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# THROUGH THE GREEN

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## Ah, California!

A correspondent in California relays the information that the USGA leaflets on "Protection of Persons against Lightning on Golf Courses" serve as little more than causes for merriment in sunny California. The official 'advice under such conditions, of course, is to take shelter. "In this particular section of California," our correspondent writes, "lightning is such a rarity that on the few occasions when it does occur, the natives come out from shelter to see it."

## Other Side of Etiquette

The Etiquette of the Game incorporated in the Rules of Golf is concerned with the relation of players to' each other in the interests of making the game enjoyable for all. An informal addendum to these rules has been prepared by James E. Thomas, Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Va., and forwarded by the Lancaster (N. Y.) Country Club.

This addendum has the same basic purpose as Etiquette—to increase enjoyment. However, its rules concern only the relation of players to the course on which they play. It is designed to save the tees and greens and to spare the hazards.

Since this is a particularly able formulation of rules which should concern every green committee chairman and guide every player, we quote Mr. Thomas's code herewith:

- 1-Carefully replace all divots.
- 2—Do not throw ball wrappings, old score cards and other scrap paper on the course. Use waste receptacles.
- 3-Walk carefully on greens and pick up your feet.
- 4—Do not throw cigarettes and cigar butts on the tees or greens. They often make damaging scars.
- j-carefully lift ball marks on the greens.

- 6—Smooth footprints in all traps and do not climb bunker sides.
- 7-Walk carefully around the cup when sinking that short one. Lift the ball out of the cup, instead of using your putter to snake it out.
- 8—Do not scratch the green to mark spot of ball. Use a small coin or marker.
- 9-Handle flagsticks carefully. Lift and lay the flag on the green instead of dropping same. It should not be used as a rest post, or as a punch.
- 10-Observe tee markers. Tee in legitimate area between markers.
- 11-Use a tee for playing that short hole ; it will mean a smaller divot and will not interfere with your shot.
- 12—Do not kink hose to control sprinkler operation. It ruptures the hose fabric, and hose is a scarce article.

## A Bit of Nostalgia

It was nice and nostalgic when 150 friends of James D. Standish, Jr., gathered recently at the Country Club of Detroit to show their appreciation for his contributions to golf on the occasion of his retirement from long service as President of the Detroit District Golf Association.

Among them were six of the 32 qualifiers in the 1915 Amateur Championship—Robert A. Gardner, Chicago, the winner ;Sher-rill Sherman, Utica, N. Y., a semi-finalist; Howard B. Lee, Joseph B. Schlotman and Lewis L. Bredin, all of Detroit, in addition to Mr. Standish. In the Championship 33 years ago Mr. Standish defeated two former Champions in successive rounds, William C. Fownes, Jr., and Francis Ouimet.

Mr. Gardner is still winning; his 75 was low gross on Standish Day.

Mr. Standish has held perhaps as many non-paying golf offices as anyone else, dating from his presidency of the Inter-collegiate Golf Association in 1912-13. He originated the USGA Public Links Championship and is currently a USGA Vice-President and Chairman of the Green Section Committee.