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La Grande has long since attained fame as a grower of asters, and now is becoming converted to the conviction that roses can be grown with success in any locality of the city. But pioneers in this movement have also learned that troubles go hand in hand with the satisfaction of producing beautiful roses. Like fruit, roses have pests peculiarly their own. The department of agricultural at Washington has recently given some timely tips on fighting pests, rose aphids being the greatest menace, and to that particular "animal" the department gives special attention.

"When new growth starts on the rose bushes in the spring, and throughout the summer and fall, the young growth and the flower buds and stems of rose bushes are often covered with a small green pinkish plant-lice, known as the rose aphid, which sucks the sap from the tender portion of the plant and causes an unhealthy curled condition of the foliage and disappointment in the number and quality of the flowers produced.

In discussing best methods to prevent and kill this pest, the government experts say:

The rose aphid passes the winter in the egg stage on the stems and dormant buds of the rose bushes, according to A. D. Hopkins, Forest Entomologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The insects hatching from these eggs reach maturity in about 15 to 20 days, all being wingless. They are pear-shaped and either bright green or pinkish in color. At this stage they begin to produce living young, each individual in course of about 20 years producing 50 to 100 young, which on maturity are either winged or wingless and in turn either green or pinkish. Thus tender growth soon becomes crowded with various sizes, colors, and shapes of aphides, and to insure their progeny with an adequate food supply, the wingless mothers migrate to less crowded growth and the winged ones fly to other rose bushes, each starting a colony for herself. In favorable weather conditions especially in a humid atmosphere, many generations may thus follow one another, covering every bit of green vegetation on the bush with their bodies, their cast skins, honeydew, and the resulting sooty fungus. It can easily be seen that, had every aphid produced in the course of a season lived its full life, the progeny of a single overwintering egg would run into millions.

The presence of ants on the rose bushes is an indication that the aphid is present, because the ants collect the honeydew from the aphids and, to a

certain extent, protect the aphids from their insect enemies.

Natural Control
As above indicated, the rose aphid thrives best in cloudy, humid, warm atmosphere, hence with the appearance of a hot and dry spell they often disappear as suddenly as they appeared.

Aside from a variety of causes, like driving rains, winds, etc. which decimate its numbers considerably, the rose aphid is attacked by insects which either devour them or develop from eggs deposited in their bodies. Lady-birds, lacewing flies, and the larvae of two-winged flies called syrphus flies are among the former and a number of species of tiny wasp-like insects represent the internal parasites. Sometimes these natural agencies of control are sufficient to keep the aphids so reduced in numbers that they do little or no harm. Notwithstanding the effectiveness of natural checks, however, their intermittent character unfortunately renders their help often too late to save the flower crop. It is always advisable, therefore, to watch rose bushes for aphides and to apply remedies as soon as they are discovered.

Remedies
Fortunately the rose aphid readily succumbs to artificial methods of control and, with the different styles of spray pumps on the market, there is no excuse for allowing roses to suffer from these insects.

The simplest, most used, and often quite effective remedy is to turn a fine but forceful stream of water on them by means of the garden hose. Applied often enough this gives satisfactory results.

Solutions of fish-oil or cheaper grades of soap are often useful as a prompt remedy. The soap is used at the rate of 1 pound to 4 gallons of water. To make the solution, shave the soap into the water and dissolve by heating, adding enough water afterwards to make up for evaporation.

The best remedy for the rose aphid is 40 per cent nicotine sulphate (a liquid which can be purchased in most seed stores) diluted at the rate of 1 part to 1,000 to 2,000 parts of water, with fish-oil soap or laundry soap added at the rate of 1 pound to 50 gallons of the spray mixture. The simplest way to prepare the spray in small quantities and secure satisfactory proportions of the ingredients is to put 1 teaspoonful of the nicotine sulphate in from 1 to 2 gallons of water and then add one-half ounce of laundry soap. One spraying is usually 100 per cent effective, but if the first application has not been thoroughly made, a second one may be necessary.

In order to prevent the possible development of mildew as a result of frequent spraying it is advisable to make the applications in the early morning so that the spray will dry off the plants promptly.

The spray device to use depends on the amount of spraying necessary. A cheap atomizer, such as can be bought in any seed store, is quite satisfactory for small plants and gardens. Good knapsack and barrel are available for commercial growers.

FAST COLORS ADOPTED

Garment Makers Avoid Troubles With Costly Dyes This Season

Chicago, Ill. May 20.—Steps toward adopting standard colors are to be taken by American garment manufacturers to offset the dye shortage caused by the war in Europe, at the annual meeting of the American Garment Manufacturers' association which will open here tomorrow. Representatives of 300 firms are here for the meeting. The dye question will be the most important to come before the meeting, although the shortage of raw materials also will be discussed. Galbraith Miller, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis., is president of the association. Red Cross reports from Canada say thousands of soldiers in Europe have been poisoned by the inferior dyes manufacturers have been compelled to use in clothing made for the troops.

OPERA STARS SOUGHT

New York Impresario Hunts for New Crop of Singers in Europe

New York, May 20.—Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera sailed today for Genoa aboard the Duca d'Aosta, to seek a new crop of operatic stars for next season. Some contracts expire this season with artists, that may not be renewed and substitutes must be found. Gatti-Casazza will comb all torn Europe for a couple of million dollars worth of voices. He is just as apt to find a \$100,000 tenor serving soup in a restaurant, or \$50,000 barytone bawling the Italian equivalent of "Ra-a-ags, Bones and Bottles" as he is to find them to the manner born.

War Scenes Reproduced

Sheepshead Bay, L. I. May 20.—Several hundred congressmen, senators and state and city officials from all over the United States are here today to see the historic battle of the Marne reproduced by 10,000 national guardsmen at Sheepshead Bay. Another big event of the seven day meet will be the 250 mile cavalry races of picked cavalry groups starting simultaneously from cities in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts and other states and racing to New York City. It will be the first race of the kind ever staged. Militia cavalry teams from many cities in the country have entries in this event of the tournament. The points selected by the National Guard from which the race will start are Wash-



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