



The Value of a Playground

Children at a country club are naturally noisy; the strange surroundings seem to urge them to run and shout, and no amount of parental discipline will subdue them. This being the case, the best method of protecting the nerves of members from this inevitable confusion is to provide some spot for the children where they can exercise and shout to their heart's content. A playground will do the trick.

Above is the playground of the Columbian Country Club, Wheeling, Ill., a good example of the sort of equipment that will fascinate the children and keep them quiet.

Plan Your Year's Work Now

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IN A FEW weeks the greenkeepers, in the northern zone, will be in the thick of another campaign, and doubtless even now are fidgety for a little activity. Nothing is so hard on the nerves and general anxiety as the approach of zero hour, and in the matter of greenkeeping it is particularly unsettling for one does not know to a nicety where the starting point will be. Should the winter season have been kind and left the turf "up and coming," we have a running start on a firm footing; but should, by misfortune, the recent months have been in a mischievous mood, the handicap will be severe, and much time will be spent making reparations of various kinds. The old hands, being on the alert, have a great advantage over the newcomers who, not knowing exactly what to expect, or where indeed, to

look for the weak spots, will be getting more and more apprehensive as every lengthening day and balmy breeze brings closer the opening of the course work.

Now is the time to lay plans for the season's operations, so that everything will be in order and the work ready to commence without a hitch at the first sign of weather fit to start the turf moving. It is most likely that the budget has been passed by now and the committee and greenkeeper know what is expected of them. This is the frame, one might say, into which must be fitted the picture of the next few months' activities. There is a great diversity of opinion among golf clubs and greenkeeper associations, regarding the responsibility for the upkeep of the grounds. Theoretically the chain of trust passes from the committee to the