

For dandelion eradication I would give the method involving the use of iron sulphate, as described by John McGregor in recent articles in GOLFDOM, a thorough tryout. Sulphuric acid, at best, is nasty stuff for a non-chemist to handle.

B. R. LEACH.

Checking Pearlwort

Sir:

Can you tell me what causes pearlwort to come into my greens? Is there any way to check it?

My soil is a clay soil and I use Ammo-Pho and a compost top-dressing of soil, rotted dressing, and sand.

G. D.
(Maine)

Answer—

Sir:

Pearlwort creeps into greens as a result of seed in the top-dressing or as a result of seeds which are washed or blown onto the green from the surrounding turf.

This weed is closely related to the chickweeds and would suggest that you mix up about three pounds of lead arsenate to a bucket of soil and scatter the mixture over the pearlwort patches. This system is very efficacious in cleaning up chickweed

and should have the same reaction on pearlwort.

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Weeds may be controlled on the golf course by preventing weeds from seeding in land near the course, mowing before they seed, by use of chemical plant poisons for certain varieties, by maintaining soil fertility to keep good turf, and by hand weeding. Where greens contain any bad weed, such as pearlwort, spreading may be prevented partially by not throwing clippings on regular compost piles, but keeping special piles for such clippings when weed is seeding. Pearlwort must be cut out and new sod used. Chickweed may be lessened by constant fertilization with ammonium sulphate. It may also be controlled by sprinkling a little arsenate of lead mixed with compost over it and watering it in. Arsenate of lead is now being advised for crab grass control also.

Robert Mitchell has been controlling pearlwort by "painting" the pearlwort with a solution of sulphate of ammonia, three pounds in a gallon of water, and then cutting out these burned areas as time permits.—*New England Greenkeepers Newsletter.*

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