## EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 1922



From early morning until late at night the Japanese beetle, the pest which has invaded Pennsylvania as well **Which has invaded Pennsylvania as well as New Jersey.** is being pursued. In all kinds of Weather, during every peason, the fight between the brilliant-colored little bug and his enemies con-tinues, and until recently it seemed that the bug would win, for he had increased the area of his sway from 100 to 270

by the Federal of Agriculture. the Federal and State Departments

would demand to be shown your

## Must Notify Uncle Sam

Twenty-four hours' notice must be given to the Department of Agriculture. which has a station at Riverton, N. J., where Mr. Hadley is in charge, before any produce is taken out of the in-fected area. It can only be removed after examination by inspectors, who testify that the produce is free from beetles.

In the heavily infested areas corn grapes, lettuce, cabbage, forage crops of all kinds, including hay and straw, must be examined, as well as nursery, ornamental and greenhouse stock and all other plants except bulbs and cut flowers and soil, compost and manure

amination is of nursery, ornamental and greenhouse stock; all other plants except bulbs and cut flowers and soil com-post and manure other than fresh

have done any serious damage to the fruit itself. In 1920 the damage was only to the leaves; in 1921 slight dam-age to the fruit, but this year the damare to the fruit has been considerable. If the pest's destruction increases in the same ratio in one or two more sensors 50 to 80 per cent of the fruit itself will be destroyed.

Some of the orchards in New Jersey are topped with brown, where the insect has done its work ; others are completely ruined with almost every leaf dead and laced with innumerable patterns designed by the hungry beetles. If they are disturbed they fly up in dense clouds easting a distinct shadow on the ground and making a low angry hum, as if a beehive has suddenly been upset.

According to Mr. Hadley, the pri-mary object is not now to exterminate the bugs, but to devise a means of preventing injury on the farms. He thinks it will soon be an individual farm problem as any other fruit destroyer is. The reason that the Japanese beetle presents a problem so much more seri-ous than that of other pests is because where one pest of another variety will appear, from 1000 to 1.000,000 Japa-nese beetles will appear, because there no native natural enemies of the beetle.

## Parasites Brought From Japan

A shipment of 100,000 narasites from Japan has been received this year, mak-ing a total of fifteen shipments, and many of them have been released in favmany of them have been released in fav-orable areas after a period of keeping at the station. However, it will take at least a year to discover if the parasites have succeeded in checking the work of the beetles. In Japan they do, but in this country both the insects must accuston themselves to climatic conditions, and in many cases the parasites bave not been strong enough to survive

of Agriculture. The other three are the quarantine work, investigational work. and research work to find an effective insecticide. This involves a study of the life history and habits of the beerle ander conditions in this country. Under the investigation comes sping.

Under the investigation comes splay-ing. There are various sized machines for this. In one experiment a wire box is put over an entire tree, men are stationed in the tree and after the spraying is done they count the beetles which are killed by the spray and in this way can see if any actual benefit is de-rived from the treatment. This is done on various plants in all conditions of weather and the results averaged. In one cases 60 per cent have been killed. The problem involved in the spray is to find a solution which may be modi-ted or intensified from standard mate-rial and so manufactured cheap enough for common use. A solution of arsenta for common use. A solution of arsenate of lead is being used at present. Two hundred and fourteen of the in-

Fasted equare miles are in New Jersey in Burlington. Camden and Glouvester Counties. The remaining fifty-six are in Pounsylvania in Bucks and Philadelphia Counties.

Seek for Mother of Two Police are searching for Emma L. Nagel, twenty-two years old, wife of John Horace Nagel, of 2065 East Wil-Bams street, who disappeared June 14. the other two years old.