

Watering Economy Has Field's Attention

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It is our belief that the most outstanding development in the business end of golf during the past year is the widespread interest shown in the hoseless system of irrigation. A great many clubs throughout the United States have adopted this method of irrigation by the use of self-closing, underground valves installed in the fairways flush with the soil on which the sprinklers are snapped. An installation of this type reduces the irrigation costs of any golf course approximately 50% as compared with the old method.

We do not believe there is another item of initial expense in connection with golf course up-keep that will pay one-half the dividend on the investment as will be earned by a hoseless system.

Practically all the outstanding clubs in California have already adopted this method. This is, of course, due to the fact that it is of California origin, but eastern clubs are fast falling in line.

Some Questions and Answers from Leach's Mail

By B. R. LEACH

Question

Sir:

Four years ago we seeded our greens with what purported to be fescue and South German Creeping Bent. The bent failed to materialize to any appreciable extent. The fescue has not done very well and, four years having elapsed, it has practically disappeared.

Native to this locality is a very hardy velvet or crab grass which we are unable to identify. We have commonly termed it crab grass, but several so-called experts classify it as velvet.

It is a very tough, coarse growth and spreads quite rapidly. We have spent lots of money cutting it, that is, with a very fine sharp disc, cutting it both ways in an



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