

## THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

THE amount of play this past month has of necessity been less than usual. Golfing in the gloaming has its limitations, the damp breezes make play as a healthful exercise a bit risky for those who have not the vigor of youth, and added to these is the thought that the season is waning and our best efforts of the year are of the past; we do not look forward to each game with that spirit of enthusiasm as was our wont in the spring and summer. The weather is to blame, perhaps, and it is just as well for the censure to be placed where it matters not; it is useless to grumble or bemoan one's fate.

The Middle Atlantic and the Western sections have been unusually prominent in golf these past four weeks. In the open championship of Western Pennsylvania there was a spirited contest for the title but as usual Jock Hutchison came off with the prize having two capital rounds of 69 and 73. The feature, aside from Hutchinson's steadiness, was the play of Mr. Eben M. Byers of the Allegheny Country Club at which course the championship was held. In his first round the former amateur champion went over the course in 69, and his 78 in the second round left him in a tie for second position with Charles Rowe of the Beaver Valley Country Club of Maryland. In the amateur championship which followed immediately afterwards a surprise was furnished when Byers was defeated in the final round by L. D. Blair of the Pittsburgh Golf Club by 2 up and 1 to play. The winner went round in 72 and deserved to win.

The feature of the meeting of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association was the number of team matches and the clubs represented. After the scores were tabulated it was found that the five representing the Baltimore Country Club, headed by B. W. Corkran, had the honor of finishing in first place with a grand total of 995, more than 50 strokes better than their nearest rivals. In the open amateur

tournament held at the Columbia G. C. the veteran W. J. Travis held his opponent too cheaply in the semi-final round and lost. His conqueror, George P. James of Columbia G. C. was beaten rather easily in the final round by Warren Corkran of Baltimore who showed a return to his 1913 form.

The tournament held at Hot Springs recently had the largest entry in years. The chief trophy was won by Dr. C. H. Gardner, champion of Rhode Island who defeated C. S. Mabon of Ardsley. In the state championship of Missouri the field was composed of the State's best golfers and the entry list was the greatest in the history of the association. The title was won by a former Pacific Coast champion in the person of Alden B. Swift who entered from the St. Joseph's Golf Club.

The Normandie Golf Club of St. Louis has a very curious competition running which is now in the last stages. The prize for this match play event which extends over a fairly lengthy period of time is nothing other than a Ford touring car. This brings up the question which was raised two years ago when the *Daily Mail* of London, announced its intention of presenting a prize which was worth in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars. The idea was severely frowned upon and instead of a house and lot or some other similar award the change was made to a large cup. It has happened that in a sweepstakes, prizes of great value have been won but in any case the idea is not at all in keeping with the best traditions of the game.

"Chick" Evans, accompanied by that other fine Chicago golfer "Ned" Sawyer journeyed to Indianapolis a short time ago to give the people of Evans's home town an opportunity of seeing how golf really is played. A large number of spectators followed and they saw a fine exhibition of golf principally by Sawyer who broke the record of the course—making a 72. Evans was 76 in the morning, but

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in the afternoon he did better, finishing in 74 while Sawyer took 79.

The play out on the Pacific Coast has been heavy and chief honors go to Heinrich Schmidt who since his defeat in the final round for the State Championship has been playing wonderful golf. Schmidt is now employed in the office of the Standard Oil Company of San Francisco and intends to stay on the coast for years to come.

but Max Marston had to fight harder when he played E. M. Wild for the championship of the Cranford Club. As a rule local championships are not of more than local interest, but in this instance the manner of winning deserves mention. The contest was at thirty-six holes and with nine holes to go the title was in fair measure to go to Wild as he was 5 up at that stage. The par of the course is 36 for the last nine and Marston came home in 34 winning the



AT THE NATIONAL, WESTBROOK, NASSAU TEAM MATCH, PLAYED OVER THE NATIONAL LINKS  
Moving pictures were taken of all the players driving at the first tee and putting on the sixteenth green. In the foreground is Mr. R. C. Watson and on the extreme right, Mr. C. B. Macdonald

Fewer tournaments have been held in the East but those have been well attended and the quality of golf has not suffered. The best victory was at Piping Rock where Archie Reid of St. Andrew's Golf Club won the final round from Max Marston by 5-4 and in so doing played one of those rounds which are a delight to those who watch and to the player himself. Nothing could go wrong. A bit later Reid won the medal given by John Reid, Sr., as a prize for the championship of the St. Andrews Golf Club. The score, 147, was exceptionally good but the chief fact of interest was that this is the sixth year in succession in which he has won the honor and the ninth time in ten years. The medal has been in the Reid family since 1903, the other years being taken care of by John Reid, Jr.

Mr. A. F. Kammer retained his title of Staten Island champion—all his rounds being 76 or better

championship on the last green with a long putt. It was a fine finish to a successful season.

Perhaps the finest round of golf which has been played this past month was the 71 made by Mr. Francis Ouimet in the qualifying round in the annual fall tournament of the Country Club, at Brookline, Mass. He was followed by a good sized gallery and repaid the visitors by his superb golf, the sort that gives you more than one thrill. He started off with a perfect 4, then made another, kept up the good work by a 4 at the difficult third and then drove, pitched, and took two putts on the next. Coming to the fifth, a fairly hard five, he played a drive straight down the course for two hundred and fifty yards, then put a long iron shot to within twelve feet of the hole and proceeded to hole out in a 3. As a 4 seemed to be the top limit this figure did for the sixth, but it was followed by a perfect 3 at the seventh. At this stage

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of the game the speculations were rife that Mr. Ouimet would break—either in his game or the record, for the golf was too uncanny for words. This feeling was heightened at the long eighth. This is the hole where last year's open champion made that perfect iron shot which enabled him to hole in three. It was done in like fashion on this round and so when Ouimet came up to the tee of the ninth hole he had a 4 for a 33. A sigh of relief as well as disappointment

shot out of the grassy folds which left him, however, in the middle of the road guarding the green. A glance, a quick lunging stroke, and the ball lay seven feet from the pin. Mr. Ouimet rarely misses putts on that green you know, and this time, too, his record was kept clean. Around in 71, eight strokes ahead of the next best in a field which contained the cream of the State's best. Could anything more be expected of any champion? The score:



THE WEATHER WHICH PREVAILED DURING THE PIPING ROCK TOURNAMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WORSE Our illustration shows Mr. J. R. Hyde putting on cotton gloves before starting his semi-final's match with Mr. Max Marston on the right

came from the gallery when a fluffed mashie shot made a 6 necessary on this three shot hole. There was disappointment that the champion's fine record had been partly spoiled but refreshment in the fact that all golfers are human.

The return journey had an inauspicious start, for a 4 was registered at the short tenth. Matters were evened up when a drive, an iron and one putt sufficed at the par four eleventh. There was a 5 at the next followed by a 4, another 5 at the long fourteenth and a 4 at the next, leaving Mr. Ouimet with a score of even fours with three holes to go. The short hole was made in 3, the favorite seventeenth in a 4, and then away for home with a 4 for the record of the course. The drive brought forth ejaculations of regret from the crowd because it was pulled into the long grass on the left from which lie it was clearly impossible to get home in two. The amateur title holder rose to the occasion and played a beautiful

Out..... 4 4 4 4 3 4 3 3 6—35  
In..... 4 3 5 4 5 4 3 4 4—36—71

It is needless to say that Mr. Ouimet eventually won the tournament by defeating Mr. Rodney Brown 4 up and 2 to play.

It was at the suggestion of Mrs. J. E. Davis that the Metropolitan Golf Association proposed to its members the holding of tournaments upon Election day, the proceeds from which were to be a contribution of the Association to the Belgian Relief Fund. The idea proved to be a huge success and golfers owe a great deal of thanks to Mrs. Davis for a suggestion, that allowed them as a body to contribute to so worthy a fund. The Association sent to each of its seventy-one members a special bronze medal and so far forty-one clubs have reported the collecting of \$4090. Perhaps when the full returns are in, this figure will approach very near to \$6000.

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