Another method for using the poisons listed above is to mix the sugar and chemicals dry with an equal volume of bran or cornmeal. Add enough weak honey solution (honey in water) to make a crumbly mixture which can be scattered about the green.

Another dry mixture that is usually effective is:

Mix 1 oz. Paris green with 1 lb. brown sugar. Sprinkle the crumbs very lightly around the ant hills.

The poisons may also be mixed with lard to make a paste-like bait which attracts the species that feed on fatty materials. It must be remembered to keep the poison sufficiently diluted so that it may be carried to the nests.

Repelling with Water Sometimes Works

A method that has some times been used effectively is that of driving ants from greens by leaving sprinklers running all night for several nights in succession. The ants dislike this excess water and will leave the greens. Because of the danger of complications due to excess water on heavier soils this method can only be recommended for greens with excellent drainage and sandy topsoil.

Tobacco dust and other repellants have proved to be effective under certain conditions. However, like the watering method, these remedies are only partially effective since they merely cause the ants to move out to new territory from which they migrate back onto the greens as soon as conditions are again favorable.

Warning

The poisons listed above (except pyrethrum extract) are extremely poisonous to human beings and animals. Extreme care should therefore be exercised in their preparation, use and storage. The sirups especially should never be left where they may be reached by small children.

McGregor Breaks Ankle—John McGregor, superintendent of Chicago GC, and a former president of the NAGA, was a casualty of the Washington convention. Rushing with Mrs. McGregor to board bus for the greenkeepers' visit to the Arlington gardens McGregor tripped on a stairway and wound up with a broken ankle.

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