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"Areneg",
9a Oakleigh Park North,
Whetstone, N.20.
7th June, 1963.

The Editor,
"British Golf Greenkeeper".

Dear Sir,

Whilst reading the sports page of a Scottish newspaper, I was interested in an article written by a well-known Professional golfer.

Among other things, he mentioned the bad condition of courses during this spring. He said, however, that this was caused by the very bad winter.

In another paragraph he said:—

"Harping back to the condition of our greens, I have heard the theory several times from knowledgeable men that intensive cultivation of the putting surface has over the years produced a foreign type of grass which cannot withstand harsh weather.

Indeed they maintain that generally speaking many British greens have been deteriorating over the years and that more natural methods of cultivating will have to be done to restore them."

I wonder if the writer has ever given thought as to how these supposed foreign grasses arrive in golf green? Does he realise that most courses are understaffed and overgolfered? Tournaments are played too early in the year, which means that fertilising is carried out before the finer grasses reach their peak,

thus giving the coarser grasses a chance to choke them out. Regarding over-cultivation, I suppose he means such things as hollow tining, etc. I agree this encourages other grasses, but it is necessary so as to give the golfer the well-aerated, poached egg green he so desires.

Yours faithfully,

J. WALLIS-ARTHUR,
Vice-President,
Southern Section.

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