

BLACK-SPORED SERIES

Gills deliquescent, that is melting to an oily fluid which will stain the fingers black.

Coprinus—or Ink mushroom

All varieties are excellent and much liked by many people. Once seen, always easily recognized by this characteristic in all their varieties.

Habitat—very common all through the summer on lawns and boulevards and rich ground generally. Growing in clusters and popping up like Brownies through the grass.

They will not keep long and should be eaten as soon as possible.

The deliquescence is not due to decay, but to the ripening of the spores.

Gills not deliquescent

Gills waxy and very decurrent

Gomphidius—

Edible and harmless

Habitat—mostly pine woods

Gills not waxy, not decurrent

Cap striate with tough rim.

Psathyrella

Small and unimportant. Edible

Cap not striate, stem fleshy

Panaolus

Some species edible. Some have intoxicating properties. Some sedative.

Note 1—Of Morels, Puffballs, Bolet, Hydnum, Coral Mushrooms, Pezizae (or Cup Mushroom) and Jelly Fungi no spore prints or detailed description in the Chart is necessary. They identify themselves, or one glance at a cut or picture of them is sufficient to place them in one's mind for all time. None of them that I know of are poisonous.

Note 2—There is one green-spored *Agaric* with white gills becoming green. It was not thought worth while to form a series (Viridi-spore) for one single mushroom.

McEvaine places it amongst the *Lepiota* under the name *Lepiota Morgani*.

Habitat—pastures, meadows, sometimes in woods.

Some eat it and enjoy it. It disagrees violently with others, especially when eaten raw. Great caution is advisable.

Note 3—I cordially agree with McEvaine in placing all the *Hypolomas* amongst our best, and as such merit a full description, especially the White Capped variety, which are found in such abundance on our lawns and boulevards each season. If a person knew only these *Hypolomas* together with our little brown *Coprinus* or Little Brown Ink Caps one can easily have all one can eat during favourable weather conditions from spring to frost.

In order to be quite sure of it, and all other *Hypolomas*, pay no