

Since the publication in the October BULLETIN of results in controlling brown-patch with calomel, questions have been received as to whether the Green Section definitely recommended that clubs shift entirely to this chemical as a means for controlling brown-patch. Questions are also asked as to where calomel may be purchased and in what form it should be used.

As far as we know, calomel has been used against brown-patch only experimentally so we hesitate to recommend it in any dogmatic way. We prefer the policy of using results of experiments at Arlington simply as indicators. There a large number of chemicals and various methods may be tested, the great majority of which are obviously worthless and therefore discarded. An occasional one shows promise and is repeatedly tested until its worth is proven under the conditions obtaining at the Turf Garden. Under our present system we are unable to carry the tests further. The suggestion is then passed on to clubs through THE BULLETIN. Differences in soil or climate may produce results on some courses quite different from those observed at the Turf Garden. Past experiences, however, indicate that in the majority of cases experimental results at Arlington may be regarded as safe criteria for a large proportion of the courses in the region where bent is used. At present the calomel method for checking brown-patch is at the stage of being "passed on to clubs." A number have promised to test this chemical and report results as soon as the disease appears during the coming season. We will then feel sufficiently informed to make a more general recommendation. For the benefit of those who purchase supplies well in advance we advise that chemicals for the control of brown-patch be purchased in quantities sufficient only for the first emergency. Later, if calomel continues to prove as effective as the more expensive mercury compounds, clubs will have time to shift to calomel for later applications. Certain clubs which have followed previous experiments at Arlington and found that results on their courses closely correspond with those at Arlington may feel more confident in using calomel extensively and may be able to effect a considerable saving in cost of material during the summer.

Calomel is used for human medicinal purposes and may be purchased at any drug store. In bulk it may be obtained from any of the large chemical houses, for since not a patented product it is not controlled by any one company. It is produced in the crystalline form but is usually sold as a fine powder. For brown-patch control it should be bought only in the powdered form.