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## **SIMPLE METHODS FOR COLLECTING COPROPHILOUS FUNGI\***

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Collecting dung as a source of fungi is not a task that invites much enthusiasm. If given a choice, we do not think anyone would pick collecting dung as a pastime. However, there are many, very interesting fungi that grow upon and cause the decomposition of dung. These fungi can be used as research tools and as models for classroom use. Quick and easy methods for collecting fungi growing on dung can make the task, while not totally inviting, at least less of a chore. We will present a quick, easy, and inexpensive means of (1) collecting the samples and (2) maintenance of samples in culture.**

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