

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

As examples of artistic landscaping, 90 per cent of American golf courses are mediocre, to say the least.

According to Bob the greenkeeper, the main difference between the dubb and the crack is that the former takes more divots but the latter bigger ones.

Straight-cop bunkers are relics of barbarism.

Don't forget that poor drainage is responsible for more trouble with putting greens than all other factors combined.

Do not put off any treatment necessary to keep up your putting greens. Let something else be delayed.

In Canada and along our northern border, "Poa trivialis" will make superb putting greens.

An "expert" employed by a seed firm recommends sowing in spring and using much seed. Fine business! About 90 per cent of such seed is thus thrown away and so this practice helps the seedsman to sell more seed.

Bunkers all alike. There is no rule that makes it necessary to have every bunker kidney-shaped.

In laying out a golf course, do not fight the topography. Try to go with it.

Let us erect a monument to the man who invented the lawn mower. Did you ever stop to think what the lawn mower means to golf?

Pressing the foot lightly on a divot is useless. Teach your caddies and players to stamp them in as hard as they can.

The best of all straight-away golf holes photograph well. If you want to see how a hole really looks, use a camera along the line of play from the tee to the green.

Every tee on the course mowed by the fairway mower, even those that are elevated. The fellow who manages the course is a real Efficiency Edgar. Why waste labor using hand mowers on the tees?

A dense growth of crab grass on a new bent green; a mighty fine way to get rid of the bent.

Hell is said to be paved with good intentions, just as the bottom of a water hazard is paved with golf balls.

A hole so artfully built that it appears to be the work of nature. Whole courses thus built would be ideal landscaping.

The type of greenkeeper who thinks he has secret methods is not yet extinct.

To lay out the best golf course on a piece of rolling land requires long study. No one can do it in a day.

The open way—that is, the area clear of trees, etc.—of a two-shot hole should be at least seventy yards wide. Forty to fifty yards is the desirable width of the fairway. A fifty-yard fairway bordered by forest is very pretty, but is not an ideal condition for any hole.

A theory in greenkeeping, as in science, is a very valuable servant but often an extremely poor master.