Mushrooms, Edible and Otherwise

The summer of 1906 was unusual-warm and rainy. It seemed at warm and rainy. It seemed at a close of August as if there really uld be "no rain left in heaven." ost of the garden flowers had be me mere skeletons with a few sod.

loaves, and faded petal-rags at ien leaves and faded petal-rags at heir tips. But nature has unlooked-or compensations. From our rich, haded old lawn of about three acres there sprang up, by her magic, a profuse and varied crop of gay and isinty mushrooms and toadstools.

They served a triple purpose: To

even after our gay spring up in quantity and there was a profuse crop of pretty lichens, mosses and those ghostly flower-fungi, of which the Indian pipe is

In the tender stage the various pink, white, pale yellow and reddish-brown caps and parasols of agaricus campestris, the gardener's mushroom. learned to distinguish it. ful could quickly be gathered. In this whole family of agaries we in-

must always be re-sorted by knowing ones, lest, like the old prophets. we should, peradventure, find death in

Agarlous silvatious, the wood mushroom, was pientiful but rarely gathered; this and the horse mushroom, A. arvensis, are among the largest of the species, but repulsive and worthless unless gathered soon after they Several sorts of mushrooms thought

to be agaries puzzled even the perts of our party. One of these, yelept "the gingersnap," because its great, round cap toughened and turn-ed brown so quickly that however early we might rise and closely scan the sod surface none of us ever surprised it in the tender or interme-diate stages.

The ink-caps, or coprinuses, were complete contrasts to this Minerva among mushrooms. They are among the easiest of all mushrooms to distinguish and their little life of a day waning to a close observer. The tan-colored sort, C. micaceus, is the commonest of the species and also one of the most delicious if prepared for the table while the glistening, mica-like flakes of its buff-brown cap still adhere. The white gills lining it begin to blacken at the edges soon after the cap spreads itself. In damp weather cap and lining soon dissolve into gelatinous morsel of inky blacka characteristic which clearly distinguishes the three edible coprinuses from poisonous mushrooms. The little caps of the tan-colored fort are only about an inch across.

ed masses a foot across

In a rich, wooded pasture adjoining the yard it was easy to gather at any time in September a pound or so of the gray coprinus. or true ink-cap. which is much larger than the tan-It has a short, thick stem upon which the egg-shaped cap eddly puckered, and is usually smooth, with now and then a roughstippled flake of ash-gray or gray-The shaggy ish brown near the top. The shage coprinus. C. comatus. is larger still and by many considered a choice because it is a common, robust sort, but we seldom cook it, perhaps. because it is a common, robust sort that can almost always be found in shaded portions of the lawn in damp weather. I have heard it called the goose-egg and the horse-tail mushon account of its size, shape and the tangled wooly fibres that sometimes bedeck its cap. The flavor of the flesh is rich and much mores delicate than either of the names would suggest.

Some of our guests lamented the absence of puff-balls (lycoperdon), (bycoperdon), but these appear at Oaklawn only in early summer and although nearly all edible, are not much sought at It was suggested that we any time. transplant to a lawn which so many pretty and edible fungi delight to honor several notable species which are conspicuously absent, among them oyster agaric, the peppery brilliant-colored russulas, the coampignon, or fairy ring, and some of the milky juicy lacturid. We have always been afraid to cut several species of the latter that appear now and then, but I have always coveted more of the "blue caps," not for the larder, but for their pretty porcelain markings and the contrast with other Lactarius indigo, or a species much like it, favors us with its presence occasionally, but is not so pretty as a similarly shaped sort whose parasol top is etched with faint. bazy designs in porcelain blue that remind one of old-fushioned china. There are white and yellow species of this genus, but they are not so in-teresting as the blue ones.

which we have ever tried to transplant, thus far, are curious and ornamental species—the coral room, Indian pipe, pine sans, beech-drops, etc. These efforts were not often successful, because we did not usually go about it in a really earnest, business-like way. One fall we sur-prised a colony of monotropas that contained sixty fairly well developed "pipes" and promptly transferred them to a shaded nook under a great beech that stood in the angle formed by the meeting of a mountain brook and a larger creek. Laurel and leucothoe overhung it on every side. the two streams gave it plenty of mist to absorb and the soll beneath if for many inches was pure leaf-mold. We were careful to lift a flake of the mold just over a great beech root and press the little colony into place just This was before the curious, ghostly plant was cleared of the charge of being a parasite. Luckily for our colony the root was a dead one and furnished perhaps just the sustenance that a saprophyte However this may be, it was the one

A PAYING INVESTMENT.

Mr. John White, of St Highland Ave., sulton, Maine, says: "Have been trond with a cough every winter and the field that was in the cough avery winter and the field that was in the cough a Etc. bottle of Dr. S New Discovery; before that was in cough. I am now convinced that King's New Discovery is the best to be a cough was all gone. This ter the same happy result has followed the world that a spirit had flown. Deep sleeping, deep sleeping the aged; and weeping.

Solt weeping the mourners of the carth, and then fell to his death, and his death, and his death had now then fell to his death, and his death, and his death, and his death had he had now then fell to his death, and his death, and his death, and his death

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

The summer of 1906 was unusualIt seemed at least the summer of the summer of the summer of bark bound about this. Then, of bark bound about this. Then, straightway, we marched, a triumphant procession of towheads to our "autograph beech" in the misty nook "autograph beech" in the misty nook where two small streams met There were Indian pipes under the laureis there for years afterward which we vauntingly claimed as descendants of our original colony. And who shall say they were not, since no "pipe fairies" had ever been there before? And why may not any other mushroom or saprophyte be transplanted in the same way? We have begun several experiments on this line this They served a triple purpose.

furnish to a house party of young in the same way? We have begun people, held restless within doors, an interesting study; to brighten the yard with their pretty caps of white, pale gray, pink and orange, and to provide a delicate epicurean dish for the dealers as all who dared to particle. lectation of all who dared to partake the soil in which desired species has been lifted to get the fine, brittle threads of spawn running through it. of fall came on, quite a number of the edible mushrooms continued to some flakes of spawn, notably of the some flakes of spawn, notably of the agarics, we pounded the soil vigorousinto a rich pulp with decayed old fertilizers, and inserted bits of soll it as for cultivated mushrooms; for others we merely dug a hole and inserted the little toadstool as any normal plant is placed for growing.

The roots of some of the sapro-phytes are very curious. The Indian's pipe is a formless mass of give quite a pretty effect springing indian's pipe is a formless mass of up from the close-shaven turf. The most plentiful sort, this year, was A eighteenth of an inch long, tangled subrufescens, with the taste and odor of almonds. It has long white stems, seft scales and reddish russet caps distinct that all of our party quickdebris of decaying logs and on dead tree roots, no fibres seem to strike down into and connect the plant, if part of the yard that had been heav-fly fertilized last year it formed great, plant it be, with the dead substance, growded colonies from which a dish-The pinesap (Hypopitys or Monotropa Hypopitys) bears its flowers in clusters this whole family of agaries we induiged somewhat rashly. The ladies
of our party gathered mushrooms
much as they would shells upon the
beach, regarding chiefly their waren
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lead pretty color. As a reless. The root of the beech drops
terminating a brown (epiphyte) terminating a brown leafless stem is similar and Corallhoriza, of the orchis family, has a coral-shaped root of firmer texture quite as lifeless in appearance. 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 discovered as useful as the yeast plant and the edible mushroom.

A singular and very interesting and useful institution has been established in the little City of Tarrare, near Lyons, France. It is a mycological bureau, where expert judgment is furnished concerning mushgooms furnished concerning mushrooms brought to it for examination. The country round Tarrare, abounds in mushrooms, many of which are polsonous. Since the establishment of the bureau nobody buys mushrooms which do not carry a ticket of identification and guarantee. All identification and guarantee. All the country people for miles around bring their baskets of mushrooms to the bureau for examination. surprising result has been the discovery of scores of excellent mushrooms which before few of them dared to touch. A similar bureau established in this country would help multitudes of people to enjoy a delightful and nutritious article of food which in most country places now merely goes to waste and which our poor-er classes may have for the mere picking.

LEONARD GILBERT.

YOUTHIAND.

Low lying low lying, the aged was dying While the zephyrs of evening were a cordial invitation to all.

mournfully sighing, noiselessly, softly the snowflakes were flying. 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 suffer-

He silenced the mourners and said:

Far over the bills the voice of a boy A boy in the morning and music of joy,-Is calling me back to my youth. O fleeting, fast fleeting the years, but a

the man. And lone the disciple of Truth

fancy t see the gay lad at his play. With the larks of the meadows, while

breezes of May Are fanning the locks of his hair O see the wee lad full of spirit and zest. How bursting with joy is his innocen

Thus spake the man dying while the zephyra were sighing.

His cloudiest moments are fair"

the fast falling snow in a flurry was flying. And the glosming was blending

But the sweetest of dreams not so glo

When a fuller and mightler offers beame To illumine infinity's night

O sweet is the memory,-the reverle

But hark, soft wafted sweet music I hear Out, out in Futurity's land!

'Tis the song of my father, the song my mother.

weet blended with songs of my sister and brother. In the choir of the heavenly band! 'm aged and feeble; across the wide sea

My friends and my loved ones are waiting thurch street; subject for Sunday's for me;-The only saprophytes or parasites I'm dying, but why should I care O'er the dreams of my youth I shall lin ger no more,

For the days of my childhood have gone on before, And are patiently waiting me there!"

O sighing, low sighing the zephyrs; and Soft flying the snowflakes of evening; and

The aged; all nature seemed anxiously vying To soften the sufferer's pillow, and trying To smooth the rough downs of his bed. Then turning his gaze from the vista

whose haze Enveloped the scenes of his radiant days, And multiplied pleasures a million

He smiled as he quietly said:

Across the calm waters comes gliding my bark To bear me to loved ones, and Youthland and hark! The voice of the Savior of men

Farewell, farewell, dear mourners o



IN THE CITY CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN.

First-Preaching by the paster, Rev. Dr. W. M. Kincald, at 11 on "Why Go to Church?" and in the eve-ning at 8 on "Spiritual Vision." Miss Penfield will sing at the evening serv-ice; men's prayer meeting at 9:45; Sunday school at 3:30; mid-week service of prayer and praise Wednesday evening at 8; all are cordially invited to these services.

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; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15;

all are welcome. Tenth Avenue-Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor. Preaching at 11 and 8 by the pastor; Sunday school at 3:30; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8; all are cordially invited. Westminster-Rev. Eugene Cald-

well, of Texas, will preach at 11:15 and 8:15; Sunday school at 10; the public is cordially invited to all ser-Second-Preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. A. McGeachy, at 11 and 8:15;

study class at 10; Sunday school at 3:30; Baraca class at 3:30; mid-week services Wednesday evening at usu-Belmont-Services at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. E. Lynch, the blind man. Services at 8 p. m., by Rev. E. M. Rebinson, of Steele Creek church.

men's prayer meeting at 10; mission

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 ser-mon in the interest of the woman's mission work. A full attendance of the ladies of the church is desired;

the public is cordially invited. Brevard Street-Preaching at 11 and 8 by Rev. J. A. Baldwin; Sunday school at 3; prayer meeting at 10; a

Dilworth-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 pas-

rental 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 mid-week services Wednesday evening

tor, will preach at 11 on "A Plain Pa-

at 11 and 7:45; Sunday school at 9:45; at 8 followed by a meeting of the prayer meeting Wednesday evening at church council. a cordia welcome to all. Tryon Street-Preaching at 11 by Rev. Frank Siler and at 8 by the pastor, Rev. Hugh K. Boyer;

meeting at 10; Sunday school at 3:30; *Calvary-Preaching at 11 and by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Totten; prayer meeting at 10:15 and Wednesday night; Sunday school at 3:30; a wel

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

First church: Preaching at 11 From the days of the boy to the days of o'clock by Rev. Dr. C. B. King; Sah- garded as hopelessly Republican, and bath school at 12:15. No evening

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

BAPTIST. Ninth Avenue-Preaching at 11 and s by the pastor, Rev. L. R. Pruett; Sunday school at 3; prayer meeting

Wednesday evening at 8; all are invit-First - Rev. Herman H. Hulten, pas-

Morning worship at 11, subject of sermoft. "Americanitis;" evening decided to name him in opposition worship at 8:15, subject of sermon, to Representative Cannell, the Re-'A Soul Crisis;" Sunday school at 3; special programme; mid-week services as usual; all are welcome.

Pritchard Memorial-The pastor, Rev. Dr. E. E. Bomar, will preach at 11 on "The Curse of Uselessness;" at 8.15 on "Wronging Oneself;" Sunday school at 9:30; strangers, visitors and all others cordially welcome. North Charlotte—Preaching at

and 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. Conrad: Sunday school at 9:30; all are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Services Sunday at 11 and Wednesday evening at 8:15, No. 401 South

lic is cordially welcome. EPISCOPAL. St. Peter's-Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, rector. Thirteenth Sunday after Celebration of the holy communion at 7:30; Sunday school and Bible clars at 9:30; morning prayer

and sermon at 11; evening prayer and

Church of the Holy Comforter, South Boulevard-9:45, Sunday school and Bible class; 11 morning prayer and sermon.

St. Martin's chapel, Davidson and Tenth streets-3 Sunday school and Bible class; & evening prayer and ser-

St. Andrew's chapel, Seversville evening praper and sermon; 4 Sunday school Chapel of Hope, East Fifteenth street—3:30 Sunday school and Bible class; 8 evening prayer and sermon.

LUTHERAN. St. Mark's-Rey. Dr. Robert Holland, pastor: Services at 11 and 8 by the pastor; Sunday school at 9:45;

HOW TO GET STRONG. Low sounding the knell of his death, and then fell

A soft silence on all. But slowly the belt Pealed solemnly forth on the darkness to tell

To the world that a spirit had flown. Deep sleeping, deep sleeping the aged; and weeping.

Soft weeping the mourners; and angels were keeping

Sweet vigilance over their own.

OSCAR BOLAND.

HOW TO GET STRONG.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become strong. He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about in fiesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stranger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy atomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores.

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BRYAN'S BEGINNING.

The public is invited to attend.

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 Manderson, of Nebraska, at the Arlington. "At the time Mr. Bryan received his nomination for Congress the district was reit was hard to get a prominent Democrat to make the race. The leading man in the district was J. Sterling Morton, who served in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet, and he was begged to take the nomination, but declared he was tired of leading a forlorn hope, and

others also declined. "About this time along came some one who said there was a young lawyer down at Lincoln who was a good speaker and who hadn't a big law practice, and that he probably would like to make the race. This young man was Bryan, and the Democrats publican candidate. No sooner was he nominated than Bryan challenged Cannell to joint debate. Of cowhere he made a mistake. In the debate Bryan wiped the earth with him. Not only that, but his oratorical ability and his youth won him enough admirers to elect him, al though a great many Republicans who voted for him had not the re-motest idea he would be elected."

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 Cavolina" remained intact despite the great rise of streams and the washing away of sections of the track in some places.
Rallroad business in the South is picking up gradually, but only slowly.
The fall season is naturally the time sermon at 8:15; pews free; all are when an increase of shipments is ex pected.

No, the railroads don' "Politics? know anything about politics, nor do I care to discuss the Southern freight-rate question, since that subject is now pending before the Interstate Com-merce Commission."

A Heavy Loser. Rockingham Anglo-Saxon,

Mr. W. P. Ingram was in town this 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 \$700 worth of goods. About \$400 worth of the stock was saved. Besides the loss of his goods he loses 35 bales of cotton, 5,000 bushels of corn, 50 tons of peavine hay. He estimates his total loss at about \$5,000.

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

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