

Chinch Bug Extermination

Sir:

In October GOLFDOM, T. J. P. of Florida asked about chinch bug extermination on St. Augustine grass. The only sure remedy against them is calcium cyanide in dust form. Use a duster with flat nozzle and keep it close to the ground where the spots appear. But be very careful in handling it and be sure not to inhale it. Calcium cyanide upon exposure to moist atmosphere or soil forms the deadly hydrocyanic acid gas which kills the bugs. I used it successfully in Tampa, Fla. Press Bulletin 371 of the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville tells how to control chinch bugs on St. Augustine grass.

Walter Lenz,
(Avon Park, Fla.)

Arsenate of Lead Helps Roth

Sir:

The outstanding feature of greenkeeping for the season of 1928 is the proved efficiency of the use of arsenate of lead as recommended by Mr. Leach, not only for the prevention of grubs but also as a weed control medium.

We have a nine-hole course beside our eighteen, where the greens had been neglected to a certain extent as to weeding, especially as to removing chickweed. We were actually afraid to cut it out for fear of the appearance of the greens which certainly would have looked and putted badly.

What I would *not* have given several years ago for this treatment, which has practically removed all signs of chickweed from these greens. Not only that, but I am quite sure that the applications of arsenate of lead have improved the general appearance of all greens. I think Mr. Leach deserves great credit for giving arsenate of lead to the greenkeeper.

F. J. Roth,
Plainfield (N. J.) Country Club.

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