

first essential for the successful growing of turf on your greens, is a realization on the part of the members of your club that they have been soundly bunkoed. They should then show a willingness to discard for all the time the advice of these self-styled experts and try only those things which experience has shown to be needed for growing turf. My advice is to get along as best you can with these greens until next summer, and then, about the latter part of August, open them up, scrape off as much of the humus and cinders as you can, and pulverize and mix together all the remaining top soil and sods, using a team and disk harrow. The sods should be sufficiently rotted by that time so that they will cause no trouble. Then I would seed to bent grass, from the 1st to the 10th of September, using not to exceed 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet of green, or I would plant them vegetatively with creeping bent. If the finances of the club do not allow for treating all the greens at one time, I would take one or more greens, and do the job right while about it. In the meantime I would suggest that you get along with as little expense as possible on these old greens, seeding them each fall to redtop, and depending upon the summer weedy grasses, such as crab grass and others, for turf during the hot weather. It is a hopeless undertaking to try to produce good turf with what you have, by hand-weeding.

"I assure you that the Green Section will be glad to render your club any assistance it can to help it out of its present unpleasant condition. There are several golf courses in your district which have solved the grass-growing problems to the extent that they have very good turf. I feel sure that the chairmen of the green committees of these clubs will be glad to share with you the benefits of their experience."

Appreciating your greenkeeper.—Earl B. Kent, Highland Country Club, Attleboro, Mass., in his letter of December 22, 1923, writes: "My greensman has just gone to the Galveston Country Club, Galveston, Texas, to take charge of that course. * * * This is a promotion for him I promised him several years ago,—that as soon as I thought he was ready I would try and place him with a larger club. * * * I have another lad who has worked for me five years, and after two or three more years I will do the same for him. I think this way of doing things keeps the men happy and gives them something to work for."

The editors of *The Bulletin* are always glad to publish contributions from greenkeepers, chairmen of green committees, or others having information of interest to present to its readers on the subject of turf maintenance.

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