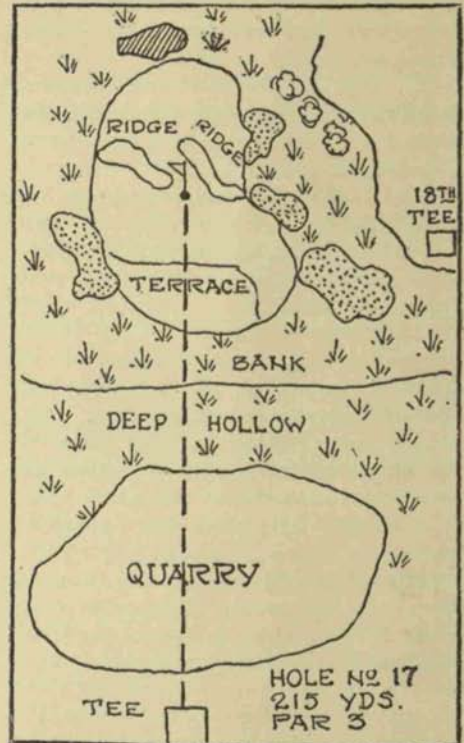
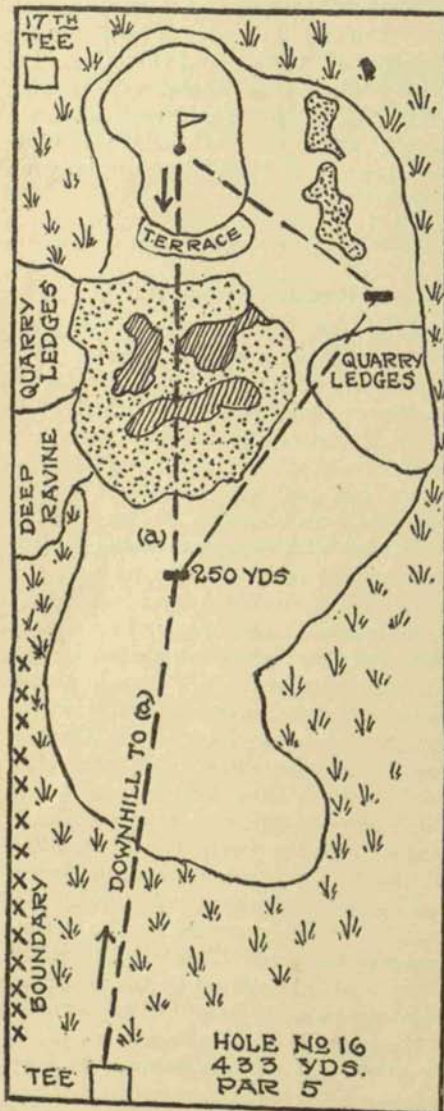


### The Quarry Holes at Merion

WE often hear golfers express the opinion that the last three holes on the East Course at Merion constitute the finest "finish" on any course in America. There is always a difference of opinion regarding such a statement, but no capable judge of golf holes can deny the fine variety of shots and test of skill and nerve presented to the golfer here. Nature has had her hand



in their beauty and uniqueness, but those responsible for the architectural work deserve praise for availing themselves so well of the wonderful opportunity afforded. On each hole the quarry spells disaster to a shot the least faulty, and many is the match that has been lost or won on these crucial holes.

Probably the best known of the three is the sixteenth (see accompanying cut) although to our mind the seventeenth is the real "gem."

Number sixteen, 433 yards, demands a fine drive down hill and a very accurately placed iron shot up hill and over the quarry to the green. The approach has been cut through a rocky hill in the shape of a broad excavation, and to the left the ground drops away again into the harassing quarry. The hill to the right presents bare ledges of rock, enough to terrify even the soundest nerves. Between the ledges the flight of the straight shot is over

sand and mound to a decidedly tricky green, well raised in the back, which gives plenty of trouble and thought to the player—who has to get down in two. An alternate is given on this hole to the weaker player, however, which is as it should be, and if he so desires he can play around to the right and lose a stroke.

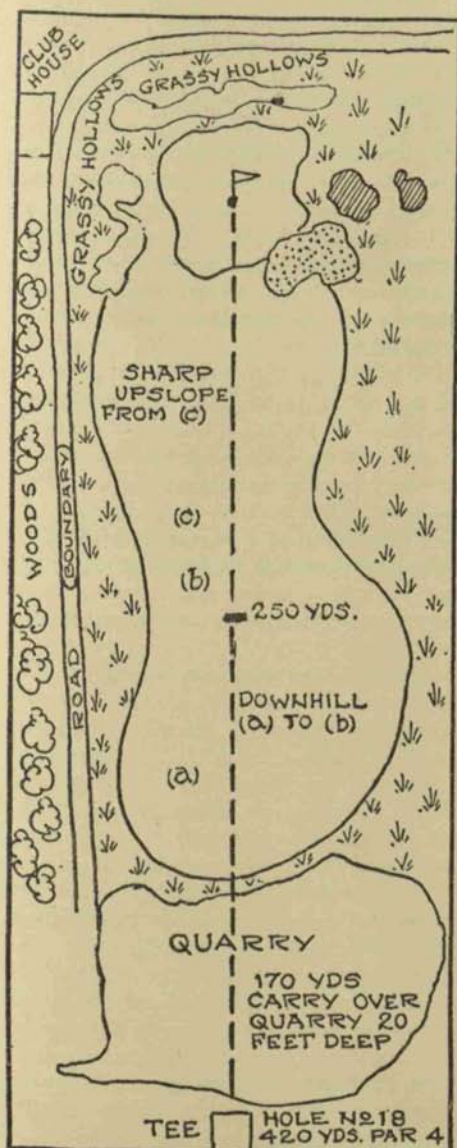
To our mind no course in America boasts a finer one shot hole than the

seventeenth, 215 yards long, over the quarry again, the terraced green being well below the altitude of the tee. The green is not too large, splendidly trapped and presents a most difficult problem to the man who is not specially accurate with wood or long irons. We did not see many shots squarely on this green during the championship and thankful indeed was the player who holed his three.

On the eighteenth, 420 yards, over the quarry again on the drive, there is ample trouble to the left and right and around the green to make the hole an excellent test for a close finish. A carry on the drive of over 160 yards is necessary to land one safely across the quarry, but if this is accomplished the ball reaches a down hill slope which extends to 250 yards. To anything but a terrifically long drive this slope will furnish a hanging lie for the second shot, a good iron to the green which must be carried, since it lies quite high. This green is well protected on all sides, a big trap at the right hand corner being particularly severe on a sliced approach.

In passing we would like to say that, despite the long period of drought, which lasted for weeks before the championship, the Merion course was in wonderful condition for the event, and those responsible are deserving of the highest praise.

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Owing to the fact that the surface of the soil always sinks after drains have been placed in a putting green, it will be necessary to fill up the hollows thus formed by adding more soil later. It is therefore advisable to plan to lay all drains in a green as long before the time of seeding as possible, thereby allowing sufficient time for the soil to reach its natural level and an opportunity given to bring the entire surface up to normal.