I have had a long war with the curculio. I have battled with him through fifteen campaigns, and, except the first three, when I relied upon the weapons of quackery, have al-ways conquered. I have used the various washes and fumigations of horrible odors. I have built fortifications of cotton and tar, and troughs filled with oil, round the bodies of the trees. I have placed whole loads of offensive manures under favorite fruits, and on one occasion bored holes in the bodies of trees and plugged in charges of sulphur. But since those three years I have resorted to the jarring process systematically, and have found it a perfect remedy. My fruit crops since have never failed; even the apricot and nectarine trees never losing any portions of their crops from this cause, and frequently overloaded.

The black knot, that disfigures the plum orchards in so many parts of the country, and finally destroying so many trees, is also caused by the curculio.

The rot, that carries off in a few days so many kinds of plums just before they ripen, and when we think the crop secure, is also caused by the same enemy.

In France, parts of Italy, in Persia, and In-dependent Tartary, they have apricots as we have peaches in our Middle States. In the more mountainous parts of these countries. where they have the extremes of heat and cold, they flourish best; in this country the cultivation of this delicious fruit has not been understood. We have supposed it could only be grown under glass, or as a wall-fruit; it will flourish high up in mountain regions, and the less early spring weather the better.

In parts of Germany, plum trees line every road, and the fruit is so abundant that they can send dried plums or prunes to us so cheap, that the beautiful boxes they are packed in are worth nearly the cost. In those countries they have no curculio. We have the same kinds of fruittrees, as favorable climate, and soil as good but a large portion of our population, in a majority of seasons, have but little fruit of any kind, and but few ever see an apricot. Now the question arises, What can be done? We may hope for the discovery of some cheap and effectual remedy. We may hope also for some cure for consumption or cancer, and we have no right to suppose that we shall always hope in vain; but we are obliged to say that such cures are not now known. I do not wish to discourage others from experimenting with the various remedies so boldly recommended, but merely to say, that my experience has been so unfavorable, that I have no confidence in any of them. Suppose you discover a fumigation so disagreeable that it would drive the curculio from your trees; it would not kill them, and back they would come as soon as the smoke had cleared away. And the idea of keeping up that kind of a war for six weeks is absurd. About the same may be said of the various washes that are to be thrown into the trees by hand engines or syringes. Tar upon the bodies of your trees would prevent them creeping up for a day or two until it became glazed, but they are already in the trees, and seldom creep either down or up. And they can fly, and pass from one orchard to another. No. The curculio attacks our fruits with but one object-to perpetuate its race. The young fruit is its proper nidus, and if you drive it from one tree it will find another. Each female curculio has several hundred eggs to dispose of, and if she can, will take as many hundred young plums for their portions; and I think I see her laughing in her sleeve at the idea of disagreeable odors stopping her in the performance of that duty.

The writer justly adds that the business of securing fruit from the attacks of the curculio. should be simply a matter of calculation. If it will "pay," go-ahead. Nine out of every ten persons will have their patience exhausted in their battles with this insect, and will abandon the conflict in disgust, never perhaps to renew it. This is wise, especially as we cannot discover wherein lies the immense merit of the plum family as to require such extraordinary efforts to secure it.

THE POTATO DISEASE—A Possible Remedy. An anonymous subscriber, says the Germantown Telegrayh, asks us to print the following article from the Christian Advocate and Journal. As it relates to a matter of much concern to the cultivators of potatoes, and may lead to important results, we freely comply with the request. As it has long been a favorite practice with many of our best potato raisers to cut the seed and spread them in the sun for from one to two weeks before planting, the statement which follows, looks very much like an elaboration of

In the year 1855, Professor Bollman received from a Colonel in the Russian army stationed in Siberia, a sample of a new potato, with which he received two recommendations, namely, "good in quality and a perfect hundred fold in produce." These potatoes were accidentally placed on the back of a stove used for heating the professor's study, where, by some mis-chance, they were forgotten till the planting season arrived. When discovered, they were shriveled so much that it was not thought that they would grow. However they were planted, and flourished to such a degree that the two recommendations before mentioned were pronounced to be verified, and what was more remarkable still, although all the potatoes in the neighborhood and throughout the country were more or less affected by disease, every potato of the new kind was entirely free from disorder. This induced Professor Bollman to adopt the expedient of drying, and in consequence the entire crop was submitted before planting time to a high temperature, which had the effect of charring some of the potatoes and shriveling the rest. It was surmised at the time that some of the charred potatoes were killed. They were nevertheless planted at the proper season, and the charred potatoes grew, and did quite as well as those which were merely shriveled. It has now been seven years since this first experiment, and we learn from our foreign exchanges that it has been followed up every succeeding year with great success.

In the year 1855, the potato disease prevailed extensively through Russia, yet not one of the professor's potatoes were affected. In 1856, his crop exhibited the same freedom from disease, when his neighbors were losing all theirs by the rot. That year he began drying those potatoes commonly raised, and most frequency afflicted with rot, still the results were the same as when he planted his new variety. The digging time of 1857 produced to the doctor a splendid crop of potatoes. Upward of three acres had been planted with those dried in a kiln, and of the one thousand six hundred bushels dug from these three acres not one diseased one was discovered. In 1858, he erected a drying house with heated floors on his estate, and we learn that within the past two years similar erections have taken place on the different estates of the principal landed proprietors of Russia. Wherein lies the virtue of this drying process? In all affected potatoes, even before the disease is visible to the naked eye, there is to be found a degree of moisture very far in excess of that to be met with in sound potatoes, and this water gradually increases in amount, until the disease makes its appearance.

This shriveling process by drying up the water | COMETHING MORE VALUABLE is supposed to prevent the rot, which otherwise necessarily follows, and when applied to potatoes already diseased arrests the progress of the infection, and kills the disease, leaving a portion of the potato sound enough to answer for spring planting. We trust our agricultural readers will not fail this spring of testing this method for preventing the potato disease.

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