

self. The problem was solved instantly, after the approved manner of Augustus. The bell went into commission again, this time summoning an orderly of still more imposing and regal aspect, whose heels clicked and arm saluted in a manner calculated to freeze any automator with envy. His majesty spoke.

"Next Sunday morning Annie Oakley will give an exhibition of shooting at Charlottenburg. You will see that the chief of police and none other of the police are admitted while it is going on."

"Well, so it occurred when we came out of the grounds. There they all were, these police, lined up outside, just as they would all be lined up on a ridgepole or tandem down a well if he happened to mention it.

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"We had occasion enough after that to confirm our opinion of the trend of the Kaiser's thoughts. The Wild West Show spent some time in the German Empire and we saw his majesty five or six times. And his thoughts were bent upon military efficiency to a degree almost inconceivable to us at that time. He did not care a snap about the show as a show. But he saw what few other men saw, the lessons that could be learned from our outfit of use to the military science.

"We never moved without at least forty officers of the Prussian guard standing all about with note books taking down every detail of the performance. They made minute notes of how we pitched camp—the exact number of men needed, every man's position, how long it took, how we boarded the trains and packed the horses, and broke camp; every living rope and bundle and kit was inspected and mapped. And they took an enormous interest in the camp kitchen. And small wonder. For almost thirty years afterwards the world was to listen with mouths wide open to the wonderful travelling kitchens of an invading Teuton army, serving meals piping hot on the road to Brussels—conceived by no less a person than Buffalo Bill, and copied assiduously by Pomeranian Colonels into endless memoranda—to be improved upon for the serving of dinner on the way to the King's jubilee in Paris, August, 1914.

URGES GOLF LINKS FOR WOMEN ONLY

Miss Alexa Stirling Criticises Practice of Altering Courses Designed for Men

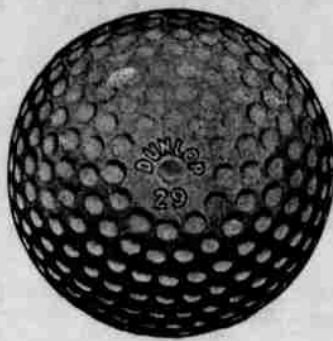
Miss Alexa W. Stirling of Atlanta, women's national golf champion, has forsaken the mashie for the pen, at least temporarily, and has written a comprehensive article on golf links for women in the January number of *Golf Illustrated*, edited by Max Behr, former New Jersey champion. In this article Miss Stirling takes issue with those who think that the way to prepare any full-sized links for a woman's tournament is to move the disks up to the short tee and call it a day's work. She indorses the action of the Women's Western Golf Association in adopting a new set of par figures for their own standard of play.

Getting down to the details of course construction, Miss Stirling points out that every good golf course in the country is laid out to demand that each shot be a good one—by a man! In no case does the course architect stop and say to himself, as he sets the distance or plans a bunker, "This will make a beautiful mid-iron shot for a woman." The only place on the links where men and women meet on equal footing is the putting green.

To the matter of using the front tees in adjusting the course to the needs of a women's tournament, Miss Stirling answers, "I do not believe that such action can ever make out of a first-class course for men one of equal quality for women, because it will upset to a great extent the system upon which the hazards have been placed. All the best courses laid out in recent years have been constructed on the most scientific lines, and, as is natural, have been designed for men. Consequently all distances, traps, bunkers and greens have been measured for men alone."

Taking special instances, Miss Stirling points out that after a drive on a two-shot hole, a man may have a midiron shot or a mashie shot to the green, whereas a woman would be forced to take a cleek or a brassie. In cases

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