

# GOLF And It's Minimum Essentials

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## No. 2—THE GRIP (By Frank Thompson)

At the present time the great majority of professionals, as well as amateur golfers, use the overlapping grip, and in order that what follows may be clearer I shall try to give a brief description of it.

This grip consists in holding the club as much as possible in the fingers and in the standard type the forefinger and thumb of each hand form a double V, which points down the shaft. In addition to this the little finger of the right hand is allowed to ride on top of the forefinger of the left hand, and the thumb of the left hand is not down the shaft, but is to the right side of it and inside the right hand under the ball of the right thumb. The advantage supposedly derived from this is that it brings the hands closer together than otherwise possible, and materially assists in their more hearty co-operation.

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This method of holding the club is certainly not a natural one, and of all games requiring the use of two hands this grip, or anything approaching it, is particularly restricted to golf. There is no doubt but that this grip gets the hands closer together than other ones, and in any method of holding the club this seems to be a prime essential. Women as a rule seem to have a marked tendency to keep the hands separated. I cannot suggest any valid reason for this unless it is a habit resulting from too much inactivity with the broom.

But this grip is of comparatively recent origin and was not always considered the proper method of holding the club. Although Vardon did not invent it he certainly did a great deal to make it popular. Even in his case it must be remembered that he won several championships before adopting it, so that it cannot be said to explain his genius—and whether all players should adopt it is a question deserving some consideration.

When Hutchinson edited his first book on golf the player was advised to allow the club to fall back upon the web between the forefinger and thumb of the right hand. This advice applied only to the drive, for in the iron shots the club was not to turn an atom, but was to be held firmly in the fingers. Why there should be this difference in the method of holding the wooden and iron clubs is not very clear to the golfer of the present day, unless it is that the gutta percha ball, being harder to get into the air, required a longer swing, which was obtained by the club falling into the web of the thumb as stated above. Since the introduction of the rubber cored ball there does not seem to be the same necessity for a long swing as before, and the sliding grip has entirely disappeared among good players. I heartily agree with this, for I feel that any change in the grip during the swing will not add to accuracy.

However, it cannot be overlooked that even today there is a little give of the fingers at the top of the swing, which in some cases causes the right hand to open a fraction. There is not, however, any sliding movement as the club is held firmly with the thumb and forefingers. This little give or flexibility of the fingers is not characteristic of all good players for there are many who seem to have a firm, even grip throughout the swing.

In addition to the overlapping grip there are two others which may be more or less called types—being the ordinary double V grip, which differs from the Vardon grip only in that there is no overlapping. Both are decidedly finger grips. The other is generally called the palm grip, which has many variations. But its chief characteristic is that the club is held in the palm as one would hold a baseball bat.

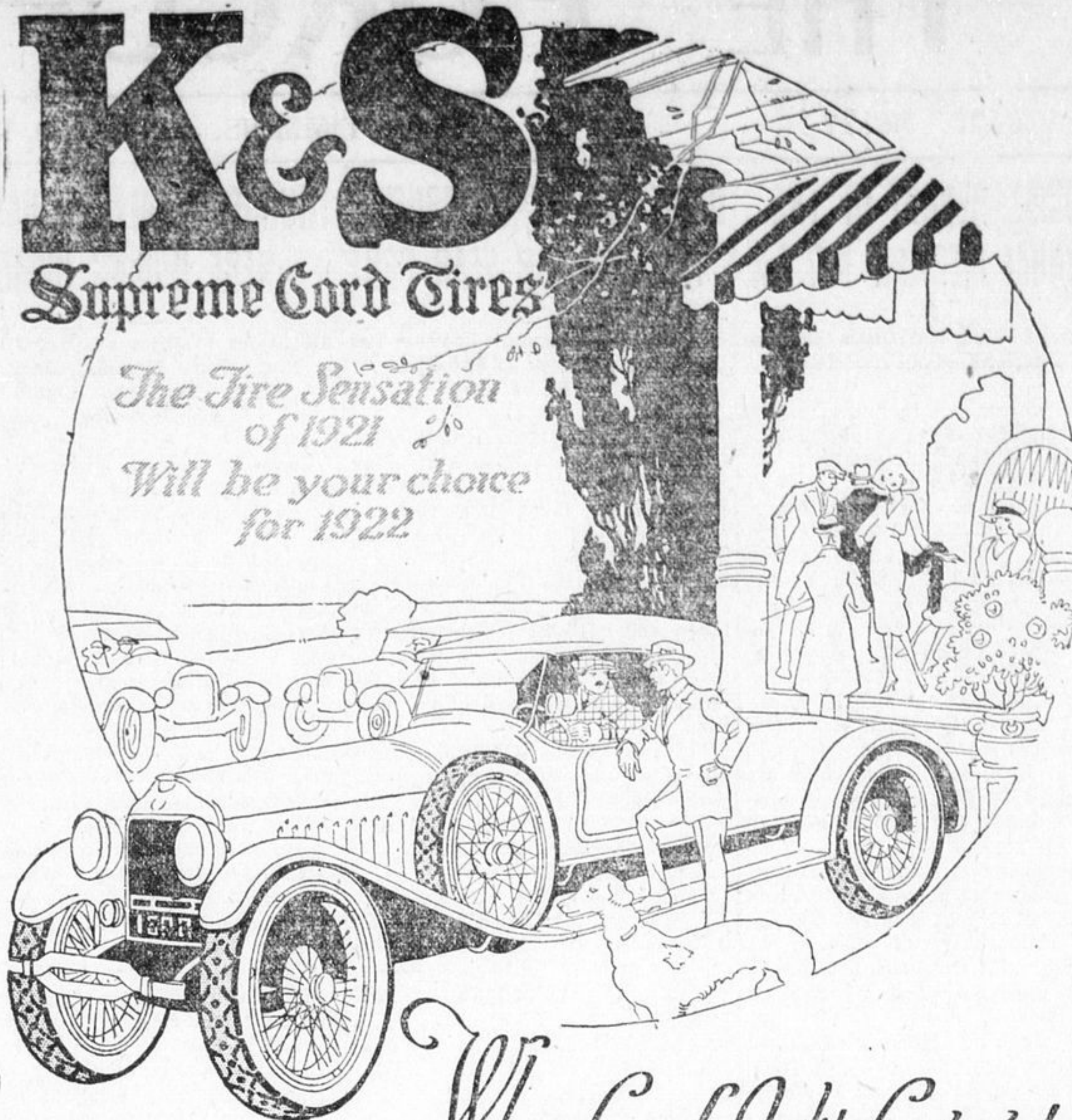
It seems to be the consensus of opinion that a harder blow can be struck by a club held in the palms than in the fingers, and most players who have changed grips have testified to a loss of distance upon the adopting of the overlapping one. But they usually add that they considered the extra control they got over the club more than compensated them for this.

In these days of well trapped courses, accuracy gets its reward, and the beginner would be well advised to make accuracy the slogan of his game. For this reason I would strongly recommend the overlapping grip. It gets both hands closer and enables them to work in harmony. I also think there is more apt to be uniformity in the grip, as one hand readily dovetails into the other. The right hand in golf is supposed to have a tendency to dominate the shot because of its extra strength. This domination is desirable at impact, though it is detrimental in taking the club back. But the overlapping of the right hand is supposed to counteract this tendency. Interlocking, confused by some with overlapping must always be avoided.

Whatever grip is used, the beginner can put this down as essential—both hands must be as close together as possible, for they must not work in opposition to each other. There is another point which all good players have in common. It is that the back of the left hand must not point to the ground, but be at least facing the hole, or better still, partly facing the sky. This enables the club to be got more easily into a hitting position. In addition a harder blow can be struck with the back of the left hand facing the sky than facing the ground.

These two points were insisted on as authority generations ago and cannot be ignored by successful golfers today. No restrictions can be put on the position of the right hand, for we find good golfers who have the right hand in just the reverse positions. Miss Leitch is a good example where the back of the hand faces the ground and Braid is a case of it being well over the club, or facing the sky.

Certain grips have certain characteristics, that is, when one wishes to pull, it is customary to put the left hand more over the club and the right hand more underneath it. This permits of a more rounded swing, as the natural tendency of the right hand underneath is to keep the right elbow in close to the body. This is very characteristic in Miss Leitch's swing, and is one reason why she requires such a pronounced body turn and crouch; otherwise she could not get her club into a hitting position. Although her body turn is quite pronounced, her club goes little if any past the horizontal, and these reasons together explain why it faces the sky.



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In case of the slice, the grip is held in the opposite method. The right hand works more over the club and the left, if anything, a little underneath.

The reader must remember, however, that we are dealing here with the grip only, and that there are other factors in connection with slicing and pulling, such as stance and body movement, which cannot be ignored, and

of which more will be said later.

In conclusion I strongly recommend the overlapping grip, for any small loss of distance is more than counteracted by increased accuracy. If the beginner finds overlapping distasteful, then the ordinary double V finger grip is almost as good. In adopting this the reader may derive much consolation from the fact that no less a player than "Chick" Evans uses it. The

palm grip is undoubtedly the poorest grip of all, but here again a few noted players either use it wholly or compromise with it. Miss Leitch undoubtedly uses it wholly for her drives, and Abe Mitchell uses it in part. But, as stated, I personally prefer the overlapping grip.

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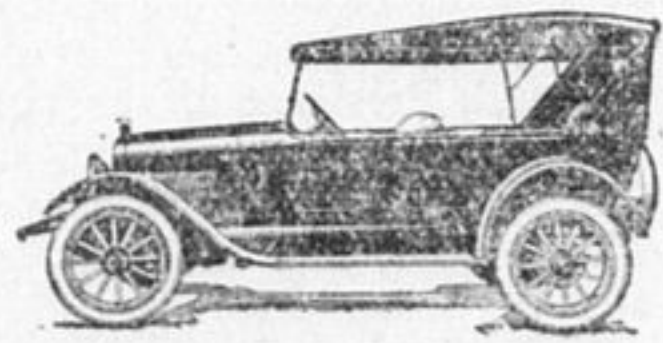
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