

LADY BIRDS BY TONS WILL SAVE MELONS

Aphis' Traditional Enemy to Be Released for Benefit of Fruit Crops.

SIXTY MILLION CAPTURED

California Official Knows Place Where Insects Hibernated and Prepares for Harvest—Supply Is Threatened.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Four tons of ladybirds, called in common parlance ladybugs, 40,000,000 in all, sufficient to keep the destructive aphis from 200,000 acres of melons, and also used to protect the apple and plum trees and seed gardens of the state, will be harvested in three weeks from the snows of the Sierras by E. K. Carnes, superintendent of the state insectary, with four helpers.

The crop of insects will be carried out of the deep snows of the mountains, where they hibernated. They are so valuable to the melon-growers of Imperial Valley that the growers will not plant unless they are assured that the state will furnish the ladybirds. Each winter for the past three years the horticultural commission has been supplying them.

Millions to Help Melons.

Thirty millions of these friendly little bugs are required to wage a successful campaign against the aphis which infest melons, especially muskmelons and cantaloupes. They are gathered from their winter sleeping place under the pine needles which lie beneath many feet of snow. Brought from the mountains to Sacramento, they are placed in cold storage and kept in a state of suspended animation until the farmers of the southland and the orchardists of the deciduous belt cry for help. Then they are shipped out in specially prepared crates, 30,000 to a crate.

One hundred and fifty pounds, or 4,500,000 ladybirds, are carried on one male's back in a day from the regions above Blue Canyon to the nearest railroad station. They are like little round pellets and are asleep, not frozen.

Supply Is Threatened.

Carnes and his assistants have the work systematized so that they now have maps of the mountains and gulches in the Blue Canyon region, showing the exact spot where the colonies of sleeping ladybirds are to be found. The field chosen by these bugs is less than two miles square and near Towle. Carnes in an interview today said that the supply of ladybirds in the district which he has harvested several times is getting smaller. He fears that if some other winter field is not discovered the supply within a few years will fall short of the rapidly increasing demand.

AEROPLANE OUTFLIES WIND

Vedrine Goes 88 1-3 Miles in Hour at Pau, France, Aerodrome.

PAU, France, Jan. 12.—Julius Vedrine, the French aviator, beat the world's speed record today by covering 142 kilometers, 120 meters (about 88 1-3 miles) in one hour, in his monoplane at the Aerodrome here.

SHIP GOES THROUGH JETTY

(Continued From First Page.) cable and the men on board saved their lives by crawling onto the rigging as the schooner toppled over and were picked up by the second lifeboat sent out from the tug as the first one was dragged down by the schooner. Left to herself, the Admiral drifted to the north and at last reports was stranded on Peacock Spit. There is a large hole in the bottom of her hull that was evidently caused by scraping across the rocks of the Jetty.

Cook Only One Injured.

Captain Bender arrived from Fort Stevens in the late afternoon, but Mrs. Bender, her 8-year-old son, Albert, and the crew of the ill-fated schooner are still at Hammond, where they are being cared for by the life-saving crew. He says that every one on board was well, and that while Mrs. Bender is worn out as a result of her terrible experience, she will soon be all right again. The only person injured was the cook whose ribs on one foot were crushed to a pulp, but no one knows how or when it happened. In speaking of the wreck Captain Bender said: "We were 42 days out from Valparaiso and had made a good run up the coast. The weather had been very thick for several days. I could take no observations and my chronometer must have been wrong because I thought we were fully 50 or 60 miles off shore and I expected to make Grays Harbor this afternoon.

During the night a terrific gale

raged and at times the wind attained a velocity of fully 70 miles an hour. Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning we sighted the breakers and we swung around to head off shore. I did not dream of any danger when suddenly as the vessel was coming around I saw the Jetty right under our lee bow.

Chance for Escape Seen.

"Could we have got 100 feet further, we could have escaped but the schooner struck broadside on the lump of rocks at the end of the Jetty, and after hanging by the bilge for a second she swung around and crashed through the big breakwater stern first, carrying several benches of the trestle with her.

"Realizing that the vessel was doomed after hitting the rocks and supposing she would hang there to be pounded to pieces, I called to the men to save themselves, ran to the cabin and got my wife while Mate Anderson grabbed my little boy. We, with the cook, climbed onto the broken logs and swaying timbers of the Jetty at the inside of the break, while the other members of the crew saved themselves by jumping on to the trestle at the other side.

members of the crew were afterwards saved by the life-saving crew.

Schooner Hangs on Jetty.

The schooner hung on the Jetty for perhaps a minute and a half, when she slid into the bay. I was sorry for a moment that I had left her, but I soon saw she was leaking badly and within a short time she turned over. It was a narrow escape and I am more than thankful that we were all able to reach shore in safety.

The Admiral was owned by the Pacific Shipping Company of San Francisco. She was built in 1899 and was named after Admiral Dewey.

Captain Joseph Bender, master of the ill-fated schooner Admiral, is well known at this port, having been here many times. He was in command of the schooner Alice McDermas at the time she was stranded on Clatsop Spit about four years ago.

The southeast gale which began here last night continued through today. This morning the wind at North Head reached a 45-mile rate, but at the wireless station on the hill it was blowing fully 70 miles an hour. This afternoon the wind had shifted to the southwest and moderated slightly, and as the barometer is rising slowly better weather conditions are looked for tomorrow.

Captain Stuart, of the Cape Disappointment life-saving crew, reported in the afternoon large quantities of wreckage coming ashore there, so it is supposed the capsized schooner Admiral is fast breaking up.

REBUFF GIVEN NOVELIST

IRISH VETERAN WON'T SHAKE GILBERT PARKER'S HAND.

Arizona Pioneer in Home Snubs English Writer on Learning His Nationality.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Jan. 13.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the English novelist and member of Parliament, who has been visiting here, met with a unique rebuff today at the Arizona Pioneer Home. All the inmates of the home, many of them grizzled old survivors of the exciting early days of Arizona, had been presented to the novelist, excepting James O'Donnell, a veteran, and one of the earliest settlers of the new state. When O'Donnell introduced him to the others, he said: "Are you English?" "Yes," replied the visitor.

Black Dress Goods For Example

Decided price reductions throughout our entire stock of Black Dress Goods. You have choice of Wool Taffetas, Nuns Veilings, Poplins, Mohairs, Panamas, Serges, Domestic and Foreign Novelties, and many other weaves.

Woolen Fabrics in Evening Shades at 45 Cents a Yard

In this assortment are included the most popular weaves and colorings for evening wear—Fine Henriettas, French Serges, Albatross, Nuns Veiling and such. Fabrics that are desirable in every way and usually sold at 65c a yard.

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JOKES ON CRACKSMEN

Guardian of Store Looks on While Empty Safe Is Blown.

SAN ANDREAS, Cal., Jan. 13.—Stephen Cassinelli perpetrated a cruel joke on three cracksmen early today by allowing them to blow a safe which he knew contained nothing but a lot of old merchandise catalogues and a bottle of ink. He says he does not believe in interfering in other people's affairs.

Prisoner Says He Will Harm No One If He Is Set Free.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—In an interview published here today, Harry K. Thaw, for whose release his mother and counsel are said to be making one more effort with hope of success, is quoted at length in emphatic defense of his sanity.

Terrible Suffering

Keema All Over Baby's Body.

"When my baby was four months old his face broke out with eczema, and at sixteen months of age, his face, hands and arms were in a dreadful state. The eczema spread all over his body. We had to put a mask or cloth over his face and tie up his hands. Finally we gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a few months he was cured." Mrs. Inez Lewis, Baring, Me.

Stubborn Colds May Lead to Consumption

Did you ever have a cold that would not let go; a cough that persisted, that prevented sleep and made you miserable? Eckman's Alternative is the proper remedy in such cases. It is not only a tickling in the throat, but when your chest aches and you are unable to answer—then take Eckman's Alternative. Neglect often leads to more serious trouble; a case in point follows:

"I am perfectly cured of my cold and cough. I had a cold for several weeks and it was so stubborn that I could not get rid of it. I had a cough that would not let go and I was so miserable that I could not sleep. I took Eckman's Alternative and in a few days I was cured. I feel like a new man now." M. L. GERHARDT.

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Third Week of Our Great Annual Clearance Sale--Only Two Weeks Remain to Level Stocks Before Inventory--Here Are Prices That Blaze the Way to Remarkable Savings--Bargains in Every Section

90c Blankets at 72 Cents a Pair

Fine Cotton Blankets of three-quarter size, shown in white, gray and tan; excellent wearing Blankets especially desirable to take the place of sheets. Our leader at 90c a pair, 72c



The Most in Value, The Best in Quality

50c Blankets at 42 Cents Each

A splendid line of Baby Blankets, of good size and quality. They come 30 by 40 inches and in white with fast-colored blue borders; regular 50c grade, Clearance 42c



Pre-Inventory Sale

Great January Clearance

Our Business Year Ends January 31st

While good store keeping demands clean stocks at all times, yet this is particularly true at the close of the business year. So true in fact that sharp losses are freely taken to establish the desired condition before inventory. And the public as well as ourselves gain by the reductions.

Our year has been a wonderfully large one. Sales have broken all records and naturally there is a big surplus to dispose of now. Every section of the store contributes to the clearing; everything at a reduced price. To buy means to save up to a half in many cases; some of the reductions are even greater than that. And the savings are on quality that will not disappoint you. Read the following items carefully:

Women's, Misses', Girls' and Children's Outerwear is more largely represented at the marked down prices and the REDUCTIONS are greater because the necessity of a quick DISPOSAL is greater in these seasonable lines. But remember everything throughout the entire store is now on sale at a reduced price (only contract goods are excepted). No matter what you buy, you save.

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Everything at a Reduced Price

Big Value in Blankets, Comforts

It will pay you many times over to look to future requirements if your present needs in Blankets and Comforters are filled, because our entire stock is included in this sale and in the quoted items below there is no exaggeration of values. The comparative prices are absolutely correct. Note well these:

Full-Size Comforters, \$1.88

Regular \$2.50 grade—A special sale of full-size Comforters, filled with fine white cotton and covered with good quality silkline. They come in light and dark colors and are shown in many patterns; yarn-tied Comforters that sell regularly at \$2.50, Clearance Price \$1.88

Bathrobe Blankets at \$1.95

Regular \$2.50 values—A special under-priced sale of Bathrobe Blankets, shown in many pretty designs and colors with cords and tassels to match. They come 72 by 90 inches and are sold everywhere at \$2.50, Clearance Price \$1.95

Sample Blankets 1-4 Off

About 50 pairs of Blankets—samples from one of the best mills—comprise this lot. Fine Wool Blankets in white, gray and plaid, shown in many weights and in all qualities from \$4 up to \$10 a pair, are priced for this sale 1-4 OFF

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Women's Fine Suits A Special Bargain

Handsome well-tailored garments that sell regularly up to \$25.00, special at \$14.90

The woman who wants a handsome, well-tailored, perfect-fitting Suit, will not let this wonderful bargain slip by unnoticed. All are brand-new this season's styles. The materials are pure wool chevots, serges and a large variety of mixtures, in most all wanted colors. Coats are lined with good quality satin. Regular values to \$25.00. Clearance Sale Price \$14.90

Long Coats, \$15.00 and \$17.50 Values, \$11.95

The newest styles in Long Coats, made full length and semi-fitting, with several styles of the new shawl collar. They are tailored in a fine quality polo cloth, with plain or plaid back. Colors are gray or tan, in mixtures or herringbone stripes. Regular \$15.00 and \$17.50 values, \$11.95

Raincoats, \$10.50-\$12.50 Values, \$7.50

Another extraordinary offering in Raincoats. They are in the latest styles, with storm collar and plain or raglan sleeves. Shown in several rubberized waterproof materials, including cravenette in different shades of tan and gray. You cannot afford to miss this seasonable offering. \$10.50 and \$12.50 Raincoats, tomorrow at \$7.50

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Extraordinary Values in Muslin Underwear

Choice quality of material and careful making have joined in a combination with the low prices to make the offering at this sale irresistible. You may judge the values by these items:

Two Very Special Offerings Muslin Underwear Fine Drawers and Corset Covers that sell regularly at 65c and 75c a garment. Special at 43c

The Drawers are of fine quality nainsook or cambrie and neatly trimmed with laces, embroideries and ribbon. They come in the circular or umbrella style and are extra well made and very neatly finished. Regular 65c garments.

The Corset Covers come in a very fine assortment and are of good quality nainsook, daintily trimmed with pretty embroideries, laces and ribbons. All extra well made and finished. Regular 65c and 75c values, Clearance Sale Price 43c

Muslin Skirts, Best \$1.25 Values, 85c

A very strong line of Muslin Skirts, shown with fine embroidery or lace flounce. All made extra well and finished with cambrie dust ruffle and underpiece. Really worth \$1.25. Clearance Sale Price 85c

Muslin Gowns, 75c-85c Values, 49c

A very nice assortment of these Gowns, made of good quality cambrie or nainsook and shown in the high, V-shaped or low neck style. All made good full size and very neatly finished. Regular 75c and 85c values, Clearance Sale Price 49c

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These Three Specials in Shoes

These are unheard-of values for the money. Women's Shoes, well made of finest leathers, newest styles in button and lace; gunmetal and vic kid Shoes, heavy or light soles and high Cuban, military or low common-sense heels. Regular \$2.50 to \$3.50 values. Clearance Sale Price \$1.98

Boys' Shoes \$1.75

Good durable all-leather Shoes, made with full vamp, one-piece counter and heavy soles. They are guaranteed by us and come in box calf, gunmetal and velour calf leathers and in all sizes from 9 to 13, at \$1.75, and in sizes from 13 1/2 to 5 1/2, at \$2.25

Girls' Shoes \$1.95

Misses' and Children's Shoes in patent colt, vic kid and gunmetal leathers. They come in the popular high top, with collar and tassel, and with good, heavy soles. All sizes from 8 1/2 to 11 on sale at \$1.95 a pair, and sizes from 11 1/2 to 2 specially priced \$2.19 at pair