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## GARDEN TIME

By. M E GARDNER
It will never do to leave the lady in distress, especially if she is a dear friend and a dedicated gardener. Many times I have helped her with rose problems, but this t'me her problem was of an ent rely different nature.
We might say in the beginning that, as is so frequently the case, she $s$ over-planted with most everything and trying to do all the work herself. Her husband travels but is very helpful when he is home.
She had lost two ar thee She had lost iwo or hree Elaeagnas plant and ing moles for chewing their roots and girdling the stem at the base of the plants. I told her that moles could not possibly cause this type of damage and tha tI would drop by and see if we could determ'ne the cause. When I arrived she had dug two of the plants and, sure enough, the tender t'ssues had been chewed from the roots and the plants almost complettly girdled at the base, just below soil level. She had mulched heavily with leaves so we began by probing around the plants.

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fi ild niot lake long ti) locate tunnels made and used by mice. There are two kinds: field or meadow mice, and pine mice Both of these can cause extensive damage to plants, and, many tmes, the damage is not observed until it is too late
I suggested that she get poi soned bait and place in the tunnels or runs. Th's can be done by carefully open'ng the top of the tunnel, placing the bait and recovering.
Mice control is a perennial prob lem w'th the apple grower. For a long time only poisoned baits were used - grain, apple or were used gras. apple sweel polato cubes. since about 1957 tre growers have used a pnosnen pround spray which is much faster and more effective than the gai tmethod. The material used for the ground spray is too hazardous for use by the home gardener - so baits are st:ll best.
This lady was doing a real good job of spraying to contro insects and diseases on all o her plants but the equipmen she had was ent'rely nadequate to do an effective job of conto do an effective job of con-
trol. She was trying hard but not getting results.
Since her husband was trall Since her husband was trail-
ing along, I suggested that a small power sprayer (electric or gas engine) would expedite and alleviate. He agreed and so everyone was happy.
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