course so he won't waste strokes by hack-
ing with hope rather than sense. The book
gives considerable detail on equipment so
the average player will understand more
about the purposes for which clubs are de-
signed and use good judgment in selecting
the club for the shot to be played.

"Golf of Our Fathers" Tells
Game's Background

"The Golf of Our Fathers" is an enter-
taining and concise history of golf written
by W. K. Montague, a member of the
Northland CC, Duluth, Minn. A limited
edition of the book is being sold by Harold
Clasen, Northland pro, for $4 each.

Montague, in dedicating his book to
members of the Sunday Breakfast Group
at Northland, identifies himself as a "ma-
niac golfer."

He contrasts his catch-as-catch-can start
in golf about 35 years ago with his intro-
duction to that other Scotch game, curl-
ing. Before his application for membership
in a curling club was accepted a veteran
curling enthusiast told the history of the
game and impressed upon the prospective
curling the game's high standard of
sportsmanship.

Montague is convinced that every golfer
would have more fun by playing the game
according to the rules, and that if the very
interesting historic background of golf
were known to its players they'd under-
stand the basis of the rules and the reasons
for the game's development. He makes an
amusing — and to us apt — parallel be-
tween golf as it should be played and golf
as it often is played, and fundamental
poker and the trick coed variations of
poker that have driven many a sturdy old
devotee of basic poker to concentrate on
drinking, knitting and cutting out paper
dolls as evening entertainment.

Montague gives the background of the
course, the organization of clubs, the ball,
the clubs, the caddies and pros, the amateur
stars, women's golf, the golf swing, the
use and misuse of winter rules, all the rules,
the greens, "through the green," match and
stroke play, and golf books. Bernard Dar-
win; Cmdr. Carson, formerly sec., R&A,
Bernie Ridder, Runcie Martin and Jack
Level, helped Montague get his source ma-
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