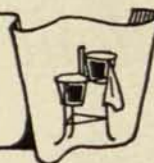


The Clearing House



Address all questions relating to general golf course maintenance to this department. Every question answered free of charge by a committee of experts.

What is your opinion as to the planting of bent seed over stolons?

Zanesville, Ohio

If a vegetatively planted green is well planted and well kept it makes a fine putting surface. There is a great diversity of opinion on this question. Greens seeded with fine quality German mixed bent seed are free from the "nap" so often encountered on stolon greens. Follow later issues for discussions.

Is it possible to mix Calogreen with sulphate of ammonia that is when using water as the carrier?

Zanesville, Ohio

If applying Calogreen in water, the mixture should be kept agitated as this chemical remains suspended in water only a few minutes. It can be applied in solution with sulphate of ammonia, but it is recommended that Calogreen be mixed with compost or sand, but *thoroughly mixed*, at rate of 3 ounces per 1000 sq. ft. of area. Scatter this fine material on green as you would seed.

My greens show a slight reddish brown stain of the grass blades after the vigorous growth produced by sulphate of ammonia. What can be the cause of this?

Greenville, Michigan

This may be due to lack of potash, or over supply of moisture, or to several other conditions. We suggest that

you test your soil, also experiment by watering only enough to keep the surface firm but not hard for a few days. Watch results and report further.

What are the fertilizer requirements for the best growth of bent?

Greenville, Michigan

Do not use too much fertilizer in organic form. When over fed, bent grows coarse.

Several white birch trees on my course are dying off at the top. What can I do for them?

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

This is probably due to the bronze birch borer but may be lack of fertilization or that they are growing on a shale rock or hard pan bottom.

Is there any help for chestnut tree blight? There isn't a single perfect chestnut tree left around here.

Hartford, Connecticut

There is no help, unless through discovery of immune trees. This work is in process at several universities, notably at Brown and Yale. Some progress has been made, but no conclusive reports have been made. This disease was imported from Asia, and first attacked the chestnut growth in New York State. It is now widespread.

A Chat With Our President

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is kin of the late Oom Paul Kruger of South African fame, and he is certainly a chip off the old block.

THE efficient management of our association will make for increased tolerance, charity, sweetness and good will in the lives of all our members.

IF you enjoy reading what others have to say, don't forget that others will enjoy what you have to say. If you can't spell all the words correctly, the editor will do for you what I get done for me. There are a lot of greenkeepers, who like myself, never had a chance to go to grammar school.

IN a recent issue of *Golf Illustrated* I was interested in reading an article entitled "Keeping in Step with the Times." The paragraph reads as follows:

"The professional golfers of America, an army of al-

most 3000 have reached the point where something definite should be done for their individual and general welfare. Other sports have found it advantageous to engage counsel to aid in their development along proper lines. And this method has proved successful. We feel that the time is ripe for the Professional Golfers Association to double its membership of 1200 and to engage a good man in whom it could repose the utmost confidence and whose counsel would be heeded. The undercurrent of both club and commercial gossip should be stilled or referred to some recognized head for disposition. A paid secretary on the alert for the best interest of the players and the traditions of the game would be a progressive step."

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