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FOES OF THE APPLE.

Some Little Known Pests Found In

American Orchards. One of the reasons why the apple leaf roller (Archips rosaceana) has red drip. The air should be moist and ceived so little attention from the scientific fruit growers is because it has needed. They are really a winter crop, never existed in numbers sufficient to because it is easier to heat a strucbe regarded as a positive menace ture than to cool it down. When warm Now, however, it seems to be largely weather sets in insects often attack on the increase, and with the prospect the crop and ruln it. Generally the of finding it added to the airendy too first beds are prepared in September long list of our apple tree pests it is or October and the last in March. well to know something of it and what is to be expected from it if it should in a livery barn. It should be from become plentiful.

The larvae are active, cylindrical. The larvae are active, cylindrical or straw. Sawdust or shavings are pale green or reddish brown insects not sultable. Shake out the coarsest with a deep brown head and with the first body division (protherax) and first two pairs of jointed legs also deep brown. The false legs are well developed and are colored like the body.



PRUIT INJURED BY LEAF ROLLER.

A few slender hairs arise from the head and body. When ready to be come pupae they draw the leaves together and form a shelter in which the change takes place. They measure when full grown rather more than half an inch long.

The pupa is light brown and much shorter. An example preserved in alcohol and probably somewhat shrunken measures a fortieth of an inch in length. The head end is prow shaped. The antennae arise at each side of the prow shape front, curve outward and backward, then return toward the middle line on the central side, where they terminate with the second pair of legs a short distance anterior to the posterior margins of the wing cases. The thorax is decidedly convex above, descending to the abdomen, which is also arched, and terminates in a rather stout, flat spine, with a couple of small curved books at its end. The abdomen is roughened about by a series of denticles on each somite, ending on each

side near the spiracle. Adults are provided with broad front



THE TUBSOCK CATERPILLAR. at the ends, the anterior margin strongly arched at the base and a trifle incurved near the tip. The general color of the front wings and body is alutaceus, or leather color, with an middle of the anterior margin and extending to the inner angle of the wing. This mark may be obscure in old examples, but some trace of it is generally present. It has given the species the name oblique banded leaf roller, used in some entomological writings. The apex of the front wings is occupled by another dusky mark. The outer half of the hind wing is pale yellow, the inner half dusky.

Numerous other plants besides apple are attacked by this species, among them clover, cotton, strawberry, rose plum, birch, bean, honeysuckle, cherry and others. The species occurs from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.

Another threatened evil is the tussock caterpillar, which seems to be tiplying rapidly in middle west orchards. It is a singular caterpillar, with two long tufts of black hairs arising one at each side of the first body division (prothorax) and a similar one at the hind end of the body. They feed singly and finally produce small moths, the male broad winged, the female wingless.

The tussock caterpillar became known to some American orchardists for the first time during the summer of 1907. It was very common then, working apparently in conjunction with the fall webworm in destroying the leaves of fruit and shade trees. It is present every season, but ordinarily does but little harm. Two broods de velop, the first appearing in April and May, the second about the first of

August. A mass of eggs observed in 1905 was placed on a privet bedge Aug. 1 to 5. The eggs began batching Aug. 14, and

all were out Ang. 18. The larvae were grown and began populing Sept. 15. The first adult emerged in confinement Hept. 20, and others continued to come forth until Oct. 2. In 1800 invise in cd with a spraying apparatus in rais and all had pupated Sept. 11. Sept. 13 adults began to emerge and continue to come out until Sept. 22. in cash profit of \$37.15 an acre, or \$40.20 the latter part of September (Sept. 25) and later) the adults of the second \$3.05 an acre for labor, materials, etc. brood emerge and place their eggs. The experiment was tried on affects about the trees. The female moth is acres of potatoes, which were sprayed wingless and after emerging does not four times to prevent injuries by leave her loose silk eccoon. The eggs. blight and insects. covered with frothy material, are feet long and Tie feet apart were left

most invariably show some of these

MUSHROOM CULTURE. Simple Methods That Will Yield Rich

Returns. For mushroom growing a greenhouse is not needed. Any building which protects the crop from rain, wind and cold will do. Mushrooms do best in a moderate temperature, say from 45 to stationary, no drafts. Light is not

To make a mushroom bed use fresh horse manure, such as one would get , grain fed animals, bedded with hay straw and throw the material into a heap to start heating.

It should be moderately moist, neiheating has commenced fork the pile over to prevent burning, and repest this three or four times every two When the material assumes a dark brown or blackish color and smells rather sweet it is ready to form into beds. These may be fifteen to eighteen inches deep and of any suitable width or length. Pack down firmly and walt three or four days to allow reheating. Try with a thermometer, and if not higher than 85 or 90 degrees insert spawn every ten or twelve inches apart each way. Place the spawn an inch or two deep and cover spraying. the whole bed with a light dressing of loam, say two inches deep, to hold heat and moisture, and form a firm rooting place for the crop. Mushrooms dislike to be watered; hence moisture should be preserved rather than supplied.

An Unappreciated Plant. Chives is a vegetable not widely known in this country. It is native along the northern borders of the United States as well as in some parts of Europe, where it is popular. The plant belongs to the onion family, and its leaves are used for seasoning in soups, salads, etc., and are preferred and one-half barrels lime at \$1.35. they are much milder and more tender. Europeans use chives for sensoning scrambled eggs and similar dishes.

The culture of chives is simple. The division of the roots, because it does market price of potatoes at picking of roots may be purchased at moderate rate the crop should be worth \$10.20: prices. The clumps should be plant- subtracting \$3.05 (the cost of sprayed in beds about nine inches apart in lugs, the net pract is 227.15 an acre. rows which are two feet apart. The planting may be done in either spring to the market gardener that, if rightly or autumn. The chives may also be 'pushed, would enjoy a ready sale. Sea planted in the border of the vegetable kale, for instance, will furnish a garden and makes an excellent perma-spring vegetable ahead of asparagus. nent border. As a border plant the clumps should be planted about six thickly and form a dense green mat.

Pasture In New England.

future of New England dairy farming, cut off to the roots. This gives one The old hill pastures are slowly but stalks of kale much resembling celsurely running out and are keeping ery. Pull the leaves apart as you fewer and fewer cattle every year would celery, cook in boiling salted Most of them cannot be plowed at any reasonable cost under present conditions of farm labor, and clearing off or without vinegar, as taste desires. the bushes is of only temporary ben fit. Unless pastures can be plowed and cultivated for a few years there with rhubarb, he a money maker. seems to be no hope for them, and they gradually turn into wood lots, thus reducing the dairy capacity of the farm. Many pastures are needlessly injured by turning the stock out too early in the spring, especially when it has been eaten close the preceding year. They tramp the soil too wet and gnaw the young plants too close to the ground. It is much better to let the grass get a good start, then put on oblique dusky band beginning at the the stock long enough to eat down the grass and move them to another pas-Unless pastures are large enough to be divided in this way they quickly become injured under ordinary methods. It is an expensive way, but perhaps it is the only way to manage without grazing the land too close.

The Irish (7) Potato. The potato is a native of the Andes particularly of Chile and Peru and some writers claim that it was found growing wild as far north as the Toltec gorge in southern Colorado. It probably was first introduced into Europe by the Spaniards about the middie of the sixteenth century. In 1556 it was taken to England from Vir- keeping quality. ginla, where, however, it was probably derived from a Spanish source. Its progress in Europe was slow, its little of it is found in the corn belt. general until the middle of the eightfood in most temperate climates.

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ENTERPRISE PAYS.

Progressive Methods - Good Staples Are the Secrets of Success. The progressive farmer is the who scores at the markets. Good methods in raising crops, the selecting of stuples for which the demand is greater than the supply, these are the considerations that count for success,

One farmer in New York experiment ment began to pupate Sept. 5. ing potatoes and results justified the expense because the increased gain of sixty-seven bushels an acre gave on the field. The spraying cost only Three rows 680. placed upon the outside of this, where 'un-prayed for a check. Bordeaux was I faz canvas carrier brings the beaus to

bark of the trunk. When leaves are acre at each spraying. The soil is gone from the trees, a search of plum sandy loam, and the variety of potato or apple trees in an orchard will al- Carman No. 3. During the season plant lice and fica beetles were abundant in all parts of the field, but there was no early blight. Owing to the great press of work it was impossible to make a fifth spraying and also give the field attacked proper attention in



SPRAYING POTATOES. extent that it would have been imposible to reach more than half the

ants with a spray. The test rows were dug with a dot de moldboard plow Oct. 18 and yielded, sprayed, 134 bushels 36 pounds marketable tubers: unsprayed, 67 bashels 28 pounds, making a gain of 67 of culls was 25% bushels an acre on the base of the tree and then extendther wet nor at all dry. As soon as the sprayed and 29 2-3 on the unprayed. The loss from rot was somehat greater on the unsprayed rows go. The worst work is done in May, than on the sprayed, but not large June and July, and these are the in either case. It is doubtful, however, th sprayed and unsprayed had pracbily the same chance, but if any- are often so large, coarse and tough ing the ansprayed rows suffered as not to be susceptible to serious innewhat more from insects, which jury, but the young trees may be dewere treated once with paris green apstroyed by one grub, piled with a powder gun, while the sprayed rows received one application of paris green in bordeaux at the first

The cost of spraying fifteen acres



BEA KALE. hundred and eighty-four pounds copper sulphate at 6 cents, \$23.04; one to onlone by many persons because \$2.03; twenty-six and one-half pounds paris green at 14 cents, \$3.71; forty hours' labor for team at 25 cents, \$10; forty hours for man, at 15 cents, \$6; wenr on sprayer, \$1; total, \$45.78, or plant will grow in any ordinary gar- \$3.05 an acre. At this rate the cost of den soil. It is usually propagated by each spraying was 76% cents. The not seed readily. The roots or clumps time was 60 cents a bushel. At that

There are many plants little known

From seed nown in May good plants can be set into a permanent bed in inches apart. The leaves will grow August or September and will remain for years. Earth is lightly piled over the bed to a beight of about a foot in early spring, and when the shoots The posture problem threatens the come through this covering they are is a most delightful dish and. being extremely early, would, along These are only instances of the way

that intelligence may make profitable The Farmers' Autos.

The farm paper that constantly discounts the automobile is not very enterprising. If you were to get at the facts you would find about as many road hogs who drive horses as who run autos. The machine is becoming popular with farmers too. One prosperous little Iowa town of about 1,500 boasts of only three chug buggles, but all through the surrounding country farmers own and use them extensively, These are conservative, practical men, oo, not sports. The self propelled vehicle has many advantages, chief of which is a great influence on road im-

THE BEAN CROP. Good Soil and Economy of Space Will Make It Pay.

The raising of white beans is a great industry in many sections, and it is profitable because the output is as much a staple as wheat or corn. Like these crops, it is a foodstuff which has

The bean growing industry has gravitated to the poorer lands, so that but culture, even in Ireland, not becoming | And yet there are places in the corn belt, and many of them, where beans enth century, but it is now a staple might be grown to advantage. Sandy knolls or wornout fields which will only make twenty bushels of corn per acre will return a greater cash product if planted to beans,

Bean culture was once considered very laborious, but it is not necessarily so now. By the use of modern machinery it is made easy. They may be planted with a two horse corn planter, cultivated with riding plows and weeders, pulled when ripg, thrashed and even sorted by machinery.

To make the most of the space the hills may be only six inches apart, but the rows should be wide enough to permit horse culture. When planted in this way and carefully cultivated, if the ground is free from weeds, the crop may be carried through by horse-But if the soil is foul one hand heeing will be needed. The crop is loaded from the puller into hay racks and hauled to the barn. Spread upon the barn floor or loft, it will be ready for thrushing after two weeks of dry weather. Before marketing

The old plan was to get the family together in the evening about the kitchen table and each by handfuls picked out the bad specimens. the modern bean sorter is a small ma-chine and chesp, which you may take into any room. The motion is controlled by a treadle, and a slowly movthem over, one spry man doing the ried up by the sap to the seed bear-work of five by the old system. ried up by the sap to the seed bear-ing pods. To a marked extent nature

THE WHITE GRUB.

Fruit Tree.

peach borer or white grub, which bores holes through and under the bark of the roots of peach trees, weakens and often kills trees and may be considered one of the greatest enemies the peach has to contend with. This insect changes from a worm to a fly in August or September. At that time the worm comes to the surface of the ground, constructing a cocoon an inch in length, which is attached to the base of the tree or perched on the ground, end upward. In a few weeks it appears as a moth and begins to deposit its small eggs on the body of the overed the potato plants to such an tree near the ground. Each body lays 300 or more eggs and dies within two weeks. In October or November the eggs hatch, and the little borers. scarcely large enough to be seen, make their way down to the ground at the base of the tree. When warm weather comes in spring they begin active work and increase rapidly in size, working ishels 8 pounds an acre. The yield first in the bark of the roots nearest ing down four or six inches into the lower roots, eating their way as they months when the peach trees should int the gain represented was due have most careful attention. Young hally to spraying. The owner says peach trees require more attention than older trees. The roots of older trees

The Farmer's Friend.

One of the interesting features of the new school of agriculture is the recognition of the helpfulness of many feathered wild tenants of our farms. Thanks to the investigation of the department of agriculture, many birds which were once ruthlessly destroyed by the ignorant pot hunter are now enrefully protected because of their usefulness in keeping down the insect



THE QUAIL hordes that prey upon plant life. The

quail or bobwhite is one of the farmrs' feathered friends, This interesting bird is helpful to the armer in destroying weeds, bugs. grasshoppers, cotton boll weevil and many other insects. If not hunted, it is a tame bird, often appearing in the farmers' gardens or barnyards. The heerful whistle of bobwhite on the fences, in the pastures and meadows attractive to the farmer as he plows, lants and resps. Let every farmer start out today to be a friend of birds and to protect them. The farmer will thus benefit himself as well as the

The Sweet Potato Belt. The northern limit for sweet potato share is roughly indicated by a line drawn from the border line of Massachasetts and Connecticut on the east of Colorado, but the area where it is profitable commercially would be conidenably south of this, except in the Mississippi valley, where it extends well into lows, Illinois and Indiana,

THE WHEAT.

Sinding and Shocking It So as to Get

Best Results. From the time the wheat stands waving yellow in the field until it is in the hands of the miller is an important period. The cutting of the wheat may not be a difficult task, but much depends on how well the grain is gathered and bound and shocked. If the unchine does not gather the grain well, a good deal of it will be lost falling down before the sickle or stringing out from beneath the aprons

Care should be taken to avoid this. The binder should also gather the straw evenly, so that the bundles may not look ragged or part be lost in the shocking. The binder should be shift ed just right, so that the bundles may be bound near the middle. Binding too close to the butts or heads will make them inconvenient to handle, as well as cause the dropping out of a part of the bundles.

The shocking of the wheat is very aportant, especially in those sections where rains and winds are frequent The bundles cannot be thrown together any old way and be expected to stand the storms of wind and rain.

My experience has proved that the best and strongert shock is thade in the following manner: Place three pales of bundles in a row, then set one sumilie at each end and three on each side. The caps should be placed on lengthwise of the shock and spread so they will cover the top of the shock and hang down on the sides, protecting the heads of the wheat and turn ing the water like the roof of a house. For twenty years we built our shocks In this manner and seidom ever lost any wheat from winds or rain. It was often necessary to go over the field after a severe windstorm and replace some of the caps, but seldom did we have to rebuild a shock.

After the wheat is all cut and shocked it is the best plan to have it thrushed as soon as it will do. It can then be stored away in a rat proof granary or hauled direct to market. We believe it is wise to sell immediately after thrashing. The higher price for which one may hold will not more than offset the shrinkage and loss in handling and sometimes the higher price is never restized. A person had better take a few cents less than run

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