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The Editor's Chair

I OFTEN wonder how the ancients grew grass intelligently when they had no experts to advise them and no turf gardens upon which to base their experimental theories.

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YEARS ago, in my sailing days, I was racing at Toronto and they had a lawn bowling court at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club which I was told was turfed with fine sod brought from England. I was fascinated by the accuracy of the roll of those funny, lop-sided balls which they use. They told me that the imported turf was almost one hundred years old.

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WHICH all goes to show that the art of turf culture in the big U. S. A. is in its infancy. We must live and learn. When anyone says, "I know it all," ask him if he got his knowledge from his grandfather.

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THERE is too much pop and go about turf culture in various parts of the United States. We have a wide extent of latitudes and longitudes in this big country and no set of rules or theories can prevail universally. I am not decrying the efforts of earnest individuals to standardize turf culture. But I cannot help thinking that each locality is a problem by itself.

PERSONALLY I believe we must begin our investigation several inches under the surface of the ground and prepare a place for fine grass to grow permanently and luxuriantly. That means fertilizer or humus or both. You cannot fool Nature and she will take her toll sooner or later even if you try to get by with hypodermics or food infusions.

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SUPPOSE we get down to brass tacks and face the music. This is a day of facts, and overalls are no disgrace to anybody. If we have made mistakes let's correct them and express no alibis. After all we are or should be, clear-thinking Americans.

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THE Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers has taken a definite initiative on golf course maintenance in establishing a buying bureau for the golf and country clubs of the Cleveland district.

"Bob" Zink, greenkeeper of the Shaker Heights Country Club, is the secretary, and, as he explains it to me, they wish to save the member clubs what money they can without cost to them.

It's a tough job to say the least, but the effort is laudable and should have the support of those who pay the bills. There is nothing to be lost and quite likely a lot to be gained. One thing I believe is that they are sincere and trying to do their best and they have years of knowledge and experience behind them.