

## A Bushel of Stolons

By DR. A. F. HUBBARD

**T**O MAKE a bushel of stolons free of earth requires twice as many feet of Nursery row as when the earth that accompanies the lifting of the sod is included.

Stolons mixed with earth are uniformly measured; but stolons freed of earth receive varying degrees of compression in the bag. It has been asserted that four bushels could be put in a sugar bag.

The area to be planted offers the best medium of measurement and comparison in costs. Especially so as any given nursery varies in quality with age and should have increasing amounts of stolons sent as it grows toward maturity. Their most reproductive period is after three or four months of growing weather; after that the proportion of bulk in the stems increases rapidly until in the second season it does not have half its original value.

Leading writers have always stressed the point that the node is the important thing; nothing much has ever been said about the root value. Doubtless it has value; but as with the node, youth counts and many fibres of old roots are just fine decomposing particles of organic matter, and not viable roots.

The two important points are selecting the strain desired and receiving young prime stock.

### Green Section Meetings

The United States Golf Association Green Section is planning two summer meetings for green committee members and greenkeepers. The first of these meetings will be held at the Arlington turf garden, near Washington, D. C., on August 19 and 20, and the other will be held on August 26 and 27, at the

new Green Section experimental turf garden located on Mr. A. D. Lasker's private course, the Mill Road Farm Golf Course, Everett, Illinois.

The meeting at Arlington will be of chief interest to those who are connected with courses in the eastern section of the country whereas the meeting in Chicago is primarily for those in the Mid-West. All who are interested in fine turf problems are invited to attend these meetings, whether affiliated with clubs belonging to the United States Golf Association or not.

The second day's program of the Washington meeting will be entirely in the charge of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Greenkeepers, and an opportunity will be afforded to look over the courses in the Washington, Baltimore or Richmond districts. The second day at Chicago will be in charge of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association and the plans include a tour of the golf courses in the Chicago district.

In order that provision may be made for transportation, meals, and any other accommodations, it is earnestly requested that the Green Section, Room 7-207, Bldg., F, Seventh and B. Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. be notified concerning all who plan to attend either of these meetings.

*Too Much Dope*

Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The National Greenkeeper,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I think that most of our readers will agree with Mr. Power's New Year's editorial. Surely we have had enough of these shirt-tail philosophers with their frauds and fakes.

I am glad to know we have a few chairmen like J. E. Cannaday of Sedalia, Missouri. I agree perfectly with Mr. Cannaday's stand against mushrooms. I also believe partly decomposed manure should be kept off greens. Give your greens plenty of good rich soil and top-dressing. Acid soil taken from swamps or lowland is good if pure, plenty of water (lake or stream water preferred), correct cutting and not too much dope.

I feel the modern age is breeding too many dopes.  
(Signed) JOLLY O. JEPSON, Greenkeeper,  
Albert Lea Country Club.

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