ously accumulating above the surface of the soil filled and firm. If creeping bent is allowed to grow through the season without topdressing, a mat of loose, fluffy or spongy turf will develop, a condition about which many complaints have been received. On the other hand, if the greens are topdressed as suggested above and cut closely, the turf will be firm and true, simply because the compost serves to fill in the open spaces that occur between the stolons or

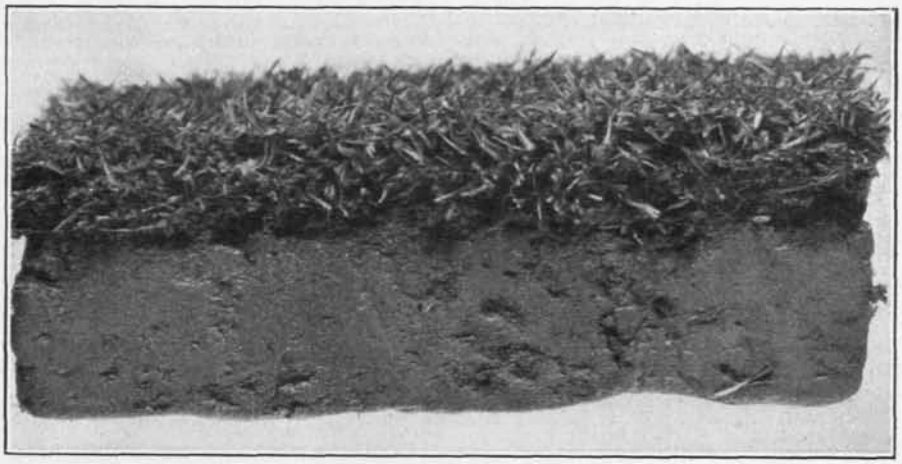

Fig. 5.—Cross-section of a piece of turf from another portion of the same plot which had not been topdressed during the season. The turf is loose and fluffy, impossible to cut satisfactorily, and undesirable for putting purposes

runners. This difference in results obtained is clearly illustrated in Figures 4 and 5. In both figures is shown turf of the same strain of creeping bent, given identical treatment in both cases except that the turf seen in Figure 4 was topdressed each month during the growing season and that in Figure 5 had not been topdressed during the season.

Bermuda Grass Experiences at Enid, Oklahoma

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Last winter (1924-1925) the thermometer stood at 10 degrees below zero for a long spell and most of the Bermuda lawns in the city froze out.

As a precaution against freezing we covered seven of our Bermuda putting greens with wheat straw late in November and six with a topdressing mostly of soil. Those covered with straw withstood the freeze and remained green all winter under the straw; those covered with soil all had to be replanted in the spring. The straw was removed from the seven greens in spring, and the greens were then topdressed. They were ready for play weeks before any others in this part of the country and even farther south. We expect to cover all of our greens during the coming winter and to use the approaches for temporary greens.

Brown-patch attacked our Bermuda greens for the first time this year, but the greens recovered after a few applications of chloro-phenol mercury followed by topdressing. The new growth seems to be somewhat coarser, perhaps due to the stimulating influence of the chemical.