Q—We were unable to topdress our greens this fall. Is this likely to cause any adverse effects next season? (N. H.)

A—There is no reason for you to be concerned about not having been able to get topdressing on your greens. If they are in good condition they can go through the winter perfectly well without the fall topdressing. In fact, you may be better off. The fall topdressing might have sent the greens into the winter in a softer condition which would make them more prone to snowmold and other types of winter damage. It may be well for you to consider vertical mowing equipment on these greens early next spring to remove any dead stuff that has accumulated which would probably tend to increase trouble from disease in the spring and next summer.

Q—What do you know about the new crabgrass killer, di-sodium methyl arsonate? (O.)

A—This chemical has been tested in a limited way for about a year, and we do not yet have documented reports on it—only evidence from local testing. There it shows unusual promise for the control of annual grasses, including crabgrass and goosegrass. It is reported that there is only slight effect on the perennial grasses, even the bentgrasses. The action of the material appears to be different from that of sodium arsenite. It seems to be important that the soil moisture be favorable when the material is used. This chemical has been distributed thus far only on an experimental basis, though there are plans to market it on a national scale in 1955.

Q—What is a good size for a nursery of improved grasses? (Ore.)

A—The minimum size for a nursery would be one large enough to resod two putting greens. On most courses this would be about 10,000 sq. ft.

Q—We wish to try out an improved Bermudagrass on several of our greens. How heavily should we seed? Is the seed very expensive? (La.)

A—All improved Bermudagrasses are bought in stolon or sprig form. There is no seed of these improved grasses. The improved Bermudas cost anywhere from $10 to $40 for enough grass to establish 1,000 sq. ft., depending upon the kind, the source and the rate of planting. The higher figure is almost exactly the cost of creeping bent stolons which are used throughout the north and parts of the southwest. I would suggest you establish

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