

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

Sanding the greens on stiff clay soil! Good practice at any time, regardless of the weather.

Don't try to get a stand of grass by sowing seed at a very heavy rate. More pains put on getting the seed bed right is infinitely more important.

Another green built like a layer cake! We wonder why some guy doesn't adopt the cream-puff as his model.

Invisible hazards can be avoided by the fellow who knows the course, but they catch the stranger. Why add an additional handicap for the stranger?

Spiking the greens! This proposition is theoretically attractive; but all our experimental evidence is against it.

Get after that pearlwort in your putting greens. If you don't it will get you.

Fairways beginning to look thin and weak. They need fertilizer right away—otherwise they will get far worse.

Sowing a mixture of Kentucky bluegrass and Chewings' fescue! A poor combination, as nine times out of ten the Chewings' fescue is about as useful as sawdust.

Letting the greens grow long in spring to make the grass strong and deep-rooted! The experimental evidence is all against this theory.

Wouldn't it sound absurd for The Bulletin to endorse Bob the Greenkeeper's idea that his fine greens are due to his using Blank & Co.'s seed exclusively? Yet golf players are fed up on that kind of stuff as regards balls, clubs, stance, etc., ad libitum.

An alleged golf architect says in his report in regard to the soil, "The assidity was extremely noticeable." We can say the same of the whole report.

The — Country Club is digging up and reconstructing its greens built on the layer-cake plan. Don't build yours in that fashion, or you will have to do the same if ever you want good turf.

There is no luck in greenkeeping. Nature helps those who first help themselves.

In moderate shade it is easier to grow good turf than in the open. While it is not practicable to use trees to shade putting greens, the plan is extremely valuable as regards the tees.

Rolling the greens frequently with the idea that it promotes deep root growth! All bunk! It would be as easy to cure corns by wearing a big hat.