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## A SINGULAR ROUND

By E. A. DENHAM

Arthur Yates of Rochester, N. Y., late of Yale and the All-American football team, recently played one of the most singular rounds of golf ever perpetrated at Pinehurst.

Matching his skill against the best-ball of two liberally handicapped opponents, Yates lost the first hole by taking three putts after getting on in 2. Nothing remarkable so far. He missed a try for a 2 at the short sixth, which again is nothing out of the way. He ran one down from the edge at the thirteenth this being about the only theatrical shot of his round. He got on the fourteenth green in 2 and took three more to go down. But when it was all over Yates had not only gone around in the par total, 36-35-71, but had played each and every one of the 18 holes in its par figures. Neither birdies, eagles, ostriches nor Colonel Bogy figured in the card. It was just plain, straight par every time, and reference to the records and the oldest inhabitants fails to reveal any similar amateur or professional round played on the local links in recent years.

Yates' opponents were H. A. Morson, the North Carolina amateur trapshooting champion, and Norwood Johnston, also an expert trapshooter although his golf is not quite up to the standard of his son-in-law, Davy Herron, and after the round the trio repaired to the Gun Club where the North and South trapshooting tournament was going on. There, after watching Morson renew his lease on his State title and Johnston finish near the top of the field, Yates caught the fever himself and was easily inveigled into trying his hand at the traps. He had never handled a shotgun and somebody recklessly offered a good-sized bet that he could not break four of the flying clays out of the first 25 shot at.

The debutant was accompanied to the firing line by a crowd of amateur and professional guns and was the recipient of expert advice that would have been worth his weight (240 lbs.) in gold if he could have paid heed to everybody at the same time.

Yates did everything wrong. There was no possible excuse for his hitting any target at all. He took a golf stance for the first shot, was nearly carried off his feet by the recoil—and broke the clay into splinters. He pulled the wrong trigger when the second target flew but caught the bird just before it reached the earth. The third one started off in a direction he was not "set" for but he poked his gun around after it and got it. The fourth bird, an easy, straight-away, he missed by a mile, but he registered his fourth break on the next target after again pulling the wrong trigger to start with.

Then Yates stopped like a sensible man and he hasn't touched a gun since. It is rumored that Morson and Johnston are now practicing up on tiddely-winks and marbles on the quiet with a view to eventually landing Yates on something or other.

## SOUSA'S FIRST ROUND AND OTHER GOLF ITEMS

By E. A. DENHAM

John Philip Sousa, the noted bandmaster, is possibly the only constant visitor to Pinehurst who has never succumbed to the lure of golf. Mr. Sousa explained at the Country Club the other day that the memories of his first rounds—his first and only day spent on the links—are painful ones, although the scene was laid (at Hillbrook, N. J.,) a good eighteen years ago.

On his morning round a complaint was lodged against him for "driving through" two estimable ladies who happened to be playing on a neighboring but not contiguous fairway. On his afternoon round he broke a window in a farmhouse going out and another one, on the other side of the house, coming in. And he discovered, when the bill came in for the damage, that the farmhouse in that vicinity sported plate-glass windows of large and expensive proportions.

Moreover he lost so many balls on his first round that he found it necessary to keep two caddies going in the afternoon. In the absence of any formal introduction by the Caddie Master, Mr. Sousa was reduced to calling one of them "hook" and the other "Slice" and the names stuck to the boys from that time on.

For a brief period, at a critical stage in Ichiya Kumagae's uphill battle against Wallace Johnson for the North and South Tennis title, there was no golf visible on the links from the Country Club porch. There was not a clerk or porter to be found at the Clubhouse. There was not a single member of the rocking-chair gallery in evidence around the home greens. There was nothing but a great surging mass of men and women packed around the tennis courts—so silent one moment you could hear the proverbial pin drop with a dull thud upon the grass and, the next instant, bursting into storms of tumultuous applause.

It seemed for the moment that golf had been almost forgotten at Pinehurst. Almost but not entirely—for the solitary figure of John D. Chapman of Greenwich, clear-cut against the sky-line moved slowly around the circumference of the clock-golf green nearest the tennis courts, grim and intent upon sinking his ball from each of the hour marks in succession, undisturbed and undistracted by the thunders of applause and the flying figure of the tennis finalists only fifty yards away from him. That is the kind of devotion to the game that won the St. Valentine Tournament for Chapman just a little while ago and that made his renegade brother Tin Whistles look just a trifle apologetic as they trooped up from the courts after the match and tried to avoid the eye of the only man in Pinehurst whose fidelity to golf could not be shaken.

When Adam in bliss asked Eve for a kiss, She puckered her lips with a coo, Gave looks so estatic, answered emphatic, I don't care A-dam if I do.



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