

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

Take a stroll over the course with your greenkeeper some afternoon. You will find it profitable and certainly more interesting than playing a mediocre game of golf.

Ingalls once said in effect, "all grass is not bluegrass or the devil's occupation would be gone." The Kansan was right. Much of the grass that will be in evidence for the next few months will be crab grass. His majesty's busy season is just commencing.

The greenkeeper can not change his crops as does the farmer, so he changes the soil by top-dressing his turf with compost.

The effect of crab grass that is allowed to grow unchecked on greens can best be expressed as corrosive.

A hay meadow and a patch of turf do not necessarily call for the same fertilizer treatment. The things you learn from the yellow and black may or may not help you a lot with the white.

If it could be measured it would doubtless be found that the damage to greens from crab grass is greater than that from brown-patch.

If earthworms brought to the surface of greens by corrosive sublimate were poisonous to birds a certain robin would have been dead long ago.

One man, woman or child can remove more crab grass from greens when the plants are young than three can after the plants have branched. Just add a little water and pull.

The problem of weed seed in compost is best solved by making the compost a year in advance.

Why not reduce the need for hand weeding of crab grass by the systematic use of ammonium sulfate?

Judging from present indications, soybean meal will soon win a place for itself among putting green fertilizers. "China, we owe a lot to you."