

not favorable for the best growth of turf, and the thyme is proving a decided benefit to the fairways. It seems probable that it would be a good fairway plant upon many thin-soiled courses. Only one objection to the thyme has been noted; divot holes in the thyme mats give rather worse



Creeping thyme; a portion of a plant (about natural size) and a flower (much enlarged)

lies than they do in ordinary turf, though a club cuts through the mat to reach the low-lying ball more easily than through heavy grass turf.

Propagation of *Thymus serpyllum* from sods shipped eight hundred miles by express is now being tried. If successful the results will be reported later in THE BULLETIN.

(Creeping thyme is a beautiful plant when in bloom, and patches of it are common, especially in the rough, on many New York and New England courses.—EDITORS.)

**Boy Scouts as caddies.**—The Ekwanok Country Club, Manchester, Vermont, employed thirty Boy Scouts as caddies this season with extremely satisfactory results. The lads are mostly from Cambridge, Massachusetts, and live in true Boy Scout fashion in a camp furnished by the club, which also supplies the services of a negro cook. Each morning the boys march in column to the clubhouse. At first it was feared that there would be much friction with the local boys, who had become rather unruly as caddies. As a matter of fact, the nice, gentlemanly manners of the Boy Scouts have been imitated by the local caddies, much to their improvement. It would seem that this plan of using Boy Scouts at summer courses is capable of wide application, as it will insure good caddy service to a club and also furnish healthful recreation for the boys during their school vacation season.