

as quiet as death. In amazement I opened a window in the clubroom and looked for the explanation of the good behavior. Every caddie was standing like a statue and some were scarcely breathing. I asked what the trouble was. One boy rolled his eyes toward the center of the rigid group. There, to my consternation, I saw the only thing I've ever seen to keep a lively outfit of caddies perfectly quiet. Before the boys, and in a leisurely and defiant parade, was an old mother skunk and her kittens."

### There Is a Lot of Work Ahead Improving Caddie Training

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**G**OLF clubs, their caddie-masters and pros need to consider carefully for 1937 the matter of caddie selection, training and welfare.

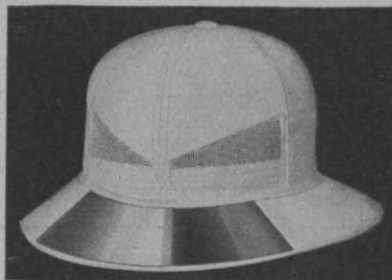
We have not been getting the type of caddies we should have during the past several years and the reason is not economic. The reason has been gross neglect in the choice and supervision of caddie material. The caddie gets a lot from the club and he means a lot to golf. Permitting the caddies to be dominated by tough, irresponsible young loafers, as many clubs have done during the depression, has had an alarmingly extensive effect in keeping highly desirable young Americans away from the game.

Consider your own caddie situation for evidence of what your club has been doing. Are crap games, hell-raising, rank untidiness, ball stealing and general failure to maintain proper conduct in evidence? If such indications are apparent, the fault is mainly yours and not that of the boys. There are plenty of the right type of boys available, boys who need the money and other benefits of caddying just as much as the nondescript bums many clubs have permitted to work during the past several years.

Care in selection, training, supervision and reward of caddies is one of the very important golf club responsibilities for 1937. This phase of golf has been grossly neglected since 1929 by clubs, amateur associations and the PGA.

It is dangerous to allow the neglect to continue.

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