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THE NEW FOURSOME AND THE OLD

His Honor Mr. Recorder Weir, D.C.L.

THE sharp difference in opinion as to the comparative merits of the four-ball match and the old foursome is largely owing to divergent temperaments. The strenuous golfer, particularly he who may have begun late and is regretful of much lost time, cannot get too much of golf. To him the foursome is sheer waste of time. To drive only at alternate tees is not enough; eighteen or thirty-six are not too many. Golf, like Art, is long, and time is fleeting; wherefore, then, should he stand idle half the time, playing but a moiety of the strokes that the newer form of the foursome permits? This is the argument for the four-ball game, and the explanation of its favor with many.

But your golfer who began his golf on emerging from infancy, who, without being at all satiated, has no occa-

sion to reproach himself with bitter memories of a time when golf was an unrevealed bliss, takes more kindly to the old foursome. He enjoys the partnership and camaraderie of it. He takes supreme pleasure in emulating his companion's good strokes and even greater delight, perhaps, in redeeming a situation caused by his partner's temporary aberration. Such a golfer to whom golf is no new thing but the blessed companion of a lifetime, like the open air and sunshine, is less strenuous than he whom I have just described, is less begrudging of the fleeting hours and more complaisant with the use and wont of the game. He is more respectful towards tradition. Therefore it is that your Braids and Vardons and Taylors, far from despising the old foursome, extol it

and play it. And to this frame of mind will also eventually come the keen and avaricious seeker after the maximum of golfing delight. The Scotch foursome, indeed, is a perfectly natural evolution of the game. To it we shall all come. In the meantime, the ardent player who is greedy for

every shot is to be pardoned for his zeal. Sooner or later he will emerge into the calmer mood of the golfer who recognizes that the best form of golf, like the best mode of life, recognizes a partnership, and not a purely personal pilgrimage across the Links of Time.

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH

By Percy H. Whiting

The sixth annual championship of the Southern Golf Association will be held over the course of the Atlanta Athletic Club, June 4 to 8. The executive committee of the association has held a meeting in Atlanta, inspected the course, placed on it their official "O. K.," and set the date.



Far be it from anyone to suppose that this decision was not reached except after a long and prayerful consideration of the whole matter. Atlanta was voted the tournament at the last annual meeting in New Orleans only after a fight that lasted half a night. And then it got the tournament only on condition that the course be passed on favorably by the executive committee of the association, at a date some time in advance of the tournament.



During the winter there was a world of talk for and against—mostly against—the Atlanta course. The anti-Atlanta contingent said the course was too long, that it would not be ready in time, that the new club house would not be completed for the tournament, and that the course was lo-

cated in a "dry county." The Atlanta golfers plead guilty on the last two counts, but they agreed to turn over to the association the best course that a Southern championship had ever been played on.



The committee, or rather a bare majority, consisting of H. F. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., president of the association; R. H. Baugh of Birmingham, Ala., secretary of the association; Albert Mallory of Memphis, Tenn., and Fulton Colville of Atlanta, Ga., met in Atlanta early in April, played the course, and then decided without argument that it would be in condition for the championship.



The date was in the nature of a compromise. The Atlanta club would have preferred a somewhat later one. The New Orleans players, however, asked for an early date, and all the golfers in the extremely southern section of the association were earnestly in favor of an early date. So the first week in June was chosen. This will hardly suit Atlanta, Louisville, Nashville, Lexington, Ky., and Chattanooga golfers, but a complaint is unlikely.