



Don't Buy Water at Humus Prices

THERE'S a vital difference between *buying* and *getting*. When you buy unprepared humus in its natural, water-logged condition, 75 per cent. of what you get is *water*, which you pay for at regular Humus prices.

Unprepared humus is nothing more or less than sour swamp muck. Nothing has been done to neutralize its acidity. No plant foods have been added. None of its *moisture* has been driven out. It is sold to you just as it is dug up from its watery bed.

When you buy humus; *get* humus.

Buy Alphano Humus—the *concentrated* humus. It contains only 30 per cent. moisture—only the necessary amount needed to keep the bacteria alive. The rest of the water has been driven out in huge drying drums, leaving it in a finely granulated condition. *Before* being dried out the rich soil humus is dug up and scattered over large areas to sun-dried and aerate. After being dried out, the necessary plant foods are added to make it a perfectly balanced soil ration. Instead of the green moulds and injurious acid fungi of unprepared humus; Alphano Humus contains the highest forms of fertility producing and nitrogen gathering bacteria.

It is weed-seedless. Because it is so thoroughly screened, it is free from lumps and roots, and is easy to scatter uniformly on the greens. It can be easily incorporated with the soil, giving a firm, compact surface.

Our book on Lawns and Golf Courses, Their Care and Fare, was written by four experts from the standpoint of *actual results obtained*. Send for it.

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\$10 A TON IN BAGS BY THE CARLOAD

\$8 A TON IN BULK BY THE CARLOAD

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For Sale in Pinehurst

The owner of one of the best and most desirably located houses in the Village has concluded to build another and offers for sale the Winter home he now occupies. The house has living room, dining room, kitchen, servant's room and hall on first floor; four bed rooms and two baths on second floor; three bed rooms on third floor; and small laundry and toilet in basement. There is a garage on the lot; and the house is heated from the Central Plant. The price is \$15,000.

For further description and detailed information refer to A. S. Newcomb, Agent.

DWIGHT ARMSTRONG LEADS THE FIELD

YALE SENIOR FIVE STROKES AHEAD OF CARTER AND WILLIAMS

Qualifying Round of Mid-Winter Golf Tournament Hard Sled-
ding for Many Old Champions



DWIGHT L. Armstrong, a Senior at Yale playing from the Oakmont Club, opened the Mid-Winter Golf Tournament at the Country Club by readily leading home a field of veteran golfers and old time champions for the qualifying gold medal. Even the inevitable Phil Carter, who carried all before him last year, was five strokes behind this young champion.

The day was perfect, but the course was slow. And as everyone agrees that Number Three, over which the matches were played, is five or six strokes stiffer than Number One. The round had been postponed after a number of cards had been handed in yesterday, due to a heavy shower that inundated the greens.

The scores reflected the heaviness of the course and many first string players were glad to break under the 90 class at all. Carter was among the first of the ranking players to return his score, and his 84 stood best most of the morning. Franklin Gates of Broadacre, who won the Carolina tournament, and is always a dangerous man, had made 83 in the rain the day before. But the day's hoodoo fell upon him, and his 94 at present writing looks like the second division. About noon C. H. Williams of Aronimink caused a mild sensation by tying Carter, and as the day wore on it looked as if these two would have to play off for the medal. The best bets (as was supposed) had all come in. T. W. Watson, the Merion player, with 85; Robert Hunter, champion of the Autumn tournament, with 86, tying D. G. Clayton, Springhaven; and the formidable Robeson brothers, Fillmore K. and Irving, many a time leaders of the lists, with 87

apiece. Becker, the field marshal of the host, recorded a 90, and this excellent score for this course was also given in by R. C. Shannon, II, for the glory of the Tin Whistles, and George Van Keuren of Englewood.

So Carter and Williams went out to play off, in case they were tied for first place, as seemed almost certain. Carter struck his stride, the first time since he unpacked his bags yesterday, and rolled into the fifteenth hole all even fours, even as we are accustomed to seeing him do. This was too fast for Williams. But the match had an untimely end at this point, for word had come from the club of the arrival of a new challenger, a danger to every old champion on the course.

The first we knew of it a Moore County pair driving from the tenth tee in awed tones who that young fellow behind them was. Someone said Armstrong. Well, said they, we dunno who he is, but our advice is to put your accumulated savings on him for the season. Told there were others, they stuck to their opinion like men who had seen a miracle, and affirmed with conviction that they didn't care who, Gardner or Varden, or anyone else, they bet on Armstrong, if that was his name.

And sure enough. About the last man in, he produced a card of 79, five strokes to the good, and all things considered, the best 79 we have ever heard of. The course was undoubtedly difficult, and this score must be compared with the returns of Carter and Hunter and Robeson, some of the best men in the game.

Armstrong is a Senior at Yale a member of the Yale golf team and is handicapped 2 in the Oakmont Club.

The cards of the three lowest scores and summary follow:

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