neath. It is this genus that the amateur mushroom gatherer most needs to learn how to recognize and avoid. Various species of Amanita are most abundant, and none of them has any warning taste, butmost of the other poisonous mushrooms have. You can cook yourself a nice Borgia banquet of these and be none the wiser until you start to die, so attractive and appetizing are these deceptive fungi.

It is easy enough to recognize an Amanita, however. It is the only mush-room that has a ring around the upper or middle part of its stalk and a cup at the base. Some mushrooms have a ring

but no cup; the common agaric of the market-place is one. Others have a cup but no ring; the genus *Lepiota*, most of whose species are edible, is an example. But if it has both ring and cup, let it alone!

Admittedly, this condemns one innocent species along with the guilty. Caesar's Amanita, found both in Europe and this country, has the forbidding ring-and-cup combination, yet is not only edible but one of the finest-flavored of all mushrooms. However, for safety's sake it is better for the beginner to give all Amanitas a wide berth.

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WARTIME TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS
—Bureau of Labor Statistics—Supt. of Doc.,
418 p., 50 cents. A study made for the
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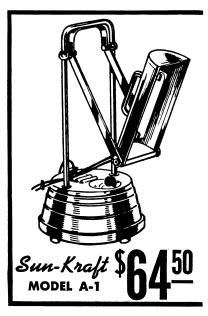
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