

## MEDITATIONS OF A PERIPATETIC GOLFER

A well-kept nine-hole course with the dues \$20 a year. That's the ideal! On this entirely feasible basis every town of 5,000 people or more will have its golf course and the game will grow as never before.

A dub golfer in high glee over a "birdie." I wish the clubs would get as enthusiastic over Nature's living birdies as the player is over the one he gets occasionally. A golf course without provision for the birds will get in bad with the Audubon Society—and that means most of the ladies of the country who are backing it to the limit.

One club we know prohibits the wearing of metal-spiked shoes on its course, because of the injury to the turf. Hooray! There are plenty of reliable rubber-soled golf shoes now available.

Everybody is now demanding low-priced golf in reach of the average fellow, and if a little good intelligence is used the thing is possible. The rich man must forego some of his golf habits. No more of this ten-dollar-a-hole stuff! To reach economy we all must practice economy.

Two ardent lovers in a beautiful grove of trees on the course. The boys object, as they say it seriously handicaps their playing. Evidently an exception to "all the world loves a lover."

A beautiful green that slopes away from the approach. How the Dickens did the architect expect the fellows to play that hole?

Two short holes in succession. No wonder the course is always congested at this place.

A green full of pox marks where the crab-grass had been allowed to grow too long. It is so much easier and cheaper to remove when young.

Tom, my green-keeper friend, has a rather startling theory about grass that I will not divulge. I suggested an experiment to test the truth of his idea, but he demurs. What's the use of taking a chance and perhaps spoiling a perfectly good theory?

"Extravagance" is the middle name of too many golf clubs. There is a ray of hope that soon a lot of them will be competing to see which one can make the best showing of good upkeep at lowest expense.

"This golf course cost \$135,000," a benighted member boasted. If the club has paid no more than half this sum it could still have been called an "easy mark." How long are clubs going to be bamboozled into paying two or three times as much as necessary to build a course?

A screen of shrubs properly arranged around an exposed green can be very attractive. Besides, it may keep thousands of weed seeds from blowing onto the green and taking root.

The Green Section of the United States Golf Association, judging by the letters received, is striking the favorable attention of hard-headed business men all over the country.

A green-chairman who carried a pocketful of wooden pegs, which he uses to peg down loose divots. Then he scatters a little seed out of a can which he carries "on the hip." "Atta boy!"