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on the points of golf course construction and that the best courses usually are the outcome of a compromise of ideas gathered from many intelligent sources. For instance, they do not lay out a course by rule of thumb, with the idea of having the drive such a distance, the approach such a distance, and so on, even mentioning the clubs that shall be used for each shot. The course constructor casts his eye over the country and gets the idea of what he considers a good golf hole in his brain, lays it out that way, then says to the player: "There's the golf hole, play it anyway you please." As an illustration, a hole will be found where the majority of good golfers play an iron shot from the tee, then a full wood club shot to the green. An American golfer might say that was all wrong as the hole ought to making friends everywhere.

that no two experts ever agree exactly hole which takes the balls over little knolls and hillocks instead of over absolutely flat and smooth country. There are holes on some of the British courses where knowledge of these undulations and knolls is absolutely imperative in order to get the ball near the hole. The ball has to be placed to about a certain spot where it will surely take the roll of the hillocks and stop somewhere near the flag. Obviously where such elements govern the approach to a green, the golfing merits of the course are superior to those on a course where every approach is over a flat level surface.

It was early in June that I arrived in Glasgow. Mr. George H. Crocker of Fitchburg, Pinehurst Club Champion, visited many of the Scottish courses with me, played excellent golf and enjoyed every moment of his golfing tour;

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which should be better for him than course are many feet high. A visitor anybody else's way. So that the golf Incorporated 1894 holes on the best links in Scotland and after paying the green fee. Mr. Fernie England have several different ways of who has charge, was very courteous. playing, and they do not present just the diversity of its problems.

> the placing of the hole in relation to features which have been spoken of the approach to the green. Though undulating putting greens have been utilized or acquired on many American the very first hole, the long driver is courses, one does not often find what is confronted with the problem of a fair considered very desirable on a British way narrowing in the distance, so that

upon examination, there is no reason great course visited was Troon, of which why such a theory should prevail, for much has been heard in this country and the British one surely has the real spirit about which much has been written. of golf in it when it says that the way to The Troon course is excellent and has reach a hole is by using the clubs and been much improved of late by lengthby taking the route which will get the ening, bunkers, and the utilization of player to the green in his own way the hills of bent which on parts of the will find no difficulty in playing at Troon

Then to Prestwick, which is a private one and the only way to everybody, so course. This, as has frequently been the interest in the game increases with said, is about the finest in Scotland. It has been improved lately by the length-The other principle to be noted is in ening of some of the holes. All those above as governing the play of a first class course, are found at Prestwick. At course, namely, an approach to the his drive must be absolutely straight.