

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

Evergreens in mixed clumps of trees. They look beautiful in winter.

Planting a whole golf course to stolons by machinery! Wonders will never stop ceasing, as Mrs. Partington remarked. See the illustration in this Bulletin.

A home-made golf course with old tomato cans for cups! Why not if the dollars are scarce?

To determine the best culture methods, the agronomist uses almost purely empirical tests and draws deductions and conclusions. The chemist and the botanist tend to draw inductions based on one or more factors. Factors are so complex and so numerous that the second method is more apt to be misleading than to be sound. Induction theory is a dangerous method as regards plant culture and that includes turf. Don't let it kid you.

We have recently read an interesting article on "The mating habits of *Lumbricus terrestris* or why earthworms have large families." Apparently the learned writer did not realize that the main object of the worms is to worry the golf players.

The fact that most golf courses are mediocre or worse, means a lot of work for good golf architects in the future.

Every green committee should constantly aim to keep the turf as nearly perfect as possible; to work continuously to improve the landscape beauty; to provide for the birds; to improve the golf architecture whenever desirable; to avoid wasteful expenditure.

If you have to bury or cover rocks on the golf course, have at least two feet of soil over the top. Otherwise the turf will burn in dry weather. Sheep's fescue is the best grass to use.

If you intend to build a new golf course, consult first of all with intelligent men who have had experience. It is foolish not to avoid the mistakes the other fellows have made.