

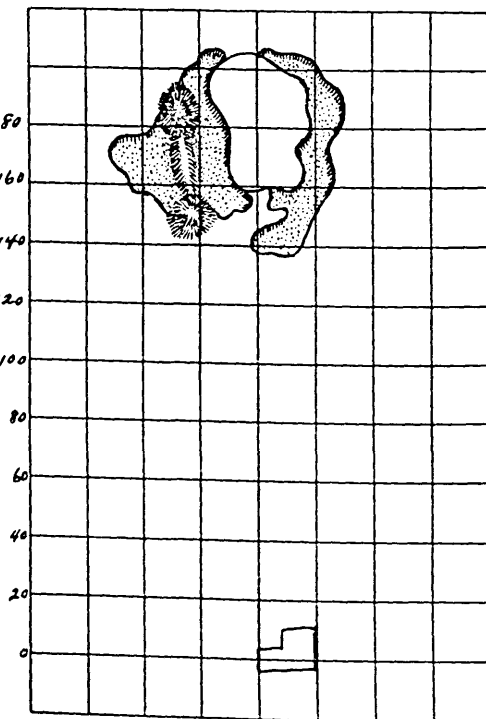
FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION.—An application of compost as here suggested is sufficient to keep the surface of the green in good condition for from three to six weeks, according to the amount of play given it. It will also furnish the necessary plant food for the grass. For best results, compost should be applied at intervals of 30 to 40 days throughout the growing season. Also an application may be made advantageously during the winter when desired, as was demonstrated at Arlington last winter on several plats. The winter dressing should be applied late in January or in February for best results; this will bring the grass out in fine condition early in the spring. A disadvantage resulting from long periods between times of top-dressing, is that the surface of the green becomes packed and hard owing to the constant trampling, which makes it not only difficult for the water to penetrate but also makes it too hard for a good putting surface. Greens are frequently found in this condition, and various methods, such as spiking, reseeding, and others are used to overcome the trouble, but without success.

Top-dressing with good compost prolongs the life of turf and assists in maintaining a perfect putting surface. Greens can not be maintained properly without it.

Instructive Golf Holes VIII

No. 3, Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, New Jersey

An extremely impressive hole 184 yards in length, the tee being about 30 feet higher than the green, the way being an easy down-grade. The approach and putting sward together are nearly an island surrounded by fearsome-looking bunkers. The whole way from the tee to the island of turf is rough composed of a stiff-leaved sedge and scattered blueberry bushes. It requires an accurate shot to reach and hold the green; otherwise the second shot is probably from a bunker. The surroundings are very beautiful, as the illustrations show, and the golfer who makes the hole in par 3 may well feel elated. The putting sward measures 8,500 square feet.





Hole No. 3, Pine Valley Golf Club. View from Tee.



Hole N. 3, Pine Valley Golf Club. Close-up View of Putting Green.