

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

The idea seems to be abroad that golf is primarily a game to enrich architects, dealers in supplies, and everybody else except the players.

If every northern golf club had its creeping bent nursery there would never be any excuse to worry about the scarcity of bent seed.

Perfect play on a standard golf course requires approximately 72 shots, 36 on the green and 36 from tee to green. An ideal course should test equally every element of skill in the crack player. Also it should be perfectly fair to the dub. Does any course approximate these ideals?

Mounds at the front corners of a green. Presumably the architect does this so as to give the ball a chance to be deflected toward the hole.

They blamed the golfers in Washington, D. C., for favoring a daylight-saving scheme. It's interesting to know that golfers are really becoming concerned about saving anything.

Good turf can not be maintained on a putting-green unless both the surface drainage and the under drainage are good. It seems very hard for some people to appreciate the importance of good drainage. Probably 70 per cent of putting-green troubles are due to insufficient drainage.

It cost \$11,000 for seed to sow the fairways of a new course with red fescue and redtop. Bluegrass and redtop costing only one-third as much will in nine cases out of ten give better results.

It may be that the long approach putt is the most trying shot in golf. But that is no valid reason for having all the greens measure from 7,000 to 10,000 square feet or more. The approach shot to a small green is one of the real tests of golf.

I wish golfers would cut out betting on the links. Let's keep the game free from gambling.

A grassy hollow is more effective and not nearly so expensive and unsightly as an ill-kept trap.

The construction work on a playable golf course may cost all the way from nothing up to half a million dollars or more. For the great progress of golf, courses that are constructed for \$20,000 or less are the really vital ones.

Some "expert" advised a mixture of red fescue, sheep's fescue and meadow fescue for the putting-greens. Apparently he thinks all fescues are fine grasses.

A large mound in the mouth of a bunker nearly concealing the hazard. Bunkers should be built so the players can see their yawning interiors.

On some golf courses the fairways have large areas of beautiful bent. It is real economy and efficiency to use this to sod new greens—and then put less exquisite sod on the scalped fairway.

Golf architecture is much more than mere engineering. The finishing touches at least require the eyes of an artist.

The first essential and the greatest need of a putting-green is ample drainage; otherwise the results are always grievous.