

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

If your putting greens are good, keep them that way. It is astonishing how quickly they deteriorate with neglect.

If a golf architect recommends "commercial humus," shoot him at sunrise; if he advises lime, shoot him two hours earlier.

Old experiments showed that covering grass turf with straw, brush, or even wire stimulates the growth of the grass. Even now nobody knows why.

Ammonium sulfate is not only a fertilizer; it also discourages weeds and earthworms.

Brown-patch on greens is quite as trying as a red patch on the trousers.

If you want to encourage clover, use lime or phosphate. But who wants to encourage clover on a putting green?

Do not overlook drainage if your course is built during a droughty period. Otherwise look out when the rains descend and the floods come.

Cops and mounds bare, or covered with unsightly weeds! There is a suitable grass for every condition.

Grass will grow everywhere if you wait long enough. But it is foolish not to prepare the soil well.

It is not true that charcoal sweetens the soil. But even if it did, why sweeten the soil? Acidity is what you want.

An iconoclast is a sort of a "bull in a china shop." He is a destroyer of foolish ideas that have no substantial foundations. A lot of ancient ideas about turf culture need knocking.

There is not a bit of truth in the belief that deep roots necessarily make good turf.

It is expensive to test new materials for any purpose. Let them alone until the scientific fellows report.