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Roses Are Scenic Gems of Course Landscaping

By J. HORACE McFARLAND
Editor, "American Rose Annual"

WHY not use roses of the right kinds and add to the beauty of the golf course?

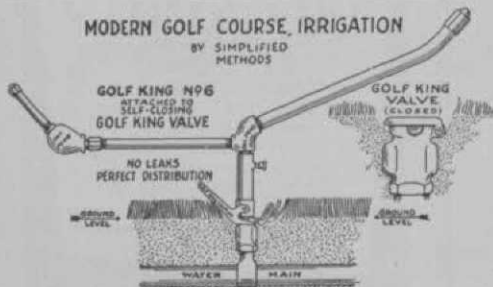
Mighty few men play golf with their eyes shut to the landscape. It isn't only the beauty of the fairways and greens, but the beauty of the landscape that attracts men in increasing numbers to this great old game. I have not read of enthusiasts who crave to play golf at night through unilluminated scenery. Beauty, therefore, is an inseparable adjunct to good golf, I insist, though many of the old birds who take to it are not seriously permeated themselves with outstanding physical attractions.

Now roses could add to the beauty of the golf course, used as borders and elsewhere to add, not only to the beauty of the surroundings but to the sportiness of the course. I refer not to the petted Hybrid Tea and other roses which must be milk-fed and coddled to do their beautiful best.

Roses that Fit Courses

Instead I call attention particularly to the lovely so-called "wild" roses, which are in themselves admirable shrubs and will take care of themselves. This includes the wonderful Rugosa roses, which are attractive when out of bloom, though their blooming season is long and the flowers are followed by richly brilliant fruit. It takes into account the Scotch rose which ought to be around a golf course, because it fits the game and will take a place where only three feet is the height limit.

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The Chinese beauties we now have, including the Hugonis rose, are in this category, and then there comes into it a magnificent group of hardy climbers which would make any golf course vastly more beautiful in rose time as they bloomed on its borders, while beautiful all the rest of the golfing year with attractive foliage, better than that on most shrubs, wild or tame, usually found.

Some of these climbers can be named as including Dr. W. Van Fleet, the one finest American hardy climber which will sprawl twenty feet in a season if left to go that way; American Pillar, just as vigorous and just as good; Silver Moon, which is a white beauty of the same rampant character, and about a dozen other vigorous and varied blooming roses that would take care of themselves. Alida Lovett, Bess Lovett, Christine Wright, Zephyrine Drouhin, Dorothy Perkins, Paul's Scarlet Climber, Dr. Huey, Excelsa, Hiawatha, Evangeline, Paradise, Mary Wallace, Tausendschon, Gardenia, all are useful for this sort of unrestrained, self-sustaining planting about a golf course. Max Graf will cover a slope to advantage.

A world of fragrant loveliness is likewise available in the use of the Hybrid Sweetbrier roses, in which the lovely flowers are borne among good foliage that is continuously fragrant. Lady Penzance, Meg Merrilies and Flora McIvor are examples of this class.

Then the artful planter about golf courses would find that he could get continuous flowers out of the three Radiances, Gruss an Teplitz, and Birdie Blye, still keeping his bushes low enough not to be in the road.

Golf architects are beginning to realize what they have missed in not making greater use of the rose as a part of the game's setting. Those who have appreciated the rose's values are getting busy and showing lovely model plantings that increase the interest and pleasure of the game.

GREAT LAKES MOVES INTO LARGER PLANT

Milwaukee, Wis.—Great Lakes Golf Corp. has taken over a portion of the Shaler Co. factory at Waupun, Wis., 72 miles north of Milwaukee, as its golf club manufacturing plant. Need of more manufacturing space and attractive facilities at Waupun dictated the move. Great Lakes office and shipping department will remain at Milwaukee.



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