

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

"Over-do" should be placed among the things not to do.

A correspondent admonishes that "a little learning is a dangerous thing" and then says he has sold golf clubs "humus (peat) by the carload."

Cases of winter-kill should be studied to learn the cause. Is it faulty drainage or something else?

Is an undrainable bunker ever an asset to a golf course? If not, why have so many been built?

Note the weeds that survive the winter. They are the ones that need attention. A season in the compost pile will render them innocuous.

He will not use manure for fear of introducing weeds. Yet rich meadows have fewer weeds than poor ones.

The first essential of a putting green is good drainage. Very often it can be improved later by more drainage. Now and then still more drainage is advisable.

The greenkeeper who never experiments is only half a greenkeeper.

It will soon be time for the worm to turn—over on his back, when the corrosive sublimate or the mowrah meal hits him.

More important than making two blades of grass grow where one is growing is to grow blades of the proper species.

Let us unlimber the turf machinery. It will soon be time to get into action, and delay may mean the loss of the battle.

Judicious use of fertilizer will do more to thicken up a thin stand of grass than the best methods of reseeding.

Why have a green committee if its membership must be changed every year?

The degree of difficulty of a golf hole is not a safe criterion of its excellence.

Building a new golf course on clay soil in wet weather! No real farmer would ever be so foolish as to work clay soils when they are wet.

A really good fairway mower should cut the grass evenly—not alternately long and short, so as to give it a corrugated appearance.

Anyone can have good putting greens in May, June, or October, but the real test of the greenkeeper is in the period from July to September.

A flivver of some sort will do a lot of odd jobs on the course and pay for itself in a short time.

If a machine proves unsatisfactory in any way, write to the manufacturer at once. Tell him first before you tell anyone else.