

This "Inside to Out" Business

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For a number of years many of the world's greatest experts at the game have propounded the theory that the best way of hitting a golf ball is what they call "From inside to out."

Most of the leading players in America appear to have adopted this idea, and it has been so persistently advised by prominent players and writers in this country that one sees evidence of it everywhere. I feel it is about time someone "called a halt" to this teaching, which is most harmful and will not stand even a few minutes' scientific examination.

It should be the ambition of all golfers to be able to strike a golf ball in such a way that it does not deviate off line from the time it leaves the club face until it lands on the turf again. In golfing language: "To hit a straight ball."

Now to all golfers who would like to be able to do this I say, in a most emphatic manner:

"You will never be able to hit a perfectly straight ball if you cultivate a swing which trains you to hit the ball with your club traveling on a path which is from 'inside to out'!"

Further, I say to all those very fine players—on both sides of the Atlantic:

"If you wish to play a long shot which will not deviate from a perfectly straight path, you cannot do this by hitting the ball with the club actually moving 'inside to out.' I challenge anyone of these experts to prove my statement incorrect!"

There is one way, and one way only, to strike a ball that will not deviate from its path during the whole of its flight and that is: During the period the clubhead must be moving in a perfect direction, and the clubhead must be facing in the same direction.

(The perfect direction is, obviously, towards the object, not out to the right of that object.)

This is the only way to obtain a perfectly straight flight.

One does not need to be a player of golf to appreciate the truth of what I have written. There must be many who have never played a golf shot in their lives who could vouch for the truth of my statement.

It is an elementary scientific fact!

This "hitting from inside to out" is nothing but playing for a slight "pull," and it should be evident to any person capable of clear thinking that endeavoring to play straight shots is far safer than to cultivate shots that have a curved flight. Besides, any endeavor to force one's club from "inside to out" can have a ruinous effect on a player's swing.

The expert can take "liberties" and, perhaps, "get away with it," but not the average player.

Here is a simple fact for all golfers (including these experts) to consider. A ball, when struck with any implement, is always inclined to fly in the same direction as the implement is moving. If the implement is facing the same direction as it is moving, the result will be a straight flight, but if facing in a different direction, the ball will be inclined to swerve in flight.

In a perfect golfing drive, the clubhead at no time during its movement crosses the ball line, either "inside to out" or "outside to in."

Now you experts (or any other person who would like to argue about this)—what about it?

British Keep Cup—Awhile

Although the United States Team retained the Walker Cup last month in England, the British are going to hold the handsome silver trophy for several months. It will be on display until October at the National Sporting Trophies Exhibition in London.