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George Duncan and Abe Mitchell which turns slightly toward the hole paid a week's visit to Toronto a few before the swing proper commences. months ago and have preached a new | There seems to be some deep rooted calls it the flail, after the old imple- muscles for this same phenomenon Heretofore golfers have been if further interested can, no doubt, as a sling. Now they are asked to After the knuckling down is in provisualize it as a flail. Personally I cess, the pictures show certain activgrasped. The new teaching contrasts as hips with the left heel fixed. sharply as possible with the old. Not that the golf swing has changed, of course, employed in turning the for it has remained the same except

for minor details caused by the rubber cored ball for over three hundred years, but only the method of teaching it. I do not know of a clearer way of describing Duncan's method than of contrasting it with the old teaching which advocated the moving of the club head first.

The new method says that the club head noves last and Duncan to emphasize this oftentimes places his foot on the club head and then asks the pupil to swing. This causes the hands of the club behind. This head of the club behind. This another way of saying that the golf swing is a body swing and not an arm one, or, perhaps better still that the upswing is initiated by body movement and the down swing also. In previous articles details of

the body movement have been given but because of Duncan's visit and the importance attached to the body method, it may be a help for many hips. The turning of the hips,

, it is quite noticeable at his right hip

gospel of the golf swing. Duncan physiological law connected with the ment for threshing. The idea fired is observed in many games. This is the imagination of many golfers. an interesting point, and the reader accustomed to look on the golf swing get some doctor friend to explain. prefer sling, and so far as Canada ity taking place at the left heel and is concerned I am sure more people in order to turn the hips freely it have a clearer idea of sling than is necessary that the left heel should flail. The term, however, is not im- be eased from the ground somewhat, portant so long as the method is as anyone may demonstrate for himself by attempting to turn the

All the muscles of both legs are,



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to briefly outline the body method. course turns the shoulders and these After the waggle (and Duncan be- in turn pull the arms with them. lieves in a free waggle) and immedi- The hands must follow the arms, but ately prior to what may be called fastened to the hands is the club and the swing proper there is a knuck- the club's inertia must be overcome. ling down to the ball called by some It is because of the resistance offered the forward press. This knuckling by the club that the strain is felt at down is perceptible, as a rule, at the the wrists, and is so apparent in the hands or the right hip. In Duncan pictures. Until the club's inertia is overcome it will not move, and the last resistance is shown in the club head. Before it starts moving the hands have moved a few inches.

Now the weaker the wrists, assuming the body swing is employed the more strain will be noticed at the wrist joints. As soon as the cluo head starts moving it acquires a certain momentum and it is not very long before it gets ahead of 'the hands and the arms. In the initial stage the left wrist becomes extended and the left arm, straightens at the elbow joint, due in both instances to the strain caused by the club's inertia. If the body swing is used and this is the natural swing, us a Trial. Goods Delivered Free. the left arm will straighten natur-

This is quite different to straightening the left arm as advised by some teachers, and as employed by some Americans. Prior to the hips turning there seems to be a slight sway, and so dexible is the spinal column that it is quite possible to shoot the hips to the right a few inches without perceptibly moving the head. As pointed out before one should not worry about a stationary head as this is an incidental. The head of the club, if a body swing is employed will be seen to travel back along the line of Hight for a considerable distance. This is caused by the strain at the wrists and also due to the body sway. If the hips turned immediately the club head would leave the line of flight almost immediately in the back swing. But this does not happen as can be demonstrated apart from pictures by placing a ball a foot or more behind the ball to be hit.

In the back swing the club head will knock the ball away. Sooner or later the club head, shaft, and the left arm will form a straight line. This is an important stage of the swing. The greater part of the weight must be at this point on the right foot. If the weight is on the left foot at this stage, the club must be pushed back and the weight cannot get behind the club so that it can be slung. Duncan is insistent about the weight being on the right foot. With good golfers the weight seems to get onto the right foot very early in the swing.

The completion of the body moveand the reverse movements have been explained in other articles. Opp. Woolworth's, 12 Third Ave. So far as Duncan's teaching is concerned he places the emphasis on the hip action and the extension of the wrists.

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