Power from Small Streams

Many fail to realize that small streams are frequently sources of power which may be utilized in generating electricity to light buildings and grounds and possibly to operate a number of small machines. Electrical equipment on a golf course saves time and labor. If it is to be a sound investment, of course the cost of installation should not be greater than the benefits obtained will justify. In this respect water-power electric outfits may have certain limitations. It is nevertheless certain that under some conditions the utilization of water power from streams on golf courses should be a paying proposition. The United States Department of Agriculture has recently issued its Farmers’ Bulletin No. 1430, entitled “Power for the Farm from Small Streams,” which may be obtained free upon application to the Department of Agriculture. This bulletin discusses the possibilities of developing power from small streams by converting it into electrical energy, the methods of determining how much power a stream will supply, and methods of computing the approximate cost of installing a plant suited to the power available.

Instructive Golf Holes XV
No. 7, Metacomet Golf Club, East Providence, R. I. (150 Yards)

A spectacular and picturesque hole down a deep canyon-like gorge through which winds a narrow brook. The tee is about 30 feet higher than the putting green. The direction is southwesterly. The natural hazards are evident from the illustration. Surrounding the front and sides of the putting green, which is about 5,500 square feet in area, is a waste of sand about 20 yards wide. Behind the green is a marsh.