: (unimpressed) "Mountains? Gee, I thought they were bunkers."—Bystander.

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THE ARTLESS CADDIE.

Here is a good story of caddie tactics (rather reprehensible, however), told by Bobby Jones. In the Western Amateur Championship (says Bobby), the year Chick Evans beat me, I had a negro caddie who worked one of the smartest tricks I have ever seen on a golf course. I felt a little ashamed of of it at the time, but as it had no effect on the outcome of the match my conscience no longer troubles me.

In the morning round of our thirty-six hole match, Chick and I had a

thoroughly even battle. The fifteenth hole at Memphis was then about four hundred yards in length and dog-leg to the left. Making the worst possible shot, I had sliced my drive to deep rough to the right, while Chick pulled into the rough in the angle of the dog-leg. My second shot was very wild and swung away into a very nasty thicket over a brook. Apparently Chick had not seen my shot, for he was busy moving twigs and inspecting the lie of his ball. My caddie, a negro prize fighter, by the way, known as the Buntyn Kid, saw that Chick was undecided about trying for the green over the trees, so he walked casually up the fairway fifty yards or so towards the green, nonchalantly draped himself over my bag of clubs and grinned back at Chick. Chick looked at the caddie, then at the tree, and finally at the green. To him there was but one thing to be deducted from the caddie's attitude. My ball must be on the green and he must put his there also. He tried it, but finished



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in the same thicket with me and in a worse place. I won the hole with a seven. I asked Chick why he took such a chance.

"Shucks," he said, "I looked at that caddie of yours and I thought you must be up against the flag."

TOMMY ARMOUR'S WRISTS

TOMMY ARMOUR, the former Edinburgh amateur, who this year won the Canadian Open and the U. S. Open Championships, was known, even in the days when he was making his first appearance in the open amateur tournaments, as an impressive player of iron shots, and experts who have followed the Edinburgh amateur consider that Armour has an iron shot with more crispness, more precision, more firmness and more accuracy than Bobby Jones. And Jones is rated as one of the most perfect iron players of all time.

How does Armour get such tremendous distance and accuracy and bite into those iron shots? He isn't a big man. His legs are slender, typical of the Scottish athlete, and his shoulders are big, but they are not unusually so. Many have his size and apparent strength.

But one glance at Armour's wrists explains the whole business. The Armour wrists are large, powerful, sturdy. They are far more pretentious than the average wrist, and they furnish Tommy with the snap and swish that provides the hit.

The new champion stands almost upright and has an upright swing. He takes the club back slowly, but with complete rhythm. There is no jerk—no apparent effort. It almost seems that the club is being carried back under its own power.

The club is carried until the wrists are easily forced to break. There is a sharp break, then the downward start. As the club head cuts its arc it starts to gather momentum, and about eight inches from the ball it swings naturally into a powerful, decisive stroke.

Armour hits into the ball, giving it the bite that is the delight of the

golfer's heart. Or he can play the over-spin, when, of course, it is impossible to hit down on the ball.

The whole secret of his swing lies in his stance and wrists. It is those powerful muscles behind the palm that enable him to swing with such unapparent force; it is the exceptionally powerful wrists cutting in with that last split-a-second slash of speed that gives the control and the distance.

Like Bobby Jones, Tommy Armour never appears to be killing the ball. The swing is so easy as to be very deceptive. It looks to be merely an easy

hit with a light iron. But how the ball does go away from there.

Armour's pivot is graceful yet complete. His left knee and left shoulder are pointed towards the ball, while he is braced on his right leg.

There are many professionals who can hit an iron shot as far as Armour and Jones. But that pair do it easily and naturally, while most of the other fellows simply wade into the ball and slog at it. The one thing that every golfer loves to hear is that sharp, metallic sound when the club-head hits the ball just right. Armour's iron shots are almost musical in the sharpness of their click.

A MUCH DISCUSSED RULE AND ITS INTERPRETATION

PERHAPS the most discussed and incidentally one of the most abused rules of the whole thirty-six general rules of golf (there are ten rules for three-ball, best ball and four-ball matches and sixteen special rules for stroke competitions), is Rule 15, which is as follows:

"Moving or Bending Fixed or Growing Objects:

Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not move, bend, nor break anything fixed or growing, except so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to take his stance in addressing the ball, or in making his backward or forward swing. The club may only be grounded lightly, and not pressed on the ground. The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole."

Many good players and strict observers of the rules, have maintained and do maintain, that under this rule it is quite permissible to trample down bushes and break or bend down branches of trees if they are in the way. The Rules of Golf Committee of The Royal Canadian Golf Association has repeatedly ruled that this was a breach of the rules. However, a prominent member of a Toronto golf club asked the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" to write Mr. Henry Gullen, the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews, the "Privy Council of Golf," for a ruling, and he very courteously and promptly replied. Mr. Gullen states in his letter to the Editor that the proper interpretation of this vexed Rule No. 15 is contained in the following decision handed down by the Royal and Ancient:

"Decision No. 330—Kenmare Golf Club:

A dispute has arisen as to the correct interpretation of Rule 15 (*General and Through the Green*). A ball was lying beside a bush which interfered with the backward swing of the club. The bush though itself a hazard (Def. 6), was not growing in a hazard.

The player claimed to be entitled (1) to bend the bush or (2) if he so desired to break the bush so as to allow the free backward swing of his club.

The opponent objected, saying it should not be moved, bent or broken.

The player is of opinion that under the above Rule he may even stand on the bush so as to allow of his backward swing.

Answer.—Rule 15 prohibits the player from bending or breaking anything growing unless it is necessary to do so in order to enable him fairly to take his stance or in the actual making of the stroke, i.e., the backward or forward swing.

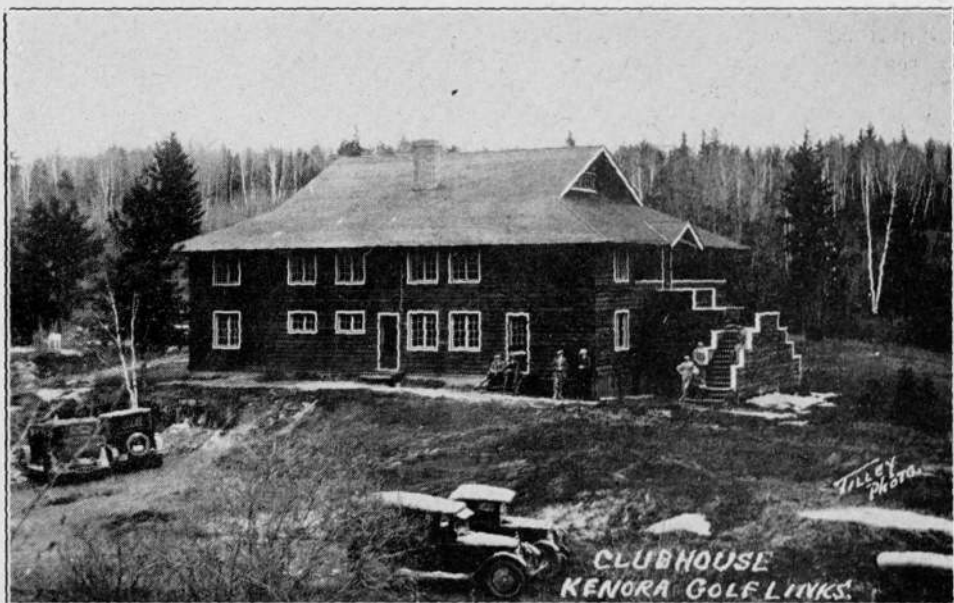
He may not bend or break anything which will interfere with the backward or forward swing as a preliminary to his stroke."

It will be seen by this Decision that nothing can be bent or broken preliminary to a stroke. That means, of course, that boughs or bushes must not be broken or held down by a player or his caddies. The penalty for doing so is loss of the hole.

RAPID GROWTH OF GOLF AT KENORA

(Special Contribution to "Canadian Golfer")

GOLF to-day at Kenora, Ontario, is one of the big attractions for visitors visiting the Lake of the Woods District. During the last five years a snappy 9-hole course has been brought into shape. The course is situated on the mainland about two miles from Kenora and is accessible by motor car or boat. This feature is a great asset to visitors, who have their summer homes on the various islands. The club is very popular. Last season's green fee receipts were double the previous season, and this season's receipts promise



The Club House of the Kenora Golf Club, which is every season becoming more popular with Tourists and Cottagers.

to be almost double last year. The construction of the course was difficult owing to bush, rock and muskeg. This makes course building expensive.

The draining of the course also provided many difficulties. The location is such that considerable seepage runs into the course, but this has now been overcome.

The course is natural and rolling, with two creeks running through the grounds—a valuable asset. These have in places been "saucered out," and together with the ravines call for careful play.

Owing to the heavy dews, the fairways remain green throughout the season and this especially appeals to our Prairie visitors, who are coming here every season in increasing numbers.

The club house has every convenience, being well equipped with locker and other rooms. The grounds around the club house are being improved and in addition a large putting green alongside the lake, is being built. It is the general opinion that Kenora in a very few years will be one of the outstanding courses in Canada and will attract visitors from all parts of the country.

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MUNICIPAL GOLF: CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION

(Forty-seven Page Handbook, Illustrated, Price 50c. Playground and Recreation Association of America, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.)

The group who have been talking "municipal golf" will find a variety of concrete information to bring them nearer their goal in this handbook just published by the Playground and Recreation Association of America. "The booklet by no means contains all the information available, nor does it purport to be a complete manual on golf course construction," says the Association. "It is our hope, however, that it will serve as a guide to private groups or municipal bodies interested in providing their communities with golf facilities."

The experiences of cities throughout the country in promoting municipal golf are drawn upon freely. A table of operating costs represents nine cities; a section on workers' salaries, five. Regulations from Dallas, 1926 maintenance budget from Jacksonville, Fla., plans for financing from Minneapolis and East Orange, instructions for caddies from Fort Worth, club house construction in Louisville and Seattle, detailed construction costs in Oakland, Cal., are described.

There are approximately 200 public courses in 150 cities, says the handbook. In 1926, in only two of Chicago's Parks, 161,741 golfers played

on the municipal courses. Though the game is not easily mastered, its popularity is due in part to the fact that all can play it with some degree of satisfaction.

A superintendent of parks in Ohio is quoted on the growing popularity of golf as follows: "At the present rate of increase, from ten to fifteen million individuals will take up the game in the next fifteen years, necessitating 20,000 new clubs and the purchase of three million acres or more of land."

Among the topics discussed are: Selecting the site, problems of layout, suggestions for construction, seeding and watering the course, club houses, problems of administration, methods of financing, reservations and a brief bibliography. The material has been assembled from the Association's bulletins and articles in "The Playground Magazine," and from publications of the United States Golf Association, and has been considerably enlarged and modernized by data from the exhaustive study of American parks just completed by the Playground and Recreation Association of America in cooperation with the American Institute of Park Executives.

"MAKING THE HOLES ECCENTRIC"

Freak Placing of the Cups on the Green is to be Condemned

THE following article from "Golf Illustrated," London, might well have been written from a Canadian standpoint:

From time to time this season, during important amateur and professional tournaments, there has been considerable criticism on the part of the players concerning the places chosen by green committees for the cutting of the holes. Spirited protests by nerve-racked and writhing victims

—reduced in some instances to sprawling flat on the ground in their endeavours to discover the true line—have gone far towards killing the policy which prevailed a few years ago of testing first-class players by locating the holes on hogs' backs or small peaks or downward slopes. This scheme could safely be guaranteed to take the ball far past its objective unless the performer had the good fortune to hit the back of the tin with a



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bump and regulate his shot so as to make it dive down instead of leap forward. It would have been a very good game to play at country fairs (and the promoters would not have lost many cocoa-nuts at it), but it was hardly a fair trial for people who were supposed to be struggling for supremacy in the higher walks of golfing rivalry.

Still, there are more ways than one of introducing torment into the scientific pursuit of golf—a pursuit that must always have its full quota of good and bad fortune for the simple reason that it takes place in Nature's own circumstances instead of in a field of prescribed character. The criticism which has reared its head this year is that green committees, abandoning their pinnacles and downhill slopes as suitable spots for the holes, have sought in some instances to put the first-class player on his mettle by cutting the holes in remote and inaccessible corners of the putting areas—close to a bunker on one side

or other of the green, or even half-way round the corner of a bunker that eats into the supposed sanctuary. It is pointed out that, as a result of this artificial accentuation of the game's difficulties, the person who has developed accuracy of hitting as the reward of constant study and practice, finds himself shorn of many of the possibilities that ought to be open to him. He dare not play his iron shot for the pin, with a yawning bunker only a few yards away; it would be like attacking a lion by rushing head first into its jaws.

So he is subdued to playing tamely for that uninspiring place which is known as "somewhere on the green"—a half-way house which the moderate golfer is grateful to reach without mishap, but which ought to have its definite goal in the form of the pin for the accomplished player. Indeed, it is good for the ordinary mortal that he should be encouraged to go boldly for the hole, for in this way lies his greatest chance for golfing progress

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and happiness. It is a sign of the innate wisdom of green committees that so undistinguished an individual usually has the incentive. On the days of his private recreation or efforts to win monthly medals, the holes are not ordinarily cut in remote spots. Fellow-feeling is splendidly kind. It is a sign of the ingenuity of these committees that often they ask the competitors in big tournaments to hole out in hazardous, beside-the-precipice, round-the-corner places.

Apart from the condemnation which the system carries on the ground that it discourages enterprise and the taking of legitimate risks, it has the obvious defect of nullifying the architect's scheme of bunkering. The course-designer naturally has to presuppose a place for the hole when he is mapping out his bunkers to guard the greens. In normal circumstances, he selects a spot somewhere about the centre of the green, and disposes his hazards accordingly. The hole cannot always be in precisely the same place, or it would quickly be worn away to ruin, but it can be somewhere within a radius of a few yards of the spot in relationship to which the bunkering has been evolved—at much thought and expense. And yet, on the occasion of important amateur and professional tournaments, it is not uncommon to find the whole character of the architecture spoilt by the cutting of the hole in an eccentric place just as the well-thought out design of a house would surely be spoilt if one's

bedroom were movable and sometimes shifted to the most inaccessible spot imaginable.

It is conceivable that these artificially introduced difficulties have damaged the standard of British golf. We are far from suggesting that iron shots ought to be made easy or putting rendered simple. But the one department of the game ought to be considered in its relationship to the other. Given a green of reasonable undulations, putting must always have testing qualities peculiarly its own. The slopes, no matter how gentle and well modulated, have a variety so infinite that nobody can ever hope to make the holing of a putt a scientific certainty, or even attain the regularity of success in guiding the passage of the ball which is possible to a practised billiard player on a table of spirit-level perfection. The golfer ought to have the chance of making the putting as easy as he can for himself by being offered the incitement to aim his iron shot or mashie pitch for the hole, and nothing but the hole, instead of being reduced—as not infrequently he is on big occasions—to approaching his objective cautiously and circuitously. Anybody could do that.

It is good that the bunkering should be difficult and that the putting should call for skilful striking of the ball. There is an agreement of opinion among prominent British golfers who have played extensively in America that the putting-greens there are more closely and rigorously guarded than they are here. Moreover, the surrounding bunkers seldom allow of easy escape; they are usually raked in a way to produce the effect of close lines of sandy furrows, into one of which a bunkered ball is nearly certain to find its resting place. But it is the system to cut the hole in a place which gives the player every encouragement to go for it. That—combined with the fact that the punishment for being bunkered is severe—has probably contributed in no small measure to the rise in the standard of American golf.

We fear that, in many instances, green committees in this country delegate the work of choosing the places for the holes to an individual, who thus becomes an autocrat with the power to decide whether the shots up to the pin shall demand a freakish alliance of rashness, accurate hitting, and good luck, or shall test first-class players in a normal and methodical

manner. These players are mostly "tigers" from other parts, and it is amusing to see them grappling with trials which the members would not tolerate. The selection of places for the holes is a work for the green committee as a body, and a work to be undertaken in a spirit of tempering severity with reasonableness.

THE FIRST 1928 APPOINTMENT

THE first important professional appointment for 1928 has just been announced. James Gourlay, who was the pro this season at the Islesmere Golf Club, of Montreal, has accepted a position with a Chicago Club, and the Directors have appointed Arthur F. Macpherson, for six years with the Brockville Club, to the position. The choice is a most admirable one, as Macpherson is a high type of Old Country player with a most delightful personality and is besides a very fine player indeed, and an instructor of much ability. He will be a decided addition to the professional ranks of Montreal and District.

Macpherson holds the course record for the Brockville Club, he having twice lowered the record of 71, set by J. H. Taylor, five times Open Champion of Great Britain. Last year he clipped a stroke from the record of "J. H." and during the season just concluded he beat his own record of 70 with a brilliant 69—and Brockville is not an easy course to score on. He will take up his new duties at Islesmere early next season and is sure of a hearty welcome from the members of that well known Montreal Club.



A. F. Macpherson, Popular Pro Appointed to the Islesmere Club, Montreal.

"CALAMITY JANE" IS JONES' PET PUTTER

"BOBBY JONES, generally dubbed the super-golfer, concluded his triumphal tour of Great Britain, when playing with Kirkwood against Messrs. Wethered and Tolley, the famous English amateurs. He delighted a gallery of 5,000 London golfing enthusiasts in an exhibition game which was for the benefit of the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund. It was one of the largest golfing galleries seen in the London District. Various clubs of the famous Jones collection have been praised for his wonderful golf in the Old Country. First his putter, affectionately known as "Calamity Jane," was

credited as the most important contributor, but an old driver claimed tribute. The same club with which he blasted long shots from the tee at St. Anne's last year served him well at St. Andrews. Never before has distance been so annihilated on the St. Andrews fairways. His wooden-club play was consistently superb, but only at the longest holes, such as the 530-yard fifth, did he need wood to get home. When he took his brassie his accuracy was uncanny. It was his sensational performances on the long holes coming home at St. Andrews, that made him a certain winner after he had been a bit careless around "Eden Loop." During the early rounds, Stewart Maiden, the old Scottish pro, who tutored "Bobby" when a boy, who knows his St. Andrews, declared that the homeward holes from the eleventh or thirteenth on, are "the most difficult holes known to golf, requiring superb play to equal par."

PLAYING DOWN-HILL AND UP-HILL LIES

ONE of the most notable traits of a really good golfer is his ability to make grand recoveries. When a star player makes a bad shot and gets into a bad lie in consequence, the gallery crowds around to see his recovery. The spectators feel confident when they see him go to tackle this kind of shot that he is going to give them a real treat because the good golfer realizes what it is necessary for him to do and is able to overcome the worst difficulties.

Among the shots that are simple to the professional or the good amateur who has learned the game in his youth and in the right atmosphere, is the down-hill lie. This kind of golfer knows that the club has to follow the downward slope of the hill, and while he naturally throws a bit more of his weight on the left foot, the stance does not look much different from the stance on level ground. The good golfer instinctively places his body in such a position that it will balance throughout the stroke, just the same as it would on level ground. He also naturally takes a club with some loft on the face, and if the slope of the hill is really great he might have to use a spoon, as that has more loft than a brassie.

If the slope is still more acute a wooden club might not be the right club at all to use. It might even necessitate a midiron because of the pronounced slope there would be a tendency for the back part of the sole of the club to catch the ground too much and not get under the ball

enough, whereas the narrow-soled iron club will get under the ball better. We read about players laying the face of the club off on a down hill lie, and then slicing the ball where they want it to go. This kind of a shot is more or less of a stunt to be deprecated. Play ordinary straight golf and that pays best in the long run.

In an up-hill lie, the weight is obviously more on the right foot than on the left, and here again follow the lay of the land, your club paralleling the ground. In extreme cases, where the up grade is very pronounced and particularly if you are standing a little below the ball—that is, with the ground sloping up away from you—and the lie is otherwise good, you can sometimes drive a very long ball with an ordinary putting cleek. In playing the up-hill lie you must make rather more of an effort to transfer the weight from the right foot to the left, otherwise you will fall back from the ball and slice it off to the right. The reason is that you are bucking into the hill. But you will often see players jump backwards.

Conversely, when playing the down-hill lie, you are apt to get the body ahead, the law of gravitation pulling the body down, with the result that the ball is driven into the ground. You will sacrifice some distance with an up-hill lie, for you must clear the hill. It is a very common failing to try to get the same distance as on level ground.—John Duncan Dunn.

ODE TO A GOLF BALL

Oh, Spotless Ball, whose beauteous lustre gleams,
 When taken from the wrappings of thy birth
 To be distorted, mauled and fished from streams,
 And driven once again from Mother Earth.
 Thy rotund form propelled from tee to tee,
 Some eighteen times pushed gently in a hole,
 Then taken out and forced again to flee
 Across the bounding fairway to thy goal.

Alas, thy life oft ended in thy youth
 With thy poor face adorned with many a blotch,
 Though useless to the average man, forsooth,
 Thy life is but a kitten to the Scotch.
 The Iron gaily smites thee with a vim
 The Putter gently taps thy weary cheek,
 Thy chances to survive are very slim,
 Thou'rt lucky if thou last throughout the week.

Perchance some keen-eyed caddie picks thee up
 And sells thee to another for a dime,
 And thou wilt help some player win a Cup
 To be once more of use as in thy prime.
 But sweeter far for thee 'twould be to rest,
 Among the brambles, rocks and mud holes deep,
 Than followed o'er the greening by some pest,
 Who hasn't got the heart to let thee sleep.

—Noel Walsh, Magog, Que.

GOLF IN NOVA SCOTIA

Ken-Wo Country Club, Kentville, Had a Most Successful Season—Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

THE annual meeting of the Ken-Wo Country Club was held at the club house November 10th, when reports of officers and committees reflected the most successful year the club has had since its inception in 1920. Financial results have been on a par with the successful sporting season, and with all expenses paid a net operating profit of \$263.52 was shown.

The report of the retiring president, Mr. H. A. Troyte-Bullock, was read by secretary-treasurer, James Brydon, and was unanimously received and adopted with great enthusiasm by the

members present who numbered upward of 50. The report, together with that of the secretary-treasurer, showed that the club's funded indebtedness is being steadily decreased, while all current expenses are being met out of revenue. Greens are being improved and minor improvements have been made to the club house. A fine parking space for cars has been provided through the generosity of ex-president George E. Graham. Total revenue for the season was \$2,487.02. The club membership now numbers exactly 100.

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Reports of the Green Committee, presented by Mr. Chesley; the House Committee, presented by Dr. W. H. Eagar; the Handicap and Match Committee, presented by Dr. Hemmeon; the Women's Handicap and Match Committee, presented by Mrs. A. G. Guest, were all unanimously adopted. Members in moving adoption of the various reports were warm

in their appreciation of the way the affairs of the club had been conducted during the season.

President Troyte-Bullock then nominated Messrs. G. H. Waterbury and J. D. Harris scrutineers and called for nominations for officers and directors. The ballots resulted as follows:

President—A. E. H. Chesley (Kentville).

Vice-President—A. G. Guest (Wolfville).

Secretary-Treasurer, James Brydon.

Directors (elected for a two-year term)—H. H. Bligh, Kentville; W. C. B. Harris, Wolfville; J. E. Hales, Wolfville; and retiring president H. Troite-Bullock.

In addition the following are directors whose term expires in 1928: Geo. E. Graham, George C. McDougall, Herbert Oyler, H. D. Johnson.

After considerable discussion a motion was carried whereby it is no longer necessary that the president of the club be chosen alternately from Kentville and Wolfville. In future, while such alternation may be observed, nevertheless the shareholders are free at any annual meeting to elect any one of their number to the highest office in the club.

President Chesley at this stage called upon retiring president Troyte-Bullock, who presented to W. A. Hanson, greenkeeper, a generous purse in appreciation for his efficient and cheerful services.

Before presenting the trophies of the season, on motion of Dr. Eagar, a standing vote of thanks was extended to retiring president Bullock and Mrs. Bullock for their successful and untiring services to the club.

The following prizes and trophies were then presented.

Men's Trophies:

1. President Troyte-Bullock Championship Cup, won by Ralph Walsh.
2. Sir Robert Borden Handicap Trophy, won by George E. Graham.
3. Oyler Shield, won by George E. Graham.

Ladies' Trophies:

1. The George E. Graham Championship Cup, won by Miss Gwen Hales; runner-up prize, Mrs. A. G. Guest.
2. The George E. Graham Handicap Cup, won by Mrs. A. H. Tully.
3. The W. H. Eagar Cup for Approaching and Putting, won by Mrs. D. R. Munro.
4. The Edith Stairs Cup for Driving, won by Mrs. H. E. Calkin.
5. The Mrs. J. Elliott-Smith Cup for Ringer Score, won by Mrs. A. G. Guest.
6. The C. L. G. U. Spoon (Bronze Division), won by Mrs. A. G. Guest.
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Votes of thanks were extended to Mr. Troyte-Bullock, to Mr. W. C. B. Harris and to Miss Edith Stairs for donation of handsome cups for annual competition.

President Chesley thanked the club for the honour showed him in the election as chief executive, and promised his best services in promoting the interests of Ken-Wo.

Coffee and refreshments were served by the ladies of the club at the conclusion of business.

GOLF FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED

(By a Medical Golfer).

JUST as it has been remarked that, for a gouty man, "the fear of a good dinner is the beginning of wisdom," so he, and also his non-gouty brethren may, in many cases, be admonished with equal advantage that "the fear of old age should be the beginning of golf," if he is not already numbered among the elect. And, if he be so, he will gladly acquiesce in this further proposition, that "the wisdom of golf is justified, in that one may fearlessly eat a good dinner afterwards!" For that many a middle-aged man owes his salvation from gout, "et hoc genus omnes" and his general physical and mental conversion and regeneration to having taken up the game of games cannot be gainsaid. At about the age of fifty a man has come to realize that it suits him better to walk than to run, and he finds it advisable for his comfort and well-being to adapt his mode of life to the altered condition due to advancing years. He has long since recognized the necessity of giving up all violent games and exercises, and, if sensible, he will bow gracefully to the internal warnings of his physical conscience, which whisper insistently that he has now nearly touched the "puffing Billy" stage and can no longer hope to rival the express speed of his juniors. But on the other hand, a menacing danger is looming ahead, for the critical epoch is approaching when the seductive allurements of a heavy luncheon, with a subsequent hour or two's nap in his club arm-chair are dangled before him by the sluggard demon Lethargy, to result in a steadily increasing waist measurement and more and more disinclination to exercise.

Should he succumb to this temptation he will, in the next few years, have run to seed, and be already an old man! So, if wise, he will rouse himself to take stock, have his various systems thoroughly overhauled and if nothing in his physical state contra-

indicate it, he may, with infinite advantage, decide to join the ranks of "golf-buffers" who have with gratitude accepted the solatium offered by the smiling goddess for their declining years. If already a golfer, at fifty he must, in the words of Mr. Harold Hilton, consider himself not only a "full-blooded veteran," but "quite an old-man golfer," and he will, with similar wisdom, now seek for an assurance that there is no just cause or impediment to interfere with his enjoyment of the game for years to come. One sometimes hears the remark that "golf is an old man's game," and harm may, in some cases result from a too hasty acceptance of such generalization; for it must be realized that to play golf regularly does undoubtedly demand a certain degree of physical fitness, especially of the circulatory system, and involves a fair amount of strain, and output of energy, the expense of which cannot, in every case, be afforded. That "a man is as old as his arteries," is an aphorism containing much truth, and it is especially in cases of premature arterial changes, resulting in hardening and loss of elasticity, and in premature degenerative changes of the heart muscle, that an optimistic opinion as to the beneficial results of the game in a middle-aged man should be avoided, and a guarded verdict, based upon the particular individual circumstances, be pronounced. In such instances the game should only be taken up, or continued, under medical sanction, and with a knowledge of the possible risks liable to be incurred from over-exertion or over-fatigue.

That sudden deaths do sometimes occur on the links from such cases is a matter of general knowledge. Whether to an ardent golfer, it may not seem worth the while to run such risk, and, should a fatality occur, whether it may not be one of the happiest and most desirable modes of handing in

one's card to Nature, are matters of individual opinion. There are, at all events, certain prudent precautions which the less robust may take to lessen the exertions of a round; a caddie will save much stooping and diminish considerably the number of foot-pounds of energy expended. A weakly or winged "old 'un" should, above all, avoid the more strenuous and hilly courses. The exertion of hill-climbing during a round becomes a very severe extra tax on a weakened heart muscle, and this has, no doubt, been in certain cases a contributory cause of fatalities, which have occurred. Also, our old friend should not be too anxious to emulate the exploits of, and get level with "the Colonel," and should curb and restrain his sometimes irascible disinclination to let other, and younger, couples go through, a tendency which is apt to disturb, unconsciously, that placid and philosophical frame of mind in which it is of importance that his round should be played. He should, in every case, accept his bad strokes with a smile, and be strictly on guard to resist, like the plague, any temptation toward ebullitions of temper which can only have the effect of still further agitating an already somewhat excited circulation. In those lamentable cases where any prolonged strain is, on account of physical condition, contraindicated, the advice to the corpulent "never to eat except between meals," may be adapted by an injunction to the weakling "never to play except between rounds," which will resolve itself into a potter about with one or two clubs within easy distance of the nineteenth hole, where a rapidly diffusing stimulant will be within reach, if required—or desired! There are, of course, as need not be emphasized, other unfortunate conditions of various organs beyond those referred to in which, alas, the playing of the game is unpermissible, and where it becomes necessary to bow to the inevitable and accept it philosophically and with resignation.

Where, however, (as is happily the case in the majority of middle-aged

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men), golf is not only permissible but highly advisable, it is largely to its effect on the blood and on the central nervous system that the salutary results of the game are due. Golf may in fact, aptly be described as the great metamorphoser, metaboliser, and metabolisher of megrims and melancholy from middle-aged mandarins and others, page Mr. Leo Maxse! The life-stream, great replenisher and restorer of that nerve energy which is the fount and main-spring of all mental and physical activity, is kept purified and enriched by the increased action of two of the principal excretory organs, the skin and the lungs; and this, combined with the in-taking of large additional volumes of oxygen through the stimulated respiratory movements, cannot fail to exercise a highly beneficial effect upon the general condition of all the vital organs, and to maintain them in a state of plus-efficiency. Also the important chemical changes and inter-changes constantly taking place in various internal glands whose functions are of great significance in

the eternal economy, are enhanced by the favourable conditions of regular and moderate exercise in pure air which golf affords. The tendency, so apt to be present in middle-aged, sedentary men, to unhealthy deposition of fat in various situations, is also discouraged and superfluous "adipose" rapidly disposed of, as if in a living destructor! But, above all, to quote the words of Lord Jersey, in a recent and admirable letter to the "Evening News," it is not the game itself which is so valuable, but that feeling of joy and freedom which it produces, and which enables a man to face the troubles of life with courage and success." For it is through its effects on the brain, and more especially on those higher levels of the brain whose possession and development singles out man from the other higher animals, that golf proves itself such an invaluable blessing to its votaries, whether young, middle-aged, or old. The nerve centers are constantly and agreeably stimulated and enthused with new intensity and fervor, not only by the increased call for action involved by the muscular movements required, but also through the vivid participation of the great "association-centers" in all that pertains to the game.

Every golf idea, every delightful anticipation of games to come, every

pleasant recollection of games past, the sense of pride in achievement and conquest over difficulties, the cheering discovery that one is not too old to learn, that there are still untilled fields in the brain only awaiting cultivation—all involve a brisk and bubbling output of fresh molecular energy among the millions of marvel-cells in the grey matter, staving off, ad infinitum, the process of rusting and senile degeneration, keeping the edge of the mind stropped keen, and buoying up the heart with the delicious *joie de vivre* that the old golfer, well into his seventies, can still share with his gay and laughing grandchildren. So we find the old "golf-buffer," with few exceptions, a ruddy-faced, healthy, cheerful and essentially young-for-his-age optimist, with happiness writ large on his countenance, whose brain complexes are of the gladsome rather than the morbid, snarling and pessimistic type. And even up to the eighties he may be seen playing several rounds a week, with supreme faith that life is still worth the living, so though, in the words of the Harrow song, "feeble of foot and rheumatic of shoulder," he will still continue to "follow through" until the day comes, when, with a smile at "Bogey Death," he prepares cheerfully to follow on "the Colonel" to the happy golfing grounds above. —"The Fairway."

BOBBY JONES GETS A HOUSE AND LOT

IN the past it has often been the good fortune of a professional who won an Open Championship in the States to be presented with an automobile or a handsome purse of money. Amateurs have on the other hand generally been given a life membership in their club or a piece of plate. It remained for the "Champion of Champions," Bobby Jones, to put up a new record for the amateurs. Last week he was tendered a banquet by hundreds of his admirers in Atlanta, Ga. and was presented with a fund of many thousands of dollars to be expended by him in a house and lot of his own selection in his home town. The Royal and Ancient game has certainly been kind to Bobby. When constructed, his new residence might well be described as "The House That Golf Built."

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THE ELUSIVE CHIP SHOT

ONE of the shots which I find most elusive to play at golf is the short, high pitch with the mashie or mashie-niblick, says Sir Ernest Holderness, former British Amateur Champion, in writing for "Golf Illustrated," of London, England.

All golf shots are, of course, elusive; they were here yesterday, but are gone to-day; at least, that is the impression which one gathers from the conversations of golfers about their play yesterday and their performances to-day. But a short chip-shot is particularly annoying, because it is such a little fellow that if one ever does succeed in playing it well one would think that one should be able to maintain one's mastery over it. It is the shot at which, after much practice in one's garden, one may become quite apt, but as soon as one returns to the links and suddenly is brought face to face with it at a critical juncture, one bungles it as badly as one ever did before. It is the habit of the little fellow to be naughty. "I's wicked, I's; I's mighty wicked; but anyhow I can't help it." In the garden he behaves so sweetly, hopping over rhododendron bushes and rose pergolas and alighting on the small patch of grass with a patness which Puck would envy.

But, like Puck, you cannot rely upon him when you really want him. So

much depends upon his lie. If he sits upon a nice, soft, cushy bed which enables you to smack him underneath, he hops up with wonderful ease; but if he is a very tight couchant in a cuppy lie you cannot hit him where he ought to be hit, and so he will not go properly.

When one plays in one's own garden and can manufacture one's own rules one can tee him up to suit oneself, but on the links this is not allowed and he generally takes full opportunity of lying as close as he can. Another reason why this type of shot is so elusive is that nowadays the number of times it makes its appearance is comparatively limited. The great size of modern greens and the absence of cross bunkers has largely abolished it: it appears only when one has strayed from the fairway or when the greenkeeper, in a waggish or liverish mood, has cut the hole next door to a wing bunker. One therefore loses familiarity with it, and plays it accordingly with timidity and poor result.

I often wonder, says Sir Ernest Holderness, why more approaching courses are not laid out. They can be made very attractive, as is shown by the courses at North Foreland and the All Weather Golf School at Kensington. It should, of course, be the rule of any such courses that the ball shall never be teed: the course at the All

Weather Golf School is difficult enough as it is, but how much more difficult and true to real life it would be if the ball had to be dropped and not teed. Had this been the rule at the Ladies vs. Men match, which took place on this course in the autumn, the test provided by the match would have been a much severer one, not only on the players' skill, but on their polite vocabularies. The chief quality, I think, for playing these shots is a good touch and a "steely wrist." Women have as good a touch as men, but the average woman golfer is probably not as good as the average male golfer because she has not the second attribute to the same extent that he has.

The snap with which a good professional plays a short, high approach is very noticeable, and indeed there are few amateur golfers, men or women, who can imitate it. The great triumvirate, Braid, Vardon and Taylor, had all exceptional strength of wrist, and who could have played these shots better than they did? One critic of the Ladies vs. Men match remarked that the ladies tended to play their approach shots at a lower trajectory than the men. Probably they had to let the left wrist and arm move forward at impact sooner than they ought to do. In order to loft the ball sharply the left hand must not move forward at

impact until the right hand has driven the club-head through first. Possibly also they make a more pronounced movement with their body in the swing and allow its weight to shift forward too soon, with the result that the stroke is slurred and the loft of the club not properly utilized. Had they more strength in their wrists and forearms they might not be so apt to do this.

These comments might suggest that a short pitch shot is purely a wrist shot. It is, of course, nothing of the kind. Anyone who endeavours to play a short pitch purely with the wrists is doomed to ignoble failure. A friend of mine who has a handicap in double figures recently told me that the soundest advice which he had ever received on the playing of these shots was to take the club-head back low with a comparatively straight left arm, with fairly taught wrists and a slight pivot of the body. This does not suggest that the wrists play an important part in the stroke, and yet it is only by taking the club back on these lines that the wrists can be given proper scope of action. As in all golf shots the wrists are the last to come into action on the downswing, but when they do come in they should be decisive. The firmer we play these little shots, the less chance they have of eluding us.

HANDICAP MAY NOT BE CHANGED

THE Editor is in receipt of the following letter from a Toronto golfer (the second of a similar character received this month):

"Would you be good enough to give me a ruling on the following point:

A handicap event has been started, with handicaps allotted. Is it correct to change the original handicaps of competitors in an event while the event is still unfinished? A man qualifies with an 18 handicap. Subsequent cards reduce his handicap to 16. After playing a round or two in the competition at 18 his handicap on the draw sheet is changed to 16.

I can understand his handicap for any subsequent events would be 16, but my contention is that for the original competition he plays through at 18. Am I right, please?"

Answer—Handicaps must not be changed during a competition. Only after a competition is completed can the change be made. This is the universal and accepted custom.—Ed. "Canadian Golfer."

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IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

Interesting Happenings on the Golf Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Overseas Dominions

The final match for the Hara Championship Cup of the St. Catharines Golf Club was played between Dr. H. Buchanan and Tom Beatty, resulting in a win for Dr. Buchanan. This is the third time in four years Dr. Buchanan, who is also well known in the Seniors' Association, has won this cup, which was presented to the club by Mr. Fred. N. Hara, of St. Catharines.

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Bill Barr, professional for the Glen Oaks Golf Club, set a new record for the Langara Golf Course of Vancouver on October the 19th, when he toured the 18 holes in 70 strokes. It was the first time that par of 72 has been broken. J. McQueen, F. F. Kennedy and R. Mottishaw were playing with Barr when he established the new mark. The amateur record is held by Charlie McCadden with 73.

Barr played steady golf. Only three times was he over par—the eighth, eleventh and eighteenth holes. He shot five birdies, getting them on the fifth, sixth, seventh, twelfth and thirteenth holes. Here is his card:

Out 4,4,4, 5,2,4, 3,5,4=35
In 3,5,4, 4,3,4, 3,4,5=35=70

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Mr. Hugh Halsell, of Sleepy Hollow, Champion of the U. S. Seniors, gained another title when he captured the championship at the first meeting of the Westchester County Seniors at the Rockwood Hall Country Club. Mr. Halsell turned in a score of 160, heading the next best score, made by Mr. George Folk, of Wykagill, by six strokes. Mr. Jerome Peck, of Apawamis, who is also well known to Canadians, competed along with the Champions in Class B, returning a splendid score of 179, which was only bettered in Class B by Mr. Halsell.

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The annual meeting of the Deer Park Golf and Country Club, Limited, of Grimsby, has just been held, when

a very successful season was reported upon. The club is more popular than ever and a larger number of players were in evidence than in any previous



A particularly good photo of Miss Helen Payson, Portland, Maine, winner of the Canadian Open Ladies' Championship. This picture was "snapped" at the Lambton Golf and Country Club immediately after she won the Championship last month. It was taken by Mrs. Sidney R. Cook, of Jackson Heights, L. I., a former well-known member of Lambton, who most kindly forwarded it to the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer." Miss Payson is seen holding the Duchess of Connaught Gold Challenge Cup and also the replica.

year. The President reported that a very large amount of work had been done on the greens and that they would compare favourably with the best links in the country.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. C. Wouters, President; Mr. S. T. Creet, Vice-President; Mr. S. F. Williams, Cap-

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The return match between the Powell River Golf Club and the Point Grey Golf Club, of Vancouver, took place on the Point Grey golf course on Sunday, September 18th. About 20 Powell River golfers played in the match against a like number representing the Point Grey Club. Sunday morning being taken up by foursomes, with singles in the afternoon. Point Grey obtained their revenge for the defeat they had suffered at Powell River, for they gathered a total of 44 points to the River team's 19.

The afternoon matches were followed by some very exciting battles at the 19th hole, and after everyone had given his alibi, about 50 Point Grey and Powell river golfers sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, presided over by Jim McGeer, the Point Grey Captain. After lots of good food, liquid refreshments, singing, speeches and stories, some good ones too, the party broke up, and cars were placed at the disposal of the Powell River boys to convey them to the "Princess Royal," to return to Powell River.

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A despatch from Los Angeles, October 31st:

"Death ended yesterday a father's golf lessons to his son. The accident occurred when Donald Wesley, 12, missed a golf ball and the club struck his father, Ben H. Wesley, on the head. The father had been teaching his son the correct way to drive."

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The annual tea and awarding of prizes to the ladies of the Sarnia Golf Club was held the afternoon of October 17th at the club house. Mrs. R. G. R. McDonald, convener of the house committee, poured tea and after a social half hour Mrs. T. C. McCobb, President of the Club, presented the prizes which were won as follows: The Club Championship, the Pardee Cup, by Mrs. A. N. Hayes; runner-up, Mrs. W. S. Hunt. The Championship Consolation, by Mrs. R. G. R. McDonald. The McWhinney Cup, by Mrs. W. S. Hunt; runner-up, Miss Dorothy Carlisle. The Kiene Cup, by Mrs. R. G. R. McDonald; the Hayes Junior Cup by Miss Jessie Barr; the L. G. U. silver spoon by Mrs. W. S. Hunt. Bronze Spoon by Mrs. R. G. R. McDonald. The Milne Cup, for the best net score, by Mrs. W. S. Hunt. The Hayes Cup for the four best gross scores, Mrs. W. S. Hunt. Driving Competition, by Mrs. Harry Watson; Belton Cup for approaching and putting, by Mrs. A. N. Hayes. Flag Competition by Mrs. R. G. R. McDonald. Ringer Competition by Mrs. W. S. Hunt. Watson Medal, by Mrs. W. S. Hunt.

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The Golf Circle of the Canadian Club, New York City, concluded the season's activities at the Westchester Biltmore Club last month, when some fifty players teed off for the final match. One record was made during the day which will stand for ever in the annals of the Golf Circle, it occurred when one player made 12 holes in one, the explanation being that his tee shot from the fourth zoomed over a hill to find the cup on the sixteenth green. The golf circle of the Canadian Club has become a very valuable and popular addition to the facilities provided the members of this well known institution. This year no less than eight tournaments were conducted at various golf clubs in the Metropolitan District. The 1927 champion is Mr. S. B. Hatfield, who has played a consistent game throughout the season.

Leo Diegel, of Fenimore, N. Y., former Canadian Open Champion, has re-

tained the Middle Atlantic Open Golf Championship which was played this year at Washington. Diegel's victory came after a tie with Fred. McLeod, of the Columbia Country Club, Leo winning out by one stroke in the 18-hole play-off. Diegel was a popular Canadian Champion, and his many friends here will be glad to see him retain the Mid-Atlantic honours.

Mrs. E. W. Whittington captured the championship of the Ladies' Section of the Toronto Golf Club for the third year in succession by defeating Miss Cecil Smith in the final. There were twenty-eight entrants for the title. In the competition for the Lady White cup for non-qualifiers, Mrs. Eric Ryerson was the winner and Mrs. J. L. Coulson, the runner-up.

The match between the Saskatoon Golf Club and the Saskatchewan University proved to be one of the most interesting events of the Sas-

katoon golfing year. The University was well represented by both Professors and students, but brains bowed before brawn and the Club won the honours of the day, play consisting of foursome matches. It was a wonderful outing for all concerned, play continuing for the full nineteen holes, the latter being featured by the perfect follow through shown by all participants, the rumour being that the faculty members had the better of this hole.

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The members of the Gorsebrook Golf Club of Halifax, celebrated a most successful season, when they gathered for a prize presentation tea at the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Dolan won the Lieut.-Governor Tory Cup, emblematic of the ladies' championship, and Mr. George P. Laidlaw was the winner of the club championship, in addition to several monthly competitions. Col. H. F. Adams, President of the Club, presided at the meeting, the presentation of prizes being carried out by Mayor J. B. Kenny in his usual effective manner.

During the course of the afternoon Col. Adams announced that six new silver cups had been offered for competition within the club, the donors of these trophies being W. L. Kane, Vice-President; W. A. Affleck, Honorary Secretary, and President Adams. These cups will be competed for in the monthly handicap matches and must be won three years by any one player before the cup becomes the permanent property of any golfer. Three of the cups have been presented for competition among the ladies and three for the gentlemen's matches. All these trophies were accepted on behalf of the club by H. M. Wylie, the club captain.

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Next year the British Walker Cup Team will play the United States for possession of the Walker Cup (which

has been won by the States on every occasion), and it is quite on the cards that the team may return by Montreal and play a friendly match with the leading amateurs of Canada. Such an event would be quite the feature of the 1928 season.

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The venue for the Canadian Amateur and Open Championships for 1928 will not be definitely decided upon until the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, to be held early in the year. They were both held in Ontario this year. In 1928 Montreal and Ottawa will probably be "in the field" for these two outstanding events.

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A point of considerable interest to golfers, but of not much legal difficulty, was recently raised before His Honour Judge Macpherson in the Cheltenham (England) County Court. In that case a golfer lawfully playing on a course on common land, drove his ball from a tee through the wind-screen of a motor car that had been placed on the common. Thereupon the owner of the car brought an action against the golfer, alleging negligence and lack of skill, and it is not surprising that his claim failed. Where a road or a footpath crosses a golf course it is naturally the duty of any person playing on such a course to satisfy himself that before striking the ball no danger will be incurred by any person or vehicle lawfully passing or repassing on the road or path. But a motorist who parks his car on a common where golfers lawfully play can be in no better position than a spectator at a match or competition who is hit by a ball. And in such a case, as the learned judge pointed out, the idea of a spectator who was hit by a sliced ball bringing an action for damages against the golfer would reduce the question to an absurdity.

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Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd (formerly British, U. S. and Canadian Champion), is planning a trip to Scotland this winter and will play over some of the famous courses there.

Mrs. F. E. Dubois played remarkable golf over the Westchester Biltmore course to win the U. S. Women's Senior Championship with a double round of 167. This was Mrs. Dubois' first Senior Championship. It must be remembered that the women folk make those eligible who have reached forty-five, a full ten years under the men's Senior limit. Mrs. S. S. Laird was runner-up with 173. Miss Bishop, the defending champion, finished in third place.

Commenting on Mr. Rudyard Kipling's recent observation that he proposes to delay taking up golf until he is eighty-five, as he is still possessed of some ideas, J. H. Taylor recalls some interesting points regarding the great writer's connection with North Devon. Readers of "Stalky & Co.," that immortal story of school life, will remember that the scene is laid at Westward Ho! and the many escapades that Beetle, McTurk and Co. indulged in took place on the burrows, where the links are situated.

"Mr. Kipling," Taylor continues, "dedicated his book to Mr. Conrad Price, the headmaster. A dear, gentle soul; I often caddied for him, as I did for Messrs. Prout, King, Hartopp and the padre, the Rev. George Wills. I am glad that Mr. Kipling painted the character of Colonel Dabney in such lovable colours, even when the conspirators were caught on his land badger hunting. 'The Colonel' hides the identity of General Molesworth, a kindly but rather fussy old golfer whom it was a delight to serve."

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The Lingan Country Club, of Sydney, brought the season's schedule of events to a close by a field day of mixed foursomes, play being followed by presentation of the many prizes won during the year. President John A. Young occupied the chair during the presentation ceremonies and reviewed the successful activities just concluded. Reports were also presented by Judge W. Crowe, Chairman of the Green Committee; Mr. William McInnis, Chairman of the House Committee, and Mrs. W. A. G. Hill, President of the Ladies' Executive. The winners of important club events

were: Club Championship, Mr. J. S. Nairn; Ladies' Championship, Mrs. C. R. Lowray; Handicap Championship, Class A, Mr. H. P. Emerson; Class B., Mr. P. G. Hall; Junior Cup, William Kelley.



Miss Isobel Scarsbrook, with Cup, and Mrs. I. Greenizen, winner and runner-up of the beautiful Coulson-Lyle Cup, emblematic of the Ladies' Championship of the Glenview Golf and Country Club, Petrolia, Ontario.

The Seattle Golf Club's team achieved the apparently impossible when they managed to bring off a one-point victory over the Victoria Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., in the annual team match for the Stirrat trophy.

Starting the final half of the match at the Seattle Golf Club, the home team was 31 points down, but they

scored 17 points to their opponents' 3 in the singles and then went on to count up 19 to the Victorians' single point in the foursomes in the afternoon, to gain their victory.

Another Victoria team met defeat when the Rainier Golf and Country Club players out-scored the Colwood Golf and Country Club men by 19 points, to wipe out a 12 point deficit, and take possession of the Langlie Cup on the basis of points scored in this year's matches.

Mr. George P. Shaw, formerly of Toronto and latterly with the Golf Ball Division of the Goodyear Rubber Company, has now taken over charge of sales in California for the Burke Golf Company. In writing the "Canadian Golfer" this month, he states that he will be very pleased to look after any of the Canadian professionals attending the big Los Angeles tournament this winter. His address is 643 South Olive Street, Los Angeles.

The championship of the Guelph Country Club was won this year by Mr. F. R. Ramsay, and the Handicap Cup by Rev. S. Buchanan Carey. In the Ladies' Section Mrs. John Wallace was the winner of the club title and Miss Muriel Laing won the handicap event at the annual field day. The Driving Competition was won by Mr. R. S. Clark and the putting by Rev. S. B. Carey. Miss Laing won the Ladies' Driving Competition and Miss Jennie Roberts won the Putting prize. The Mixed Foursome Competition for the "Matrimonial" Cup was won by Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace.

Willie Burke, of the Blind Brook Club, Port Chester, has just won the all professional best-ball competition at Pinehurst with his partner, Johnny Connell, assistant at Baltusrol in a field that included Cyril Walker and Jim Barnes; Macdonald Smith and Emmet French; Leo Diegel and Fred McLeod. The winners scored 70 in the morning and 63 in the afternoon,

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after playing the last four holes in eleven strokes. Burke will be remembered as the dark horse at the Canadian Open this summer, his card of 68 in the last round almost placing him in first place with a total of 290, which was only bettered by the Champion, Tommy Armour, and Macdonald Smith. Burke's style in the Canadian Open was the occasion of much favourable comment, and it was freely predicted that more would be heard from him this coming year. His showing at Pinehurst may be taken as another indication that he will feature in some of the big tournaments in the South this winter.

Johnny Farrell, so well known on Canadian courses, who is generally voted the best putter in America, uses altogether the "pendulum swing." He says:

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The Mexico Golf Association will hold its 1927 Amateur Golf Championship on December 8 to 12 on the courses of the Mexico City Country Club and the Chapultepec Heights Country Club. The qualifying rounds will be held on the first two days and the match play rounds on the last three days. The Ladies' Golf Championship will be staged on the same dates and at the same courses. A replica of the Championship Cup will

be awarded to the winner and the Association will provide suitable prizes for the side events. A number of social events will take place during the tournaments and the bull-fighting season will be in full blast in the largest bull ring in the world. Special

railroad and hotel rates are available to visitors by the National Railways of Mexico. The Secretary of the Mexico Golf Association is Dr. Horace G. Whittlesey, Cala Santa, No. 11, Mexico City, and entries can be addressed to him.

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THE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Jan. 6-7-8—Los Angeles \$10,000 Open Golf Tournament, Los Angeles, California.

Jan. 16-20.—Mid-winter Tournament Miami Country Club, Miami, Fla.

Jan. 17-21.—Halifax Tournament, Ormond Beach Golf Club, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Jan. 24-28.—Florida East Coast Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

Jan. 30-Feb. 4.—Twenty-fourth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament, Pinehurst C. C., Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 6-11.—Ormond Beach Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 11-13.—South Florida Championship, Palm Beach Golf Club, Palm Beach, Florida.

Feb. 22-25.—Eighth Annual Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst C. C., Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 27-March 2.—Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 27-March 3.—Twenty-fourth Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C.

March 29-30.—Twenty-sixth Annual North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

May 7.—British Open Championship, Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich.

May 21.—British Amateur Championship, Prestwick Club, Ayrshire.

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