



FROM THE SOUTH

By "THE JUDGE"

For the period of ten years, with irregular ebb and flow of tide, golf has been running in the four chief cities of Tennessee, and this year Bristol, the Virginia-Tennessee city on the State line, has laid out a course and is taking on "gowfish airs."

The Memphis Bermuda-grass course of 18 holes was good enough this year for the Southern Tournament and attracted a large concourse of good players from the Mississippi Valley for a week of fine sport; and young Whitney's victory over Chandler Egan gave Southern players a much better opinion of their own game than they had previously held.

The Nashville Country Club has been playing over a fine blue-grass course of nine holes, but has recently added nine pasture holes with Bermuda-grass putting greens, which give great variety to the game here. The new holes are raw as yet and it will require years to bring them up to the standard of the old course. The surrounding landscape of wooded ridges and blue-grass farms gives the course a delightful environment.

At Chattanooga the new club house stands on a hill overlooking a broad reach of the Tennessee River above the city, giving the place unusual attraction for members and visitors. The club has recently added thirty acres to its holdings and is now laying nine new holes to its former varied and pleasant nine-hole course.

Knoxville has two courses of nine

holes each, the old pasture Highland course of rare natural hazards and pleasing variety, where a faithful few have kept up the game for nearly a decade, and the new course of the Country Club at Lyon's View on the Tennessee River, four miles below the city, where a club house stands on a river hill just at the toe of a great horseshoe bend and gives an outlook of wondrous beauty.

Besides these, there is a sporty course at Tate Spring in East Tennessee, which adds to the attractions of this famous health resort.

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FROM OUR BACKWOODS CORRESPONDENT

This part of the country, no less than the more thickly tickered centres of golf, is keenly wide awake to the interesting announcement of THE AMERICAN GOLFER. We want to learn how Mr. Travers gets those long, straight screamers. After a while we shall want to know how to brassie, and iron, and approach. And ultimately, we shall want to get at the culmination of the matter, how to win matches, that is, how to putt.

Stentor has joined our club here in the backwoods. His words echo in the hazards and float far and wide upon the dim blue haze that is the first fine premonition of the glory of Indian Summer. His voice has a carrying power that a presidential candidate

might well envy. If speech is silver, his ratio is 16 to 1, nay, Stentor's ratio, 50 to 1. Did that meeting of the Royal and Ancient over which the Earl of Stair presided revise the rules of etiquette also? Rule 2 is inadequate. Our esteemed (if, in its periodicity, somewhat irregular) contemporary, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, remarks that golf "equally adapts itself to the overflowing exuberance of youth, the matured and tempered strength of manhood, and the gentler decays of age." Cannot the overflow be regulated,—dam it?

The *Golfing Annual*, gotten out by Horace Cox of the *Field*, is less interesting this year than last; there are fewer entertaining anecdotes, less gossip about the curiosities of the game. The "Recent Decisions of the Rules of Golf Committee" should be numbered in order, as in the issue for last year. But the book reveals the amazing range of the game. One need not go ungolfed in Bagdad or Borneo, Sierra Leone or St. Helena, in Uruguay or Zanzibar. In Crete and Cyprus, Siam and Spain, Java and Japan, Malta and Mauritius, Tasmania and Trinidad, they doubtless use those wonderful balls that drive farther, go off the iron sweeter, drop deader on the approach, and seek the hole more unerringly than any other ball.

The mother country of the game (Holland may be the grandmother) is surpassed in the number of its golf clubs by England. England has 1,239, Scotland, 949. The United States clubs registered by the *Annual* number 803. Next comes Ireland with 185, Wales with 87, Australia and Canada with 48 each. France has 41, India 40, New Zealand 39, South Africa 28, Germany 19. Switzerland 16, Tasmania 11, Egypt 9, Italy 9,

Argentine Republic 8, Straits Settlements 8, Belgium 7, Holland 7, China 6, Sandwich Islands 5, Sweden 5, West Africa 5, Ceylon 5, Austria 4, Russia 4, Canary Islands 3, Java 3, Brazil 2, Denmark 2, Mexico 2, Portugal 2, Spain 2. There is one in each of the following: Arabia, Borneo, British Honduras, Cape Verde Islands, Chili, Crete, Cyprus, East Africa, Japan, Malta, Mauritius, Norway, Siam, Sierra Leone, St. Helena, Turkey in Asia, Uruguay, and Zanzibar. The grand total of all the clubs registered is 3,668. In our own country, New York leads with 141 clubs; Massachusetts comes next with 111. New Jersey has 72, Pennsylvania 71, Illinois 51, Connecticut 45, California 38, New Hampshire 25, Maine, Michigan and Ohio 21 each. The figures for the other states are: Wisconsin, 17; Rhode Island, 15; Florida, 11; Iowa and Missouri, 10 each; Georgia, Minnesota, Vermont and Virginia, 9 each; Colorado and Maryland, 8 each; Indiana and North Carolina, 7 each; Kentucky and Washington, 6; Tennessee and Texas, 5 each; Alabama, District of Columbia, South Carolina and West Virginia, 4 each; Nebraska, 3; Arizona, Arkansas, the Dakotas, Delaware and Kansas, 2 each, and only 1 in Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah. There are doubtless errors in my count, and some clubs have perhaps been missed by the *Annual*. Some defunct clubs have been included, as I believe the Norfolk (Va.) club registered in the *Annual* has gone out of existence.

The figures of the range of the game furnish some interesting material for study, notably the distribution of that "angry Saxon" race which the old darkey spoke of.