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FIVE CENTS

ELEANOR GATES

Wins St. Valentine's Tournament from Dorothy Campbell Hurd on 20th Hole

Danforth, Mrs. Splane and Mrs. Hempstone Lead their Divisions



A LARGE and enthusiastic gallery of golfing fans followed Miss Eleanor Gates and Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd over the terrain of Number One Course of the

Pinehurst Country Club last Saturday to view the final round in the President's division of the Annual St. Valentine's Tournament for women. And they were richly rewarded. Not only was the contest sustained and doubtful for twenty mortal holes, but the diversity of style and game between these two champions made the playing of every individual hole an exciting and interesting spectacle. Miss Gates, runner-up to Mrs. Hurd in this same event last year, has won the championship of the Nassau Club since, and developed a phenomenal accuracy on the putting green to assist her long balls from the tee. Mrs. Hurd is still in her old championship form, and since their last meeting had won the qualifying round both of the Gates missed exactly one putt. at least 15 feet to win. But she National and this tournament. The game was all even again on did it. She knows how to do it, Mrs. Hurd's long suit is in her approach shots, which are clean and true. In consequence from nearly every tee Miss Gates took the advantage with a powerful drive-Mrs. Hurd recovered on the midiron shot, made one of her famous mashie shots and lay dead at the pin with Miss Gates struggling on the fringes of the green. And fortune having thus shifted in the anxious gaze of the partizans, the Nassau girl would Hurd rolled home safely in 6, with

retrieve her fortune with that | Miss Gates still practicing ap- | WANAMAKER'S magic putt.

whole way, Mrs. Hurd taking remained to settle the day. the lead by a margin of one most of the time, and Miss Gates stay-

proach shots in the offing. The It was an even struggle the short and treacherous 18th alone

And here the Nassau giri showed her staying power and ing with it and putting for dear her qualities as a tournament life. The old champion took the player. She won this with 4, and lead on the first hole, lost the began all over again. There was second to a five, tied the third, no let up now. Mrs. Hurd made and was given the fourth. The the 19th in 5, one better than her fifth and sixth were halved in first round, and Eleanor Gates bogey, Miss Gates won the duplicated. And then the end seventh and squared the score; came in startling and dramatic the eighth was halved and Mrs. manner. Mrs. Hurd lay dead for Hurd got into trouble on the an easy 5 which is bogey on the ninth, leaving Miss Gates one up 20th; Miss Gates had sent a at the turn—the only time she led splendid 200-yard ball from the at all until the last putt was sunk. tee as usual, and also as usual was



RODMAN WANAMAKER II WINNING THE ST. VALENTINE STEEPLE CHASE

the 10th. Mrs. Hurd took her and she did it, and won a victory lead on the 11th and held it with as creditable and as hard fought lost to a five, and so they drove links. from the 17th tee with a clean slate, but the odds still in favor of Pittsburgh.

These increased into long proportions on the 17th, an interminable hole 505 yards up hill among In -6 4 5 5 5 6 6 6 5-48 innumerable pit falls, which can be neither driven nor putted. Mrs.

Mrs. Hurd came home in 48, a long way short of the pin on the steady and consistent-and Miss third shot. It called for a putt of even fives to the 15th, which she as any ever seen on the famous

The card. Numbed one course:

MISS GATES Out-7 5 6 8 5 4 4 5 6-50 In -7 5 5 5 5 5 6 7 4-48 Out-6 6 6 5 5 4 5 5 7-49

In the qualifying round Mrs. (Concluded on page cleven)

Whisper Bell Wins from Little Horn Over the Hurdles



GENTLEMEN, that was a horse race. Miriam H., the pride of the Pinehurst Stables, was scratched, being out of shape, and the

world was divided into two confident camps - one-half backing the Little Horn, Hurd's great jumper, ridden by Smith, and the other half swearing by the Whisper Bell from the Meadowbrook Stables with Rodman Wanmaker II in the saddle. The afternoon was bright and warm as a day in June; the stand and the track was lined with the brilliant purple and red and orange colors the girls wear nowadays. The thoroughbreds danced against the deep green background of the pines waiting for the signal. All nature was tuned for a great moment. Both horses wheeled at once. Colonel Swigert dropped the flag, and they were off for a mile and a half over the hurdles.

Wanamaker took the lead-unwillingly it seemed, both riders turning the first bend almost at a canter, as a great runner swings casually into his stride at the beginning of the marathon. For both knew that the race need not go to the swiftest. Such a venture is a campaign, a stratagem, requiring both head and heart, and a wise husbanding of resources. So they set off easily, in reality both working might and 5-5 main to be in last place. The fresh and eager mounts struggled Hurd had led her field by the sub- at the bit, and they soon settled (Continued on page thirteen)

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