

Comment by a British Admirer

The following note by a member of the Rules of Golf Committee appointed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Fife, should interest our readers:

"I thank you most heartily for your kindness and courtesy in sending THE BULLETIN to me every month. I calculate that I understand completely about half the contents of each number, but I nevertheless read each one religiously from cover to cover with amazed admiration. It is amazing to realize that there is so much to be known about an apparently simple job like the production and culture of common or garden turf. And none can fail to admire the thoroughness with which you and your coadjutors observe and analyze particular phenomena, or to approve the logical method whereby you deduce from them an universal truth. It is not your fault that I do not always understand your premises. The argot of greenkeeping is not the same in this country as in yours. Notably the names of plants are different here and there. However, I learn enough from THE BULLETIN to make me a fluent, sometimes terrifying, critic of green-committees.

"Normally I pass my BULLETIN on to the secretary of the club on whose course I play most of my week-end golf. But I am sending the July number to one of our Cabinet ministers. All doctrinaires ought to read your leading article entitled 'The Error of Generalizing.'

"I don't agree with you about the use of spiked rollers, but I wish you all success, so long as you keep my name on your free list."

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Guano—Guano is the excrement of sea-fowls, obtained in large quantity along the west coast of South America. Analyses show that it averages about 12 per cent nitrogen, 10 per cent phosphorus, and 2½ per cent potash. At the present time it is used in the United States mostly in mixed fertilizers. The market price at present is about \$70 a ton. Up to the present the Green Section has conducted no experiments with this substance, as its high price seems beyond any benefit that can reasonably be expected. Furthermore, on theoretical grounds, the high percentage of phosphorus and in addition the potash, will tend to encourage clover in putting greens. If you try it at all, do so in a purely experimental way until you determine just what it does to your putting green turf.