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A 15-YEAR MIRACLE

This month's "Turf Culture" is a review of an amazing 15 years.

As you walk over a well-kept golf course today, it is hard to realize that until well after the war our finest fairways were glorified meadows and our "perfect" putting greens were just patches of shorter grass.

Yet it is no accident that golf courses have improved more in the last fifteen years than in the previous hundred. In 1921 the first Bulletin of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association was published. Since then, the 3000 pages of these Bulletins have lifted greenkeeping out of the realm of mysticism, quackery, and humbug, and have revealed it as a science.

Today there is one right grass for putting greens in each locality. In 1921 every greenkeeper had his pet. Now we know what causes brown patch and how to end it. In 1921 there were a dozen half-baked theories. Today we spend less money on fertilizer and produce better turf

than we did in 1921. In fact we can now index hundreds of articles, each of which ended arguments, overcame difficulties, saved money, and improved golf courses in a very specific way.

The Green Section was originally formed to serve as a clearing house for successful methods of practical green maintenance. It and its Bulletins have done this job. But they have done far more. By becoming an experimental force in itself, and by working closely with experimentalists of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Green Section has contributed hundreds of completely new and revolutionary methods of improving courses -- methods which are now accepted universally.

Our work is never done, for each improvement creates still higher standards. But we believe that this listing of some of our authoritative articles on many subjects will help member clubs to have better courses and less expensive courses than they have had before.

"I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the U. S. Green Section on the wonderful work you are doing as it certainly is showing on a great many golf courses I have played." NEW YORK