with the treatment pros got back in those days before Walter began to remind the public that pros were not peons and were entitled to rating as white, polite and 21, in nice company.

But before we get to that, let us mention that the tournament will not be held unless Rochester is assured of enough prominent pro entries to make the tournament a first class one.

HUNTER CC, Richmond, Ill., northwest of Chicago, has all of its greens in the shapes of states or countries. The holes are as follows: Wisconsin, Scotland, North America, England, Africa, South America, New York, Maine and Australia on the out nine. On the incoming nine are Illinois, Colorado, France, Florida, Switzerland, Spain, Ohio, Ireland and Texas.

Yardage and par are 3,385-3,110-6,495; 37-35-72.

JAPAN plans a National Open golf tournament. According to the Golfers' Handbook there are 10 golf clubs in Japan, one of which has two 18-hole courses.

**ST. PAUL** is repeating its \$5,000 Open tournament this year. Date will be July 12-15. This is the fifth year of a tournament in St. Paul.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce did not go ahead with its plans until it had sent letters to leading pros asking them whether or not they would play. They told the pros that if professional support was not forthcoming the event would be cancelled for keeps.

ONE OF THE bright remarks made by an expert observer of things in the golf field: "Members are starting to come back to clubs that haven't gone back."

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**GREAT BRITAIN** is to have a public course championship. Present plans call for 36 hole scratch competition the first day and a national handicap competition the second day of the tournament. Players from the rounds of both days will qualify for the final 36 holes.

An intercity team match will be played. Fred Pignon, golf writer for the *Daily Mail*, London, estimates there are 100,000 public course players in Great Britain.

# SPEAK PLAIN

## Standardize Simple Golf Terms to Make Pupils Understand

#### By WALTER KELLER

**T**HERE has been much talk lately of standardizing golf instruction, which is a good idea—if it can be done.

While standardization is in the air, mightn't it be a good idea to try to standardize golf terms so that instructors and pupils can understand one another?

As an instructor I have many amusing instances of the strange misuse of words in golf that leads to much misunderstanding.

Perhaps the most frequent is the everlasting repetition of something the wrists have to do; whereas the wrists practically do nothing at all, except act as a hinge on which the hands move.

A pupil asked me the other day, "Where should I break my wrists in the downward swing?" and I said, somewhat flippantly, I am afraid, "I wouldn't do it at all if I were you. They will be useful when you come to hit the ball." What he meant was, where did he uncock or unbend his hands. Another asked, "Where do I cock my wrists in the upward swing?" and the answer is you cannot "cock" your "wrist" any more than you can cock your ankle.

One can in the upward swing bend one's hands upward, "cock" the hands, if one wants to use the common word, but cocking the wrist just cannot be done.

Let us therefore agree to say the part of the body we mean, which is hands and not wrists. This would be a very useful start on standardized golf terms.

Then, again, I have pupils talking to me of "throwing the club head through the ball."

It is important in golf to use the right words, for one gets one's mental picture from the words used. We do not here want a picture of a ruined ball with the club emerging from the front of it. What we want is a clear mental image of a ball on its way down the line to the hole and the club-head going on after it with its face at a right angle to the flight line. Follow the ball with the club-head as far as you can is the mental picture desired here. and that is the outstanding feature of the best drivers today, and especially of Bobby Jones' drive.

Then they talk about "pivoting at the waist" as everybody is told by teachers and writers to do. It can not be done by any waist with which I have been familiar.

One pivots mainly below the waist by means of feet and legs. When these have moved the hips as far round as they should go the shoulders finish it. The waist has practically no independent rotary action at all.

I was teaching a pupil to putt. He seemed more interested in the hole than in the putter.

"What are you trying to do?" I asked him. "I am getting my right angle to the hole," he said.

I told him gently that his concern was much nearer home than that.

"You can not get a right angle with a circle, which the hole is," I said. "You must get your right angle with an imaginary line running off the center of your putter. All putts are straight at their start and you must settle your right angle right at the putter-face. After that, if you have your putting stroke properly grooved, all you've got to think about is length and that one thing is quite enough for any putter to think of while playing the stroke. You are only looking for trouble in letting your mind wander away to the hole and trying to visualize a right angle made by your putter face with the circular hole. It just isn't in the game or in mechanics, so get the right idea. There is enough difficulty in the putt even if you have visualized it correctly. Unless you have, it is any odds that your results will be very disappointing.

As a matter of fact it is quite apparent, from the manner in which many people address the ball in the putt, that they are entirely lacking in the proper mental picture especially of the right angle that must be right under their eyes to be of any use to them.

There are numerous other instances that could be given but probably these few will be enough to suggest the advisability of extending the standardization of golf tuition enough to use the correct names of the various parts of the body that do the work. It would be just as sensible to tell one to cock one's left ankle instead of raising the left heel, in fact much more so, than to tell them to cock the wrists when one means the hands.

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