The Green Section Meeting BY E. W. DOTY

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THE Green Section of the U. S. G. A. met at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, Friday afternoon, January 11. It was not a particularly interesting session, the good work of the Green Section apparently being confined to what is done somewhere else.

One interesting and instructive talk was by Professor F. H. Hillman, of the seed laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture. He was introduced as the man who knows more about grass seed than the man who invented seed. And he made good on that announcement too. He went into the history of the development of bent grasses so minutely that it went over the heads of all of us listeners; but all the same Professor Hillman's lecture, if printed, will afford greenkeepers and chairmen of Green committees a sort of Bible on seeds that will be very helpful.

There are more than eleven varieties of bent grass and their names are given to them in the trade and among growers and users, such as Colonial, German, Rhode Island, etc.

One of the delegates announced that he had solved the origin of the brown patch, at least to his own satisfaction. He said it was caused by the spider. The spider weaves its web on the surface of the green and the dew forms in the green and the web. Out comes the sun and ciries up the dew and the web crumbles and drops into the grass carrying the death-dealing bacteria with it and the brown patch appears right there. This experimenter said he had transferred these webs when wet and placed them in designs of crescents and stars (thereby emulating the well known specialist as to design), and the brown patch would appear in the new place, showing the design he planned.

In other words get rid of the spider and you will get rid of the brown patch; as there's a million, million spiders around every golf course, the greenkeeper's work from now on is to be that of a hunter rather than a mower.

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