

## Sane Distances

SOME green committees seem to think that on tournament days the course should be stretched to an extreme limit by placing the markers on the very back brink of the teeing grounds; indeed, in some instances the markers are set so far back that the players scarcely can find a safe footing. Most holes should be provided with two or three teeing grounds to be used under varying conditions, but there is no reason why only the back-grounds should be used on tournament days. The placing of the markers should be governed entirely by the velocity and direction of the wind and the condition of the fairway, for frequently holes lose their values under certain conditions, when the rear teeing grounds are played from. For example, a hole may present a very pretty two-shot problem under normal conditions, but if the wind be contrary, or the fairway slow, the grounds may be out of the reach of two shots; as a consequence, that hole becomes a three-shot hole, too, for it is likely that two long balls will fall short of getting home, leaving a short chipped approach or a mashie pitch.

## Resort Courses

THE players over-resort courses are becoming most fastidious. They insist upon courses of merit. A dozen years ago when a hotel was opened up for the season the boss would send out the hired man with a scythe to cut the greens before the 'bus came in with the first arrivals. But they can't succeed with the old style hotel course in these days. The players refuse to accept poor playgrounds, and although it is costly business to build and maintain a course, yet it seems to be good business for the proprietors of the golf hotels are prospering.

For example consider the best known resorts in America today, and you will find that the proprietors are exerting every effort to the improvement and maintenance of their golf courses. The guests insist on modern golf.

Pick up any advertisement and you will find the golf course advertised almost as prominently as the hotel itself. But aside from the actual necessity of the hotel links, the amount of its upkeep might be applied to advertising and yet possess but a fractional value of the publicity provided by golf.

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