

are less readily seen, such as the spines on the leaf sheath, which are present in most plants in the Standard strain, but absent in the Fairway strain.

In the field the two strains are distinguished by the more conspicuous variations in characteristics of the spikes, height and color of the plants of the Standard strain, as contrasted with the greater uniformity among the plants of the Fairway strain. These variations are most conspicuous just before blooming, after which it becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish between the two strains.

"PRACTICAL LAWN CRAFT"

A new book on grass growing has recently been written by R. B. Dawson, Director of the St. Ives Research Station, Bingley, England. The book is entitled "Practical Lawn Craft" and is published by Crosby, Lockwood & Son, Ltd., London. Although the title indicates only an interest in lawns it, to a large extent, also covers the field for turf maintenance on golf courses and sports fields as well.

The book is written primarily for English conditions and therefore the turf under consideration is composed chiefly of bent and fescue. A mixture of these two grasses is said to

produce the best lawn turf in England.

The whole range of turf maintenance is thoroughly covered in chapters on grasses, construction and drainage, the purchase of grass seed, seeding, mowing, fertilizing, weeds, diseases, and many other topics. Extensive references are given to scientific work in this field but unfortunately the author has apparently not carefully checked his references to give full credit to original sources.

The book is well prepared and is a definite contribution to the literature on turf culture. Even though it is written for conditions that are not generally common in the United States, it no doubt would be found to contain much useful information for those who maintain turf in this country.

NAME OF THE FUNGUS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOLLARSPOT

The fungus responsible for the dollarspot disease of turf grasses was first recognized and isolated in the United States. A description of the symptoms of the disease and of the organism was published in the Bulletin of the United States Golf Association Green Section. On the basis of the appearance of the mycelium or hair-like vegetative growth of the