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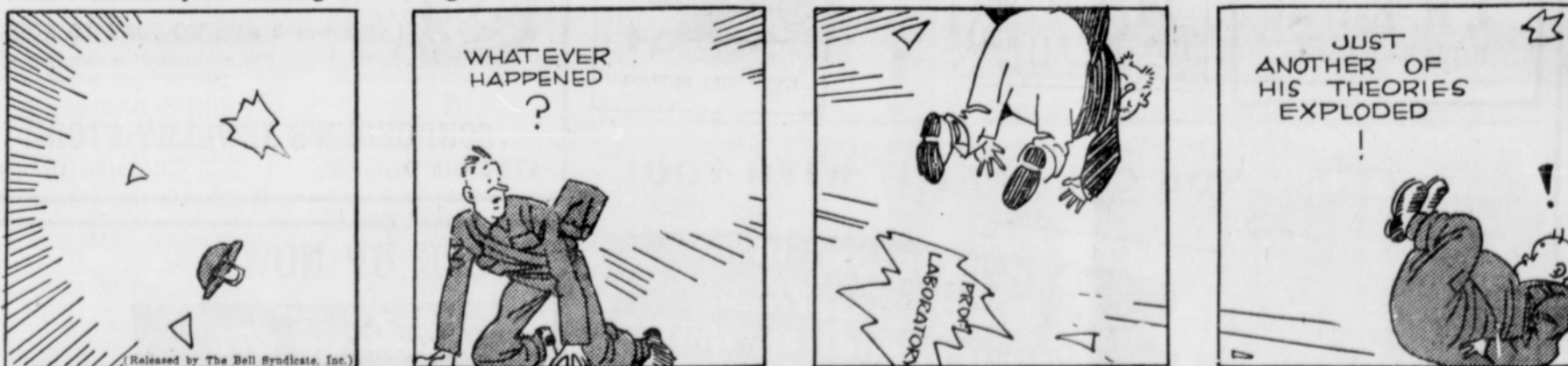
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THERE WAS NO NEED WHATEVER FOR THE ELABORATE GAMES THAT HAD BEEN DEVISED TO KEEP THE CHILDREN OCCUPIED AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, BECAUSE WORD GOT AROUND THAT THE ICE CREAM HADN'T COME YET



THE duffer in golf—meaning the millions who shoot between 90 and 120—may soon see new light through the darkness. He may come upon better days if instructive plans now set up by the P.G.A. work properly.

In past years the duffer, or average golfer, has developed swing-instruction from too many complex, unconstructive mixtures. One teacher would tell him to do this and another would tell him not to do that, until his mental picture was all badly blurred. At least this is the belief of a number of P.G.A. instructors, including Lou Scott and Joe Novak, who know their trade.

After more than 20 years of teaching the young and old how not to slice or hook or top or flub, Lou Scott, the Lakeside veteran, has a new and helpful angle to present. This idea consists largely in wiping out all the old slogans, the old maxims and such that have baffled the golfer for so many high-scoring years.

Things to Forget

"We must first clear up the golfer's mental blur," Scott says. "He has been given too many things to think about and to work on. We have finally discovered that golf instruction must be simplified. Craig Wood and others have been working on this idea in Florida. We have been working on it along the Pacific coast."

"Now here are the old slogans or forms that must be wiped out—that must be forgotten—

1. To keep your eye on the ball.
2. The straight left arm.
3. Any part of pronation.
4. The body pivot.
5. Swinging from inside out.
6. Weight transference from one foot to the other.
7. Cocking the wrists.
8. Uncocking the wrists at a certain spot on the downswing.
9. The upright swing.
10. The flat swing.
11. Foot work.

"These things may be part of a good golf swing," Lou Scott says, "but who can put a jig-saw puzzle together in the second or so needed to start and finish a swing? It just can't be done. So they all must be eliminated to give the golfer a new and fresh start in picking up the few fundamental things required for lower scoring."

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The Next Step

"We will now," instructor Scott continued, "take it for granted that the golfing brain or mind has been cleared of all the old obstructions mentioned before. What is the next move? Starting with a fresh slant the first move must turn to the work of hands and wrists swinging the clubhead."

"You must know what your hands are doing, what your wrists and arms, all working together, are doing in relation to the head of the club. Only the hands touch the club and only the clubhead touches the ball."

"For one thing, the golfer must pay more attention to the pace of his backswing. The natural tendency is to think only of hitting the ball, to think largely of the downswing. But after a bad backswing there can be no such thing as a good downswing, unless an accident or a miracle happens."

"Take a comfortable stance, unhook those feet and legs, and swing the clubhead smoothly back in a natural way. If you do this the body will turn with the swing and the foot weight will handle itself. If you throw a baseball you will find that the weight first goes to the right leg and then moves back to the left leg. But you don't have to think about this when throwing a ball. It is a natural move. It should be the same in golf."

Main Faults

"What are the main faults among average golfers? The first starts with tension. The average golfer has no swing he can trust, he is trying to think about too many things, so he tightens up from feet to neck."

"The first result is usually a hurried backswing. This in turn leads to a hurried, jerky downswing and to head lifting. This will rarely happen with a smooth, even backswing where the hands are in control."

"There must, of course, be a firm left hand and a firm left arm. But that doesn't mean a tightened, straight left arm."

Golf is a two-handed game, but to most people it is strictly a one-handed game, with the stronger right hand in control. But the left hand must do its full share with the right. "We all realize now that the golf swing and golf instruction must be simplified. The golfer must be given only one or two fundamental things to think about. He can't be expected to operate a jig-saw puzzle in the pieces' fit. But if he can get working co-operation between hands and clubhead he will at least be on his way to a much better game."

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