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This assertion may seem strong to you, but we stand ready to prove every word of it if you but give us a chance.

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It means an opportunity of saving money the like of which you may not have again in a life time.

You may ask.

Why Do We Sacrifice These Goods?

We will tell you. We can afford to let you have these goods at the smallest of small profits without loss to ourselves and at the same time make ours the most popular clothing establishment in Central Pennsylvania.

We Believe that it will Pay Us in the End.

It has always been the principle of this store to give our patrons the benefit of every good deal that we make.

Once a customer, always a customer, is what we are striving for.

We want you to feel certain that your money will go farther with us than with others.

We want you to know that ours is a store where you can always save money.

We want you to know that the best goods and by long odds the lowest prices will always be found with us.

See Us--See Others, Is All We Ask.

You will then realize and appreciate what our big stock and extremely low prices mean to you. Can you afford to buy clothing without at least giving us a look. It will be a pleasure to show you around.

YOUR MONEY BACK FOR THE ASKING.

Brockerhoff House Block, Bellefonte, Pa.

FAUBLES.

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 23, 1900.

FARM NOTES.

—Now that the season for warfare on the insects and fungi is about to begin, it is important that farmers and fruit growers use the proper remedies for accomplishing the objects desired. So many mistakes are made in combating the enemies of plants that the Agricultural Department never ceases to send out bulletins of information at all seasons, while the State Experiment stations also greatly aid in the work among the recent bulletins which is valuable being No. 82 of the Rhode Island Experiment Station, portions of which are condensed herewith. The use of insecticides and fungicides in combating the many insect pests and plant diseases is well established, and their value conclusively shown, yet there are many farmers and fruit-growers who are still unfamiliar with the details of their use. Some do not seem to understand how to separate the insecticides from the fungicides, and they apply the wrong remedy frequently because of a lack of knowledge of how to proceed. The greatest loss, however, occurs from negligence or from not spraying as frequently as necessity demands. The formulas have been given frequently, and are well known, but their application at the proper period is the most important. It is now admitted by all experienced fruit growers that the sprayer is a necessary adjunct to the production of fruit, and that where it is not used there will not only be no crops but the neighboring orchards are a good deal damaged. The best results are obtained when the growers in a neighborhood are organized and work in harmony, for then they not only protect one another, but the experienced can advise those who may not fully understand the proper methods to pursue.

A fungus is a plant that is destitute of the green coloring matter of the higher plants, and as this green coloring matter, or chlorophyll, is the only substance known through which the plant changes its crude food material to nutritive food material, it is evident that fungi must feed upon organized material which has been previously elaborated by the host plant, so as to be adapted to their wants. That portion of a fungus which causes the damage to the host plant is composed of long, fine threads, known as "hyphae," which occur either separately or in bundles. Taken together they form the vegetative portion, or "mycelium," of the fungus. This mycelium corresponds to the roots and stems of the flowering plants. Spores are organs which are produced upon the mycelium, either upon the main body or upon branches thrown out for the purpose. Spores take the place of seeds in higher plants, though really they are not seeds, as a seed contains a young plant, while a spore, being composed of one cell, does not. Given proper conditions, however, the spore will send out a fine filament, which develops a plant similar to the original from which it came. There are two kinds of spores—summer and winter. The summer spores are borne upon the surface of the host plant. They ripen quickly and reproduce the fungus rapidly, but soon lose their vitality if proper conditions for germination are not given within a short time after maturity. The winter spores are usually

produced within the tissues of the host plant—commonly in the fruit and leaves. They live through the winter, and in the spring, with favorable conditions, germinate, and more fungus is again developed. As the fungus is developed within the host plant all remedies are useless, as it is impossible to reach the interior of the plant, but the spores should be destroyed before or at the time of germination, all treatment being largely preventive rather than curative.

In the destruction of insect pests the remedies are designed to act in one or two ways. In one way the poison is taken into the digestive tract of the insect and causes death. This is done by simply coating the plant with some poisonous substance (such as Paris green) which is taken by the insect with the food. By the other method the food is not poisoned, as the material (such as kerosene emulsion) is applied directly to the insect and causes death, either by penetrating the body directly or by closing the breathing pores. Many insects cannot be poisoned, as they feed upon the juices of plants (by sucking), and do not eat the external covering, but many of them have soft bodies, so that they succumb to treatment if the poison comes in contact with their bodies—kerosene emulsion usually proving fatal to them. All of the aphides, or lice, feed by sucking, as do also the true bugs, of which the squash bug is an example. For the chewing insects, such as canker worms, the poison should be evenly distributed over their feeding places, and may be applied before they are present, as in spraying for the codling moth before the insect is hatched. For sucking insects it is useless to spray the plant before the insect appears.

The chief remedies are as follows: As a fungicide, the "Bordeaux mixture," made by dissolving six pounds of copper sulphate in 16 gallons of hot water. In another vessel dissolve four pounds of lime in four gallons of water. Pour the lime water into the copper solution slowly, stirring well, and then add 20 gallons of cold water, and spray. For biting insects use Paris green, in the usual manner. For sucking insects use the kerosene emulsion, made by shaving a pound of hard soap and dissolving in a gallon of boiling water. Remove from the fire and add a gallon of kerosene, agitating or churning for 15 minutes until the sprayer until a creamy substance is formed. Then add 15 or 20 gallons of cold water. Kerosene will not mix with water, but will form an emulsion with soap and water.

—March is the month when the ducks begin their heaviest laying, and the large duck farms, upon which incubators are operated, are now busy places. These duck farms are used principally for hatching what are known as "green ducks." The Pekin breed is used, and the ducklings are sold when about ten weeks old, at which age they reach from four to five pounds each, as they grow very rapidly. Those that get into market early bring from 20 to 30 cents per pound, but the main "crop" brings about 15 cents per pound. May and June are the months when they are mostly in demand.

—Raspberries should be worked early, and new plants should be put out as soon as the ground will permit, as they thrive best when given a good start before the dry season comes. Among the standard varieties may be mentioned the Cuthbert, Turner, Gregg and Doolittle. The best fertilizer for the young plants is potash, about 100 pounds per acre of the sulphate being excellent.

Washington.

Four-day Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad

The almost unparalleled success of the tour last year has induced the Pennsylvania railroad company to offer the residents of Williamsport, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Harrisburg, and neighboring cities in Central Pennsylvania another opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages of a personally-conducted tour to Washington and has therefore arranged a four-day tour to the National Capital on Monday, April 2nd.

Train will leave Renovo at 6:40 a. m., Altoona 7:15 a. m., Harrisburg 12:35 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations and at York. Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3:30 p. m., Thursday, April 5th. Passengers from points west of Williamsport, and from Dewart, Seltsigrove, Lykens, Dillsburg, Lebanon, Lancaster, Columbia, Wrightsville, and points on the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 7th, inclusive.

Round-trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until luncheon, April 5th, \$12.90 from Williamsport, \$13.60 from Wilkesbarre, \$11.70 from Sunbury, \$14.00 from Altoona, and proportionate rates from other stations. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

For itineraries, rates, tickets, and full information apply to ticket agents; E. S. Harrar, division ticket agent, Williamsport, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia. 45-11-2t

Factory Drives Girl Machine Workers to Strike in Desperation.

QUAKERTOWN, Pa., March 11.—There is considerable popular excitement in this town over the strike of the sixty-three employees in Allen & Marshall's cigar factory. A union has been formed, principally through the efforts of Messrs. Parker and Marchand, of the Philadelphia Cigar Makers Unions. The strike began Thursday afternoon. The Philadelphia factory of Allen & Marshall is located at Second and Arch streets. Its "Yukon Girl" cigar has been boycotted for weeks. The Philadelphia is closed by the union to hand workers. There are fourteen girls below 16 years of age who work in the Quakertown factory. Conditions are horrible, and even the machine girls came out on strike.

At the mass meeting Friday night, Harry Parker compared the public sympathy for the cigar workers to that in Philadelphia in 1894 for the street car men. In this town the Traction Company furnishes power to run the factory. An effort will be made to revoke the charter at the Traction Company.

BANKER ROUTS A ROBBER. J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, O., had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with Coughs, Colds, or any Throat, Chest or Lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Green's drug store.

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