

Veterans Show Way in Year Full of Golfing

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Looking backward through the year now closing, it only takes a glance to show that in a golf way, at least, 1915 accomplished little toward developing new championship material. This more particularly applies to the three National tournaments—the amateur, open and women's. All these were won by seasoned exponents of the game.

Jerome D. Travers, the Upper Montclair player, won the open title at Baltusrol, and if his success came as a surprise it was only because of his being an amateur. These National open titles are as good as conceded beforehand to some professional, the only other instance of an amateur gaining the coveted honor being in 1913, when Francis Ouimet defeated Vardon and Ray in that famous play-off at Brookline.

Before Travers teed up for the open he had won the amateur title on four different occasions. In the opinion of many he had seen his best days as a golfer, yet with characteristic pluck and determination Jerry led one of the strongest fields ever assembled in America. It takes concentration and study to triumph over the mental as well as actual hazards encountered during seventy-two holes of championship medal play where every stroke means so much.

When the last putt had been holed and the winner carried off on the shoulders of his friends it was found that the amateur's margin was only a single stroke over Tom McNaamara, the Boston homebred whose tseadness has earned him at one time or another nearly all the important open titles except the National.

McNamara, however, like Walter Hagen, the previous winner, Francis Ouimet in 1913 and John J. McDermott twice prior to that, did his share toward keeping the homebred talent to the fore. The fact that for five consecutive open meetings the resident "pros" have been beaten off by the native born players speaks volumes for the standard of excellency attained by the Americans.

When the Amateurs gathered at the Country Club of Detroit the latter part of August for the amateur tournament Travers was fancied by many to add to his laurels. Even so, Francis Ouimet and Charles W. Evans, Jr., had large followings, and the fact that all three were brushed aside by players who in turn were eliminated ere the final round was reached illustrated still further the uncertainty of this elusive game. Evans took his medicine in the first round at the hands of his old rival, D. E. Sawyer, while Travers and Ouimet fell the following day, Jerry losing to Max Marston and the Boston man to James Standish, Jr.

In the mean time Robert A. Gardner, the erstwhile Yale player, had been going along in a manner that had gained new followers with each succeeding round. When he defeated Sawyer everybody took notice, and when he downed Marston in an extra hole match in the semi-final bracket his hardest task had been accomplished. Gardner's exceptionally long game proved too much for John G. Anderson in the decisive test. It was back in 1909 that Gardner first won the amateur title. Before the Detroit tourna-

ment he had changed to the Vardon grip, and it may be this that had something to do with the general improvement in his game, which was better in all departments than at any previous time in his career.

From the moment she won the medal in the testing circuit down to the handshake with Mrs. W. A. Gavin after the final round, Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck played like a champion in the women's National tournament at the Onwentsia Club. The Philadelphia Cricket Club woman's hardest match was with Miss Alexa Stirling, the Southern champion from Atlanta. This was carried to the fourth extra hole. Mrs. Vanderbeck earlier in the season won the women's Eastern title, thereby duplicating the performance of Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson the year before.

Although he did not go West for the National, Walter J. Travis, the Garden City veteran, showed he still had something left by winning the metropolitan championship at Apawamis. Ouimet also found a certain amount of consolation in retaining his Massachusetts title, while Evans had to be content with again winning the Western. Max Marston, besides gaining the New Jersey crown, gathered in several "chief cups," as did his former Pawling School comrade, Philip Carter, leader of the metropolitan juniors.

CLASSIC TRANSLATIONS

Europa's Ride

(Not by Moskus)

Europa and her maids one day,
In field with daisies pied,
Was picking posies, so they say,
When Zeus her beauty spied.
Straightway he from Olympus high,
Came down a bovine fair,
Europa winked the other eye
And kissed him then and there.
Ere scarce the maids had heard the smack
Or guessed what it might be
He took the princess on his back
And fled across the sea.
To keep her seat she grasped a horn
And squeezed it 'till it hurt
But with her other lily hand
Held dry her hobble skirt.

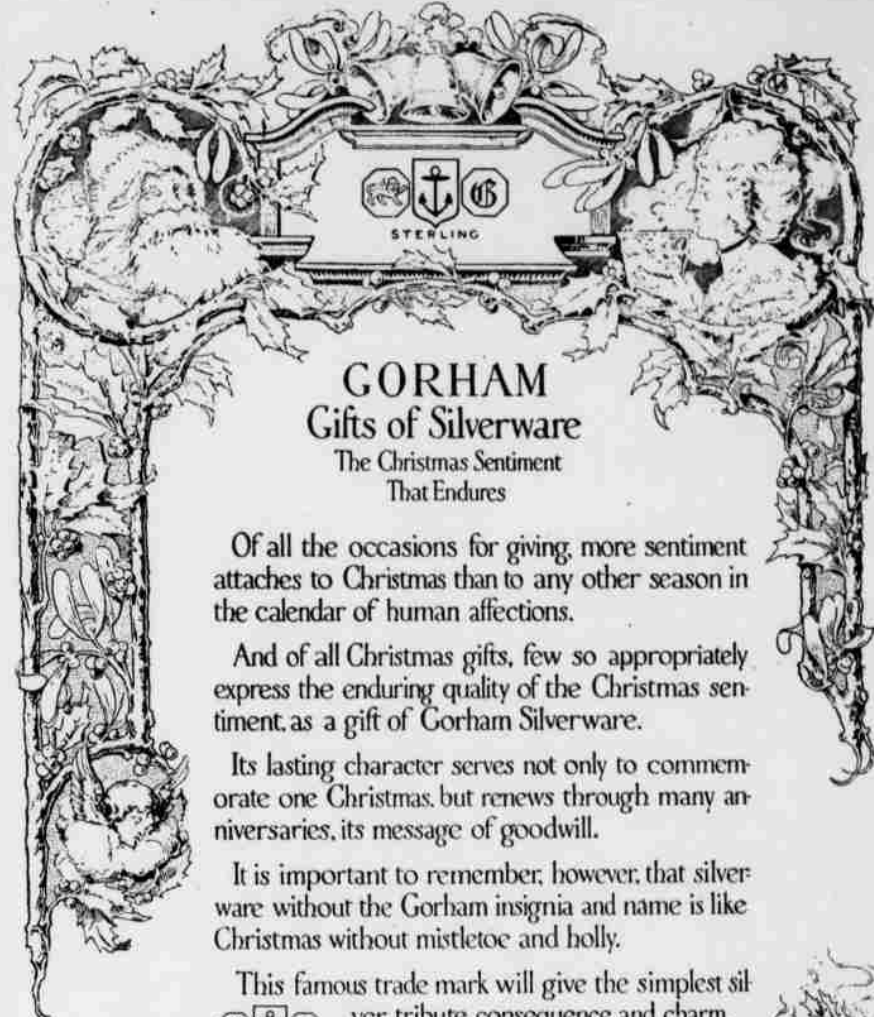
The Nereids blew their merry shells,
The whales came up to blow,
The dolphins rolled; the mermaids belles
All shouted "See 'em go!"

And now poor Zeus was tired and hot;
But she in highest glee
And as she plied her heel he thought
"This sure is one on me."
At last he gasped "I've bourne you now
To Crete. Pray be my bride."
She said, "No thank you, Mr. Cow,
But 'twas a bully ride."

—CLYDE DAVIS, Pinehurst, N. C.

The Master Eye in Golf

Very few golfers are aware there is such a thing as a master eye. About 75 per cent. of human beings have the right as master eye, which is as it should be if the player turns his head only slightly. If he turns more his master eye vision is obscured by the bridge of his nose, and the difference between the view he had in the address and the view at the top of the back swing is about two inches, quite sufficient to lead to chronic inaccuracy. —Canadian Golfer.



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