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## OUR PLATFORM

Platforms, they say, were made to get in upon, not to stand upon. Mindful of this, we must be a little careful of what we say. *Because we are going to stand upon ours.*

It is our earnest aim and endeavor to conduct, at all times, a magazine for the maintenance of the best traditions of the Royal and Ancient game, to promote its best and highest interests, to inculcate sentiment so that there may be no sectional differences, no North, no South, no East, no West, but one whole glorified union on broad, national lines, liberal, tolerant and conciliatory in tone and spirit, a brotherly band working in unison for a common end—humble, whole-souled worshippers at the shrine of Golfiana.

Hand in hand with this, the practical, as well as the inseparably sentimental side, will also have our best care in an attempt to improve by illustration and instruction from the recognized masters, the game of *all* American golfers, not forgetting the lesser—but none the less important—side lights in the way of semi-tragical and humorous experiences which are the inevitable concomitants of all lovers of the game.

In short, this magazine will be redolent of golf in its highest and best aspects throughout, and any antagonistic influences will be dealt with in these columns in a spirit of open, fearless and unprejudiced criticism—and may the best man win.

The announcement which has already been sent out by us to a large number of golfers throughout the country and in which was embodied a general outline of our policy, in accordance with the foregoing, has elicited such a generous response and unequivocal approval as to convince us that our "line to the hole" is all right, and we take this opportunity of extending our grateful thanks to our subscribers for their endorsement and support.

We may add that we feel we owe an apology to the scores and scores of golfers throughout the country to whom no appeal has so far been addressed, but we hope to get around to them all in time. Meanwhile, we trust they will accept our assurance that no slight or discourtesy was thus intended and that if they anticipate us by sending in their subscriptions before we can reach them, they will be in excellent company in joining the already large list of our friends and supporters.