

THE "MAIDEN" AT SANDWICH

The character of the sixth or "Maiden" hole of the Royal St. George's Golf Links at Sandwich, Kent, England, which is illustrated in color on pages 38 and 39 of this issue depends largely upon the exact position of the teeing ground and hole and on the strength and direction of the wind. Played from flat ground near the seashore over a ridge of broken sandhills, one must walk about a hundred yards in order to see the result of the tee shot. A notice on the tee box informs players that the hole is on the "far" or on the "near" green. The distinction is caused by a ridge which runs diagonally across the green. There is a sand bunker in front of the green, while on the right are smaller sand traps, together with humps and hollows of rough grass. The left is dominated by the "Maiden." Until the end of the last century the hole was played over the top of the "Maiden." The distance from the medal teeing ground was one hundred and sixty yards, but for championship purposes it was extended to one hundred and eighty-two yards. The prevailing wind from the southwest blows directly from the green to the teeing ground. For the average player the shot may be anything from a driver to a niblick. The par for the hole is three.
