

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

About half the bunkers on American golf courses are blind. Yet there is really no relation between golf and blindman's-buff.

A putting green with a small part of its surface usable for placing the hole. The fellow who built it must have thought that putting greens are primarily for ornament.

Shakespeare never repeats, so they say, but the Peripatetic Golfer believes repeating is necessary so that the messages may eventually soak in.

A "chocolate drop" is about as pretty as a wart on a man's nose.

A golf course may be excellent from the point of view of a player—and yet hideous as a piece of landscape art.

In cutting fairways cut them one time in one direction, the next time in the opposite direction. The results will be better.

It is a mistake to speak of a grassy hollow as a grassy bunker. By official definition "a bunker is that part of a depression in the ground where the natural soil is exposed, and sometimes top-dressed with softer soil or sand."

Historians think the "Mound Builders" are extinct. We should like to show them some recent golf courses.

Thousands for construction but not one cent for manure. Shades of Charles Pinckney! No wonder the turf is inferior.

Greens undergoing major surgical operations to remove the layer of commercial humus put in at great expense when they are built. With the humus removed the grass will at least have a chance to live.

Some men who play golf diligently think they have warrant for violating all the rules of health.

Manure water is an excellent fertilizer for putting greens, as several clubs have discovered.

The layout of the course is the most important desideratum of a new golf club. No one can do it in a day—and to do it well may require many days. Remember that it is easy to change a single hole—but very costly to change an entire layout.