

put it in yet. Subsequent inquiries every couple of weeks brought forth different excuses, but put no seed in the ground.

"Finally, after waiting until about the first of July, I got the greenkeeper by the hand, went up into the tool shed, and got him to dig out the five pounds of yarrow. Together we went over to the bad green and cautiously scattered perhaps two pounds of it, gave it a slight top-dressing, and put our further faith in the Lord. In about three weeks the yarrow started, and then it kept on growing. The yarrow seemed to help the other grass as well, and by the first of September our wrecked green was the best one on the course. The yarrow seemed to disperse itself about quickly with the other grass (mostly New Zealand fescue), filled up all the bare spots, and made a beautiful putting surface.

"I forgot about the matter for some little time, when one day the greenkeeper rather diffidently came to me and wanted to know if I didn't think I could get him a little more yarrow seed. I asked him what he had done with the remaining three pounds and as an answer he took me to three other greens where he had scattered it and where it had already begun to help. We succeeded in getting, I believe, another 25 pounds, which was scattered pretty well over all the greens. That was three years ago. Yarrow is still going strong and is spreading slowly. The more it spreads, the better we will like it.

"The front half of our course is quite sandy and the back of it is heavy clay. All of our greens were built up on a foundation of perhaps from 12 to 28 or 30 inches of sod chunks and similar matter, with a layer on top of that of 6 to 8 inches of mixed loam. This mixture was aimed to be about half way between clay and sand, so that the results we got from yarrow on our putting greens were in reality little influenced by our natural type of soil."

Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

QUESTION.—A and B were engaged in a close match. At the seventeenth green the lights and shadows made the line of putt difficult. A asked his caddy to stand with his heels together behind the hole to show him the line of putt. B objected, claiming it was against the Rules of Golf so to aid the playing of a putt. B said that the hole could be indicated only with the flag. Was A within his rights?

ANSWER.—B has no basis for his objection, as A was well within his rights to have his caddy stand with his heels together behind the hole. This is of course taking for granted that the caddy was not touching the ground with a club or doing anything to indicate the line of the putt that would be in a manner in violation of the Rules of Golf.

QUESTION.—Is it permissible on the putting green to remove a worm cast in the line of a putt? If it is, may a person use the back of his hand or the sole of his putter lightly to brush the cast aside? I recall that there is a rule which specifies that one may not touch his line of putt, and which apparently would indicate that the worm cast must be let to remain and not to be touched.

ANSWER.—Paragraph 2 under Rule 28 covers this point clearly. It is not permissible to use the back of one's hand to remove loose impediments on the putting green.
