

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

How is your compost pile?

Mushrooms galore in September in the fairways. Why doesn't the house committee have them gathered and served on the club dining tables?

A hilltop green is always at best half visible—the background offers nothing but the clear sky. Such a green can be avoided by putting it on the military crest, or, if this is too steep, by approaching the ridge on a diagonal line.

It was a near cynic who called golf the "hoof-and-mouth disease." Even that is better than calling a golfer a disappointed croquet player.

I wonder why most artificial hazards (traps) are kidney-shaped. There is nothing in the rules of golf compelling an architect to favor this form.

Observations all over the country indicate the benefits of frequent top-dressing of greens. More top-dressing and less seed.

Only about one per cent. of the membership of a club has any appreciation of the troubles of the greenkeeper.

Most ridges backing bunkers seem to have exactly three undulations if they have any at all. This shows either a fixed habit or else lack of imagination.

Wild asters aglow with bloom in the edge of the woodland bordering the course—an esthetic touch that helps the "tired business man."

Golfers beware! A well-known golfer says he used to have a handicap of 6—but since he got interested in grass turf he says it will have to be increased to at least 12.

A workman is known by his chips, a greenkeeper by the skill he displays in changing the cups.

Jim plays golf as well as he drives his car. A moment after he grabs the wheel he hits something.

The putting-greens on one course we know measure, most of them, 8,000 square feet each; several are over 10,000 square feet; and one is 12,000 square feet. The two smallest measure about 6,000 square feet. The size of all these greens might be reduced to advantage.

When a site for a golf course is being selected, don't overlook the necessity of an ample water supply.

If a golf hole is to be judged as perfect it should not favor either a hook or a slice; nor should it punish a shot that goes straight down the center.

Some people seem to think that a steep bank can be successfully covered with grass by seeding. After a while they come to the safe and efficient method of sodding.