

SHUN EASTERN BERRY BUSHES

ALSO ALL WHITE PINE TREE STOCK

Blister Rust, a Destructive Disease of All White Pine, Has Appeared in East—Campaign is Being Waged By Department Against It.

The Department of Agriculture announces that a Federal and State campaign is being waged against the further spread of the white pine blister rust which has already gained a foothold in the eastern states. The public is warned, therefore, against buying any white pine tree stock from eastern nurseries, and advised to report at once any trees which show indications of the disease.

The white pine blister rust is a very destructive disease of all white pines, and has already appeared in the New England states, in New York and Pennsylvania, and in Ontario, Canada. Ninety per cent of these infections come from a single German nursery, but further danger from this source has been averted by a quarantine against all shipments of its seedlings from Europe. The Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with State Horticultural boards, is now taking active steps to prevent the spread of the disease to the western states. While the attacks of the rust have thus far been confined chiefly to the white pine of the east, it is known to be an enemy also of the western white pine and the sugar pine. If the disease should spread to the Rocky Mountains and beyond the western forests of white pine, which are now among our most valuable trees, will be endangered.

At a very conservative estimate the government and private holdings in these forests represent a valuation of \$240,000,000. It not only kills the seedlings and saplings, but seriously retards the growth of the older trees. Currant and gooseberry bushes, which grow in all parts of the United States, are the host plants for the fungus, and from these plants the disease spreads to the pines. The disease is manifested, on the bushes, by brownish yellow berry blisters on the leaves, and on the pines by a swelling of the trunk and yellowish "sores" on the bark where the blisters burst open. Emphatic measures should be taken to prevent the spread

of the disease, or to stamp it out if it has already made its appearance. Suspected cases should be reported at once. The Department of Agriculture is glad to give all possible aid, not only in the identification of the disease, but in its eradication.

Weighing the Mayor.

A mayor, particularly an English mayor, is traditionally a man of weight and substance, but there is only one municipality that insists that his honor be put on the public scales and prove it. Of the thousands of quaint and curious customs still surviving in England this is perhaps one of the most odd. The mayor of High Wycombe has to be weighed on Nov. 9 of each year, inauguration day, and this custom has been observed for about 61 centuries. The mayor elect walks at the head of a procession consisting of the corporation, the beadle and the mace bearer. He is clad in cocked hat, silk stockings, blue coat and knee breeches. Upon reaching the town hall the mayor is placed upon the scales by the head constable, and a record of his weight is solemnly made in a book kept for this purpose.

A Sneering Child.

Sneering is a symptom that should not be neglected in children. It shows that there is some obstruction to the free passage of air from the nose to the throat. The tonsils may be enlarged and so partially close the passage at its lower opening. There may be a polypus or some small tumor in the nasal passage itself or catarrh of the throat or nose or both. A physician should be consulted.

Velocity of the Earth.

The velocity of the earth on its own axis exceeds, it is estimated, 1,000 miles an hour. The velocity of the earth around the sun is calculated to be 68,000 miles an hour, and the velocity of the moon is calculated to be 2,272 miles an hour.

Sneaking the Grouch.

"Samanthy why don't you stop Mary Anne from giggling?" "Oh, let her giggle while she can. She'll marry some day if she lives, and heaven knows, she'll quit the habit mighty quick."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Could Not Control It.

Husband—Do you see Dushaway over there? Wife—Yes, Husband—He has named his automobile after his wife. Wife—How funny! Husband—Funny! Not at all. When he got it he found he could not control it.—Chicago News.

Building and Burning.

Racon—You know Rome wasn't built in a day. Ebert—No. There seems to have been a lot of "Boddin'" then too.—Yonkers Statesman.

There are no chagrins so venomous as the chagrin of the idle, no pangs so sickening as the satieties of pleasure.—Huxkin

FIRST PARK DAY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL UNDERTAKING

Another May be Held Some Time Next Month—Considerable Work Done by Laborers.

Park day last Thursday was a big success, and another is promised in the near future by the civic improvement committee, for the completion of the work which has been begun to establish a city park for Bend.

Although the citizens worked for only a few hours in the afternoon, much of the rubbish, loose rock and safe brush was removed. Benches for the park and the band stand on the north end of the water tower block were erected. More than 150 men, women and children, during the afternoon hours, were engaged in the preliminary work of cleaning the plot of ground.

The second park day, which will probably be held some time in May, will be planned on a much larger scale, beginning in the morning and continuing throughout the day, when more work of a constructive character will be undertaken so that the park will be available for people during the summer months.

The women provided eats for an army of twice the size which turned out for the first park day and every worker was supplied with an abundance of rations after the afternoon's labors.

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Something to Steal.

An English prisoner had for the tenth time been convicted for theft and to avoid punishment for his last offense had promised to enlist. The judge was greatly perplexed as to what degree of leniency he should deal out. Addressing the counsel, he remarked, "It is difficult to see what use such a man as your client would be in the army." Counsel for the defense, seeing that the judge was in excellent humor, deciding a bit of facetiousness might accomplish what a tearful plea would not, replied, "Well, my lord, he might be usefully employed in stealing a march on the enemy."

Known by Their Fruits.

A small boy was discussing the differences in members of the vegetable world. "How did people first know an apple tree from a pear tree?" he asked. "By the bark?" "No," replied his mother gravely, "by the bits."—Stray Stories.

Getting On.

Grubbs—Is Jinks improving his game of golf? Stubbs—Immensely. He has hung around while the Scotch professional addressed his ball until he knows exactly what to say every time he gets stymied.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

How to Live Long

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AIR—RULE 2.

Wear Light, Loose Clothes.

The skin should be kept clean and warm and should have air. To keep the body healthy, clothes should not be tight.

As most of us are in heated houses in winter a large part of the time, we should wear light weight clothes while in the house. Upon going out of doors put on heavy outer clothes. Do not wear your hat tight. It cuts off the blood from the skin of the head and makes you bald. A soft hat is the best. Do not wear tight shoes or high heels.

- Seventy six out of 87 cases of typhoid fever which occurred in a recent outbreak have been traced by the United States Public Health Service to infected milk. Had the first cases been reported to a trained health officer the outbreak could have been stamped out promptly. When will we learn that disease prevention is sure and cheap?
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