Fairway Grasses on Sandy Soils

The course of the Escanaba Golf Club, Escanaba, Mich., is on practically pure sand. Mr. George M. Mashek, Chairman of the Green Committee of the Club, has been experimenting with quack grass and red fescue on the fairways. On some northern golf courses quack grass makes for a time very satisfactory fairway turf, but under continuous mowing it soon disappears. Mr. Mashek summarizes the results of his experiments, under date of May 28, 1925, as follows:

"The one and one-half acres which we planted with rootstocks of quack grass made a very solid turf, and has improved somewhat from year to year, but has never made a thick stand; that is, it is slightly open and does not hold up the ball as well as a bluegrass turf. Two years ago we drilled into this turf a very small amount of red fescue seed at the rate of about five pounds per acre; this is gradually spreading and we believe it will eventually displace the quack grass. We feel sure that if this area were thoroughly sowed to red fescue seed, the red fescue would displace the quack grass. We tried to get a stand of the quack grass first by seeding it, but although the seed would germinate well in tests, it practically would not germinate at all when sown on the fairways."

Instructive Golf Holes XVI

No. 12, Kernwood Country Club, Salem, Mass. (175 Yards)

A beautiful hole of 175 yards over a broad brook 120 to 130 yards from the tee. The flow of the valley is approximately level, but the tee is elevated on the slope, so that every feature of the hole is clearly visible. The putting sward is about 6,000 square feet in area, and the surface excellently undulated. The slope from the brook to the green is upgrade, so that a ball played short of the green is not likely to get much roll. The only artificial hazards are those about the green.
Hole No. 12, Kernwood Country Club. View from tee.
Hole No. 12, Kernwood Country Club. Close-up view of putting green.