



Plugging tool removing two-inch plugs from improved combination turf of zoysia and Merion bluegrass. It can be used on any improved turf grass. The pluggers is generally available at golf-course supply houses.



Plugs being emptied from tool. The magazine holds 24 plugs. Plugs of unsatisfactory turf are removed with the same tool so that plugs of improved turf fit exactly. This is becoming a favorite method on tees, athletic fields, and lawns.

CHANGING THE GRASS IN A GREEN

The question frequently arises, "How can we change the grass on one of our greens without taking it out of play?"

The answer, in a very practical way, comes from the practical superintendent, "By plugging, of course."

Plugs can be cup-cutter size or two-inch size. If the cup is changed three times a week, it is possible to insert into the green more than 150 plugs of superior turf during a year (less if you live where you can't play all year). The big advantage of this plan is that it entails virtually no extra work. Just go to the turf nursery and get the plugs before you change cups. Also, the grass is changed first in the cupping area. Incidentally, the soil can be changed at the same time.

The two-inch plug is preferred by some because it is less noticeable in the green. With the new two-inch pluggers, which holds 24 plugs, a man can cut plugs at the rate of 40 or 50 a minute if conditions are right. Another advantage is that the depth gauge guarantees a perfect fit each time so that the putting surface is left reasonably smooth.

The removal of plugs of poor turf and the insertion of plugs of turf developed

in the nursery from superior strains is a principle that is making more "fool-proof" the development of better turf on putting greens, tees, fairways, athletic fields and home lawns. For the plan to succeed, it is essential that the new turf be developed from vigorous creeping or spreading grasses which have been proved in actual use. When in doubt consult your county agent, your extension specialist, your experiment station, or the USGA Green Section.

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