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## Pests of the Tobacco Plant.

Very severe damage is annually done in tobacco fields by insect pests and to a lesser degree by parasitic fungus. Much of this damage may be prevented by proper attention. Tobacco, like other crops, must be sprayed or dusted with an insecticide. The best treatment for tobacco, and one that is entirely safe, is the following:

Paris green, 1 lb  
Flowers of sulphur, 3 to 5 lbs  
Powdered soap stone or air-slaked lime, 100 lbs  
Directions: Mix thoroughly and apply to the plants while wet with dew or rain. The first treatment should be applied soon after the plants have been set out. The second two or three weeks later, and a third two or three weeks after the second. If the weather is wet, more frequent treatments may be necessary, but usually three treatments will be sufficient for the crop and season. No treatment should be given within fifteen days from time of harvesting crop. The best instrument for applying the above powder is a so-called "powder gun." Addresses of dealers in powder guns will be furnished by the undersigned to those who want them. The above powder may also be put on by jarring from a coarse sack held in the hand, or by two sacks attached one to each end of a pole long enough to reach across two rows. The pole may be carried on a mule's back. Only a slight dusting is necessary, but the powder should be evenly distributed on leaves so that no insect can gnaw any leaf without eating the poison. No possible harm can come to the tobacco or those using it from this treatment which is similar to that given fruit for many years without the least danger or complaint.

The worst and most destructive pest of growing tobacco is the flea beetle, *Ephitrix parvula*. This small, oval, brownish beetle is about 1/8 inch long. It eats small, round, pin holes in the leaves which then admit a saprophytic fungus which enlarges the holes. These holes ruin the value of the leaf for many purposes, and in every case render it light and chaffy. The larva or grub of this beetle also feeds upon the roots of the plants and does much damage. Besides tobacco, this insect feeds upon Jamestown weed and horse mallow, and to some extent on "ground cherry," tomato, potato, egg plant and pepper and other plants of the tobacco or solanaceous family. If the Jamestown weed, horse mallow and other solanaceous weeds in the vicinity of a proposed tobacco field are heavily infested with Paris green a week or ten days before setting out the tobacco plants, the chances of damage to the tobacco will be greatly lessened. These weeds act as nurses and supports for the beetles before the tobacco comes on the field. The tobacco is so much more juicy and tender that the insects soon quit the weeds for the cultivated crop. After the tobacco has been set out all these solanaceous weeds, horse nettles, Jamestown ground cherry, etc., should be cut out. After the crop is gathered the stumps should be plowed under at once or heavily poisoned to prevent them breeding insect pests which will damage succeeding crops.

Next in importance to the flea beetle, we must place the horn worm, *Protoparce Carolina*. The remedy advised for the flea beetle will at the same time serve for the horn worm, provided it is applied in time. But if the worms get large before poisoning they must be hand picked. The pickers should carry a small bucket holding some water and a little kerosene oil. Throw the worms into this as soon as picked. The bud worm or boll worm, *Heliothis*, is often very destructive to young tobacco by eating into the leaf buds. The best remedy for this insect is a mixture of Paris green 1 part and finely ground corn meal 100 parts. Dust this on the buds. This worm will not eat tobacco while it can get corn. Tobacco is not a good crop to follow corn in rotation.

The leaf miner, *Coleophila Solonella*, is a small greenish caterpillar which eats out the green part of the leaf, leaving the outer skins intact. It makes irregular or blotch mines in the leaves. Many tobacco growers mistake this for a kind of rot due to wet weather. This little insect does considerable injury in some localities. It infests all other plants of the tobacco family above named.

Remedy: Destroy solanaceous weeds as soon as the crop is set out. Watch the crop and as soon as any mining is noticed, pinch the spot and thus kill the caterpillar. Frequent stirring of the soil close to the plants will destroy this insect while it is in the ground transforming from the worm to the winged insect. The mining is always worst on the lower leaves.

Cut worms of several species often do very great damage by cutting off the young tobacco plants as soon as these are set out. Remedy: Mix fifty pounds of what bran with one pound of Paris green or white arsenic. Add to this four ounces of sugar or a quart of molasses and enough

water to slightly moisten the whole. A few days before the tobacco is to be set out place a teaspoonful of this mixture at intervals of ten feet throughout the field. After the plants are set place a teaspoonful of the mixture near each plant. It may be necessary to repeat, but usually once is enough. Cut worms will eat sweetened bran before tobacco. Grasshoppers sometimes injure tobacco in the same way. The above bait is the best remedy for these insects.

Tobacco is very free from fungus disease, but such diseases as we find are very hard to control. Walloon or Waterloo is in some years widespread and then disappears from the locality. Its course is unknown. "Frog's Eye" or white speck is due to a fungus similar to that causing shot-hole in leaves of peach and plum trees. The sulphur prescribed in the powder mentioned at the head of this article is intended chiefly to prevent this damage and will do so if applied in the right way.

Scorshin is a pretty common disease. It seems to be due in the first place to an injury to the stalk near the ground, caused by the boring of a small beetle worm, which eats into corn stalks the same way. This beetle is called *Diabrotica*. It is greenish with twelve black spots in the back. A fungus afterward comes in and causes the interior of the tobacco stalk to rot. Remedy: None so far known to be practicable. Pull up and destroy the diseased plants. They are worthless. The undersigned desires a sample of diseased tobacco plants for study, and also of insects found upon the plants. Correspondence is invited from tobacco growers in all parts of N. C. Address, **GERALD MCCARTHY, Entomologist, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.**

June 1, 1900.

The "piglet" is generally supposed to be best developed in New England, but I doubt if in quantity or kinds of pies any State therein can quite equal some of the Middle States. Maryland's ingenuity has been shown in the invention of certain pies that are more or less local and that in a few years more will doubtless have become absolutely unknown. It is only in localities too remote from railroads to have a variety of foreign fruits brought at all seasons of the year that such recipes as some I am about to describe will survive.

In farming districts, where pie is considered a necessary article of diet in at least two out of three meals, when the season of small fruits has passed, housewives have only apples and dried fruits to fall back upon with which to make pies. So it is not strange that some receipts quite unknown to urban families should have been devised. There, too, in pies as in preserves, variety is counted of consequence. In localities where elderberries are made into jelly and marmalade they are also used for pies. Even in the summer, when other more plantable fruits abound, quantities are stewed for this purpose. They are also dried or canned to use in the same way in winter and spring. The order of the fruit was to me always nauseous and I knew without tasting that I should dislike the flavor.

Pies made of dried apples, stewed and mashed, are common in springtime in various parts of the United States, but as far as I can learn, it is less customary to make them of a mixture of dried-apple-sauce and green currents. I have been told that the sour leaves of both wood and field sorrel (*Oxalis* and *Rumex*) are sometimes pressed into service in pie-making in some of the candid provinces. In parts of the West, farmers' wives gather the green fruit of the wild grape for pies, though I think this is more "to make a change," as they say, since the grapes blossom and mature so late that in most places there must be other fruits before the grapes are large enough to cook.

Another desert I remember in Ohio was Vinegar pie. A piepan was lined with crust as for custard pie. This was filled with a mixture of cold water, richly sweetened, slightly thickened with flour, to which was added sufficient vinegar to give a strongly acid flavor. A pinch of cinnamon was sprinkled over the liquid after it was poured into the crust, then slender strips of pie dough

Prevented a Tragedy.  
Timely information given Mrs. Geo. Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured her Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for cutting all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Station & Zoeller's drug store.

Republicans and Trusts.  
As trusts are to attract considerable attention of the voters this year, and as the Republicans will endeavor to pose as opposed to all trusts because they proposed in Congress an Amendment to the Constitution to regulate trusts and the Democrats opposed it, the following from the New York Sun, the bitterest opponent of Democracy and a most intense partisan republican is worth reading and remembering:

"When we say plainly that this is the most dishonest and therefore the most discreditable piece of work achieved during the present session by the leaders of republican policy in the House, we are not speaking of the merits of the proposed Amendment. Its revolutionary character, the sweeping change it would effect in the entire system of our institutions, the bestowal upon Congress of an unlimited and arbitrary power over all private business in all the States and without regard to State lines or State rights, need not even be discussed. There is no more prospect of its adoption by a two-thirds vote of both House and Senate and of its ratification by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the forty-five States than there is of the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment vesting in the Federal Government the direct management of all the myriad industries of this land.

The dishonesty of the performance lies in the fact that there was no expectation on the part of the author of this resolution, or of the republicans on the Judiciary Committee who favorably reported it, or of the republicans in the House who were willing to vote for it, that the proposed Sixteenth Amendment will ever amount to more than a 'campaign trick of the cheapest and unworthiest description. It is unbecomingly politics of the same sort as the Hon. James D. Richardson's four per centum resolutions. It is equally deserving of the contempt of all citizens who value a great party's reputation for sincerity of purpose, or hold that good faith is a matter of consequence in the individuals entrusted with the responsibility of political leadership.

With cynical indifference to every consideration except the desire to "put the Democrats in a hole" on the trust issue, this farce has been allowed to proceed to the point which is reached in the House yesterday.

Such satisfaction as this triumph of ingenuity brings to the souls of the republican statesmen who chuckled and winked at each other and nudged each other under the ribs when Mr. Ray first reported the Jenkins resolution on May 15, they are unquestionably entitled to.

Ocean Tides Under Land.  
A sensation was caused here, in Hampton and Old Point this morning by the announcement that there is a continual ebb and flow of the ocean's tide beneath the extreme end of the Virginia peninsula. Contractor Guild of Baltimore, who is putting down a new sewerage system for Hampton, has made the startling discovery, so he says, that the stem end of the peninsula is nothing more than a huge float, which may at any time break away from the larger body of the land. The story is based upon a scientific hypothesis. He says the water which he has encountered in laying the sewer in Hampton rises and falls with the tide in Hampton Creek, which enters into Hampton Roads below this city. At one place yesterday, while the tide was out, he was able to go down four feet in the street before striking water, while at the same place when the tide was in he could only go down two feet before the water commenced to flow in with alarming rapidity.—Baltimore Sun.

All She Had Time to See.  
Detective—Did you see a man and woman driving past here in a buggy about an hour ago?  
Mrs. Blank—Yes.  
Detective—Ah we're getting on track of them! What kind of horse was it?  
Mrs. Blank—They were driving so fast I didn't notice that. But the woman had on a Scotch mo-hair and wool jacket of turquoise blue, last year's style, with stitched lines, a white pie skirt with deep circular flounce, a satin straw hat, tilted and rather flat, trimmed with hydrangeas and loops a pale blue sash, and her hair was done up pompadour. That's all I had time to see.—Chicago Tribune.

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Two Dead Shots Meet.  
One of the most serious tragedies in the history of Hidalgo county was enacted last Sunday at the Lacro ranch, in the northern part of the county. The actors were Emmett Coy, who has for some years been in the employ of Gusenther, & Jones as ranch superintendent, and Bonifacio Peres a merchant of Lacro.

It seems that had blood had existed for a long time between Coy and Peres, and both of them being men who were always ready to act on the offensive or defensive, as the case might be, it was only a question of when they would meet face to face that one or both of them would be killed. Last Sunday they both came to the ranch, each on his own business. They passed but a word or two, when Coy kicked at Peres. That was the signal for a duel which followed. Both men drew pistols simultaneously, and the two shots which followed sounded like one, and two dead men fell to the ground. Both were shot through the heart and death was instantaneous. Coy was unmarried, but leaves a large number of relatives in this section of the State. Peres leaves a wife and two small children.—Galveston Daily News.

How a Shrewd Negro Worked the Eclipse.  
Sunday night, while negroes from several large plantations in the eastern part of the county were at church, a strange negro appeared and told them that he had been told in a dream that early the next morning a small black spot would appear on the sun which would grow larger and larger until finally the sun would become obscure. This, he explained, would be a sign of God's displeasure at their sinful ways and of their miserly gifts to the church and the poor, and that in case liberal donations were not made to appease God's wrath awful things would happen. He furnished a member of each family with a drunkard glass, with instructions how to use it, and warned them in case the spot appeared to look no time in getting to church and to come prepared to make liberal gifts and to pray.

The game, it is said worked like a charm, and as soon as the spot on the sun was observed the negroes hastened to church with what ever small things they had, which was turned over to the strange negro. Shortly after the eclipse the negro left on his errand to distribute the gifts to the needy and has not been seen since in that section.—Galveston Daily News.

In Spite of Wagner.  
The Daughters of the Confederacy here are wrought up over the action of Gen. Wagner and other G. A. R. men of Pennsylvania in opposing the erection of a monument to the 200 or more Confederates buried in Germantown cemetery, near Philadelphia. The Richmond Daughters will not allow the matter to drop. They will appeal to the Secretary of War. A leading member of the Richmond chapter said tonight: "We are determined to build the monument. We have for several years been trying to erect monuments to the Confederate dead in the North and West. All of our time and attention is now directed to the work of raising the money for the erection of a monument to President Jefferson Davis, and because of this fact, no other work will be undertaken until the fund for the monument is raised. Then we will again push forward our work of erecting monuments to Confederate dead buried elsewhere. This objection of Gen. Wagner and others will not in the least interfere with our erecting a monument in the Germantown cemetery."—Richmond, Va., Special 1st, to Louisville Courier-Journal.

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7 "	1350 00	3860 00	13 1	13 1
8 "	1560 00	4410 00	14 5	14 5
9 "	1770 00	4960 00	15 4	15 4
10 "	1980 00	5510 00	16 2	16 2
11 "	2190 00	6060 00	16 11	16 11
12 "	2400 00	6610 00	17 6	17 6
13 "	2610 00	7160 00	18 1	18 1
14 "	2820 00	7710 00	18 1	18 1
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