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THOSE NEW GOLF RULES

Excited Vigilance Committee Invades the Sacred Sancto-Sanctotum.

Atmosphere Turns Deep Azure Hue and Irresponsible Office Boy Seeks Another Job.

THE chances are if you see a group of men with their heads together, in the hotel lobby, its "those new golf rules" they are discussing, or with the "dis" omitted. A week or ten days ago the first printed copies reached here and since that time everything pertaining to the subject has been devoured with zest.

The latest contribution to the "fund" is a story in a New York Sunday's paper and certain sections of it have set the pot a-boiling with new zest. In many quarters what this paper says is "scriptur", but not necessarily so at "America's St. Andrews", and the ink wasn't dry on the paper before a delegation of local experts was in THE OUTLOOK editorial rooms with the branding iron red hot.

The "busy day" sign was swinging high, the office boy armed with a six shooter, and the secretary with her most bewitching smile; but of no avail and into the sacred sancto-sanctotum, unannounced, the committee plunged.

"Read this," roared the spokesman, "leaving out the hot air introduction between Mr. Barnes of New York and Governor Altgeld of Chicago," and this is what we read, with a sidelong glance at the office boy which meant "ask the bookkeeper for your envelope":

THE NEWSPAPER STORY.

About once in seven years the rules committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews makes a new deal and reshuffles the playing code that governs the golfers of the world. There has just occurred such a redistribution of cards, and the revision was adopted verbatim by the United States Golf Association at its recent annual meeting. All American players since then have been conning the revised rules as carefully as a sailor studies the compass. At a nearby country club the rules were discussed by a group that included a Shinnecock Hills and a Western golfer.

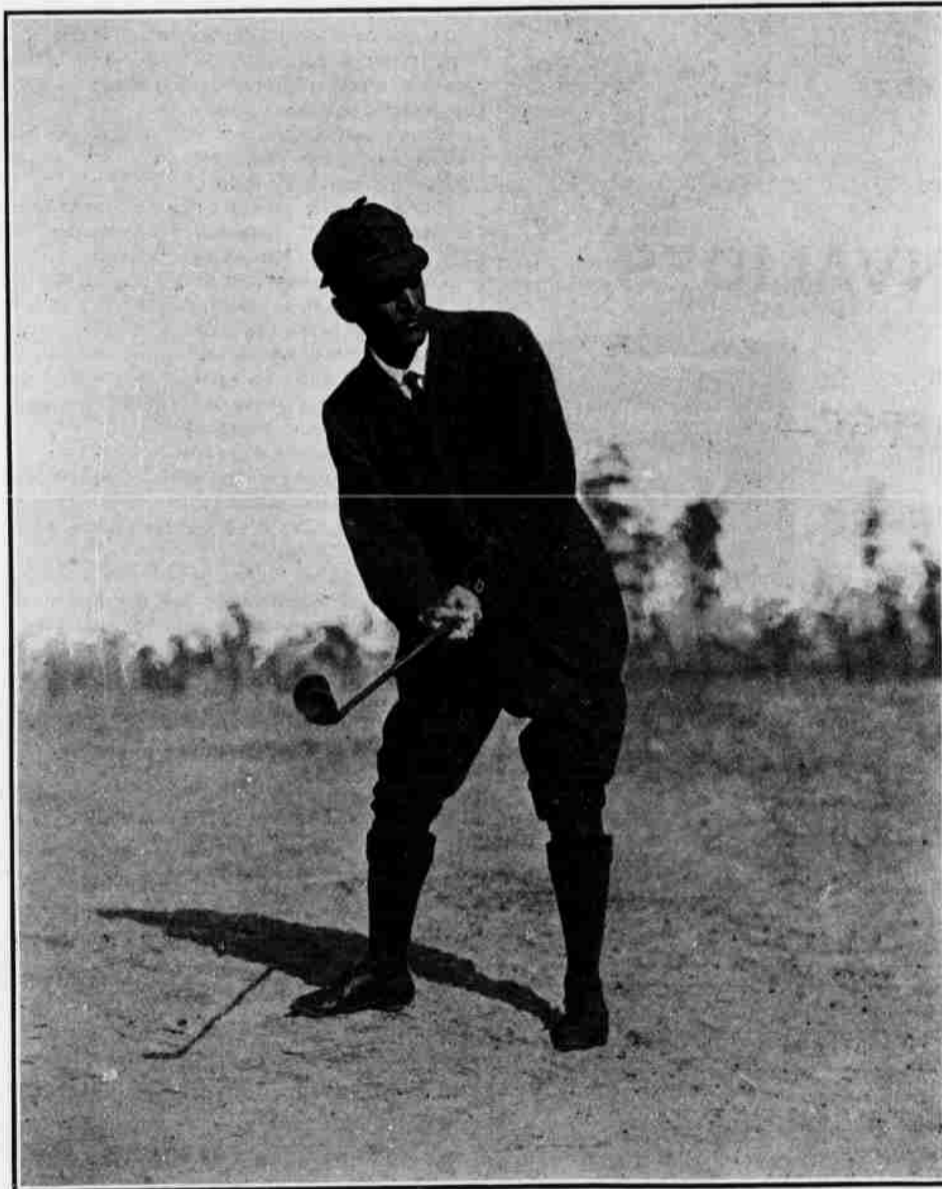
"Rules on all games begin with descriptions of the layout and mode of play. Golf cannot escape the inevitable proce-

dures and definitions from the preface to the code," said the Shinnecock Hills golfer. "There are twenty-one of them, and the arrangement with subheads is an improvement over the old book."

"Quite so," assented the Chicago Golf Club amateur, "but to turn the grindstone I find a keen edge in but few instances. The blade is surely dulled when 'railway' and 'fence' are not mentioned as hazards. I would assert that being a 'road or path' would compel the playing of a railway as a hazard were it not that

St. Andrews, yet I am glad it is no longer excepted. For one thing, it will save our turfed bunkers from being hacked up and also stop the many arguments as to where the permanent grass begins or ends. Some players have been claiming any tinge of green as permanent grass. To them if the ball rested against a single blade of grass it was a license to sole the club."

"Wormcasts are specified as 'loose impediments' and as such may be removed when within a club length of the ball on



MR. WALTER J. TRAVIS.

the new code recommends a local rule where the rails cross the fairway. Also permanent grass in hazard is now part of the hazard, as it is not excepted, which is a mistake."

"We are partially in accord," rejoined the Long Islander. "The only course I know of where the rails are not a hazard is at Morris County, where so many fast trains whiz by that to drop back is a necessary precaution. Regarding permanent grass, the Scots have never played it as a hazard; for instance, take the road at

the fairway," said the Westerner. "Yet out our way a wormcast in dry weather is a 'fixed impediment.'"

"That's only a quibble," the Shinnecock Hills golfer retorted. "Now let me read you a comparison of the new and old rules in general. It may be an aid to your greens committees in the West."

During the reading the Wheaton visitor and the smoking room group paid close attention, some taking notes to aid in any after discussion.

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P. H. POWEL THE WINNER

Leads in Handicap Trap Tourney by Single Target Margin.

Paul E. Gardner, R. F. Willis and J. Cushing Todd are Well Up at Front of Good Field.

THE opening weekly handicap in the Country Club's trap shooting tournaments, attracted a good field; a pretty race for the trophy resulting, which a single target decided, P. H. Powel of Newport, whose allowance was six targets, winning with ninety-seven.

Tied for second place at ninety-six were Paul E. Gardner of Chicago (10), and R. F. Willis of Penns Grove, N. J. (10), J. Cushing Todd of Newburyport (10), third in ninety-five.

Next in line was A. W. Church of New York (11), who scored eighty-nine, W. W. Peabody of New York (12), making eighty-five and I. C. B. Dana of Great Barrington, eighty-two (12).

E. R. Pooley of Philadelphia (12) made sixty-nine, and G. F. Berry of Frankfort, Ky., (10) made fifty-seven.

THE SCORES.

The event was shot in strings of two fifteens and twenty, and repeated:

Powel	6-14	15	18	13	13	18	91	97
Willis	10-13	11	16	14	14	18	86	96
Gardner	10-13	14	17	10	14	18	86	96
Todd	10-12	10	16	14	15	18	85	95
Church	11-11	11	17	11	11	17	78	89
Peabody	12-10	10	12	12	12	17	73	85
Dana	12-15	10	16	9	10	15	70	82
Pooley	12-9	9	9	6	9	15	57	69
Berry	10-8	11	7	4	5	12	47	57

Pool Tourney at The Inn.

Mr. I. S. Robeson of Rochester, was the winner of a handicap pool tournament at The Holly Inn which aroused general interest, defeating Mr. Harry Leon Wilson of New York, in the final round, thirteen points.

In the semi-finals Mr. Robeson defeated J. S. Linsley and Mr. Wilson, A. I. Creamer. In the second round Mr. Linsley defeated Salmon; Robeson, Berwin; Wilson, E. R. Pooley; and Creamer, Keating.

In the first round Linsley defeated Grandin; Salmon, Byrnes and Parmelee; Berwin, Ladd; Robeson, Nicholson; E. R. Pooley, R. W. Pooley; Wilson, Morton; Keating, Hamilton; and Creamer, Rockwood.