Peat Moss and Cow Manure

We introduce to our readers this month “Driconure,” a new top dressing prepared and sold by Atkins & Durbrow, Inc., 27-G Burlington Slip, New York City. It is a high-grade, sterile, odorless, ready-to-use, dehydrated cow manure combined with a sterile, high-test source of organic media.

The ingredients are just manure from high protein fed cows and quality peat moss functioning as a humus-making material and a reservoir for soil moisture. The composition is about thirty-five parts of peat moss and sixty-five parts cow feces—no straw, shavings or trash. It analyzes almost equivalent to a 2-1-2 fertilizer, embodying the desirable properties of humus.

Driconure is an organic food for soil organisms, which organisms make chemical fertilizing media available as plant food. Being natural food for these organisms, they multiply rapidly and their multiplication helps pulverize the soil into a loam, thereby increasing aeration and water holding capacity.

Driconure comes packed in bags of about fifty pounds, containing four and one-half bushels of the coarse granulation (ungrounded) and three and one-half bushels when pulverized. It is as we said before a cow manure on a peat base; dehydrated. The price per bag is $2.50 f.o.b. plant Juliustown, New Jersey.

The Slow Rotary

The Slow Rotary manufactured by the Campbell Irrigation Company, Woodbury, New Jersey, is an automatic irrigator for watering putting greens and fairways. Being a new kind of sprinkler one or two facts of its construction are worth noting.

Its outlet tube is automatically turned very slowly by the water pressure and the peculiar shapes, proper sizes and angles of projection of its three nozzles causes the water to be distributed evenly in fine sprays throughout the whole area covered.

An outstanding feature of this new style of golf course sprinkler is its ability to project the water low and wide, thus insuring a large coverage, 7,500 to 12,000 square feet. It is adaptable to a low or high water pressure (35 to 125 lbs), covering an arc of 100 feet in diameter at 50 pounds and wider at higher pressures: discharging 8 to 20 gallons per minute, according to the pressure and size of the nozzles.

Leesley Bent Grass

Robert F. Leesley Grass Co., 22nd Street at Harlem Avenue, Riverside, Illinois, who for years have been growers of creeping bent grasses, will have a very fine crop of stolons for spring and summer delivery.

This company has a splendid nursery of very fine stock and will be able to announce prices at an early date. Inquiries may be sent to the above address.

Jacobsen in California

It should be of interest to the western readers of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER that the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company has established a warehouse branch in Los Angeles. This new branch is under the direction of Mr. K. L. Barnes and is located at Westland Warehouse, Los Angeles.

Mr. Barnes was formerly from the Kansas City territory of the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, and has had many years’ experience in the sales and servicing of Jacobsen Power Lawn Mowers.

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Fine Bent Grasses

A splendid booklet covering the above subject has just been issued by the J. M. McCullough’s Sons Company, 316 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The introduction is a reprint of an article entitled, “Commercial Bent Grasses in Canada” by Dr. M. O. Malte, which was published in the April, 1929 issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER. The author is one of Canada’s leading agronomists and his article is considered by far the best ever published on this subject.

This interesting booklet also contains an article by Professor L. S. Dickinson of Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., entitled, “Facts on Lawn Management,” which gives accurate details on the construction and preparation of the seed bed, including chapters on drainage and fertilizers necessary for fine turf. There is also a tabulation reprinted from the Bulletin of the U. S. G. A. Green Section giving rates of seeding of fine turf grasses.

Copy of this booklet just issued will be mailed free upon request.