Something Not Confined to Any Special Whist System.

SUITISM

Plenty of Chance For Players to Exercise Individual Judgment In Openings and Subsequent Strategie Work-Analysis of Two Instructive Contests.

Speaking of the mutual confidence that exists between members of a team that plays the strict, routing, long suit game, I am tempted to add some reflections that have occurred to me as a consequence of two matches recently played and won by the short suit team of which I have the honor to be the gaptain. It has frequently been to me a source of regret that this club has taken upon itself the burden of my name, but nevertheless I have cause to be proud of its achievements. Its members are chiefly players of the younger class, without reputations at all commensurate with those of the American and Pyramid Whist clubs in the city of Boston. The style of game we play is as for as possible from that which Captain Bouve claims to insure perfect confidence hetween partners, and yet I venture to say that this perfect confidence is no more frequently lacking in our team contests than it is in the contests of the routine players. As a matter of fact we, too, have a sort of routine. Perhaps I should call it a system which, while it has some routine in it, is quite flexible, and, while well adapted to team work, gives the individual player pleuty of room for the exercise of his individual judgment and taste in the open-

ings and subsequent strategy of hands. The two recent matches to which I refer were for the Morse trophy of the New England Whist association. The first, which we won from the American Whist club team, Captain Bouve, was played on Satwrday, Feb. 12. After 30 deals, with only six deals more to play, we were three tricks behind our adversaries. On the last frame we gained no less than seven tricks, thereby pulling out the match by four tricks. This is the fact. The comment that I wish to make upon it is that our victory, achieved at the very end of the contest, was due to our superiority in that very department of the game which has been claimed as a monopoly by players like our adversaries—namely, mutual confidence. Post. Those last six doals, on which we gained. seven tricks, were as cleanly, accurately, spiritedly played as any six that I have ever seen or in which I ever engaged-even when I was a long suiter. Although we were fighting against odds, we adhered faithfully to our system, and, without luck, simply outplayed our opponents. If our opponents had maintained that perfect mutual confidence of which they believe themselves the sole possessors, and if they had displayed those staying qualities for which the members of the American Whist club team are by their captain said to be famous, they would certainly have retained their advantage and won the match. As it was, one of their men lost four tricks on a critical deal, when he must have realized that the issue of the contest might depend upon each card played, the score was so close. But for these four tricks dropped on a single deal the Americans might still have tied the match. I am informed that after the game the player who was guilty of this faux pas suffered deep perturbation of spirit and apologized to each and every one of his team mates.

Now, I write this in no feeling of boastng, or even with the intention of criticising the play of the American team or of condemning its system of play. What I wish the reader to gather from this plain statement of facts is that a team of short suiters may be imbued with a mutual confi dence and with staying qualities quite equal to those who abide by the strict long suit routine. As individuals the members of the American team in this contest were, taken one by one, more experienced and in some respects abler players than ourselves. Why we won anybody may judge

The second contest to which I have referred was played for the same trophy against the crack Pyramid four on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Again our team was victorious by a small margin, three tricks. And again defeat was turned into victory on the very last frame of six deals. At the beginning of this last frame, when 30 deals had been played, our team had two tricks the worst of it. On the last frame we gained five tricks and the match. On the last 11 deals of the match we gained mine tricks without allowing the adversaries to score once. In this critical part of the contest the members of our team certainly laid down their cards with the most remarkable combination of vigor and soundness. I don't believe that a single possible trick escaped them. Talk about confidence! There was an atmosphere of confidence between our fellows that one could almost perceive with the material senses. When the round was finished, but before we had had time to examine and compare scores, we were sure that we had outplayed

our opponents. The results of this match and of the preceding one have convinced me that there is nothing whatever in the somewhat prevalent idea that the routine long suit game is more conducive to steadiness in team work than the short suit game judiciously practiced.

In one of the deals in the last frame the dealer, at my left, turned a diamond. My partner led the seven of hearts. Holding the ace, king, jack and one small heart, J played the king and held the trick. I had good cards in the other two plain suits and three trumps headed by the jack, and at the opening of the hand, if I had had the initiative, I should certainly have led trumps. But by his opening of the seven my partner had pretty plainly informed me that his trump holding was not great and that unless I myself were strong trumps the establishment of the heart suit was the first object to accomplish. I therefore returned the ace of hearts. The queen dropped at my left and partner played the eight. For a moment I was puzzled, because I thought that if partner had held a smaller one than his original seven he would have played it the second round. Both the three and the four of the suit. however, were missing, and I was entirely onfident that one of them lay with partper and one at my right. Then why had partner not played that small one to the Topics. second round? The answer was obvious He was afraid that if he dropped the small one to the second round I would think he had no more, having opened a two card suit at the start. I could plainly read his | a night lunch wagon. - New York World. original holding as the ten, eight, seven and one other small beart, without trump trength. Therefore to the third trick ed the jack of hearts, forcing the adverary and breaking a strong trump hand.

nd on the deal we gained two tricks.

HIS ONLY PLEA.

He Acknowledged His Guilt, and Then the Complainant Surprised Them.

called, "we want this scoundrel sent to the penitentiary for ten years at the very least. A less punishment would simply be a mockery of justice.

Your honor will pardon my wife's very natural excitement under stances interrupted the father of the young woman. "Of course I know that the penitentiary is out of the question, but the fine should be not a cent less than \$100. I tell you, sir, when our girls are not safe from insult''--"What has he done?" demanded the jus-

"Done!" exclaimed the mother. "Done? Where have you been that you haven't heard the story? The whole neighborhood is talking of it. Done! He has put a grievous insult upon our family that makes the extreme penalty of the law impera-

"Sir," put in the father, "he most inexcusably and outrageously insulted our daughter, and if he is not suitably punished by the court I shall take the law into my own hands."

"What did he do?" asked the justice. "He kissed her," replied the father. "Forcibly and with malice prepense he eaught and kissed her, unheeding her strugglo and protests against the outrage." 'Is that true?'' asked the justice, turn.

ing to the young woman. She blushed and said it was. "And you think he ought to be pun

"Assuredly." "And now, sir, what have you to say for yourself?" said the justice to the pris-

"I wish you would look at her, judge," returned the young man meekly. "Note those eyes, those cheeks, those lips, the figure and the golden hair. Imagine an impressionable man-a lover of the beautiful -coming face to face with all that in a secluded spot on a pleasant evening, and then -- Now, honest, judge, how could I

There was a commotion in the vicinity | reorganization of the club under the name of the fair complainant. The father seemed to be arguing with his daughter, while the mother took her part. Then the old gentleman turned to the court.

"May as well dismiss the case, judge," he said. "The complainant, my daughter, absolutely refuses to prosecute."-Chicago

### Making Business.

The proprietor of the sheeshop sat on a packing case and looked enviously at the rival establishment across the way. "I wonder why it is that he is getting

all the business," he said. "He has gone over his entire stock," explained the clerk who had taken the trouble to investigate the matter, "and has renumbered the sizes. As a result a woman who ordinarily wears a No. 3 shoe can be fitted with a No. 2 in his store."

Then, of course, it was apparent why pine out of every ten women in town absolutely refused to patronize any one else.—

It Sounded That Way.

"I heard one of those little Dutch bands this morning''— Asbury Peppers began. "Are you sure you do not mean a German band?" asked the sarcastic and critic-"I think it was Dutch," replied Asbury

Peppers, "I could distinctly hear the big trombone shouting: 'Oom Paul! Oom Paul! Oom!' ''-Cincinnati Enquirer.

# Had a Good Time.

"I am afraid you didn't enjoy your visit to the theater, " said Willie Wishington. "Oh, yes, I did," replied Miss Cayenne. "But I didn't see you smile once."

"You didn't observe me between the acts. There were some very amusing things printed in the programme."-Washington Star.

# The Mean Man.

"What is the difference," asked the boarder with a passion for idiotic conundrums, "between a very young girl and a

very old boy?' "A very young girl," the mean man hastened to answer, "generally is the very old boy."-Indianapolis Journal.

# None In Stock.

Lady (to dog fancier)-What kinds of dogs have you for sale? D. F.-Scotch terriers, Chinese pugs, French poodles and English setters. Lady-Have you any of those ocean greyhounds that I have read about? - Detroit Free Press.

# The Difference.

"The difference between characters and reputation?" repeated the student who had been half asleep all through the study hour. "Er-why, servant girl has to have one and a prizefighter has to have the other. ''—Indianapolis Journal.

# On a Friday.

Smith (at the table)-I'm rather inclined to think that fishes are a brave species of animal. Jones -- What occasions that belief?

Smith-Well, they've so much infernal backbone!—Up to Date.

### Dangerous Insinuation. Nellie-I know that I am not perfect.

realize that I have my faults. George-Yes; that's so. Nellie (indignantly)-I have, ch? I'd like to know what they are. Just name one. -New York World.

# The Fly's Joke.

"This," said the fly who lived in the steam heated flat, as he alighted on the summit of the baldheaded man-"this is the locality so often referred to as 'parts unknown.' ''-Cincinnati Enquirer.

# Theatrical Drawbacks.

"So you have real food in your stage Yes; but the manager takes it out of our salaries. ''-- Chicago Becord.

The Ruling Passion. Gobang-I see in the paper that Professor Skighigh has discovered a new comet. Wheeler-What make and gear?-Town

## It Was Ente. Gerald-You look sweet enough to eat.

Geraldine-You evidently think we run Against a Post.

Ned-Will beer make a man fat? Ted-It's more apt to make him lean,-New York Journal

the information that my partner gave, nor pletely. Fifty cents a bottle. For sale at rould the player in my position have been Wade's drug store.

A well constructed brick house will outan older a percention of the situation o

BASEBALL PROSPECTS. Significance of the Changes In the Rules

an advocate of the double umpire system.

with sufficient authority invested in the

dent Hart was born at Girard, Pa., and

dent of that club and has been in the busi-

ness ever since. He was president and

owner of the Milwaukee Western league

club in 1887 and 1888 and in 1889 assumed

the management of the Boston League

team. He spent the season of 1890 in pro

moting the game in England, and the fol

soon after elected to the presidency. Presi-

dent Hart was the moving spirit in the

JAMES A. HART.

of the Chicago League ball club, purchas-

ing the major portion of the stock and re-

taining his position as the guiding hand

of the club's policy. As chairman of the

playing rules committee of the National

league he has done efficient work, and

most of the prospective improvements in

fact that under the new four trip plan the

teams are away from home for but a period

of from 10 to 12 days at a time. In past

years the teams were wanderers for from

20 to 25 days and often a month. This

year it: will be a case of constant going and

coming. The old story of a long losing

trip will not be heard any more, because

there are to be no more long trips. A team

that has a losing trip this year will look

forward to a stretch of victories that will

be coming when they return to their own

bailiwick. Mr. Young thinks the schedule

will result in giving the public the most

The Secret of Success.

I met a man yesterday who used to be

in the circus business, or at least in one

branch of it, for he made most of the mon-

ey he has now by keeping a lemonade

stand near the big tent-the "main top,"

he calls it. Circus lemonade has been so

long a stock joke of the humorists that I

felt desire to know how it is really made.

fect candor he gave me this recipe:

a dozen lemons sliced thin.

country," he said.

the floater."

I asked the man to tell me and with per-

Take a barrel of water, preferably rain-

water; add to it 3 pounds of tartaric acid,

a little cochineal, sugar to taste and half

told me, frequently reached \$100 a day.

The profits of his lemonade stand, he

"We make more in the cities than in the

'Why?'' I asked. "Because of the larger

"No," he answered, "but country peo-

ple always eat the lemon. City people

leave it in the glass or simply throw it on

thegrass, where it can be picked up again.

The real secret of success is, always save

After all, I never knew anybody to suf-

fer from the effects of circus lemonade, and

the plan of always saving the floaters is

really no more startling than a little econ-

omy I saw practiced by a Washington host-

ess one afternoon. She was giving a re-

ception, and in a momentary lull the young

woman at the punch bowl asked for a serv-

ant to empty the glasses which guests had

left half filled. The hostess did not even

all back into the punch bowl. It's too ex-

pensive to be wasted."-Washington Post.

Mansfield and Shaw.

Richard Mansfield acknowledges that

George Bernard Shaw is a clever man.

but he is irritated by the brilliant Irish-

man's conceit. A bit of advice from Shaw

that rankles in the actor's breast was the

request that he walk through his lines in

"The Devil's Discipline" rather than act

them. The piece, however, is one of the

most successful in Mansfield's repertory.

That it is by Shaw galls him. "What do

I do," he complained one evening, "but

make the public go away and talk about

Bernard Shaw-Bernard Shaw, confound

him!" At this a member of the company

protested vehemently against Mansfield's

ingratitude to Shaw and added that he

cught indeed to thank God every night of

his life for so good a play. "So I do," said

Mansfield earnestly, "so I do. I go on my

knees every night and do that very thing.

I thank God for so good a play. But," be

went on, "I also say, 'O God, why did it

have to be by Shaw?" -- San Francisco

The Dreaded Comes to Pass.

"Do you think he is asleep?"

Can't Llight up a little?"

"Where are you?"

"Hush, now; your shoes squeak! Take

"Yes, but don't breathe. Now wait."

"How infernally dark the house is

"Hang the stairs! How they creak!"

"Keep quiet. Don't breathe so loud."

"I\_I can't help it I can't hold it in."

"Now you've gone and done it! The

baby is awake!"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ready to Negotiate.

She-Ah, count, you don't know how

my love for you distresses my parents.

fees now, you sink!-Chicago News.

heard my father say this morning that he

would give \$50,000 if I could never see

The Count-Ees your faraire in hees of-

"Step softly. Don't stumble."

"Hang that infernal chair!"

Certainly not. He would hear

Argonaut.

"My dear," said she frankly, "pour it

exciting conflict in baseball history.

President Young calls attention to the

the game are due to his efforts.

lowing year became identified with the

umpires to enforce their decisions.

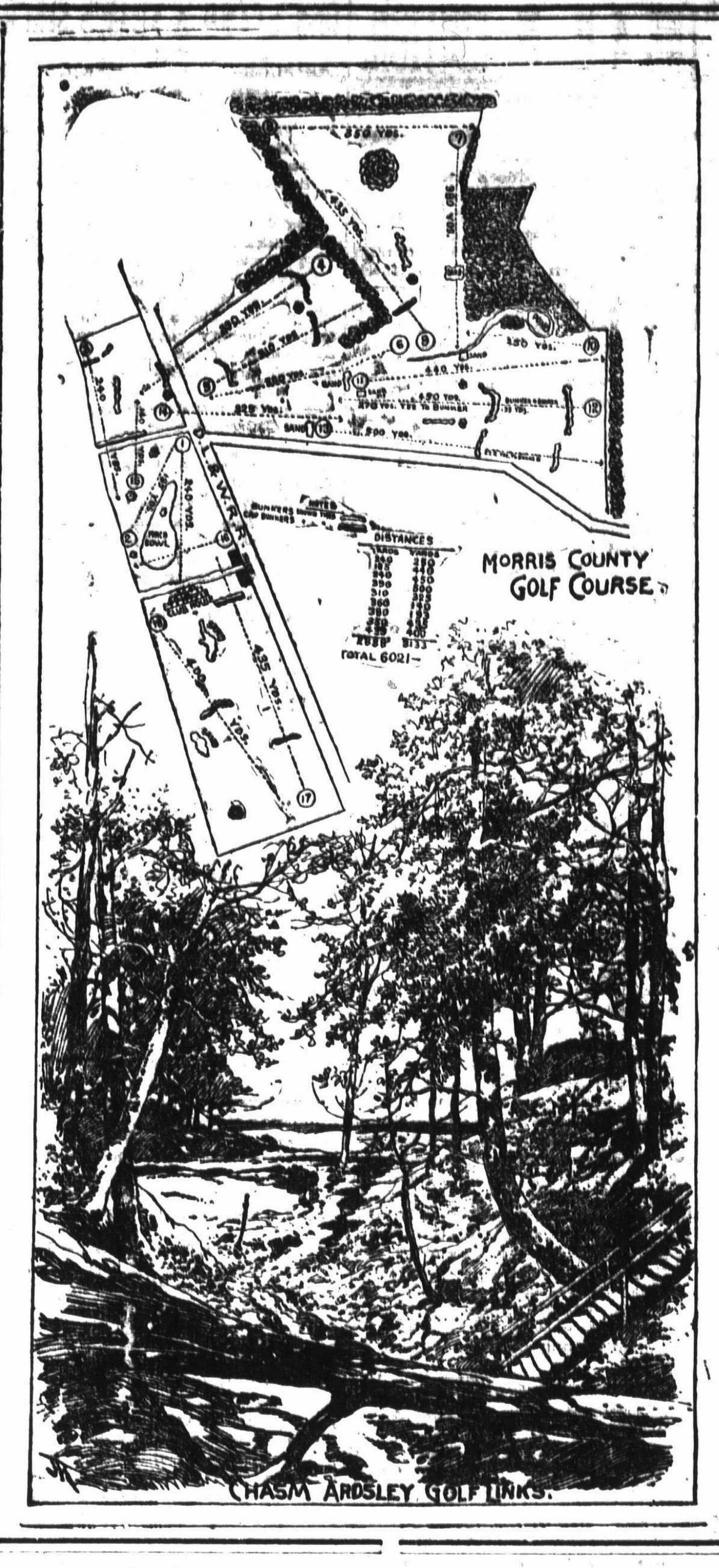
President James A. Hart of the Chicago Hard Tasks at the Ardsley and baseball club has made a good fight for gentlemanly baseball. He has long been Morristown Links.

received his early education at the local academy and at Grand River institute in Ohio. He was identified with various com Amateurs Will Be Given Unprecedented mercial and mercantile enterprises about Opportunities For Skillful Playing. the country for some time, becoming first What Picturesque Ardsley Has In Store connected with baseball as a stockholder of the Louisville club. In 1883 he was For the Women and Collegians. elected managing director and vice presi-

The golf courses at Morristown, N. J., and Ardsley, N. Y., will test the skill of participants in the coming championship contests. Changes are being made in the Morris county links which will reward straight going golfers and discount bad playing. This is what the amateurs want. Trap and sand bunkers are to be frequent, Chicago ball club as secretary and was as barriers in approaching the greens, which have been widened throughout. The reversed length will be 6,021 yards.

THREE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

The Ardsley course, over which the women's championship and the intercollegiate tournament are to be played, is difficult and strikingly picturesque. The first hole, the ravine, is 205 yards from the tee. good drive will reach the green. Two pot benchers on the right will catch a heeled ball, while a badly shied one will land on the railroad track or in the river. To reach the second hole it is necessary to traverse a ravine of 125 yards. The third hole, the grove, is 290 yards and is over a bunker, on to a putting green, skirted by trees. The fourth hole, the chasm, is only a half iron shot, but about 100 yards have to be carried, as the cheam is in most cases unplayable. The fifth hole, the crag, is 375 yards and takes two full shots. Should the first shot be pulled some pine trees will bar the way to the hole. The second shot must be played between the crag bunker and the trees on the right. The sixth, the Alps, is a drive and an approach over some mounds. The seventh hole, the erater, is 183 yards long and is a drive into a basin at the top of a hill. The eighth is 400 yards from the tee. Roads and ditches have to be surmounted. The ninth hole, known as the quarry, is 290 yards long. The tenth hole, South mountain, is 258 yards long and is a driver of 170 yards over a road. The next hole, the valley, is 217 yards, but is an easy drive, as it is all down hill. The pond hole is 175 yards, 120 yards of which are over the water. A boy is stationed here in a boat to retrieve balls. The fourteenth hole, the rocks, is 235 yards, and, as its name indicates, is surrounded by rocks. From this hole to the fifteenth tee superh views may be obtained, as they are on the highest ground of the course. The fifteenth hole, or orchard, 344 yards, is through an apple orchard. A burn has to be crossed in the second shot. The sixteenth, or lane, is 335 yards. Roads run across and to the right of the play. The seventeenth, or turnpike hole, is 350 yards. The first drive is over a bunker. The home hole is 458 yards, over the aqueduct, between trees and over a



tant Merristown and Ards-

Collecting Old Debte. "What do you mean by starting out so

early?" asked a Muleville citizen of the retired merchant who had commenced a vigorous canvass for coroner. "It's a long time until election yet. "Yes, but it will take me nearly a year to get round and spend one night with ev-

ery man in the county that owes me. am trying to board out my bad debts, don't you see?"-Atlanta Constitution. Suspicious Rectitudes the

Mrs. Hoon-Sylvester Strait is so honest and upright that he is absolutely above re-

Hoon-I suppose so but he is so irreproachable that I sometimes catch myself wondering what his little game is. - New York Sunday Journal.

Sees Himself as Others See Him.



Cholly I wondah if we are weally and twuly descended from monkeys?-New York World.

## A Wibb.

"I trust you," she said, "implicitly." "Would to heaven," he remarked fervently, "that woman had attained due recognition so that in a widened sphere of activity she were employed as bank cashier. " -New York Journal.

Mitigating Pontures. "Our cousin John, who fived next door

to us, has gone to the Elondike." "Weren's you sorry to see him go?" "Not so awfully sorry. He took his six dogs with him. "- Chicago Record.

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# Effects of Grippa.

A very bad attack of the Grippe one year ago last winter left my system in a very weak state and my nervous system completely unstrung. After getting over the dangerous stage of the disease I naturally expected to gain strength, but, unfortunately did not do so On the contrary, my blood became weaker. I daily lost strength and vitality, and my nervous system became so weak that it was a constant source of suffering both day and night. I lost appetite, the night of food naurented me, the weak state of my system caused shortness of breath and unnatural action of the heart, such as fluttering and violent palpitation, and my face was like chalk. I was in this condition and constantly getting weaker when I began taking Dr. Ward's Blood and N rve Pills. I had read the books they distributed and their advertisements in the papers, and thought, "Well, I have taken so much medicine without benefit it is useless to spend any more money. However, I finally made up my mind. It is a forlorn hope: I can but try. If I am not benefited I will not be hurt. So I bought one box and received great benefit therefrom, so continued their use, and to-day am a well man in consequence; my blood is strong, my face has the ruddy hue of health, my appetite has returned, I sleep well, I have not the al ghtest indications of nervousness or heart trouble, and from a sick, weak, nervous man the Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills have transformed me in six weeks to full health and strength." I am, yours very truly, WILLIAM WILLARD,

Night Clerk Grand Central Hotel, Peterboro'.

# Dyspepsia and Debility.

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Blood and Nerve Pills to all who are suffering as we were, because I feel

Yours, very truly, MR. and MRS. Victoria street,

matism. For two years I was troubled with rheuma Lism. and imfeed suf fered all the mis-

eries that such a disease ever inflicted upon its vietims, and almost gave up hope of ever being cared. As the doctors appeared to be un able to help me. I commenced to doctor myself with Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills, and they began to help me right from the time I started them. In no less than two weeks the pains buil all left my body and I commenced to gain in flesh. I am now just as well to day as I was tefore I took sick, and can her tily recommend them. ALEX. McROBERTS, Esq. Cor. Clarence and Richmond Ste. London

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# Constiptaion and Bad Blood.

I feel that I am in duty bound to let you know what Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills have done for me. I was very much run down in health. Had sores on my mouth and a festering sore on my leg which used to break out at times, causing me a great deal of trouble. My blood was in a terrible state, and I used to feel dull and tired every morning when I got up. Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pi is have effected a complete restoration of my system. The sores on my face and legs have healed up, and my blood has improved in quality and I have gained three pounds in weight. Constipution used to bother me a great deal, but your pills cured me of that. WILLIAM WARD, Esq., 258 Wilton Avonue, Toronto,

# Stomach Weakness,

I have been a great sufferer from nervous dyspepsia, with the usual symptoms of stomach weakness, loss of appetite and flesh, with accumulations of gas, sour risings and heartburn. I have used various patent medicines without any favorable results.

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