

er. Silver poplar is a very hardy tree, growing comparatively fast and large.

*Question:* How large a tree can you transplant?

*Answer:* I don't think there is any limit, if you want to put the money into it.

*Question:* Are chestnut trees and Lombardy poplar hardy?

*Answer:* Chestnut trees are not hardy around here, but the Lombardy poplar is perfectly hardy for about 10 or 15 years.

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## Mole and Gopher Control

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**T**HE MOLE is causing a lot of trouble on golf courses, but it is one of the most easily controlled rodents we have to contend with. (Mr. Parten displayed a trap and stated that it made a difference in the way you set the trap to get the best results.) Poison bait does not affect the mole. With the gas method you sometimes get them and sometimes you don't because the runway closes up. If the mole trap is properly set you will get them everytime. Be sure not to close the runway.

The pocket gopher is closely related to the mole. It is easier to control than the mole. In getting the pocket gopher the trap method is too slow. Cyanide gas works well only about 30 per cent of the time. The gophers smell the gas and push the dirt into the runway between them and the gas.

The following poison will kill pocket gophers:

$\frac{1}{8}$  oz. sodium bicarbonate.

$\frac{1}{8}$  oz. powdered strychnia alkaloid.

$\frac{1}{8}$  oz. saccharin.

This amount will last 2 or 3 years.

This poison is put on pieces of potato cut in slices about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick, then you cross slice it. Sprinkle the poison on each piece of potato, not too thick. Two or three little crystals on each piece of potato are enough.

Find the main runway of the gopher by probing with a stiff wire. The main runway can easily be found by observing the shape of the mound. The mounds are of two general types, heart-shaped or straight on one side and curved on the other. These mounds indicate the direction in which the soil was thrown out by the gopher. The main runway is on the

straight side of the mound which shows an indentation. The probing wire should be pushed into the soil 6 to 18 ins. from the mound. The hole made by the probing wire should be enlarged by the sharpened broomstick, using a revolving motion when putting it in. Don't let any light shine in the hole. Drop two or three pieces of poison bait into the hole and close the hole immediately.

*Question:* Would this work on striped gophers.

*Answer:* No. Use cyanide gas for controlling them and rats. Put the cyanide gas in a Major duster and you will find it very effective in controlling the striped gophers. Leave the mounds open so that the gas will penetrate through the runway.

## Who Hires the Help? Puzzle to Department Heads

**G**REENKEEPERS and managers are experiencing this year one of their toughest problems by being compelled by members' instructions to hire certain employees. Unemployment has hit some of the members' friends and the members select the golf club as the best port in the storm.

Department heads complain that necessity of operating short-handed this year makes it essential that each man on the payroll be the best one for the job but in some cases they are afraid to go to the mat for this principle because of fear of losing their own jobs to some one who will hire anyone strongly recommended by an officer or influential member.

**A** FORMER PRO who now has one of the star positions in the golf manufacturing business was telling the other day how he got along so well with his club members that they boosted him into one of the first spots on his climb. He mentioned getting acquainted with the members as the prime necessity for a pro. Club politics always are something to be considered and for that reason he said he started in by making the worst grouches in the club his best friends. This, he maintains, was the toughest job he ever had in his life, for it had to be handled so the rest of the members didn't think he was petting the grouches to the neglect of the other members. He couldn't be so oily and servile to any class of the membership that he became offensive.