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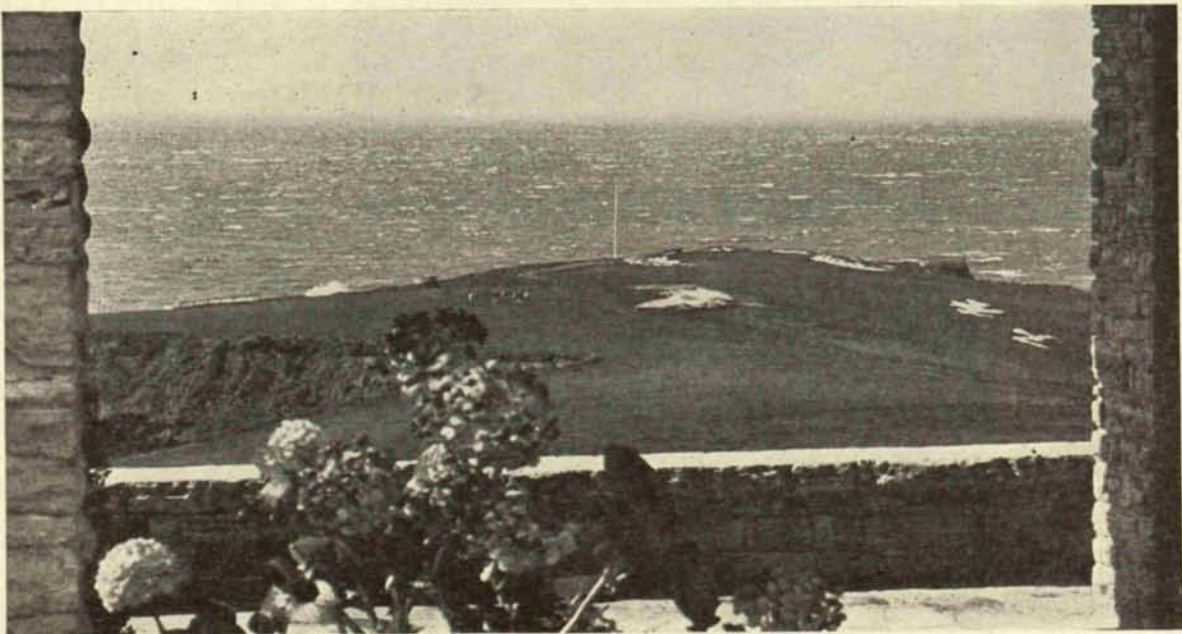
A well-groomed golf course

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“ONE of the best groomed golf courses I have ever seen,” said Bobby Jones after he had seen and played Pebble Beach. And Bobby said this after and not before he was beaten in the first match round by Johnnie Goodman of Omaha. If anyone knows a good golf course Bobby Jones does. He has played the best in America and Great Britain and is particularly well qualified to praise or criticize and can be trusted to do so with true honesty of purpose.

Through the courtesy of the Program committee of the National Amateur Championship, we are permitted to reproduce here the detailed drawings of all of the holes of this now famous course on the Monterey Peninsula at Del Monte, California. Last year when the United States Golf Association chose Pebble Beach for its Amateur Championship the club called in H. Chandler Egan, former national amateur champion and a close student of golf course architecture, and he with Joe Mayo the greenkeeper started in to make Pebble Beach a tough, but fair test of golf. I think the results testify to their ability and I think further that Joe Mayo should be given great credit for having the course in such wonderful condition.



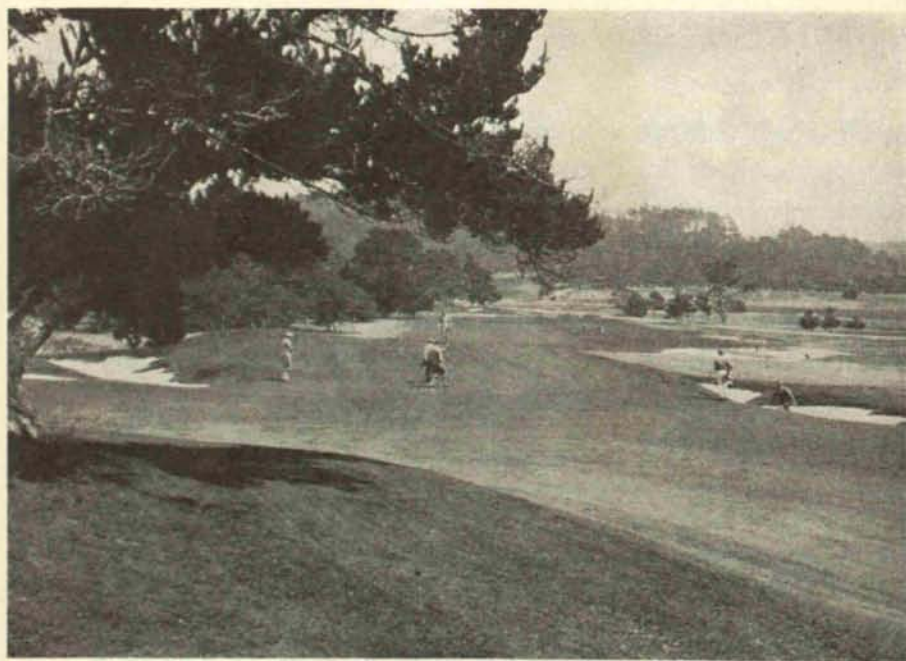
THE SIXTH GREEN AT PEBBLE BEACH

In the distance is the storm-tossed Pacific Ocean, said to be the largest water hazard in the world

One thing in favor of Pebble Beach is the fact that they have an extensive watering system, which includes fairways, tees, and greens and this of course makes for fine turf when coupled with intelligent care and supervision. There were no bad fairway lies and no excuse for poor putting on the closely cropped cocoos bent greens. But there was plenty of excuse for being in trouble because Pebble Beach probably has more artificial and natural hazards than any course in America, excepting perhaps Pine Valley.

On many holes the Pacific Ocean almost laps the fairways and greens, offering a real menace to the player who slices or hooks. Then again the wind hazard is tremendous and proved the downfall of many on the second day of the qualifying round. Another unique feature is the location and the contour of the bunkers which are different from those on eastern courses, being fairly shallow but biting close into the putting surface of the greens. They require a delicate shot to get out successfully.

So we leave the study of Pebble Beach to our readers trusting they may profit thereby when they have construction work to do at home.



ABOVE IS A VIEW OF THE FIRST GREEN AT PEBBLE BEACH. BELOW IS THE FOURTH GREEN A 325 YARD DRIVE AND PITCH HOLE



JOE MAYO
Pebble Beach greenkeeper