do so if given a fair chance), his past record should be looked into carefully and his accomplishments noted. It seems incredible that a green committee should employ a man at a high fee to give expert advice on the care of greens without knowing something about him more than what he has told about himself and the extravagant claims he has made for his methods; yet such bargains are being made continually. All of which goes to prove that Barnum was right.

A Valuable Caddie Book

The Green Committee is in receipt of a copy of the K. C. G. A. Caddie Book, a 114-page pocket-size manual containing a complete caddie system, published by Messrs. Price Wickersham and Frank Lauder, President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the Kansas City Golf Association. The thoroughness with which the caddie problem is treated in this manual, together with the admirably selected compendium of additional information of value to golfers, moves us to call this book to the careful attention of every one interested in the game. A discussion of the caddie system is followed with 29 pages of Advice and Instructions. An extensive caddie’s catechism is then featured, and in addition a condensed and simplified set of the rules of golf of the U. S. Golf Association and the Western Golf Association, also an extensive definition of golf terms, some pages on the etiquette of golf, a brief history of golf, and Emergency and First-Aid Hints for Caddies. The publishers are to be complimented on getting so much valuable information in so handy a form. The book may be purchased from Mr. Frank Lauder, 708 R. A. Long Building, Kansas City, Mo.; the price is 35 cents. Mr. Lauder writes us that a little over 5,300 copies of the book are in use in the Kansas City Golf Association.

Hickory Trees Dying on Golf Courses

The Green Committee has just received a report from Illinois indicating that the shellbark hickory trees on an Illinois golf course are dying. Hickory trees suffer greatly from the ravages of the hickory barkbeetle. An article is being prepared for the Bulletin on this subject. In the meantime it is suggested that all golf courses having hickory trees on their land examine these trees to see if they are in sound condition. An examination of the inner bark and surface of the wood of a dying tree will detect the presence of the barkbeetle, which produces a curious centipede-like burrow.

“Efficiency Edgar” on a Golf Course

On a certain New England golf course there are 182 bunkers, all told. The chairman of the green committee thought it might be well to ascertain to what extent these were efficient in trapping balls, as considerable expense could be saved if the greenkeepers raked frequently only those worth while. After an open tournament, in which over 200 men played, the chairman went over the course to study his bunkers. He stuck a blue stick in each bunker that had been much used—the kind that need to be