

Agricultural Department

Destroying Canker Worms in Orchards.

Mr. E. F. Curtis, Rockford, Ill., writes to the Chicago Tribune as follows:—On the 25th of May I published in the Chicago Evening Journal, a letter giving the habits of the canker-worm, and showing how it can be exterminated.

The object of this letter is (if possible) to convince the public that this remedy is practical, efficient and safe; and that, with very little effort, this pest of the orchard may be destroyed.

Many plans have been tried to prevent them from crawling on the trees, with some success. But to "wipe them out" completely, so that there shall not be one of them left to tell the tale, is by the use of Paris green in water, applied with a large syringe or hand force pump.

When the worms are all hatched, as near as can be judged, give the trees a good wetting down, and afterwards it is necessary that they be not killed, but on more, but usually one wetting will answer.

The liquid will not only destroy the canker-worm, but the myriads of insects too small to be seen by the naked eye, that are breeding upon the foliage of trees.

It would be well just as safely in the dooryard, destroying the insects that infest the shrubbery, as in the orchard.

FARMING A BELL BUSINESS.—Talking with a very bright and confident-looking woman, a farmer's daughter, who we stopped over night, she said farming was a dull sort of life.

"Yes," said a man of twenty-two years, "there is no excitement in it. It is all hard work, and hard work is no relaxation of effort, and nothing to stimulate the mind."

"What nonsense!" we replied. "There is every thing for a stimulus in it. It is a world in itself, and you can get as much excitement out of it as you can get out of anything else."

More Eggs and Less Beer.—It would be wise for farmers to substitute more eggs for beer in their daily diet. About one-third the weight of an egg is solid nutriment. This is more than can be said of meat. There are no bones or tough pieces that have to be thrown away.

Miscellaneous

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

MAY 16, 1873. 1 SAM. 1:21-25—GOLDEN TEXT: 1 SAM. 1:23. SECOND QUARTER. VII.

The Books of Samuel were originally one book in the Hebrew Scriptures. The division now existing was made by the Greek translators of the Old Testament. Their design was simply to promote convenience in translating and reading the contents.

The date of the composition probably belongs to the reign of Darius, and the information in the reign of Josiah; that is, between 550 B. C. and 622 B. C. It is impossible to determine the exact time.

The Hebrew Book received the name of Samuel, and this name is retained in the Latin and English Bibles. It is not only the central personage in the history which it records, but it was also through him, as the acknowledged prophet of the Theocracy, that both Saul and David were designated and anointed for the kingship.

Through faithfulness of the O. P. Department, or else of W. H. Tronours, the editor in charge this week, the matter for the educational column arrived too late for publication.

ANALYSIS OF THE LESSON: 1. The Partridge of Samuel, vs. 21-22. 2. At Home, v. 23. 3. At the Tabernacle, vs. 24-28.

It appears from 1 Chron. vi: 23-28, that Elkanah was a Levite of the family of Ephraim. But it is certain that neither he nor Samuel ever performed priestly functions. And this accords with the account which ascribes to David the establishment of the priestly and Levitical courses for the temple-service.

His name seems to have been a common one in his tribe. He was one of the few private citizens among the Jews in that age, and has no approval in the record. In fact, it is strongly disapproved in the statement of the evils that grew out of it. For the reason of the permission of it, see Matt. xix: 8.

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