

Greensmen's Comforts Too Often Neglected

JAMES A. HUNTER, who for many years has been very intimately identified with golf in the Northwest, as president of the Minnesota Golf association, secretary of the northwestern green section and an official in several clubs, addresses the following to our golfing public:

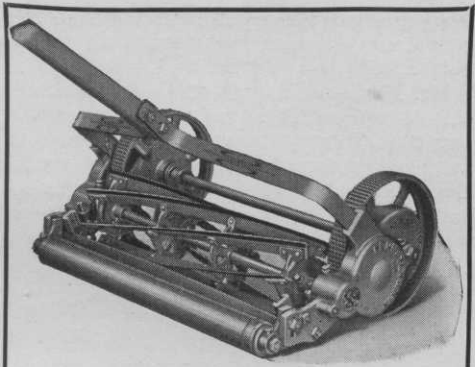
"For the past two years it has been my privilege to serve in some official capacity as one of the board of governors of some golf club, and in addition, for the last 12 years I have served as chairman of the green committee at two different clubs. During that time I found very great pleasure in my work and I became intensely interested in the development of the work itself.

"This brought me into close touch with the men who did the actual labor, viz., the greensmen, the tractor men and the other workers. The wholesome, clean outdoor work, with the most pleasant of environments, seemed to bring these men into close harmony with each other. The great majority of them love their work.

"I often wonder why the golfers seldom seem to take a moment to speak a word of encouragement and congratulation to the greenkeeper. These men are your servants. When you pass one of them on the course just try and say 'good day' or 'good morning' to them. They are human and will appreciate your courtesy.

"I want to make a suggestion to the golf clubs of this state. Let us show our appreciation of the good work these faithful men are doing for us by providing them an inexpensive shower bath in or adjoining the toolhouse, that they may go home clean and refreshed. How would we like to ride home in our golf clothes if they were wet with perspiration? Provide lockers to hold their change of clothes, also towels and soap. At The Country club we have a club room for our men where they eat their lunches and afterwards play a game of cards or read. This summer we furnished a Jersey cow and icebox, and one of the boys did the milking. In that way they had plenty of pure, rich milk.

"I believe we get back what we give, and if we golfers will just give our men a little friendly consideration along the



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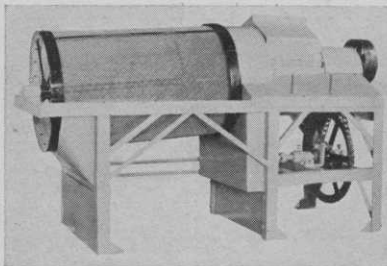
line outlined above we will certainly be repaid in better men, better work and a better spirit all around."

Mr. Hunter is a man of good ideas, and this is one of them. There is no doubt but that many things might be done at most clubs for the betterment of conditions and spirit among the greensmen, and the caddies as well.—From the *Amateur Golfer*.

Club Stages Committee Event

OFFICIALS of a mid-western club recently staged an unusual golf contest when the committee chairmen each selected the best golfer from the members of their own committees, thus forming two-man teams. These teams challenged each other to matches at scratch, scoring by the scotch foursome system of one point for low ball and one for low aggregate. The round-robin is not yet completed and interest has been aroused among the membership to the point where galleries are actually following the various matches around.

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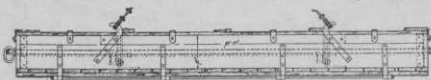
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All too many golf courses have been laid out over land formerly cleared for agricultural purposes. They may have perfect terrain for golf—hills, valleys and slopes in profusion—may possess fine greens and heavily sodded fairways, and yet, if the course is tree-less, there is a certain something lacking that gives the course a barren, uninteresting appearance. For such a layout, an intensive re-forestation program is desirable.

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