



TORO TRACTOR WITH WIRE CAGE ENCLOSURE FOR THE OPERATOR
This device is used by George Post, greenkeeper at Franconia Club, Springfield, Mass.

heart, more especially at the time of writing, when nearly every fairway in the metropolitan district is looking like a piece of toast.

The day chosen for the demonstration was a little unfortunate on account of threatening rain, and the forty interested spectators had hardly sat down to lunch in the club house as guests of Mr. Miller when it began to rain in earnest and never let up all day.

After lunch Mr. Miller went over some very interesting statistics, regarding seasons rainfall in New York Metropolitan District. He brought out the fact; that although, the average rainfall is sufficient for crops, it is not distributed evenly enough throughout the year to keep turf green, and it is these periods of drought that irreparable damage is done.

Top Dressing Approaches

The necessity for true and more mellow approaches is an important question with every golf club. This means topdressing and the Ohio Humus Products Company, London, Ohio is calling the greenkeeper's attention to the value of their hardwood humus for this purpose.

Most of the courses are reseeding their approaches this fall and working in one-half pound of humus to each square foot before seeding.

Protecting the Tractor Man

WITH balls flying thick and fast almost continually at Franconia, Springfield's municipal course, greenkeeper George Post has devised this wire cage enclosure for the protection of his tractor operator, Ralph Preston.

This outfit was built by the Cheney Bigelow Wire Works, Springfield, Mass., who state that they intend to build these cages so that they can be shipped knocked-down, all crated, for \$75.00, f. o. b. Springfield.

Many rigs of this type have been made up with the chicken wire or wire not much heavier. Greenkeeper Post feels that he has hit on the right kind by getting wire of the grill type which requires a frame only heavy enough to fasten the ends of the wire.

The height of the enclosure was carefully considered. It goes easily under any of the trees on the course.

It was found that it was out of the question to have any grill work in front of the operator. "Sea sickness" was the inevitable result. Anyway, the real danger is from the side and rear.

There is one more change to be figured out. The enclosure fits to the mudguard which is none too stable a foundation. The next refinement will be to fasten it to some solid part of the tractor.

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