

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

The commonest mistake with vegetative bent greens is failure to mow close enough. If this is not done there is a valid basis for criticising the turf.

So far as the rules are concerned, the cup can be located anywhere on the putting sward. It is absurd to place it on the top of a mound, on a steep slope, or very near the edge of the sward.

If a putted ball hops along, there is something wrong with the putting green.

Jim the Greenkeeper gets panicstricken once in a while. Then he uses lime to "sweeten the soil," and incidentally to damage the green.

A putting green may properly be judged by two criteria: First, its putting quality; second, its beauty and uniformity. The best putting greens have both desiderata.

It is not true that watering grass in the sunshine of a hot day is harmful.

There are known about 300 different insects which live in turf and do more or less harm, sometimes very much. Of most of them there is not nearly enough known. Money for a turf entomologist is needed.

Red fescue is probably so called because it makes 99 men out of 100 who sow it see red at the results.

July 15 to September 15 is the time that tests the ability of the greenkeeper. If you can keep your greens good during this period you are entitled to the degree Master of Greenkeeping.

A golf course that is not continuously being improved is sure in time to become a relic.

When you are in Washington be sure and look over the turf plots under our guidance. It will be a pleasure to us.