

"I want to go back to Chick Evans. I won't perform for anybody else." So Tom, a generous sportsman, said the mashie was then on its way to me.

SHAFT BREAKS TWICE

"Last year in the North and South championship at Pinehurst there was another interesting chapter added to the mashie history. At the eleventh hole in my match with Topping I felt the club shaft crack. Frightened, I sent it at once to the shop, although the injury was scarcely discernible. The repaired club was returned to me at the sixteenth hole. I played with it until I reached the extra hole, when it cracked again beyond any possible use. I broke off the shaft and carefully placed the head in my bag in readiness for the Spalding duplication, or renewal, for the shaft is always duplicated as carefully as possible.

"I do not know whether I shall have so much use for the club hereafter, for with the awfully fast ball, the 'cut' shot is getting to be all powerful. The question is: Can I expect to get as good results from the semi-cut mashie shot as I can from the full cut, lofted back-more club.

OLD AGE BRINGS REST

"But the mashie is with me to stay 'until death do us part.' It is growing old now and the striking surface is pretty thin from use and constant shining. I have always tried to keep it bright enough to reflect the trees.

"The face has been originally un-scored, but Alec Smith had made some indentations to allow a better grip on the ball. These wore off and have been replaced until now the face of the club is slightly hollow. How many balls has that blade struck? How many miles has it traveled?

"It has served me long and well and survived the good and bad company in my bag—all cheerfully. ¶ I love it."

U. S. G. A. GOLF RATING

Pinehurst Prominent in Selected List of National Association

Jerome D. Travers is first in the U. S. G. A. golf rating for 1913, the list of four hundred forty-two amateurs are rated from scratch to six this year and a good many names which appeared last year are missing, with some eighty-two new ones. ¶ It is interesting to note the number of golfers prominent in Pinehurst play who appear in the list of leaders. Charles Evans, Jr., former United Champion, ranks second at one with Mr. Travers first, at scratch.

Rated with a handicap of two are Frederick Herreshoff, National Links; P. M. Hunter, Midlothian; Oswald Kirkby, Englewood; Albert Seckel, Riverside; W. J. Travis, Garden City; W. K. Wood, Homewood. ¶ At three: J. G. Anderson, Brae Burn; E. M. Byers, Oakmont; K. P. Edwards, Midlothian; H. C. Egan, Exmoor; W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont; R. A. Gardner, Hinsdale; R. R. Gorton, Brae Burn; R. E. Hunter, Midlothian; Hamilton K. Kerr, Ekwanok; H. G. Legg, Minikahda; Mason Phelps, Chicago; D. E. Sawyer, Wheaton; H. Schmidt, Worcester; H. W. Stucklen,

Brae Burn; W. K. Whigham, National Links; P. W. Whittemore, Country Club, Brookline.

In explaining why this year's list contained only one scratch man as against six in 1912, Robert C. Watson, president of the United States Golf Association, said that Travers was placed at the top for the reason that his record clearly entitled him to the position. His winning of the national at Wheaton and especially the decisive manner in which he disposed of Charles Evans, Jr., in the final, to say nothing of his success in the metropolitan tournament here in the East left absolutely no doubt in the minds of the executive committeemen as to where the Upper Montclair player belonged.

The committee was equally certain that Evans was entitled to be placed at 1, and considering what the Edgewater golfer has done and is capable of doing, few are likely to question the selection. Last year Evans was one of the scratch men, as were Herreshoff, Kirkby, Seckel and Travis. Incidentally, it makes the first time in many years that Travis's name has appeared on a handicap list other than at scratch. On the metropolitan sheet the Garden City veteran has held the position of honor and save for a few instances has not even been asked to share the position with any one else.

Don't Monkey with Golf Balls

BLAIRSTOWN, N. J.—Robert V. Armstrong, the Blair Academy student who on last Friday cut open a golf ball from which the acid core spurted into his eye, may lose his sight.

Armstrong's case is only one of many that have come to the attention of physicians lately. Recently a physician wrote a letter to *The Sun* stating that he had known of seven cases where persons had been injured by cutting into an acid cored ball. So far as is known no one has lost his sight entirely from such an accident.—*New York Sun*.

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