

THE PANAMA GOLF CLUB

THE photograph on page 34 of the Panama Golf Club course, which being on Panama soil still has a nineteenth hole, was taken in February of this year by an army plane, well over a mile in the air. This was in the middle of the dry season and the closely clipped fair greens look like strips of paper pasted on a plate. The rough is distinguishable because it is of a darker hue than the longer grass. The excellence of the arrangement of the holes is apparent. Each nine-hole loop is based on the clubhouse and in each nine there is one good three-shotter, the third and fifteenth; two one-shotters, the fifth and eighth and the twelfth and seventeenth; two drive and mashie holes, the second and ninth and the eleventh and thirteenth; two drive and mid-iron holes, the first and seventh and the tenth and eighteenth; and two full two-shotters, the fourth and sixth and the fourth and sixteenth. It will be noted that no two holes of the same class are in succession and all the one-shotters are different; the eighth being a mashie shot, the twelfth, a midiron, and the seventeenth, which is level, a cleck or brassie. At the fifth hole there is considerable of a gradient and takes a good full shot while the first hole is a fine two-shotter and particularly for the decision of an extra-hole match. The eighteenth is also a very good hole, giving expert and average golfer an equal chance on a close match. The length of the nines are practically even, the outward yardage being 3,152 and the inward 3,052. The pars are the same, each nine having one five, two threes and the rest fours, making a total of 70. The course record is 77, made by Col. Jay J. Morrow, the Governor of Panama, who laid out the course. This score is about equivalent to a 73 or a 74 at Garden City or a 70 or 71 at some less terrifically bunkered course. One loses at least four or five strokes in a round at Panama through the non-dependability of the greens.