



EVENTUALLY BAD EMS WILL HAVE A COURSE OF ITS OWN
And the players will be surrounded by such verdant slopes as those which form the background of this view of the watering place on the banks of the Lahn

Bad Ems Falls in Line

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From time immemorial the mineral springs with which Nature has so prodigally endowed the Taunus Mountains in Germany have given man the benefit of their healing waters. But the powers that be, there as at other European spas, were wise enough long ago to realize that while man may be cured by waters alone he usually is not. Along with the cure he needs outdoor recreation. So music and the drama were called upon and one sport after another made to figure in the life of this and that watering place. And now an era has come which was not dreamed of when springs spelled medicine; life at such resorts is so pleasant that in this day and generation the famous spas of Europe are frequented more by the well than by the ill. Without looking as far into the future, as the millennium, the time may be coming when watering places will be well-nigh exclusively for prevention rather than cure. Happy thought!

That golf was so slow in making itself a sport factor at the spas of Continental Europe is due to no fault of its own. It was part and parcel of the slowness of Europe, apart from the British Isles. But its progress has been steady and there is a long list of spa courses. In the Taunus region alone there are enough to form a small chain.

For some years golf at Bad Ems

has meant going over to its neighbor, Langenschwalbach, to play. This has been by no means a hardship. The nine-hole course is only an hour away by motor and the journey to and fro. The trip is so agreeable that none of the time spent en route is grudged. One drives through a beautiful forest country and vista after vista of picturesqueness opens up.

But the time is here when the demand for golf at Bad Ems has outgrown the facilities. The fashionable resort through which the Lahn flows as it makes its way down a verdant valley is to have its own course and one of marked excellence. As for its surroundings, Nature took thought of that in the beginning of things and there will be a wealth of scenery to delight the eye of the golfer. It is scenery with a quiet charm. There is no bold snuggedness; it is all enchanting restfulness, with a touch of the romantic. And when one is not playing golf there is diversion aplenty. There is also historical interest. A stone in the promenade by the Kursaal marks the spot where King William of Prussia and Count Benedetti, the French Ambassador, had the interview which gave rise to the Franco-Prussian War. The mighty Rhine is near enough at hand for its valley to be plainly visible from the heights of the Malberg; Coblenz is only eleven miles away.



VISITORS NOW PLAY ON THIS LANGENSCHWALBACH COURSE
Reached by an hour's motor drive through a picturesque forest region