

GIVE US YOUR 1924 EXPERIENCE WITH BROWN-PATCH.

We are anxious to learn of your 1924 experience with brown-patch, both the large and small kind.

Please write us fully, giving us (1) the date or dates of appearance, (2) severity of attack, (3) measures used to combat, and particularly (4) the results you have gotten from any of the new fungicides.

It is planned to publish a full report on all the brown-patch data for 1924. Your cooperation is wanted in gathering information on which to base our report.

Getting Efficiency Out of Motor Equipment

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We have been very much interested in motor equipment for cutting fairways and rough. We have 3 tractors, equipped with brakes and governors, and 2 fairway cutting units. One tractor is equipped with a bar cutting-attachment, for cutting the rough, and it is doing the work very satisfactorily and cheaply. We have standardized on a certain make of tractor with agencies throughout the country, and can thus always get service and repair parts when needed. Our problem here has never been one of service, so far as knowledge of the operation of gasoline motors is concerned, but rather ability to get spare parts promptly. There are usually plenty of good mechanics who understand gasoline motors as well as overhauling and repairing tractors, who have to work outside in the summer on account of their health, who are only too glad to get this kind of work and are employed as unskilled laborers at the topnotch unskilled labor wage. We believe that the main problem with regard to golf course equipment is always to have a spare unit irrespective of whether you need it or not. When it comes to a fairway cutting machine breaking down at the end of a rainy week, it means a course in very poor condition; and we all know how important Saturday and Sunday play is to the average golfer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

All questions sent to the Green Committee will be answered in a letter to the writer as promptly as possible. The more interesting of these questions with concise answers, will appear in this column each month. If your experience leads you to disagree with any answer given in this column, it is your privilege and duty to write to the Green Committee.

While most of the answers are of general application, please bear in mind that each recommendation is intended specifically for the locality designated at the end of the question.

1. RESULTS OF SPIKING TURF.—Our fairways, which are Bermuda, have become baked very hard. Our course is just entering into its second year and has been played over only since last July. It seems to us that the ground should be aerated, and we have tried to do this with several kinds