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GARDENS and GARDENING

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One of the main things to consider in the growing of mushrooms is that of spawn. It should be purchased from a reliable dealer as spawn carried over from one year to another will not produce good crops and in many cases none at all.

Each brick should be broken up into about a dozen pieces. The rows in the beds should be about a foot apart. Start the first row about six inches from the side of the bed. Lift up the manure to a depth of from two to three inches and insert a piece of spawn, press the manure down tightly over the spawn. The pieces of spawn should be placed about nine or ten inches apart in the rows. After the bed or beds are completely spawned pack their entire surface down firmly, and cover with hay, straw or a mat of some sort so that the surface will keep moist.

At the end of eight or nine days the covering should be re-

moved and about two inches of good loam put on top of the manure. This will hold the mushrooms firm and will improve their texture.

A temperature of from 55 to 60 degrees should be maintained to ensure the best results. The less draft there is in the mushroom house the less watering will be required. In any event the beds should be kept moist. Straw, hay or matting may again be used for this purpose if desired but should be removed as soon as the mushrooms appear through the soil.

It will also help to maintain the moisture in the beds if the floor and walls of the room are kept wet.

NOTE—The writer will consider it a pleasure to answer questions concerning the garden in this column.

The questions should be addressed to the writer in care of the Editor. The answer will appear in an early issue or if a personal reply is desired a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

And He Got the Ride

He was poor, but brainy. He had walked far that morning. As he plodded on and on a trap overtaken him. He stopped it with uplifted hand.

"I say," he called out to the driver, "would you do me a favor? I want this overcoat of mine taken along to the next village. Will you take it?"

"Certainly!" was the prompt reply. "But where shall I leave it? How will you get it again?"

"Well, if it's all the same to you, I'd like to remain inside it."

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT
OF
WEST VANCOUVER"

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

A letter was read from the British Columbia Coal Committee asking for particulars as to amount and nature of coal used in the schools. The Secretary was directed to furnish the information asked for.

The following resolution was passed on motion of Trustees Mr. Russell and Mr. Smith:

WHEREAS a condition of unemployment exists in Canada which amounts to a national emergency; and whereas we are spending enormous sums of money in building schools, technical and other colleges and equipping same for the purpose of educating our children to become useful productive citizens, there is no assurance that they will have the right and opportunity to take part in industry when their period of schooling is completed,

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT The West Vancouver Board of School Trustees go on record favoring the principle that it shall be the first duty of both Dominion and Provincial Governments to so administer the country's affairs that every man and woman who is willing and able shall have the right and opportunity to work in order to support themselves and families, not relief or charity, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT copies of this resolution be sent to both the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and that a copy be sent to the Municipal Council requesting the endorsement of this.

It was resolved that school principals be asked for a report on teachers who are not residing within the municipality, and their reasons therefor.

Mr. Condon advised that a display of manual training work is being held at the manual training centre next Friday evening, June 19th.

Masterson was mean. When travelling he would deliver his luggage to a porter and purposefully forget to give the much-deserved tip until the starting of the train made it well nigh impossible to do so. One morning he played this game once too often on the same porter.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," he said, as the train began to move out of the platform, "I quite forgot to get change."

"Yes, so am I," came the reply. "I quite forgot about that brown suit case of yours, it's lying on the platform."

To-Night

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By Subadar

We have become a nation of faddists. There is no doubt about it. We started the season with beach pyjamas, by midsummer there is the walkathon, and what the winter will bring—well, I am just appalled. The dictum may be that we shall attach tails, long tails, to our persons, and walk along carrying them over our arms.

We may come to that pass yet, and, if we do, it would be little worse than attending a walkathon. The proper place for both the contestants and the promoters of these events is New Westminster, where there are two places which are yawning to receive them.

Our Communist friends tell us of the freedom of Russia. It may and may not be so, but I should not like to start preaching our democracy in Russia unless I had become tired of life, even if under our system of oppression the Communist can work and plot to his heart's content. We are afraid to punish for fear of making individual martyrs. The Russians believe in wiping out opposition wholesale by force, and they are right. One must always really govern or hand the reins over to those who will.

I cannot agree with the editorial writer in the Province, who suggested that the logical punishment for Al Capone would be to give him suspended sentence on the theory that to do so would put the crown on the ridiculous position he has got into in at last finding himself subject to the law he has so successfully defied. In the first place no racketeer has any sense of humor, because the latter quality goes hand in hand with kindness, in which such gentry are remarkably lacking. Secondly, where is the ridiculous situation? The authorities in Chicago have decided to smash Capone and his gang, and they have done so. He got too noisy and so has been stepped upon, like most noisy persons. And instead of suspended sentence he should get the longest sentence possible, the biggest fine, and the cat thrown in, if American law allows it. It is impossible in his case to make the punishment fit his many crimes, but severe penalties visited on his head will prevent other embryo gangsters from following in his steps.

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"I tell you," said the estate agent, "there isn't a finer residence anywhere. Just look at the wonderful scenery!"

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