

## CORRESPONDENCE

THE AMERICAN GOLFER will gladly answer any inquiries from subscribers on questions relating to the Rules.

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Mr. Walter J. Travis,  
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As an interested subscriber of your magazine, I make bold to consult you about an infirmity recently developed, that is about to change golf from a pleasure to a discomfort, as far as I am concerned.

The trouble referred to is a tendency to *hesitate too long* while addressing the ball after getting my position adjusted. During this hesitation my muscles become involuntarily taut and an indefinable feeling of fear comes over me. If I force myself to strike, and strike quickly, the swing is hurried and ineffectual.

I realize that this is a form of

nervousness, but my golf teacher seems unable to correct it. Perhaps, in the abundance of your experience you can make me some helpful suggestions otherwise, I fear I shall have to give up the game entirely.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

G. M.

A.—The infirmity you speak of is not at all uncommon. It is purely mental and may be overcome, in time. Form a mental picture of a swing quite different to that which you now employ, grip loosely, swing easily. *Think Easily*, and be quite indifferent to what happens to the ball. It's a nervous condition induced by over-concentration.

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