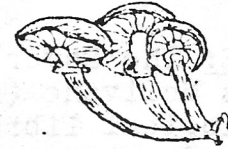


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DON'T DESPAIR: Winter is rapidly approaching; however our recent weather has been almost balmy. Keep on the watch for the Coprinus family. The shaggy mane and inky caps are still making their appearance. Once the freezing temperatures do arrive on a consistent basis, the Coprinus will lie dormant, —but don't despair. Now you have an opportunity to walk along your favorite trails and become acquainted with many of our bracket fungi friends of which you were only vaguely aware of in the past. They love this weather and are actively growing at this time. The Daedalea are everywhere, and not just D. quercina. Ever heard of D. confragosa, D. unicolor, D. ambigua, D. juniperina? Well there is a good chance you can find all of them in your favorite hiking area. While you're on a Daedalea hunt, you are very likely to meet its neighbor Lenzites (L. betulina, L. vialis, L. saepairia). Of course there are scores of polypore species popping out now too. The nice part about the bracket fungi, is that they keep so beautifully after you've gathered them. This gives you plenty of time to identify them. Gather enough species, and when you're completely snow bound this winter, you can while away the time by studying them and determining their identity.

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REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS... by Ellen Greer (NAMA): Raymond J. Yerkovich, "Mushrooms for Market", Follett Publishing Co. 1948, 64p. Six species of mushrooms illustrated, 1 diagram, 12 black & white photographs. Illustrates very well the raising of table agaricus in mushroom houses from spawn to table and from spawn to can. Mushroom producing states and research institutions are listed. It condenses very well the whole industrial process. A diagram of the growth cycle from spore to mycelium to mature Meadow Mushroom is very good. Photos include the Shaggy Mane, Meadow Mushroom, Boletus sp., and Fairy Ring Mushrooms. The pictures are good. The text is accurate and career oriented. It is not suitable for the young child but rather more for the school library than for the home. The price seems a bit high, but it would be a suitable gift for an older child. (\$3.50)

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DECEMBER MEETING: The December meeting had been planned for the 8th; however with the gas restrictions on Sundays, it seems advisable that we discontinue meeting on Sundays. The December meeting has been cancelled, not only because of the gas situation, but also because of the busy holiday season. We will tentatively plan on a January meeting on the second Saturday, the 11th. I will attempt to locate a meeting place. I have not heard from any of the members concerning possible meeting sites. Your assistance is again requested.

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1973 IN RETROSPECT: All those members who took to the woods this year in search of mushrooms will have to admit that this was an exceptional year. There was plenty of rain during the week days, and sun shine on most of the week ends. The varieties during the summer months were extraordinary. The events scheduled this year far exceeded last year's in number. Our operating costs have also sky rocketed. Our present reserves are almost nil....dues increase probable for '74. Enough business.... have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...with LOVE..

