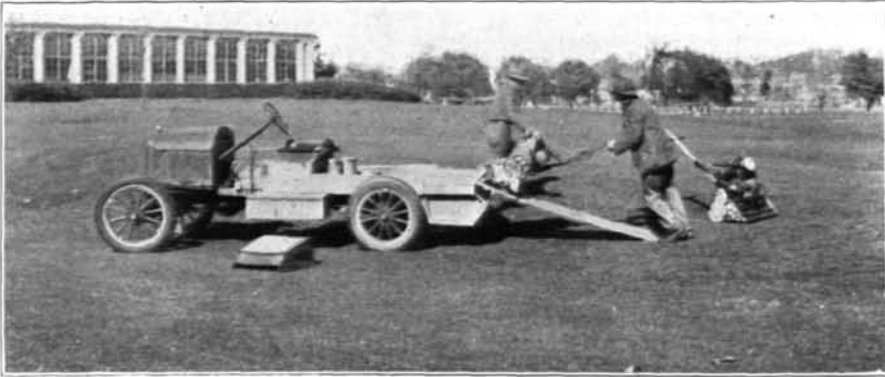


## Low Platform Truck and Loading Device for Golf Course Equipment

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One of the special problems encountered in the use of the power mower for cutting putting greens is the time required to move comparatively few power mowers to as many greens as are ordinarily cut with four or five times as many hand mowers. The time required to move the mower from green to green is negligible when putting greens on a course are cut in groups of two or three greens, close together, by one man and one machine. When, however, one or two mowers must cut 18 or more widely separated greens, the time lost in moving from one group of greens to another becomes an important economical factor.



Loading power mowers over a gang plank on a truck with low platform. At the rear of the truck is an underslung box for carrying small equipment. The mowers are loaded on the truck mostly under their own power.

On the East Potomac Park public golf course in Washington, D. C., the greenkeeper, Charles Victor, is attempting to eliminate this loss of time by using a motor truck with a low platform on which the mowers are loaded over a small detachable gang plank, as shown in the accompanying illustration. When one end of the gang plank is hooked to the rear of the truck the mowers, which weigh over 200 pounds each, may be slid off the truck with little effort. The grade of the plank is so slight that the mowers may be run upon the truck under their own power.

The low platform of the truck is found convenient also for loading other equipment and various maintenance materials. Large hose reels, barrel sprayers, wheelbarrows, and similar equipment are all easily handled with the gang plank and low platform. The underslung tool box can carry rakes, shovels, small sprinklers, and other small tools frequently in demand on the course.

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Compost saves seed and fertilizer, and therefore money, and at the same time gets results. The greater the compost pile, the more ready funds will be available for emergencies, and the quicker can damages to turf be repaired.