

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

"The sweetest story ever told," said the greenkeeper, "was the one the lime addict told me today. 'A shot of lime and your troubles are over.'" Some story!

The man who said tillage is manure did not mean that putting greens can be fertilized with a garden rake or a scarifier. Use ammonium sulfate and compost.

There are better ways of improving your score than by cursing the turf. Likewise better ways of improving the turf.

My friend, the chairman, says he favors the use of Gettem's Liquid Worm Eradicator since corrosive sublimate is too poisonous for his men to handle safely. What does he think is the active ingredient of Gettem's product?

You might about as well scatter seeds of kindness on old putting green turf in the spring as to sow the best grass seed available on it. Fertilizer, and not seed, is recommended.

"Nature abhors a vacuum," we were taught in school. When we took up golf, we observed that she abhors straight lines in golf architecture.

There are horse doctors and man doctors and tree doctors. If you can't be a horse doctor, be a tree doctor. Tree surgery is a relatively simple art. Be kind to your trees while you have them, and they will return you thanks.

Forking turf is like tearing your trousers to remove the shine. Don't ruin your greens with theories. Feed them and water them and drain them and topdress them.

A green in a ravine is pretty. Sometimes it may be a necessity. But look out for seepage from the surrounding higher ground. For economy's sake we would advise you to avoid such a location if you want satisfactory turf on the green. Even perfect drainage will often fail to permit of satisfactory turf being produced on a green bordered by higher ground.

Belief of itself never established a fact, nor can it refute one. Investigation alone brings out the proof. It is the facts in greenkeeping that count, not the opinions.