

sides and bottom with layers of coarse and then fine rocks of non-alkaline reaction. This will help to keep out the larger neutral and lime soil angleworms that might otherwise interfere with the acid bed. The hole should then be filled in with good loam mixed with about one-half of decaying chips, pine needles, or oak, laurel, or magnolia leaves, or sawdust that has rotted four or five years may be substituted. The plants, after being planted in such a bed, should be well mulched every fall with some of this same organic material in order that the proper soil acidity may be maintained.



The trailing arbutus may be transplanted to an acid soil-bed and mulched with pine needles and oak leaves

### Decisions on the Rules of Golf, by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews

A is dormy 3. B wins the 16th hole and takes the honour at the 17th, which is halved. Who takes the honour at the 18th—A, who has won the long match, or B, who had the last honour?

Decision.—A, who has won the long match, takes the honour.

(1) Is it permissible to touch the ground behind the hole in order to point out the line of a putt? (2) Is the hole lost because the player's partner or caddie holds a club behind the hole to indicate the line of putt, while the putt is being played?

Decision.—(1) No. (2) Yes. No mark may be placed.

In a match, A's ball lay 40 yards from the hole. Can A remove a loose impediment from the putting green?

Decision.—Yes; see Rule 28 (1). The words "irrespective of the position of the player's ball" enable the player to lift a loose impediment from the putting green when his ball lies on the putting green, or through the green, or in a hazard.