

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

Watch your step, or the man who says brown-patch did not exist before greens were planted by the vegetative method will sell you some Buncombe's Bunch Grass.

It has been said that, "It was about time the Green Section found a cure for brown-patch." By the same method of reasoning, medical science should long since have found a cure for cancer.

Better strains of creeping bent may be found, but be sure you test your selections for about four years under turf conditions before you conclude they are better than the best now available.

Lime has its uses in agriculture, but its place in greenkeeping is doubtful. Certainly it is not on bent greens, nor as a topdressing on fairways—even on blue-grass fairways.

Wrong methods in greenkeeping ultimately will abolish themselves. But what a loss and disappointment they cause in the meantime! Critical investigation will hasten their demise. The Green Section believes in giving them short shrift.

The lawn mower made modern greenkeeping possible, but the gas engine and recent developments in putting green turf have given the mower manufacturers something to think about.

Don't expect good greens unless your water system is adequate, for, after all, over 75 percent of turf's nourishment is derived from air and water.

Putting on a green too seldom topdressed might be likened to playing billiards on a table without a true surface under the cloth. There's a great difference between a real putting green and a soft, spongy mat of beautiful turf.

It is considered better sportsmanship to kill the worms in a putting green rather than the birds that feed on them.

He is a wise man who waters his greens today instead of waiting for the rain that may not come.

The successful greenkeeper never puts off until tomorrow what should be done today.

Planting stolons and seed together is like betting on both red and black at the same time.