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## The Editor's Chair

TIME was when turf was just plain grass. Back in the gay 90's many well-kept lawns were a hodge podge of everything which came from the sweepings of the hay barn.

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How different things are in this age of extreme concentration. The automobile costs so little and operates so economically. Figuring miles per dollar it is astounding what the inventive genius' have accomplished. In medicine the human body is no longer a secret. They take out your vital organs, scrub them up, and put them back again.

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OUR progress, stepped up as it has been through the last two decades, is due to intensive education and smooth-working methods and organization. Seed from the hay barn is out. Big bored motors are out. People do not die now unless they live to excess or have too many doctors.

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THE job we have is primarily fine grasses—how to grow them and how to keep them. We publish the best information obtainable on soil structure, seeds, fertilizers and maintenance equipment.

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TURF culture is no more a secret now than automobiles or surgery. It is no longer necessary to guess what seed to sow, what fertilizer to use, or what equipment for maintenance should be employed. Many of our largest universities such as Amherst, Rutgers, Penn State, Iowa State and the University of Wisconsin have winter schools for groundskeepers who have charge of golf

courses, parks, cemeteries, private estates and school and college grounds. Experimental turf plots have been installed where soil conditions and fertilizers are carefully checked in connection with seed mixtures used. The result of these investigations are reflected in the columns of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER and TURF CULTURE.

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EVERY week and every month and every year something new is developed for better turf. We suggest to our readers that you write to those listed in our Buyer's Guide whose products fit into your requirements. It is up-to-date and all of them are perfectly reputable and dependable. This is just a thought of keeping posted and knowing what is best to do when the time comes.

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THESE are trying times and the middleman must have his day. You will find in the Market Place section a list of dealers who serve the turf culture field in a personal capacity.

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THESE men are merchants who not only sell the best products of the trade but provide quick service to those in their district who need it. We do not hesitate recommending them to our readers because they are, so to speak, the "shock troops" who carry the brunt of the manufacturers' sales campaign.

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EMPLOYMENT is a national program and we want to do our bit. If any of our readers want a job or want someone to do a job, send in your request with 50 cents in stamps and we will broadcast it over the world.