

RAISING MUSHROOMS.

The Methods Employed by One Who Forces Their Production.

From an agricultural standpoint the past season has been remarkable chiefly in two respects—the scantiness of the ordinary crops and the unprecedented abundance of the mushroom.

Like the tomato among garden vegetables, the mushroom has been a long time in forcing its way into popular favor as an article of diet simply from the fact that it is closely allied in form and general appearance with the poisonous toadstool.

The gills on the lower portion of the mushroom are always of a rich pinkish hue, changing to a deep black as the fungus becomes old and unfit for use.

The main requisite for successful production seems to be an equable temperature, sudden changes being considered destructive to growth.

George Paiste, the well-known horticulturist of this city, has devoted considerable time and attention to the cultivation of mushrooms.

"Many persons are under the impression that mushrooms grow spontaneously. They must have arrived at this conclusion without making observations or else have accepted the opinions of others that have not made a study of the plant.

"Well, that's all according to taste or hobby. American sailors like goddesses of liberty, sailors of other nations the coat-of-arms of their country.

"Have you executed a number of designs on any one person?" "Yes, I've tattooed one man from head to foot. He has a large design of Washington's tomb on his breast, and smaller figures of flowers, leaves, etc., on the rest of his person.

"No, I asked him if he intended to do so, but he said no; then I asked him his reasons for having himself tattooed all over, but he wouldn't tell me."

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A man who will 'steal a march,' will not hesitate to 'take a walk.'

TATTOOING AS A TRADE.

The Men That Like to See Figures on Their Skin—Designs Most Popular—A Talk with an Old Operator.

Alongside the door of a house on Oak street, says a New York paper, is a framed sign bearing an elaborately executed and vividly colored goddess of liberty, with the equally glaringly tinted words underneath: "Tattooing Done Here by Martin Hildebrandt."

The book was a curiosity in itself. It contained about fifty crudely executed and highly-colored drawings and designs. There were goddesses of liberty in profusion of all sizes and styles, the coats of arms of the United States, England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Denmark and Russia;

While the reporter was still admiring these "works of art," the "artist" himself entered. He is a short, thick-set man, some fifty years of age. He was very willing to give information concerning his peculiar trade.

"I suppose sailors are your chief customers?" "Oh, no, mechanics, tradesmen and longshoremen are the class of men I do most of my tattooing on.

"What designs are the most popular?" "Well, that's all according to taste or hobby. American sailors like goddesses of liberty, sailors of other nations the coat-of-arms of their country.

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"The most successful and economical way of mushroom-raising I have seen practiced," continued Mr. Paiste, "was by a Frenchman near Overbrook, just beyond the city.

"With what do you do the tattooing?" "With six needles tied together in a line, one much higher than the others. The wounds are very slight, and heal in a few days. The Burmese are the only

nation who now practice tattooing. They use a hollow instrument containing the India ink, something like one of them ere fountain pens.

"No, it is impossible to remove it. See here"—showing his right hand, covered with the design of a ship—"I had a gathering here some time ago, and put a poultice on that at-way the skin. When the new skin came there was the design as plain as ever.

"Do you ever have any women customers?" "Very rarely. I've had some, though, who had their lover's or husband's names surrounded by roses and other flowers, put on their arms."

Mr. Hildebrandt's business is evidently well known in the neighborhood, for as the reporter was stepping out of the door he was accosted by two small boys, with the question: "Say, mister, would yer have put on yer arm? A ship or yer gal's name?"

A strange story comes from Union county, Arkansas. Three young men were sitting on their horses in the road, discussing the probability of rain from a cloud which just then was rising in the west.

The Sunday Argus, Louisville (Ky.), observes: A Woodbury (N. J.) paper mentions the cure of the wife of Mr. Jos. H. Mills, of that place, by St. Jacobs Oil. She had rheumatism.

A news item says that oil of cinnamon will destroy mosquitoes. And so it will; but you must first catch the mosquito, tie a brick to its neck, and immerse the insect in a bucketful of the oil. The remedy is so simple that it is strange it was not discovered earlier.—The Judge.

The Monasha (Wis.) Press says: A. Granger, Esq., of this city, uses St. Jacobs Oil on his horses with decided success and profit.

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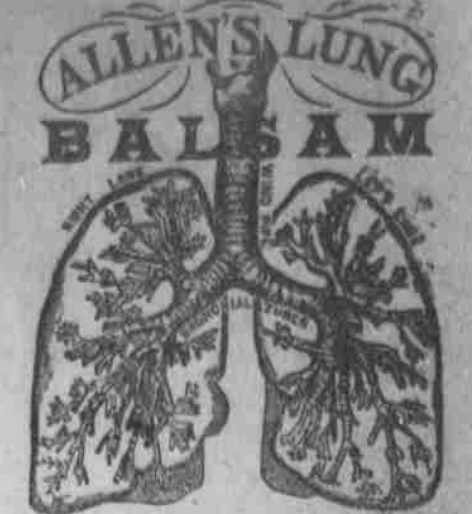
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