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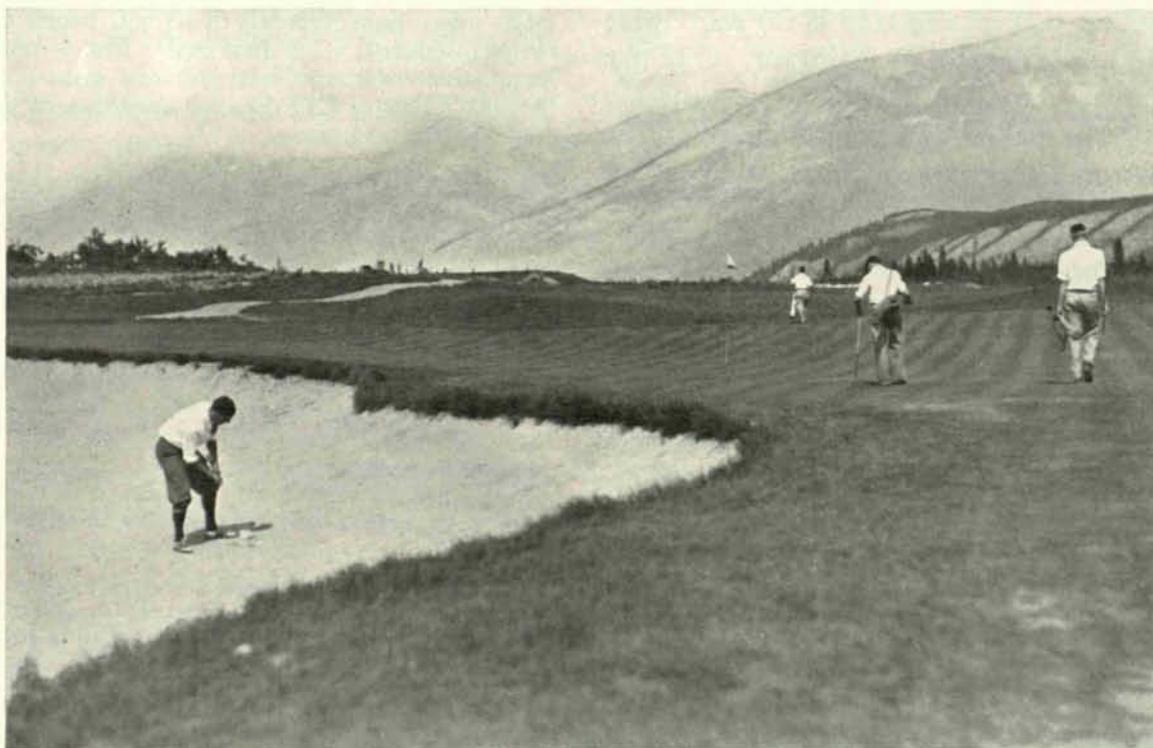
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IN TALKING to different architects I find they use almost the same fundamentals when planning their layouts for a course.

First they consider a get-away hole, one that calls for two good shots, but not too difficult so that the crowd can start away without congestion on busy days. A very difficult finishing hole is agreed by all to be a practical point to be considered. Aim if possible having the first and tenth tees, and ninth and eighteenth greens near the clubhouse.

A good assortment of holes must be considered to make the play enjoyable and interesting, and above all the combination of holes that will call for a real test of all shots. My suggestion for your approval is the following assortment:

- 1—Mashie pitch of 135 yards
- 1—Iron shot of 190 yards
- 1—Spoon shot of 220 yards
- 1—Two shotter of 360 yards
- 2—Two shotters of 380 yards



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- 2—Two shotters of about 395 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 410 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 420 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 435 yards
- 2—Two shotters of about 440 yards
- 2—Three shot holes of 530 to 540 yards.

Arrange so that each nine holes total about 3200 yards. Holes that can be reached with a mashie on the second shot should be trapped tightly, but on the other hand if it requires a long second the green should be quite open.

A rolling piece of ground assists the architect in making the course attractive. Although Old Elm and Twin Orchard are far from being hilly, the golfer can find a fine test of golf and some very attractive and interesting holes.

Those who object to artificial sand overlook the thrill obtained by a splendid recovery and the variety secured by the use of the niblick. Very few low scores have been made on either, partly because they have not held open championships, but mainly owing to the well trapped greens which call for a well placed mashie or iron shot.

It is not absolutely necessary to have extremely high built greens in order to make the course difficult. A well placed trap is far more practical and less expensive to maintain. One may ask what is a well trapped hole—needless to say that is a matter of opinion judging from information I gathered to submit for your approval which is as follows:

First, on a drive and pitch hole, place tee shot and green bunkers to call for a well placed drive and a proper second.

On a full two-shotter, trap the tee shot but leave the green open. A well trapped tee shot can be arranged by placing a pit and sand face on the left running diagonally from 125 to 150 yards, covering one-half the course. On the right a similar bunker about 180 to 190 yards covering one-third of the course. Then for the second shot trap the green so that the player who carries the left bunker will have a rather difficult second. But if he can negotiate the right trap his second shot to the green will be a much easier one. This is accomplished

by placing a trap that covers the left half of the green.

All greens should be of the average size around eight to ten thousand square feet, except the full one-shot hole which should be a trifle larger.

The one-shot mashie hole calls for less putting surface and a tightly trapped green.

A number of shots can be played from traps with great accuracy and these shots play an important part in golf which the architect endeavors to encourage. Diversify the sand faces requiring a variety of shots that will test both the amateur and professional to their utmost ability.

GOLF NEWS

Plans are under way to build a new 18-hole golf course at Memphis (Tenn.), on the Collier tract east of E. Parkway, between Poplar Ave. and Central Ave. Cy Cooley, former physical director at the Y. M. C. A. is promoting the proposition.

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Langford and Moreau, Chicago golf architects, are about to sign a contract to build a golf course at Iron River, Mich.

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The Garrett Country Club, Garrett (Ind.), has made many improvements in its golf course according to the president, C. J. DuPont. The membership is largely increased over last year and great enthusiasm prevails. Doctor C. P. Fox is chairman of the sports and pastime committee.

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The Chicago Golf Courses, Inc., of which Robert Golding of Kirkland, Fleming, Green and Martin, is president, has leased the corner of Sheridan Road, Belmont Avenue and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. The company plans to develop an 18-hole golf course which will be one of a group with which the lessee concern expects to establish in various parts of the city this spring.

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A new company called Golf, Inc., Ft. Wayne (Ind.), has been organized to build, maintain and operate golf courses and club houses in and near that city.

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The Somerset (Ky.) Country Club opened its golf course early in May and the prospects are bright for a most successful season.

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The Board of Trustees of Hiram College, Hiram (O.) will purchase 188 acres of land east of the present college property limits for the construction of a golf course and artificial lake.