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## Parallel Holes

ONE of the most noticeable improvements which Modern Golf Architecture has brought over that of previous days is in regard to the elimination of parallel holes.

Early American Courses were laid out without very much thought of this, and there was rarely any provision made to close off the Greens from strokes played from adjoining Fairways, which should have been penalized. The Fairways were usually divided only by a strip of rough grass which caught a ball slightly off the line, but handicapped in no way the player who "pulled" or "sliced" sufficiently to run through it and on to the parallel Fairway. This state of affairs is today considered inexcusable, and the up-to-date Golf Architect, with over 100 acres available for his layout, is ingenious enough to avoid the paralleling of holes, although his task is certainly more difficult if the shape of the property happens to be nearly square.

Property today is becoming so valuable, especially in the neighborhood of the larger Cities, that the committee in

charge of building a new Course should realize how much money can be saved by securing the advice of a first class Golf Architect, even before deciding definitely on the piece of land which is to be used. One tract might contain considerably less acreage than another, and still offer much better opportunities for the building of a first class Course. The selection should be left to the Architect. With only 100 acres it is often hard to avoid parallels in some holes, especially when one considers that it is most important to have the 9th and 18th Greens close to the Club House.

The modern Golf Architect expresses his ingenuity by dog-legging and twisting the Fairways, thus avoiding straight parallels. Inaccurate shots are punished, of course, by trapping the Greens severely on the side adjacent to the parallel Fairway, thus making it practically impossible to hold a shot on the green, which is played from a lie off the proper course.

My boy, if you happen to finish

In a fairly respectable score,  
Don't recite its details in the club-house,  
For there're some who have done it  
before.

PROFESSIONALS and greenkeepers frequently request us to advise them where they can secure situations. We shall be glad to furnish the names of competent men.