Winged Foot—Hole By Hole

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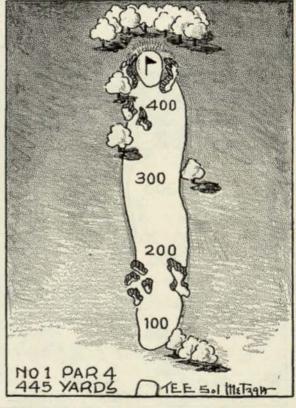


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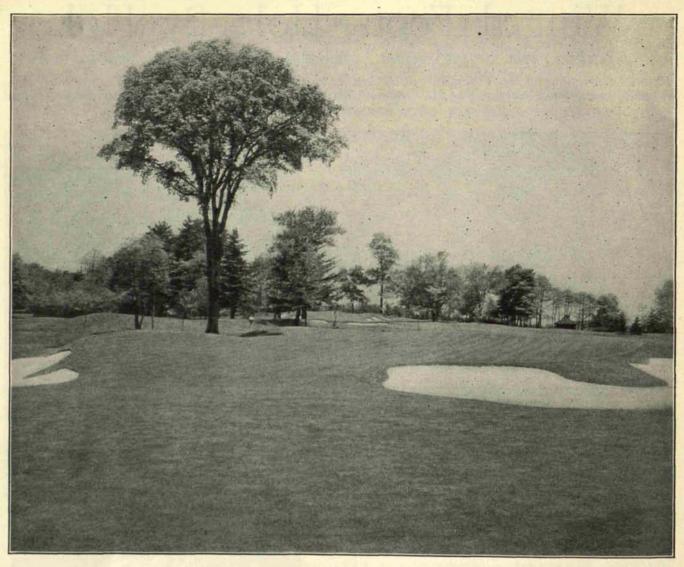
No. 1

445 Yards

A DRIVE placed to the right-center of the fairway opens the green to a 2 or possibly 3 iron. Off the course on the left presents a hazardous second. The trap to the right of the fairway catches a drive of less than 200 yards. Long grass and traps on the left will cause the loss of a stroke for the second to the green unless the drive is centered. A tall tree with a trap at the foot must be carried. On both flanks the green is bunkered.



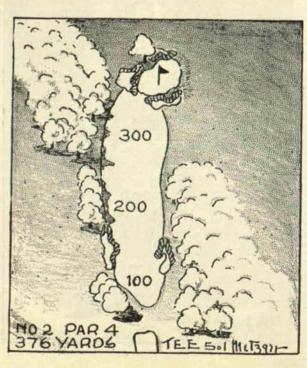
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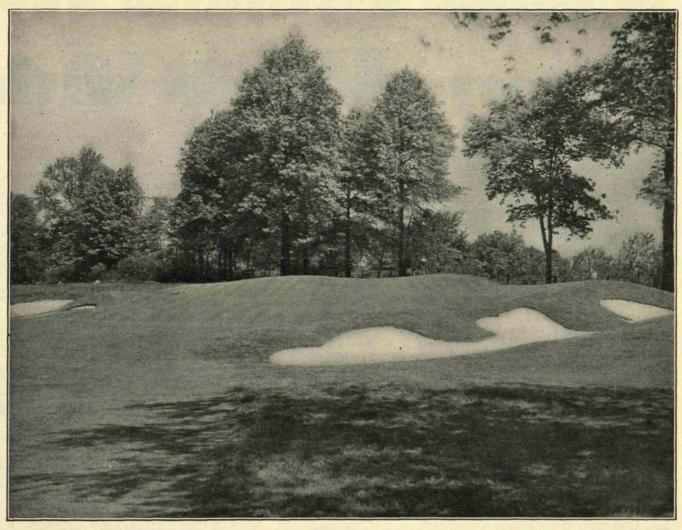
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No. 2

376 Yards



THE green shows its best face to the short approach after a long drive down the left. Holding the green after a pushed drive down the right is not easy. A sharp faced bunker cutting into the green makes this second shot a test of delicacy. This green, like most of those at Winged Foot, does not punish the player who goes over.



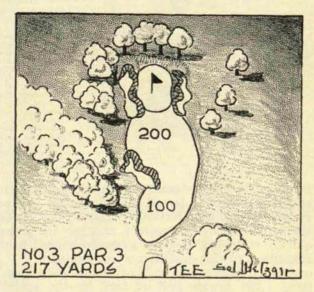
Par 3

No. 3

217 Yards

A SPOON or 2 iron should find this green. The slight swale in front is deceptive and has a tendency to foreshorten the distance. Traps to the right and left, and for the top shot make essential a straight drive. A sliced drive finds a tall tree in direct stymic position.

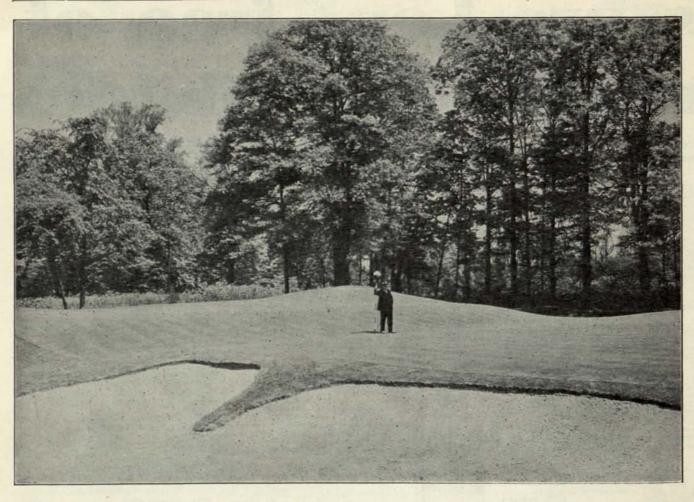
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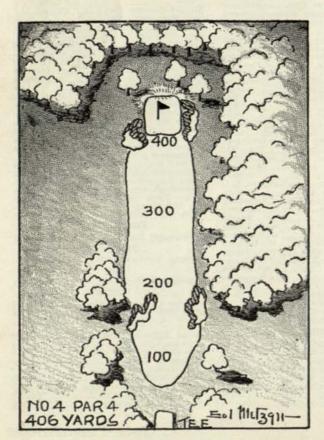
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Par 4

No. 4

406 Yards



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S TRAIGHT down the line from the tee, but certainly not off course on the right. Distance is a great factor, for the approach to the three level green with its depressed center had best be played at short range. Out-of-bounds to the right and bunkers to the left at a distance of 215 yards. A narrow opening to the green, not over 20 yards in width, with bunkers extending the whole stretch on either side of the green.



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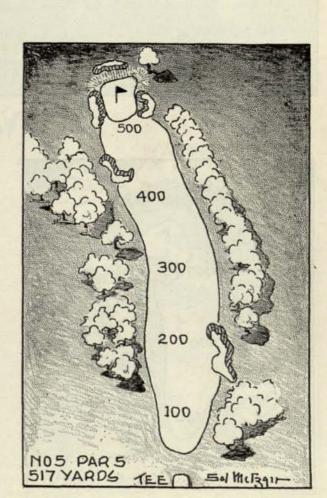
517 Yards

A SLIGHT dog-leg which may be reached with a brassie second from the right-center of the fairway. A pulled drive is likely to be disastrous. Trees skirt either side. The green has a slight dog's back which should be studied carefully by the players attempting a long second to reach, otherwise the ball may drift on either side into deep traps.

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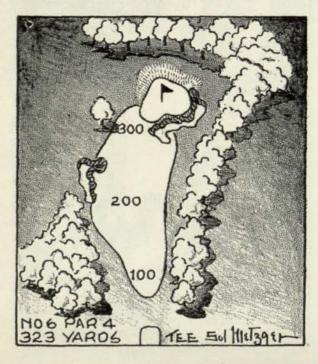




Par 4

No. 6

323 Yards



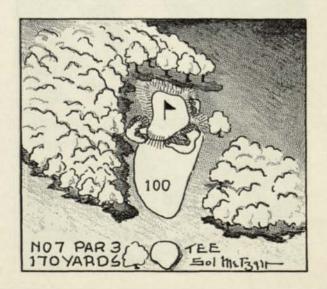
The drive should be placed down the left of the fairway close to the pit, for the green opens its contours to the approach from this side. A large pit on the right makes necessary a tight lofted approach from that angle. The drive will carry the player within 65 yards of the green because it is slightly downhill. From there, it is a delicate mashie pitch to an unusually small green with a bunker placed into the very edge. Golfers know the difficulty and necessity for wrist control for such shots.



No. 7

170 Yards

THIS slightly elevated green is best gained with a high drift from a 4 or possibly a 5 iron. The depression in front makes the true distance a trifle hard to gauge. Possibly this is the hole which will ruin the chances of many of the best players unless they study carefully the lights and shadows and secure the proper club for the distance. The traps are the deepest on the course and flanked with long grass at the back.

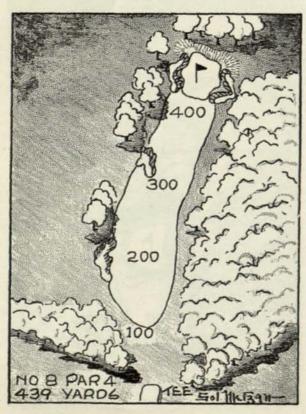




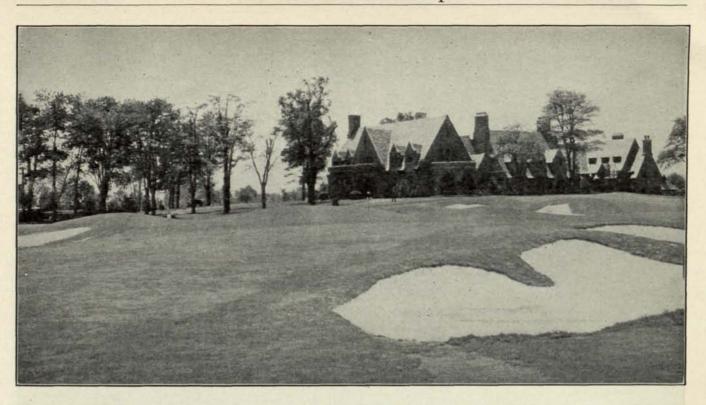
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439 Yards



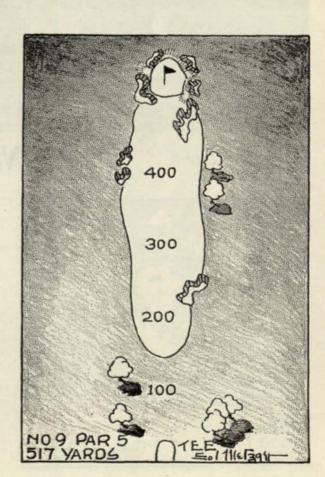
A 2 IRON should get the pro' home with his second, best played from the left-center of the fairway. Crowding the drive over to the right leaves a treacherous recovery. Another hole which demands utmost accuracy for the second shot because of the "fall-away" several yards in front of the green, sending the ball either to the right or left into bunkers.



No. 9

517 Yards

C ERTAINLY one of the toughest holes on the course. Two very long shots may get home if the drive is far out on the left of the fairway. From the right the chance of getting the green is slight. In any event the long second must be played with utmost precision if the beating of par is sought. The open approach to the cup for the satisfied-with-five player should follow a second placed on the left. Unusually well trapped because of the narrowness of the approach to the green and the practical impossibility of getting the ball at the hole from either right or left owing to the intervening undulations of the green.

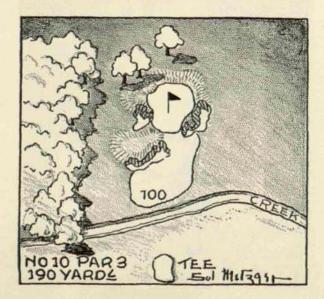




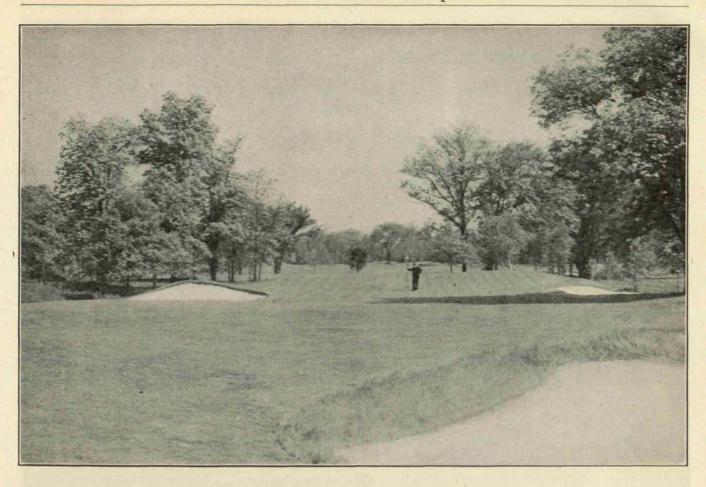
Par 3

No. 10

190 Yards



E ITHER a high drifting iron, probably a 2 or a spoon, or a slight pull in to the green is necessary here, for trouble is all around: rough and waste land in front and on the right; woods on the left. The hummock, flaring into the green from the left-front, must be duly respected. Swamp land to the right of the fairway, trees and long grass to the left, deep bunkers and a green with unusually steep slope.

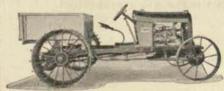


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378 Yards

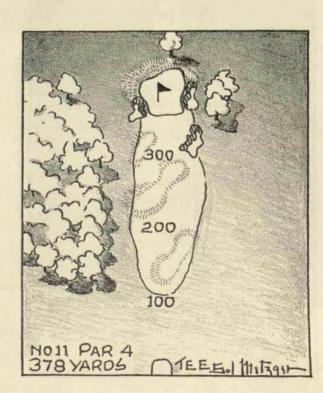
THE best drive will be right-center with a natural run to the left, well out. A pulled drive will find woods. The approach is not difficult if the drive is well away and the best chance for birdies of any hole on the course is here. No difficulties around the green other than long grass on the left.

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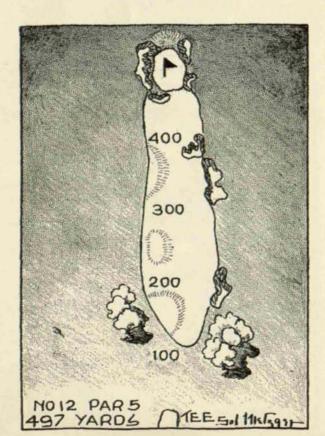




Par 5

No. 12

497 Yards



THE hummocks blind the second shot from the left. Two well hit balls to the right will get close to home but particularly the second must be placed with rare judgment. One of the real test holes on the course. On no hole must the drive be straighter. If the ball is hooked a blind shot follows. A deep trap to the right will catch a drive fifteen yards off line, while three mounds at the left-center may make the stance for the shot to the green quite difficult. A new large bunker for a misplayed second and deep traps guarding the green make a 4 a real effort.



No. 13

213 Yards

A VERY fine one-shot hole to be played with a 1 iron or spoon. Owing to the mound-like rise on the left of the green, it is essential that a ball strike on it so that it will drift to the pin. Deep traps flank both sides of the green and long grass beyond. A trap will also catch a topped shot. The green is one of the finest on the course.



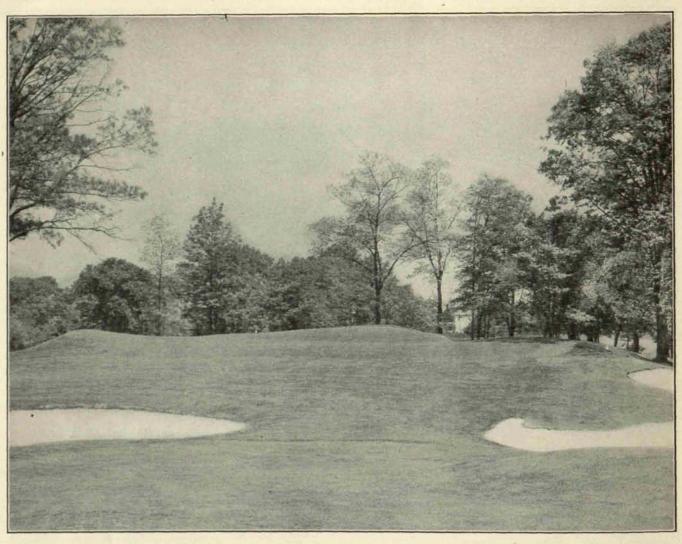
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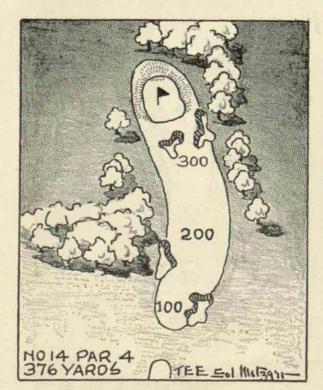
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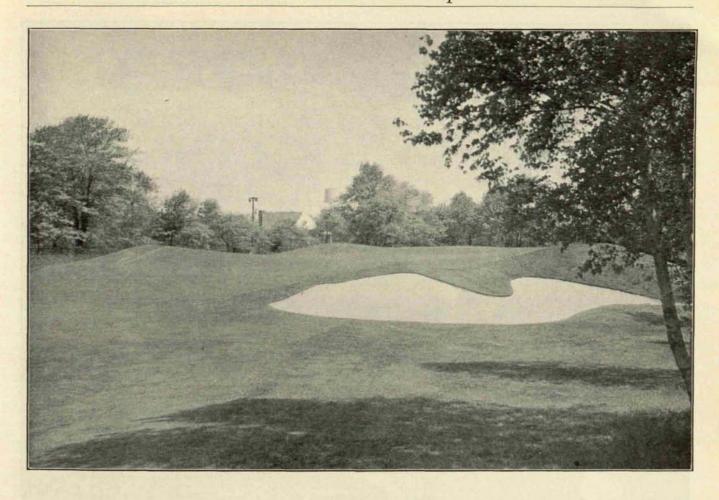
Par 4

No. 14

376 Yards



DIRE trouble awaits the player who tops, as the rough for the first 140 yards is the worst on the course. Unless a drive has sufficient height it will catch the face of a high bunker and cause the loss of at least one stroke. A ball pulled to the left will catch long grass and be partly stymied for a clear approach to the green. The green itself is on a knoll and affords a chance for a possible 3 in that the ball can be pitched right to the pin with a hope of having it stick. A new trap has been placed to the right to catch a sliced second.



No. 15

397 Yards

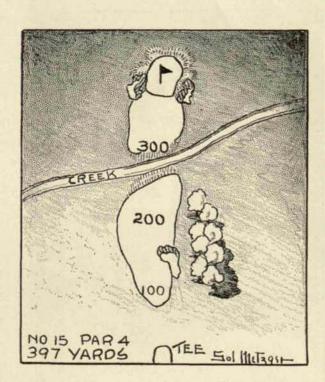
O NE of the very finest holes of which Winged Foot is proud. A spoon is the safest club and gives the player an opportunity of playing the second shot from the best bit of fairway. The green itself is on a sort of dog-leg angle flanked by bunkers which are very deep. The green is of a double undulation of beautiful texture. beautiful texture.



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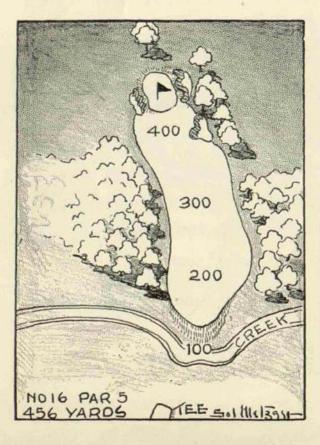




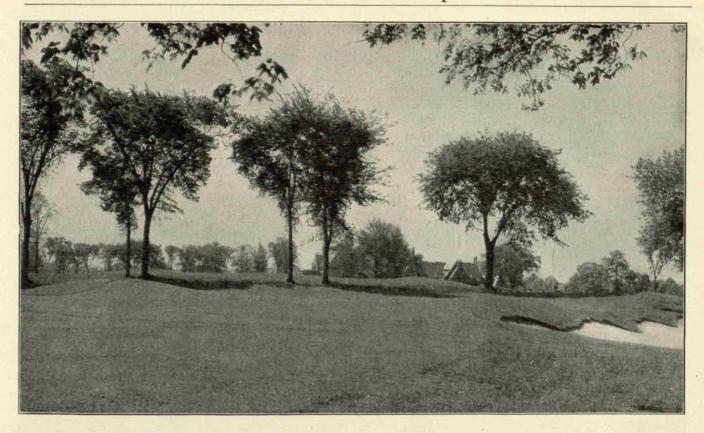
Par 5

No. 16

456 Yards



THIS is a slightly dog-leg hole to the left demanding at least a 240-yard drive if the green is to be carried on the next. The entrance to the green itself is not over 30 feet in width, being the narrowest of any green on the course, with bunkers in front and on both sides and with a tree on the right which will offer an almost unsurmountable stymie to those who slice their second shots.

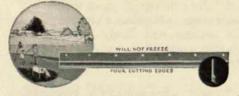


No. 17

450 Yards

To the player who hopes to see the bottom of the pin for his second, a drive of 230 to 240 yards to the left center is essential on this hole. A similar drive to the right will find traps which protect the 12th fairway as well as catch the sliced drive on the 17th. The entrance to the green again is narrow with bunkers on either side. A slightly hooked second seems to be essential at this hole.

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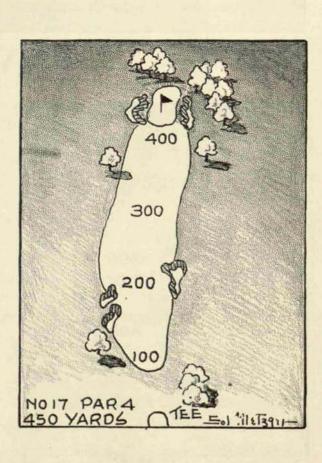


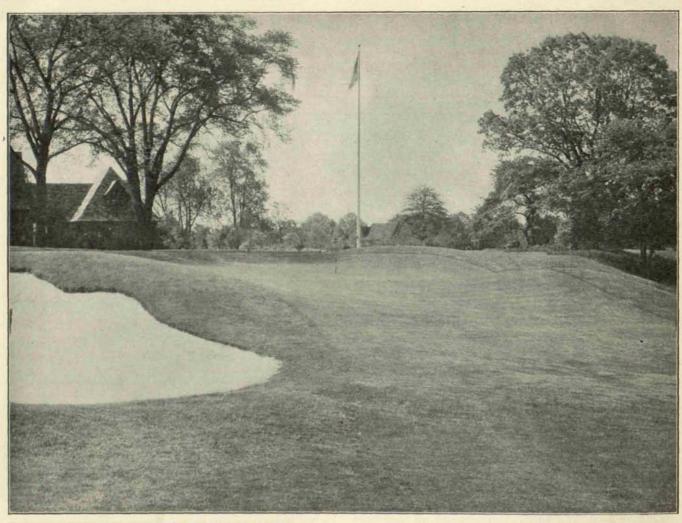
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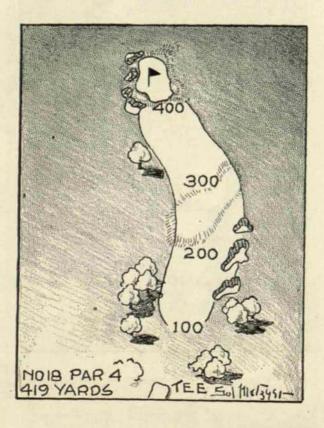




Par 4

No. 18

419 Yards



ANOTHER twisting fairway with the proper drive well on right-center. Here again the pulled drive is costly and one too far to the right will find pits. From the fairway swale, a high 3 iron should find the beautifully contoured green on the slight elevation. Missing this green with the second will likely run the score to one more than par for getting back dead is not easy.