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many ounces to so much water to be applied to the square yard. This calls for care in preparation and then, even with the powder forms, a loose estimate of a square yard. I must say the roses have been co-operative.

Undulating greens present a special problem. A rainstorm will wash a powder dressing into the hollows, leaving the ridges (shaved anyway by the mowers) unfed. I think watering comes in here. No matter how light the spraying the hollows must benefit to the detriment of the rises. Further, it is unlikely that it is soft rain water. It will be argued that the ingredients of fertilisers are concocted, and this is acceptable, to feed the roots. Is it not easier for them to sink through the broken earth of a flower bed than the firm terrain on a golf course?

Another personal regret. The change wrought in the nature of courses. I belong to a generation which believed in tackling different conditions on different types of courses. Now we have fairways on heathland, and some links, that used to be found on park courses. Fairways that hold water are wormcast.

It has to be acknowledged, again in general terms, that with heavy machinery and the increased foot traffic (the explosion of golf) a good carpet of grass is desirable. The Old Course at St. Andrews for instance. And yet, there are times when one wonders if this reasoning is not as specious as

Winter Rules—allegedly invoked to save the course from being ravaged by divots—when everyone knows it is to give players better lies. How often is a crowded course to be seen from Mondays to Fridays, even when a visiting society is playing?

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It is no good sighing over days gone by, it is also as useless to fix the mind rigidly on the present. A glimpse forward leads to the conclusion that this desire for a strong growth of grass is going to settle the vexed question of the small or large ball. It will have to be the latter, for the same reason that the Americans use it. It sits up, instead of burying itself in a luxurious carpet.

Note: Shortly after completing this piece, I was much entertained by a discussion on T.V. arguing that fertilisers on farmland were slowly creating an arid desert. The farmers were all for putting muck on the land.

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