RAISING MUSHROOMS.

How You May Have Them All the Year Round.

In France, where the nutritive and palatable qualities of the mushroom are fully appreciated, large quantities are grown in private houses. It is strange that the cultivation of this excellent fungus has been so much neglected in other countries, especially when it is considered how easily it can be undertaken. Any family can have fresh mushrooms all the year around. All that is needed for the initial equipment is placing in the kitchen or anywhere around the house an old bureau or chest of drawers, which can be used as a cultivating bed. Fill the drawers to the depth of 6 or 8 inches with an intimate mixture of good, rich soil and old, dry, horse or cow dung, in equal parts. Having done thus, procure from your seed dealer some fresh mushroom spawn (the French is the best), and insert it at various points on the surface of the soil. Sprinkle the surface lightly with water, and the beds are ready. If the drawers close tightly in front the back of the stand should be removed, and a curtain tacked up so as to shut out the light. In a few days the mushrooms will begin to show up plentifully but it will be a fortnight before any fit to eat can be gathered. The bed will last, with an occasional watering, for many months, and will furnish almost every day a good yield of champignons.

DRINK MAN NEEDS.

An average man requires 59 ounces of food per diem. He needs 37 ounces of water for drinking, and in breathing he absorbes 30 ounces of oxygen. He eats as much water as he drinks, so much of that fluid being contained in various foods. In order to supply fuel for running the body machine and make up for waste tissue he ought to swallow daily the equivalent of 20 ounces of bread, 3 ounces of potatoes, 1 ounce of butter and 1 quart of water. The body is mostly water. The body of a man weighing 154 pounds contains 96 pounds, or 46 quarts of water.

GLEN EDEN REJOICES

Over the Recovery of Mr. James Paddon of Mt. Forest.

His Case was a Severe One of Kidney Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him Thoroughly—Glen Eden People Rely on Dodd's Kidney Pills and Their Faith is Justified.

Glen Eden,—The report of the recovery of Mr. James Padden, of Mt. Forest, from a severe attack of Kidney Disease by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills has caused great rejoicing here, where Mr. Paddon is well known.

Mr. Paddon's case was a very severe one. It was well known that he was a constant sufferer, and he had the sympathy of all his friends. Consequently it gives unbounded pleasure to all to know that he has at last conquered his bitter enemy.

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BAD FOR ENGLISH GENERALS.

It has been a bad year for English generals in India. Sir Henry Havelock-Allen is dead. General Yeatman Biggs has succumbed to disease, while General Sir William Lockhart, the Commander-in-Chief, will return to England to explain why the frontier campaign was not more successful.

Have You Neuralgia?

If you suffer its agonies, and fail to get a remedy, we want you to try Nerviline. Its action on nerve pain is simply marvellous. Nerviline is the most pleasant and powerful remedy in the market. Try it.

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GIRLS IN CICILY.

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AN OLD PAPYRUS.

The old saying that nothing is ever lost is unexpectedly verified by the recent finding in a tomb at Luxor, Egypt where it had lain concealed for 1,800 years, of a papyrus containing 20 poems by Bacchylides, a great Greek poet, whose writings had wholly disappeared.

Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy.

SPRING—the season when the blood is most impure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear; when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help.

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MY APPETITE RETURNED

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Dominion Coal

NOTICE TO CANADIAN INVESTORS.

During the past months we have received numerous communications from investors, bankers and banks of the Dominion of Canada. As they are all of the same general trend and ask the same questions, we have decided to publish one, and our reply as a general answer to all inquirers who have been imposed on with this scheme. All statements made in our letter as published below, we herewith confirm.

"Messrs. Lawson, Weidenfeld & Co.—

Gentlemen:

We have closely followed your severe attack on the Dominion Coal corporation, and have read your pamphlet issued for that purpose. In addressing you for the purpose of securing further information on this subject which, if you will give by answering those of our questions which you may deem proper to ask, we will be thankful, for we have been strongly urged by one of the high officials of our bank to aid in placing the coal shares, both preference and ordinary, with the investing clients of our firm, and we have his assurance that the enterprise is a laudable one, and one that will give all the purchasers of the shares large profits with but very small risk of loss. Our bank official guarantees us that he has strong assurances of some of the leading financiers of the United States, that the coal corporation has purchased all the gas companies of Boston, Mass., and have made firm contracts for a long term of years with the Massachusetts Pipe Gas Company, a very large, extremely sound and wealthy company, and that by this contract the coal corporation will be guaranteed large dividends on all classes of shares for a long term of years, and that these contracts have been firmly guaranteed by the New England Gas & Coke Company, a company with a paid in capital of $35,000,000. The questions we ask you to favor us with answers to, are:

Does not the Dominion Coal corporation own all the gas companies of Boston?

Has not the Coal Corporation entered into a contract with the Massachusetts Pipe Gas Company?

Will not this give permanently large dividends on all the shares?

Is not the Massachusetts Pipe Gas Company a responsible company?

Is not this contract guaranteed by the New England Gas & Coke Company, and is not this company a wealthy corporation whose guarantee is good?

We repeat if you will answer the above questions we will consider ourselves in your debt, as we do not wish to put our clients into any hazardous investment, and we are led to believe from a study of your pamphlets that you not only consider this coal enterprise extremely hazardous but little less than a swindle, which we cannot reconcile with the respectability of its sponsors. Again, can you not give us a reason for the effort that is being made to float these shares amongst the investors of Canada, when as we are assured they are in strong demand in the American stock exchange. Yours respectfully,"

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"Dear Sirs:

Your letter received by us, and its contents noted, and herewith we send you the information you ask for. First believe us when we say that we hold ourselves ready to answer for any assertions made in the book and newspaper statements bearing our signature, also for those contained in this letter, and we are prepared to defend any action that may be brought against us in the courts of Canada as we have in United States courts. We ask you to bear in mind that we do not make equivocal statements hedged about with technical evasions that may leave loopholes for escape from legal responsibility; that we are a responsible banking house and stock-exchange members, and that the charge that this entire scheme is one of the most glaring impositions ever attempted on any community we have printed over our signatures scores of times during the past four months in the leading newspapers of the United States, and have repeated it in thousands of copies of pamphlets and books, and orally stated it before the Massachusetts Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

We answer your questions as follows:

1—The Dominion Coal—Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas—New England Gas & Coke Company scheme is a glaring imposition on the investing and gas consuming public.

2—The common shares of the Dominion Coal Company, of which there are over fifteen million dollars, are not worth a dollar a share more than the price for which they were originally sold, namely, nothing.

3—The Dominion Coal Company is not earning any dividend on its stock.

4—The Dominion Coal Company does not own any gas companies in Boston.

5—The Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company consists of nothing but a worthless charter procured from the Massachusetts legislature of 1896 by means that are now being investigated by the authorities of Massachusetts.

6—The entire stock of the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company has just been declared by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners of Massachusetts illegally issued, and the Attorney-General of Massachusetts has announced that he will proceed against the officers and directors who issued it. This act is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

7—The contract between the Dominion Coal Company and the Massachusetts Pipe Line Company is worth nothing.

8—The New England Gas & Coke Company is a scheme gotten up for the purpose of floating $35,000,000 of worthless securities on the public, and its first act was to borrow from a New York trust company for eight months $12,000,000, which, with the balance of its $35,000,000 of capital it immediately paid out to insiders for property not worth $7,000,000, thereby causing itself to be bankrupt and making its guarantee worthless.

9—The reason the effort is being made to float $15,000,000 of stock in Canada is: The stock cost the promoters who created it nothing. For years desperate efforts have been made to float it on the investing public of New England. To that end trickery and manipulation have been employed, but without avail. Investors and speculators in the United States have refused to have anything to do with it.

Some months ago when it was absolutely unsalable and its nominal price $5 per share, brokers were employed to give it the appearance of great activity on the Boston Stock Exchange. This was done by one broker selling quantities to another in league with him. By this means the price was bid up to from $20 to $25 per share, and is now held there by the same means, and whenever genuine orders from Canadian investors are worked up in Canada, the stock is purchased from the insiders through the medium of the Boston Stock Exchange at a fictitious price.

The daily sales on the Boston Stock Exchange are, with the exception of the Canadian orders and on a rare occasion a genuine United States order, fictitious. We advise you strongly not to allow your clients to invest in this worthless stock, for as soon as your Canadian investors, becoming tired of holding it and waiting for the misrepresentations that have been made to be fulfilled, attempt to sell, the apparent market price of $20 will disappear and they will lose their investment. If you have doubt of the correctness of our deductions, come or send to Boston and investigation amongst our reputable bankers and brokers and banks will show you that all who invest in this worthless stock will love the amount invested.

In closing we would call your attention to that portion of our first book, "Boston Gas and Dominion Coal," wherein we explain why we feel called upon to denounce this imposition, and wherein we show that because of our senior partner's official connection with the Boston gas companies, vice president of the five leading companies, we can treat this subject intelligently.

Trusting our answers will give you the required information, we beg to remain. Yours truly,

LAWSON, WEIDENFELD & CO."

We advise all owners of Dominion Coal stock or all who intend to become owners to write to us for our two books, "Boston Gas and Dominion Coal" and "Boston Gas and New England Coke," two 64-page, large quartos, and our two large quarto pamphlets, "Light on Gas" and stenographic "Report of Hearing Before the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners." Requests should be addressed to our Boston, Mass., office.

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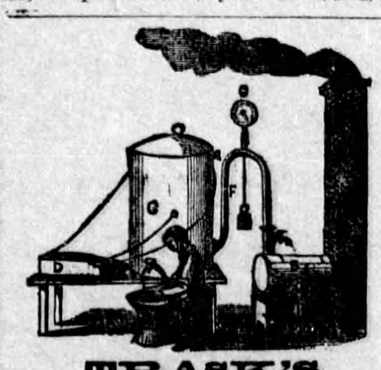

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