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## The Editor's Chair

IT HAS OCCURRED to me that the editor and his readers should be more intimate and that an exchange of frank and honest opinions on the problems of turf culture would be beneficial and interesting to all concerned. So this is our column where we can talk freely through the printed word, and your suggestions and criticisms always constructive and for the good of those engaged in turf culture, are always welcome.

TIME was when the greenkeeper of golf courses and the groundskeeper of estates, cemeteries, parks and schools and college grounds was secretive. He never divulged his way of doing things. If his plans were successful he smiled, if they weren't he kept still. He seldom conferred with others in his line of work. He had no guidance except his common sense and experience. Until the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER came into existence there was no medium of up-to-date information; just a series of pamphlets from obsolete political sources.

NOW the door is open and the sun shines on both sides of the street. We shall have free and unfettered speech and a column of type to say things, that encircles the globe. Great day—let's go.

ALONG in this morning's mail, right out of a blue sky, comes an article on "Iron Sulphate" from Ludwig Erb, greenkeeper, Philipsburg Country Club, Philipsburg, Pa. Erb is a thinker and he has delved deep into the history of iron sulphate and its use with plants and grasses—also why it eliminates weeds and stimulates plant growth. He combines years of personal experience with authentic history from England thereby completing a world-wide picture. Watch for it in a later issue.

ONE thought I have had in mind for years is a medium of information on employment. For instance, here is a man experienced in the growing of fine grasses and shrubs and plants. He may be, through no fault of his own, out of a job. His life's work may be wasted if he has to start anew on a different vocation. Someone is in dire need of his knowledge and experience. So I propose an editorial section in the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER and TURF CULTURE wherein those who are looking for new positions may tell those who are in need of greenkeepers, gardeners or groundskeepers that their services are available. On the other hand owners of estates and superintendents of parks, cemeteries and school and college grounds may know where they can secure the services of a first-class, experienced man. It works both ways.

WE WILL publish "help wanted" ads free for one insertion. Additional ads will be 50c each. For those who are seeking positions in any one of the many fields of turf culture we will insert one "position wanted" advertisement for our subscribers free of charge. Extra insertions will be 50c each, accompanied by currency, money order or check.

NONE has ever tried to work out the employment situation in the turf culture field. With the cooperation of our many thousands of readers we hope to do it. Write and tell me what you think.

  
Editor.