



Figure 2. Mixing compost with an old threshing machine

as nearly so as possible, for if the soil is damp or wet the machine will necessarily clog, more or less.

"Another thing we use it for is in making our compost pile. We run the manure through as we get it in the rough, which breaks it up or shreds it, and with the black dirt, sod, and sand we get a mixture almost ready for use, or at least the material is put into a condition to decay more quickly.

"We run our machine with a \* \* \* tractor, as you will see, which gives ample power. We can take the machine anywhere we need it and go after the results. There are any number of old machines standing around in the country that have been laid aside out of use, and certainly clubs can buy them at very low prices, and thus perhaps make a market for disused and out-of-date threshing machines. At any rate we have saved many times the price of ours and can have all the soil we want in a hurry. Thanks to Mr. Rockefeller for the idea."

[A word of caution might be added. These threshing machines were not constructed for such heavy work as beating up sods, etc. At one golf club the cylinder in one of these old machines broke while going at full speed. Fortunately no one was hit by the flying pieces.—EDITORS.]

## Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

**Question.**—August 26 my club had a qualifying round of 36 holes for the championship of the club, and on Saturday, September 1, the first round of the match play was started. Kindly advise me whether or not the player that played 9 holes of the course before starting his match is disqualified on account of playing in advance of his competitor on the day of the competition and if so what his standing would be, having played through tournament and winning the championship.

**Answer.**—There is no penalty for a competitor playing over the course before the match play rounds. The penalty is imposed in medal play only.

**Question.**—A and B are playing at match play, caddy carrying double. He takes the flag at the hole with both bags on shoulders. A plays ball from trap. Ball strikes caddy or bag, stopping on green near hole. Is this rub of green or penalty shot? If penalty, what does it consist of? Wire answer.

**Answer.**—This is rub of the green. No penalty. Rules cover only properly constituted match where each player has own caddy.

**Question.**—Could a bottle be removed from a hazard if the ball lies against it? Under play in hazards, any obstruction mentioned in Rule 11 may be removed. This rule mentions several things and then says any similar obstruction may be removed. It mentions "a box," probably meaning at that time a lunch box. Does not the rule mean anything brought there, not accumulating from the course, such as the obstructions mentioned, sticks, leaves, stones, etc., being things naturally lying about from the course not movable?

**Answer.**—The decision of the Rules Committee of the United States Golf Association is as follows: "In our opinion the bottle you refer to can not be classed as 'similar obstructions' unless it contained oil or was in some way connected with the upkeep of the course. Therefore the bottle in the hazard such as you describe could not be removed without penalty."

## Instructive Golf Holes V

No. 17, Rhode Island Country Club, West Barrington, R. I. 130 to 140 Yards

A decidedly impressive hole of very simple character, built on a level meadow near the sea-shore. Essentially the hole consists merely of a tee and of a raised island green, the latter surrounded by a wide expanse of sand. To realize the effectiveness of a large "sand waste" one has only to see this hole. The direction is southwest with the sea in the background. The putting sward measures about 4,500 square feet. It is an elevated plateau, rising  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet above the sand in front and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet in the rear, so that it slopes gently to the approach. The central part of the back half on the sward, indicated by the faint line, is a plateau about 1 foot higher than the remainder. The unsightly telegraph line in the background is to be removed.

