And felt that, from your rounded toe to tip,
No better club e'er swept the sandy tee!

How often did the ball, well driven, fly
Afar, straight toward the distant, guarded green
Upon the trim and yielding turf to lie,
And there to await the brassie's impact clean!

The sturdy shaft of yours for years withstood
Unnumbered tests through which we both have passed;
For your firm-ribbed and well-seasoned wood
All weaker growths was destined to outlast.

But sadly shattered is your boasted strength;
Unskilful was the blow that did the deed;
Now rent asunder is your slender length;
For you no more will golf's white ball be teed.

Farewell, old friend! No careless hand shall cast
Your broken form upon the kindling pile,
To lie with base, ignoble blocks at last,
That would your gloss immaculate defile.

No unkempt kitchen wench with greasy hand
Shall split you into splinters for her need
And, thoughtless, throw you on the burning brand,
In sooty stove her frying flames to feed.

The ample hearth shall be your funeral pyre,
My own familiar hand shall lay you there,
Upon the genial, glowing, household fire,
That cheers and warms the circle gathered there.

Truing a Green

It appears the universal method of Green Truing today, whether by sand or compost, is to have the material broadcasted with a shovel, then as evenly distributed as possible with the back of a rake.

It requires considerable experience to broadcast sand or compost upon the greens accurately enough to secure an even distribution. It also requires considerable experience to true a green with a rake.

We have found on numerous courses that the truing of the Greens was left to one man, and should he resign his position it would be a hard matter to fill the vacancy, owing to the inability of securing a man skillful enough to broadcast the material accurately enough to produce a perfectly true green. After numerous experiments in green truing, the most practical method, and one which does not require skilled labor, is by the use of a fair sized Cocoa Door Mat. The mat should not be less than 3' x 4' long. To the center of the narrow end fasten a rope. After applying the truing material, place it upon the ground bristle side down, and weight the mat down with a good size sod. Drag and cross drag the mat over the green until it is true. By using this method, the dressing will be perfectly distributed, and when the operation has been completed the surface will be perfectly true.