

climate other grasses are in all respects more suitable.

There must indeed be a blending of compatible plants—an assortment of the botanically creeping and tufted sorts.

Plants can only grow in harmony if they are suited the one to the other and again I would hark back to my earlier quotation and refer to TRIFOLIUM REPENS PERENNE (Perennial White Clover) . . .

“ . . . it may become too abundant, and seed should be sown with discretion.”

Not only should the choice of subject be made with extreme care but so should the amount by weight of seed employed for each species and/or cultivar be decided upon with the utmost prudence. Too much AGROSTIS, too much LOLIUM or the converse in each case can only lead to an unharmonious blend—a poor unnatural sward which will be an inadequate cover to the earth.

The complete plant must not only cover the surface, but ramify the soil—why so?

I have purposely chosen the words “complete plant” for there are always those who seem to believe that the grass plant is unique in that it may be utterly defoliated and yet happily survive—as evidenced by the “Brown Wicket Brigade” amongst our cricketing friends. Truly some few—but very few—grasses may survive such brutality — perhaps these really do scream in protest—they would certainly have their entitlement so to do—but even these cannot survive constant and prolonged defoliation.

- Mr Palin's analysis will be concluded in a future issue



HISTORY was made on September 12th when the first public house in the U.K. featuring the noble art of Greenkeeping was opened. Owned by brewers Greene King, the pub, appropriately named “The Greenkeeper”, was built as the entrance to Thorpe Wood Golf Course, the only municipal course in Peterborough, 1½ miles west of the city on the new A.47 road. In case you don't identify yourself with the character depicted, the artist was a lady, her model unknown. Will the offending greenkeeper please stand up. Our thanks are due to Mr. F. E. Sismey, Head Greenkeeper at Peterborough Milton G.C., for this information.



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