

THE QUEENSLANDERS

LEAN brown lords of the Brisbane beaches,
Little-limbed kings of the Culgoa bends,
Princes that ride where the Roper reaches,
Captains that camp where the gray Gulf ends—
Never such goodly men together
Marched since the kingdoms first made war;
Nothing so proud as the Etna Feather
Waved in an English wind before!

Andor and faith of those keen brown faces!
Challenge and strength of those big brown hands!
Eyes that have flashed upon wide-rung spaces!
Chins that have conquered in fierce far lands!
Flood could not disquiet them, Drought could not break them;
Deep in their hearts is still their sun's own fire;
Blood of their own blood, England, take them!
These are the words of the soul's desire!

WILL H. OGDEN, in *The Spectator*.THE INFLUENCE OF GOLF
LINKS ON CLASS OF
GAME

THERE is little doubt but that the peculiarities of particular links are prone to have a strong bearing upon the class of game that its devotees are inclined to develop. Although it may not naturally follow that a player who hails from a certain course will of necessity produce a stamp of game which bears a certain resemblance to that of his fellow golfers from that particular centre, still there are similarities to be found in the manner in which they all play certain individual strokes, and, moreover, in their partiality for the playing of strokes in a certain defined way.

As an instance, the course at St. Andrews invariably leaves a strong imprint upon the game of those who originally learned the rudiments thereon. Every golfer who has hailed from St. Andrews is, more or less, a master of the running approach, and one occasionally finds comparatively indifferent players running the ball up to the hole over hill and dale with a degree of ease and accuracy which is in every way worthy of the leading exponents of the game. To many players this shot—which has to commence its career with a slight luff, and then upon landing career over undulating ground as if there were no such things as hills and hollows to impede its progress—appears an extremely difficult one to play, as they find that for some reason or other the ball has a habit of refusing to run up the hills in the correct and orthodox manner, and in place of proceeding on its journey with smoothness and dispatch will persist in catching all the possible obstructions which happen to be in the way.

ILL-FORTUNE IN LIES

For their failure they will, without hesitation, blame the combination of the lie of the ground and ill-fortune. But the expert St. Andrews player will tell them that the failure was due to neither the peculiarities of the ground nor to ill luck, but simply to the fact that the ball was not struck in a manner essential for the playing of such a stroke, for it is invariably fatal to play the shot in the manner in which so many approach shots have to be played—that is, by imparting spin to the ball. And it must be acknowledged that the majority of golfers do attempt to play the shot in this manner, mainly for the reason that they know no other, and it is true that a ball played with spin is more apt to be influenced by the inequalities in the ground than the ball played without spin.

Old-time Scotch golfers will tell you that the correct way to play this running shot is with what they term the rising stroke, which, it is presumed, means its upward journey by the time it meets the ball. But to the modern way of thinking this is a peculiarly difficult method of striking the ball with any degree of accuracy, as there is a strong inclination to raise the head at the time of striking, and this action will inevitably result in a half-topped or topped shot. On the other hand, however, the fact of half-topping the ball will, no doubt, have much the same effect as if it was struck absolutely correctly; in truth, more than one instructor on the game has been known to advise his pupil to half-top the shot—a piece of advice which would certainly appear to err on the dangerous side, as there is so very little margin for error between the half-topped shot and the badly topped one.

RUNNING APPROACH SHOTS

Among the present generation of golfers, one but seldom comes across a player who manipulates this running approach in the same neat, accurate manner that the old school of golfer was wont to. This may be due to the fact that the present-day resilient ball makes the playing of the shot a comparatively simple affair. In the days of the hard resisting ball the playing of the running approach was a much more difficult and complex affair than it is nowadays, as it was something of a feat to induce the gutta-percha ball to run along the ground for any great distance, and the shot played with any appreciable amount of spin imparted to it would of a surety give up the ghost upon meeting the first obstacle in its path. To-day there are more approach shots played on the running method than there ever were in times of old. One remarkable thing in connexion with this stroke is that the absolute beginner appears to find little difficulty in playing it. He may be wrong in his judgement of distance

and inaccurate in his sense of direction, but the problem of making the ball run truly over small obstructions presents no terrors to him. It is only when he has once learned to impart underspin to a ball that he realizes the difficulty of playing a shot which is better when brought off without it.

Not long since a player was observed turning in the head of his club deliberately, with the avowed intention of correcting a tendency to sky his drives, and the only consequence of his novel remedy was that he now skied his drives off the top edge of the face instead of off the centre, with even worse consequences than before. Luckily it is not generally a matter of any difficulty for a player to tell when the clubhead is not meeting the ball properly. The very feel of the stroke ought to warn him, and a little more carefulness in grip and swing should put the matter right.

On the other hand, it may be due to mere twisting of the clubhead, but to some error in the swing itself. If the lower edge of the club plays whack on the ground behind the ball, the most likely explanation is that the player is standing too close up to his ball. Curiously enough, this error is often found to be accompanied by a tendency toward pulling; but a little consideration makes this scarcely so hard to understand. The clubhead cannot continue along its original line, because the player is standing so close to the ball that the clubhead to do so would require to pass into the ground. Since it cannot do this, it is forced to pass outward a little, and it is this stroke which is the occasion of the pulled ball.

If the player endeavors to correct this by drawing himself up, or by drawing his hands in toward his body just before the club reaches the ball, he will assuredly find himself slicing as well. In fact, the minor errors which are wont to accompany the great error of taking ground are endless in their variety. Andrew Kirkaldy is reported to have expressed his contempt for what he calls "polka" golfers—the kind that play first off the heel, and then off the toe. There are quite a few players in this class, who sin simply through carelessness; and then they wonder why only a few of their drives travel any distance.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Aug. 22.
The Misses Sadie and Jessie Gardner, of Red Beach, Me., are visiting Mrs. James A. Stuart.

Miss Hazel Lambert entertained a number of her friends on Monday evening.

Mr. George E. Richardson has lately purchased a new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenlaw were visitors to Lubec on Wednesday.

A number of our people visited St. Andrews on Field day.

Mr. B. G. Morang is at present doing mason work at Letite.

The people in Lords Cove were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Mr. John F. Conley, of Leonardville, on Tuesday.

GRAND HARBOR, G. M.

Aug. 21.
Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hogan, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dakin, returned to their home in Boston last week.

Mrs. B. H. Cronk, Mrs. Edward Sawyer and daughter, Mrs. Grace Titus, and Mrs. Wm. Cronk returned by Stmr. *Grand Manan*, on Saturday from Lubec, where they had been visiting relatives.

Miss Iva Dakin spent a few days last week with friends in St. Stephen.

Miss Kathleen Wooster, who has been spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wooster, left last Monday to resume her school in Winnipeg.

Miss Estella Ramsdell, of Eastport, was the guest of Mrs. L. E. Foster for a few days last week.

The U. Baptist Sunday School held their annual picnic last Tuesday on the "ten acre." A large crowd was present, and not only the children and young people, but the older ones, joined in the sports. At six o'clock the tables were spread, and all sat down to satisfy the inner man. This was pronounced by all to be one of the best picnics of the season.

The Misses Beatrice and Shirley Ingalls, of Lubec, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lakeman.

The Misses Fleda Ingersoll and Gwendolyn Zwicker have returned home after a very pleasant visit with friends in Lubec and Eastport.

MOST PICTURESQUE GOLF
COURSE IN THE WORLD

What is said to be the most picturesque golf course in the world is St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, Canada. Three distinct views of the ocean are to be had from different parts of the course. It is flanked by mountain peaks and is the Mecca of many golfers in Eastern Canada. Nearby the country is wild and is fine hunting ground for moose. A number of improvements have been made in the course preparatory to some events which are to be held during the season, proceedings of which will be devoted to war relief uses. This course, as well as the other courses in Canada, is being more and more used. At the beginning of the war and for some little time there was not so much golf played. The Canadians are finding out as others have that golf tends to keep one fit and consequently the Canadian courses are again showing normal attendance.—*Golfers' Magazine*, Chicago.

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