

Mushrooms, Edible and Otherwise

The Adventures and Discoveries of a Company of Amateur Epicures and Botanists During a Rainy Autumn Month.

The summer of 1908 was unusually warm and rainy. It seemed at the close of August as if there really could be "no rain left in heaven."

Most of the garden flowers had become mere skeletons with a few sodden leaves and faded petals.

Furthermore, even after our gray company had departed and the frost of fall came on, quite a number of the edible mushrooms continued to sprout up in quantity.

In the tender stage the various pink, white, pale yellow and reddish-brown caps and parasols of agaricus campestris, the gardener's mushroom, give quite a pretty effect.

Agaricus silvaticus, the wood mushroom, was plentiful but rarely gathered; this and the horse mushroom, A. arvensis, are among the largest of the species.

Several sorts of mushrooms thought to be agaricus puzzled even the experts of our party.

The ink-caps, or coprinuses, were complete contrasts to this Minerva among mushrooms. They are among the earliest of all mushrooms to distinguish and their little life of a day shows all the changes of waxing and waning.

Some of our guests lamented the absence of puff-balls (Boletus), but these appear at Oaklawn only in early summer and although nearly all are edible, are not much sought after.

The only saprophytes or parasolae which we have ever tried to transplant, thus far, are curious and ornamental species—the coral mushroom, Indian pipe, pine saps, beech-drops, etc.

A PAYING INVESTMENT. Mr. John White, of 35 Highland Ave., Portland, Maine, says: "Have been troubled with cough every winter and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was had gone, the cough was all gone."

successful experiment in transplanting Indian pipes. There was more luck than skill about it. The great stake of soil covering the stems of the pipes was placed on a sheet of thoroughly dampened moss and a sheet of bark bound about this. Then, straightway, we marched, a triumphant procession of towheads to our "autograph beech" in the misty nook where two small streams met.

The roots of some of the saprophytes are very curious. The Indian pipe is a formless, brittle, thread-like tissue, about one-eighth of an inch long, tangled aimlessly together and seeming to lie, in the surrounding soil.

All these strange forms would seem to make out a pretty clear case of witchcraft against nature. They are beautiful but uncanny and their existence but haltingly accounted for, but as we grow familiar with them through cultivation other forms may be discovered as useful as the yeast plant and the edible mushroom.

LEONARD GILBERT.

For The Observer. YOUTHLAND.

Low lying, low lying, the aged was dying While the zephyrs of evening were mournfully sighing.

And hard were the downs of his bed Ere the last parting ray of the winter's bleak day Had sped from the spot where the sufferer lay.

He silenced the mourners and said: "Far over the hills the voice of a boy— A boy in the morning and music of joy— Is calling me back to my youth."

Low sounding the knell of his death, and then fell on all. But slowly the bell Pealed solemnly forth on the darkness to tell.

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IN THE CITY CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN.

First—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. M. Kincaid, at 11 on "Why Go to Church?" and in the evening at 8 on "Spiritual Vision."

St. Paul—Rev. Charles E. Raynal, pastor. Preaching at 11 and 8:15 by the pastor; men's prayer meeting at 10:30; Sunday school at 3:30; mid-week services Wednesday evening at 8:15; all are cordially invited.

Tenth Avenue—Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor. Preaching at 11 and 8:15 by the pastor; men's prayer meeting at 10:30; Sunday school at 3:30; mid-week services Wednesday evening at 8:15; all are cordially invited.

Westminster—Rev. Eugene Caldwell, of Texas, will preach at 11:15 and 8:15; Sunday school at 10; the public is cordially invited to all services.

Second—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. A. McGeachy, at 11 and 8:15; men's prayer meeting at 10; mission study class at 10; Sunday school at 3:30; Baraca class at 3:30; mid-week services Wednesday evening at usual.

Belmont—Services at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. E. Lynch, the blind man. Services at 8 p. m. by Rev. M. Robinson, of Scotch Creek church.

METHODIST.

Belmont Park—Rev. W. S. Hales, pastor. Preaching at 11 by the pastor and at 7:30 by Presiding Elder Frank Siler, who will preach a special sermon in the interest of the woman's mission work.

Brevard Street—Preaching at 11 and 8 by Rev. J. A. Baldwin; Sunday school at 3; prayer meeting at 10; a welcome to all.

District—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Coburn, at 11 and 8; communion at 11 and preaching every night next week; Sunday school at 9:45; all are invited.

Trinity—Rev. E. L. Bain, the pastor, will preach at 11 on "A Plain Parental Duty," evening worship at 8; Sunday school at 4; Y. P. M. S. at 10; pews free, a cordial welcome.

North Charlotte—Rev. A. R. Surratt, pastor. The pastor will preach at 11 and 7:45; Sunday school at 9:45; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45; a cordial welcome to all.

Tryon Street—Preaching at 11 by Rev. Frank Siler and at 8 by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Boyd; prayer meeting at 10; Sunday school at 3:30; a cordial invitation to all.

East Avenue Tabernacle—Preaching at 11 and 8 by the pastor, Rev. John A. Smith; Sabbath school at 4; Y. P. C. U. at 7:15; Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8; a cordial invitation to strangers and friends to attend.

First church—Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. Dr. C. B. King; Sabbath school at 12:15. No evening services.

Villa Heights—Preaching at 3 by Rev. John A. Smith; Sabbath school at 4; the public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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mid-week services Wednesday evening at 8 followed by a meeting of the church council.

Colored Churches. St. Michael's Episcopal—Rev. E. L. Henderson, archdeacon of Georgia will occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 8 in the evening. The public is invited to attend.

BRYAN'S BEGINNING.

They Didn't Think He Could Be Elected But He Was.

Washington Post. "Mr. Bryan's political start was due largely to accident," said former United States Senator Anderson, of Nebraska, at the Arlington Hotel, at the time Mr. Bryan received his nomination for Congress the district was regarded as hopelessly Republican, and it was hard to get a prominent Democrat to make the race.

Effect of the Flood on the Southern, and Its Business. Washington Post. "While our road suffered considerable inconvenience and loss as a result of the recent Southern floods, we were fortunate in not losing any of our structures," said President Finley, of the Southern Railway, at the New Willard. "Our bridges and buildings throughout the Carolina remained intact despite the great rise of streams and the washing away of sections of the track in some places. Railroad business in the South is picking up gradually, but only slowly. The fall season is naturally the time when an increase of shipments is expected."

A Heavy Loser. Rockingham Anglo-Saxon. Mr. W. P. Ingram was in town this week and he told something of the destruction to himself caused by the big floods. He says the water was higher at his place than it was ever known before, reaching to the second story of his store in which he had \$100 worth of goods. About \$400 worth of the stock was saved. Besides the loss of his goods he loses 25 bales of cotton, 5,000 bushels of corn, 20 tons of peavine hay. He estimates his total loss at about \$8,000.

A Three-story barn was floated eight feet from its foundation, and a two-story barn was washed 400 feet and lodged on the river bank. Several of his neighbors lost all their bottom land corn.

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