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Soil Conditioning

—A BRIEF ON THE CLAY PROBLEM

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WHILE a satisfactory turf can be grown on almost any soil under proper conditions, we often run into certain types that do not respond to the efforts of the greenkeeper as do others.

A good mellow loam is to be prized above all because it will produce and support a desirable sod with the minimum of attention and expense. But we are not all so fortunate as to find ourselves located in regions so blessed and from this happy mixture of sand, silt and clay we observe that soil types swing in two directions.

On the one side of the classification we

run into the so-called lighter types, soils of a more pronounced sandy nature, becoming so coarse in their texture that, given an opportunity they will almost blow away. They are usually poor and have physical characteristics that are not conducive, without proper help, to a good season-through turf.

On the other hand, there are soils with a deficiency of sand in their make up: the heavy, sticky, unyielding clay types, too often the despair of green committees and greenkeepers. These, too, may be brought into subjection with intelligent manage-



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