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ON BRITISH GOLF COURSES

Professional Donald J. Ross Writes of
Summer European Trip

Visits World-Famous Courses and
Points Out Advantages From
American Viewpoint



HAVING been asked by the editor of THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK to record some of the impressions received during my tour of Scottish and English golf courses last summer, and during my play in the open championship of Great Britain at St. Andrews June 22nd to 24th, I do so with the hope that some of the many things learned after a long absence from the home of golf, may be found interesting and instructive to those who visit Pinehurst, the "St. Andrews of America."

Perhaps of more striking and general importance to the players of golf here than anything discovered, certainly the one fact that proved the most stimulating and the most satisfactory to myself, was that anything that has been done by course architects and constructors in this country, which has been criticised as radical and extreme by home players, does not hold a candle to the work of the people on the other side of the water to make their courses a severer, and therefore a better test of the game. Much of this construction work, or rather on many links much of this laying out of the courses, has been done during the past few years and whether in some cases the architects have gone too far is a question that time will answer, but the general opinion seemed to be that while criticisms were heard frequently at first, that they have become fainter with time just as they have at other places where those in charge had determined to take the course by the horns, and tear up things to some purpose; but to nothing like the extent which has been carried out on courses in Scotland, England and Ireland.

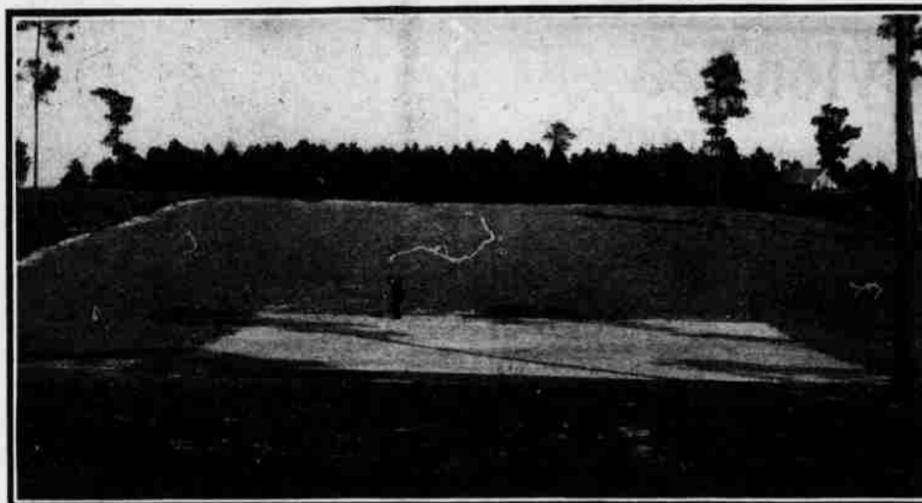
A very curious fact was noticeable at all the links I visited namely, that the average standard of play on the other side seemed inferior to the average standard on this side. Golfers over there seem to take less pains with their golf and to care very much less whether they defeat their opponents than they do here. Perhaps this is because the larger

leisure class has been less under the strain of professional and business life and therefore less sensitive to success or failure. In any event, as I went from one golfing resort to another, I wondered whether it would be possible to find so many players anywhere in the United States who would so promptly be rated as "duffers." Nevertheless these "duffers" were enjoying the game on some of the hardest links to play properly in the world, and if anyone had dared to suggest to them that they might find more pleasure on

and become fully as expert as the best amateurs in Great Britain. There is a tendency in the old world to idolize a champion or a famous player long after he has fallen from grace and indeed, to attribute a great game to many who never have become great.

Before passing to an account which will be given in the briefest possible way, of the links which I visited in Scotland and England, each one of which could only be properly described in an article by itself, two essential principles which are laid down by the

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FROM TEE—FROM GREEN

an easier and an inferior course, their remarks would have been received with the scorn of silence, or with an exclamation of pitying contempt.

More people are playing golf over there however, and on every links players were found who certainly would be a match for some of the very best amateurs in this country, should the latter have an opportunity to cross the ocean and make a tour of the courses. That does not mean however, that first class American amateur golfers would not quickly adapt themselves to the conditions, learn more strokes, realize the possibilities of the game within them,

architects of courses across the water, will be mentioned which well might be followed here by those who are trying to bring American courses up to a first class standard. And, by the way, the secret of the development of American players is in the development of American courses.

The British architect of golf courses pays little heed to criticism, but is always open to valuable suggestions, knowing full well that the carping critic is usually a very ignorant man, while the one who has any advice worth taking gives it in the gentlest way knowing

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AUGUSTUS POST A VISITOR

Famous Aeronaut Stops Over For
Glimpse at Pinehurst

Sees the Future of Flying as a High
Class Amateur Sport of
Wonderful Popularity



AN interesting and interested visitor of the week was Mr. Augustus Post, the famous aeronaut, who came for a glimpse at the world's most famous winter resort and like others who have come before,

left amazed at its equipment.

"Man like the birds, will in all truth, soon be flying southward to escape northern winter," said Mr. Post to THE OUTLOOK, "and a few of us are already looking for places to light, for like the autoists, we seek creature comforts at our resting places. In my journeyings I have found no sport more delightful. Your blue skies and vast expanses give new meaning to the sport we love, for sport it really is to be; surely for the present at least.

Who does not envy the great buzzards as they sail aloft and who would not like to do the same? This is just what the flying machine makes possible, and enjoyable because the aviator really flies, the machine but an instrument in his skillful hands. The joy of the sensation is indescribable. Fear even the timid forget in the delight of the sensation and the time is not far distant when it will be classed in popularity among the world's most fascinating recreations; limited by the expense, of course, to a class."

Mr. Post talked interestingly of his recent thrilling experiences in Canada, but believes the flying machine will supplant the dirigible entirely among sportsmen; prophesies for it a wonderful popularity as a high class amateur sport.

In Advance of Carolina Opening

In response to urgent demands Manager and Mrs. H. W. Priest of The Carolina will provide accommodations for a few guests late in the present week, some ten days in advance of the formal opening, Saturday January seventh. Something over a hundred are scheduled to arrive on the opening day and bookings for the immediate future are unusually large.