

Small Salad

For centuries it has been the practice of English gardeners to sow seeds of cress, mustard, radish and various other plants in boxes of sand and, just before the young seedlings emerged, cover them with sheets of paper to exclude the light. When the sprouts reach the height of an inch or two before they develop true leaves and still have the cotyledons or seed leaves attached, the gardeners cut them off and sell them for food. These sprouts are similar to those used by the Chinese in making chop suey. In substance, they are really nothing more than the contents of the seed changed by the process of germination. But they are very palatable and highly digestible, differing in this respect from the seed itself. The local name by which the sprouts are known is "small salad." And tons of cress seed alone are used annually in growing them.

The Bulletin of the Green Section has received many favorable comments on its short notes and the editorial office has been importuned to publish a larger number. They are acclaimed as "good stuff" ready for use. In other words, they are of the very essence of information. Small salad, so to speak, in a somewhat heavy menu with the ideas or seeds only sufficiently elaborated or sprouted to make them easily digestible. It is indeed gratifying to know that the short notes have met with the readers' approval and it is the desire of the editorial office to include more of them in forthcoming issues of the Bulletin, but the supply is by no means unlimited and it will soon become stale if it is not frequently replenished. An appeal is therefore made to each and every one who wishes to see the Bulletin of the Green Section become of the greatest service to send on short note material. If you cannot supply it in finished form, send on some suggestions or ideas—seeds as it were for small salad. The editorial office will sprout them to the stage where they are ready to serve. Almost any kind of seeds will do so long as they are viable and will produce healthy sprouts. There is not much slack time in the editorial office these days to germinate hard seed or nurse anaemic ideas. Besides, there is plenty of the good viable kind in existence if you will help find it.

Take an inventory of your stock today. You may have a clever way of eradicating pearlwort that is unusual and very successful. Some of the practices you are following in top dressing turf or killing June beetles may be of the kind that the other fellow should follow. Very likely you have pieces of useful, home-made equipment that some club would be glad to copy, or perhaps you have an automatic divot replacer that you attach to the clubs of your players or a caddy tonic that should be universally prescribed. Surely you have something of your very own that should be circulated, even if it is only a definite bit of experience and sad experience at that. If you have anything along these or similar lines, don't you think you should pass it along to other clubs? The editorial office thinks so and urges you to come across. Send in your contributions at once to W. B. Lydenberg, Executive Acting Secretary, P. O. Box 676, Eleventh Street Station, Washington, D. C. He will see that they are properly treated. If you haven't the sprouts, send the seed and never mind the olive oil or the mayonnaise. Our readers are calling for "small salad," so let us give them a full-sized portion.