

## The Metropolitan District Green Section

By Harry P. Kidd

The enormous growth of the game of golf in the Metropolitan district is shown by the fact that there are nearly 200 member clubs in the Metropolitan Golf Association.

The Metropolitan district is divided into three sections, each functioning separately,—Westchester, New Jersey, and Long Island. In each section there are today more clubs than there were in the Metropolitan Golf Association a very few years ago. The officers of the association are drawn from the three sections, which insures a most harmonious organization. A little over three years ago we established an office at 2 Rector Street, which takes care of a lot of the detail and clerical work which it would be very unfair to ask the officers to do without providing help. This office has developed into a sort of clearing house for everything connected with the game of golf, from the club house to the last hole.

The Green Section of the Metropolitan Golf Association will function as an extension service to the parent body, the United States Golf Association Green Section, with a field man working under its direction and available to all the member clubs. Westchester and New Jersey have green sections, and Long Island has one in the making. Four demonstration plots have already been established, two in New Jersey, one in Westchester, and one on Long Island. We expect to lay down another in Westchester and another on Long Island, making six in all, which will be available to the green chairmen and greenkeepers for observation of treatments of the various grasses under various conditions. Meetings of the green sections in these districts will be held during the year, at which a member of the United States Golf Association Green Section will talk on some interesting subject pertaining to the maintenance of golf courses.

In this way the Metropolitan Golf Association is cooperating with the United States Golf Association Green Section and extending the work which the latter has so ably conducted for the last decade. We would ask all interested in the game of golf, particularly the green chairmen and the greenkeepers of the Metropolitan district, to cooperate with us. We are all working for the same end, after all, to make the courses in the Metropolitan district the best possible, and the best can be obtained only by cooperation.

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## The New Experimental Turf Garden in Chicago

By C. A. Tregillus

I should like to describe in part the development of the experimental station mentioned by Dr. Monteith as having been recently established for the Middle West.

There has been a movement on foot for some years with a view to establishing such a station. That there is definite need for it is well recognized on all sides. In the first place, the weather and seasons affect the turf and soils differently in that section of the country; secondly, the distance from Arlington is so great that it is impractical for many people who wish to do so to make the journey to see the work that is being done at Arlington and get inspiration from that point.