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| UNDESIRABLE ALIENS |
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The cucumber bug, a sturdy little warrior whose
coat is covered with service stripes of many a
hard campaign, appears punctually at the time he can do the most damage, even thought your
patch be miles from your neighbor's. And the cucumber bug is only one of a vast army on
which anyone who raises vegetables, grains,
flowers, shrubs, fruit trees or the like must wage constant war, fruit trees or the like must wage
Some of these pests are natives but a great
many of the most destructive belong to the class many of the most destructive belong to the class
of "undesirable aliens."
The gipsy moth, for example, was accidently The gipsy moth, for example, was accidently
introduced into Massachusets from Europe
about 1870 . Appropriations by the state of Massachusetts to be used in the attempt to extermi-
nate this pest have grown from $\$ 25,000$ a year to nate the
$\$ 150,000$. In all, sseveral million dollars have
been spent in the fight against the gipsy moth but the infested area has grown with the appro-
priations. Four or five years ago the Japanese fruit
beetle found its way into this country, supposedly on iris roots, imported from Japan. Whole
sections in New Jersey, Deleware and Pennsyl. sections in New Jersey, Deleware and Pennsyl-
vania bear witness to its destructiveness. Fruit
trees, trees, grape vines, shade trees and gardens have
been ravaged by the Japanese fruit beetle, in
these sections. And it is marching to other rethese sections. And it is marching to other re-
gions despite attempts to control it. Westward across the corn belt goes the corn
borer. It has cost the farmers of the Middle West vast sums. And the corn borer was intro-
duced into the United States from Germany. The boll weevil crossed the Rio Grande from
Mexico as a stowaway. At present the Mediter Mexico as a stowaway. At present the Mediter- masterful address on. Whristive gixin,
ranean fruit fly is crossing the Atlantic on ship- Race Relationship. We .


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