

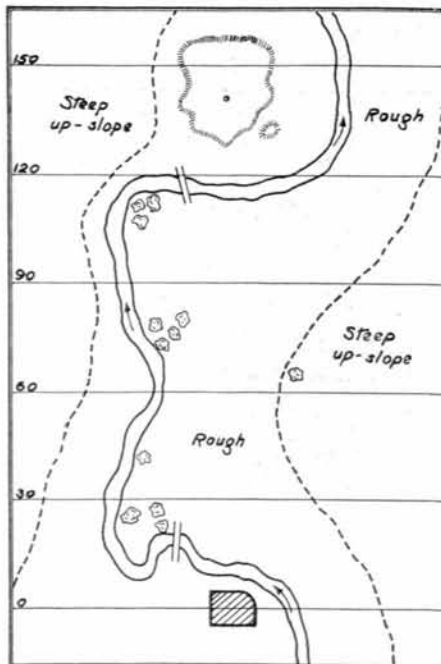
## Instructive Golf Holes I

### No. 16, Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C. 141 yards

The accompanying diagram and photographs should enable any one to visualize the features of this excellent hole. Its terrain is the practically level valley floor of a creek, with steep banks rising on each side of the valley, the level floor being about 30 yards wide. The outstanding features are the winding creek and the built-up island-like green. The green measures in area about 4,000 square feet, and is raised up 2 feet in front and 4 feet behind, the surface beautifully undulated. Surrounding the green on all sides is a narrow circle of fairway. A shot from almost any point on this fairway up onto the green near the hole is a trying test. The whole construction is such that practically only a well-pitched shot can reach and hold the green. The length of the hole can be varied from 138 to 145 yards.

The whole area in the great bend of the creek between the tee and the green is kept in short rough. A sliced shot or one too short is likely to be in the creek. A shot badly pulled or hooked strikes on the hillside to the left and ordinarily will roll down to the fairway at its base. This is the only weakness of the hole. It is suggested that this can in a large measure be overcome by sand-pits in the base of the slope. Such pits will have the desirable effect of making the slope look forbidding and materially increase the mental hazard. Few players perhaps play intentionally for the hillside, but pulling and hooking are the commonest faults in playing a full mashie shot. Furthermore, the creek to the right is a far greater hazard than the hillside to the left.

The diagram does not show a great tree 15 yards back of the green, which makes an excellent guide for the tee shot.



#### Symbols used in Golf Diagrams.

-  Tree
-  Grove of trees
-  Marsh
-  Sand
-  Mound
-  Ridge
-  Grassy hollow
-  Teeing ground
-  Bank
-  Bunker
-  Hill with bunkers



Hole No. 16, Columbia. View from tee.



Hole No. 16, Columbia. Close-up view of putting green.