# EENKEEPER'S ALMANAC

By JOHN MACGREGOR Chicago Golf Club

It is wise this month to let the grass on the greens grow to at least an inch in length. This will, in the event of an ice storm, (that is, raining and freezing simultaneously) save a great many greens from being killed out. It is seldom that a storm will last long enough to accumulate more than an inch, in which case the blades of grass will be seen protruding through the ice. The air will follow the blades down through the ice, giving the ice a honeycombed effect which will usually save the green.

Construction work can still be carried on.

If you did not get your grass seed sown on time it can be done in this way. Prepare the fairways or greens for seeding, and wait until a good snow has fallen anytime in February and March. Sow the grass seed on top of the snow. As the snow melts the seed will be carried into the soil, and a good germination will be the result.

This is a good time to get the compost mixed and screened for next year. Those who have compost sheds of course, will put it under cover.

Better go over the water system again and be sure it has been drained. One dollar's worth of prevention is better than a \$100 worth of new pipe.

Mowing equipment for greens and fairways, as well as tools not being used, should be stored in the barn ready to be overhauled.

Attend the winter meetings of your local organization and have a voice in these meetings. Make them what you expect them to be. "Start Something."

The National and the local Associations need you, but not as much as you need them.

If you have already got a member for the N. A. G. A., get another.

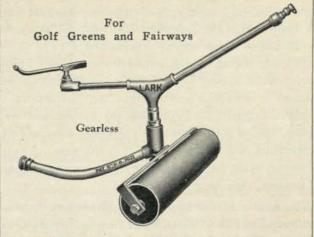
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