



## Around the Office Desk

### Why Not Ask the Man Who Knows

A GOODLY number of greenkeepers again attended the United States Golf Association Green Section meeting at Hotel Biltmore on January 10, 1930 and listened to some very interesting talks by Doctor K. T. Kellerman, Professor T. H. Hillman, Doctor John Monteith, Jr., and others.

The greenkeepers at large understood that this meeting was to be called at 10:00 A. M. and the great majority were there accordingly, but it was 1:00 P. M. before the chairman rapped for order, consequently the greenkeepers had plenty of time to compare notes and to discuss ways and means to improve their profession for the benefits to golf in general.

Approximately one hundred greenkeepers were present who have practically spent the best part of their lives in the business and upon whom the clubs depend to fulfill every whim that may develop. These men are combating conditions that baffle the scientists and are a constant worry to every golf club in America.

Actual experience has taught these workers the various tricks of their trade and necessity has compelled an unconscious mental development there, an abstract something that the average business man does not seem to realize.

Would it not seem logical, that among such a body of men, one would find ideas perhaps of tremendous benefit to all? Ideas that would revolutionize the old order of things and create something new and better. Such men with a real message to tell?

Many a science of yesterday is found on the junk pile today, simply because men think and it is to the practical thinking mind that we must look in order to find what is to be a concrete fact tomorrow and it is concrete facts we want and not visionary ideas, concocted by dreamers lacking practical experience.

Among the greenkeepers present were men who have experienced every phase of country club trouble, from the "Asiatic pests" to "Brown patch", from a depleted treasury to labor trouble, men, who had to overcome every phase of club grief in order to prove satisfactory

—still not one of those salaried men were on the speakers program.

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### Greenkeepers' Wives

NOW that the Wives of National Greenkeepers Association has been taken under the protectorship of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America we should have a new incentive for every member to work by getting new members and going to the Convention at Louisville, Kentucky.

We have been promised a good time by Mr. Davies, beside we will have a great deal to do—election and revising of by-laws. These will have to be drawn along the lines of the National Association.

Let us get together ladies, and show the men how much we appreciate the honor they have bestowed upon us. Let us work and make the Wives of National Greenkeepers worthy of the name we bear. If we take the National Greenkeepers Association as an example, we should go far indeed when we see what they have done in so short a time.

We do not want our association to deteriorate into a "pink tea" affair, but we want to become something really worth while. We need a full force in attendance at Louisville, so that everything can be thoroughly threshed out. We need every member's opinion.

As our vacation comes in the winter in this climate owing to the profession our husbands and sons follow, what would be nicer than a trip to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the Convention and take in the wonders that Louisville and vicinity are noted for.

Those of the ladies who have donations of needlework for our bazaar, kindly send them to Mrs. Herbert Shave, 864 Ann Street, Birmingham, Mich., or to Mrs. Emma Johnson, Lock Box 26, Redford, Detroit, Mich.

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