

Experience with Quack Grass on the Fairways

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When we planted rootstocks of quack grass on our fairways at the Escanaba (Michigan) Golf Club, the stand was good, and we are well satisfied with the results. When, however, we planted seed last fall, none caught, probably because we had very unfavorable fall and spring weather. None of our seedings of other grasses made a stand. Our soil is almost clean sand.

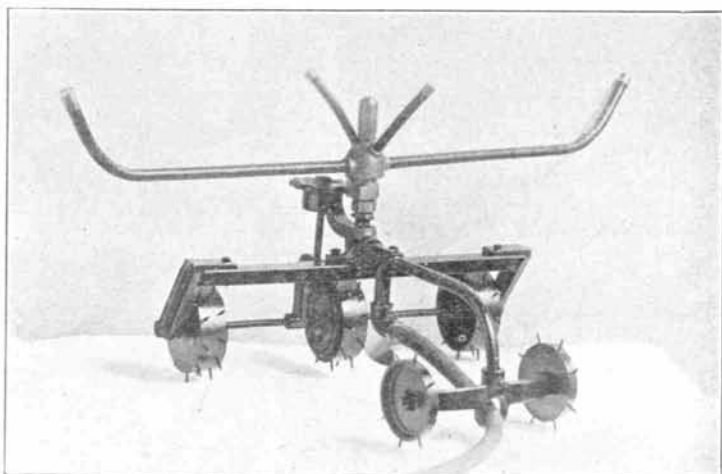
Our experience with quack grass in good soil is that with close mowing other grasses kill out the quack grass, as is the common experience in lawns, but on our sand it seems to stand the mowing, and other grasses do not come in to any extent.

From our experience it would seem that if one has difficulty in establishing other grasses, quack grass is the thing, as the worst that happens is that it is slowly run out by other grasses and in the meantime it is making sod. The pure quack grass fairways are very fair ones, and when one gets accustomed to having the ball down in the grass, there is no difficulty in playing the ball, as it is held well above the ground.

We do not mow the quack grass very closely, as our mower does not work well when set low. We have had two very dry seasons and the quack grass is thriving while other grasses on better soil are burned out in large patches.

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