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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, AUG. 10,

The most costly collection of rare postage stamps was lately sold in Brighton, England, by Mr. Castle, the vice-president of the London Philatelic Society. The collection brought $150,000.

The war against municipal disfiguration and untidiness is fruitful in expressive sayings. A recent remark is worth recording: "There may be such a thing as [illegible] disorder, but there is no such thing as artistic dirt."

[illegible]

... the announcement made by Dr. H. H. Curtis in the Medical News. Dr. Curtis found that two girls employed in a drug store, handling species, were rendered immune from "rose cold" by taking doses of the tincture. This led him to try the effect of hypodermic injections of the extract of roses upon a lady who could not even pass a florist's shop without taking "rose cold," with the result of effecting a permanent cure. He then experimented in a similar manner upon patients suffering from ragweed, golden rod, and lily of the valley, with like success. This "like cures like" remedy is a simple one and worth a trial.

Prince Oukhtomsky sent his celebrated collections of bronze Mongol idols to the Russian Asiatic section of the Paris exhibition. They remained on view for a time, but some of the figures shocked even Paris ideas of decency and complaints began to come in. Having been accepted, the exhibit could not very well be returned, so the officials picked out the worst specimens, packed them in a box of Asiatic appearance and have placed this in a conspicuous position with the label "Mongol Idols."

Asia Minor's tobacco crop was given up this year owing to a plague of caterpillars. An ingenius farmer, however, turned his turkeys into his tobacco patch. The turkeys made quick work of the caterpillars, and there was a boom in turkeys at once. A good part of the crop, especially in the Yenidje district, has been saved.

The executioners of Canton have gone on a strike. The legal rate for cutting off a culprit's head is about 25 cents, but they say this sum is starvation wages, and they want 50 cents.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Hairy or Sand Vetch.

In our illustration of hairy or sand vetch (Vicia villosa) "a" is a cross section of the stem; "b," a flower; "c," stamens; "d," a pod. The vetches, like the other leguminosae, are nitrogen gatherers. The plant is a native of Western Asia and has been cultivated for ... fifty years in some parts of Europe, especially ... Russia, Germany and France. It was introduced into this country about 1847 under the name of Siberian vetch, ... [illegible]

[illegible]

Scale Insects Upon Peach Trees.

[illegible] ... The many specimens sent to the experiment station within the past two weeks have all been the Peach Lecanium (L. Persicae). The insects are motionless hemispherical bodies of a dark purple color, almost black, measuring one-eighth inch in diameter. They cluster upon the twigs and smaller branches, often crowded together on the under side of the twigs. Within the past few days the eggs, which are very numerous under the body of each scale insect, have been hatching and the young insects, mere brown specks, are moving about by the thousands over the twigs. These minute bark lice walk up the twigs waving their delicate antennae, in search of more tender food on the new growth. When they have found it they insert their tiny beak, a sucking proboscis and becomes fixed for life feeding upon the juices of the peach tree. A few of them can do no appreciable injury to a tree, but when they appear by the thousands as they do this season serious damage is caused by them and remedial measures should be adopted. The most satisfactory remedy for these scale insects is kerosene emulsion made by the usual formula sent out by the experiment station and applied with a spray pump now. While the young insects are creeping about and before their mature scale covering is developed, their destruction with this insecticide is quite easy and sure. Not all the trees in an orchard will be attacked and it is necessary to treat those only which are affected.

The orchardist should have a hand magnifying glass to make frequent observations to determine if the insects have been killed by the application and if any have escaped with life after two days a second application should be made. Prompt and thorough work now will prove most effectual.

Michigan Fruit Prospects.

The Michigan crop report for July has the following to say of the fruit of that state:

Apples.—The prospect for apples this year is on the whole better than one year ago. There are some complaints of apples falling badly, yet generally the same correspondent will report a small per cent of orchards cultivated. There is no question but what the crop can be controlled, in a measure, by cultivating, spraying and thinning, and also no doubt but what the crop pays when such measures are adopted. There are a few complaints of canker worm and some of twig blight. Some report that the Baldwin and Spy, old standard varieties, are not doing well this year.

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The Poplar Stem Gall Louse.

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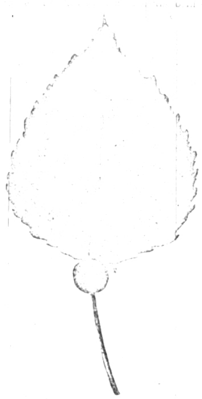

The Poplar-stem Gall Louse. Marked

... on their under side, and a large cavity within, crowded with small dull-white lice and their white-cast skins, and with winged lice of a blue-black color, their antennae reaching beyond the base of their wings, the rib-vein of their fore wings black, thick, much thicker at its apex along the inner margin of the stigma, and the short veinlet bounding the anterior end of this spot more slender than the rib-vein; its length is 0.06, and to the tips of its wings 0.15.

Molasses As Food for Cattle.

A stockman of the South says: "The very short cane crop of 1899 is developing an active demand for low-grade molasses. The low prices at which molasses sold in this country for a number of years, and the fact that considerable quantities of it are thrown away for lack of a market, attracted the attention of the live-stock feeders of England, and immense quantities of molasses have recently been sent abroad for horse and cattle feed, our own people seeming to be comparatively ignorant of the great food value of this by-product of sugar plantations.

Wind and good luck do not last.

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

No. 4

Tenant house and two lots with 105 feet frontage on Saginaw St., and 1[illegible] feet deep, cellar, well, cistern, etc. Price $[illegible]. Electric cars pass the door.

No. 1

[illegible]

No. 3.

[illegible]

No. 5.

Elegant house and lot [illegible] and 20 rods deep [illegible] Fine barn [illegible] bath, closet, etc. [illegible] buildings [illegible] improved city property [illegible] price.

No. 6.

The Van[illegible] farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, [illegible] two [illegible] houses, three barns, [illegible] fine orchard, 15 acres timber [illegible] fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

No. 7.

The J. E. Quick homestead in Birmingham with 1[illegible] feet frontage on Saginaw St. and about 150 feet deep. [illegible] dwelling, good barn, fine lawn, [illegible] Electric cars pass the door every half hour for Detroit and Pontiac. [illegible] Owner [illegible] We will make it an object for buyers to investigate this bargain. Make [illegible]

No. 8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is a most [illegible] that it is the John [illegible] farm [illegible] town of Troy. 220 acres, [illegible] good flowing wells [illegible] 9 acres of fine orchard, [illegible] Birmingham, 3 miles straight south of [illegible] where there is a church, store, postoffice, school, etc. Price low and terms easy.

No. 9.

Excellent farm on Gilbert Lake, about three miles from Birmingham. Good buildings, fences in good shape and everything in good repair. Lovely location on the lake and fine fishing, boating and hunting. [illegible] acres of as fine farming land as there is in the county of Oakland. Will exchange in part for good improved city property. Thirty acres of good heavy timber. Terms very easy.

No. 10.

Large roomy two story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences; [illegible] feet front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

No. 11.

The old Shutes farm in the township of Troy, one mile east of Birmingham, [illegible] acres, all cleared, 7 acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There are other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

No. 12.

The Bailey farm in the town of Troy, 12[illegible] acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of [illegible] good beech and maple timber, [illegible] orchard. Circumstances [illegible] to sell at once and the man who [illegible] one of the best bargains in the county. Look it up.

No. 13.

[illegible]

No. 14.

[illegible]

No. 19.

[illegible]

No. 20.

[illegible] D. & P. [illegible] easy terms. [illegible] We also [illegible] 40, 50, 51 and 52, Block 5 in [illegible] near Royal Oak, at $20 per lot.

No. 21.

The Corson Homestead on Maple Ave., consisting of lots 6, 7 and 8 of Willitt's plat, being 6 x 116½ feet each. 180 feet front on Maple Ave. one of the most valuable residence portions of the village. A good comfortable house and good barn, with ample room for a garden. Fine shade trees and best neighborhood in the village. Frontage along this locality on Maple Ave. is worth $25 per front foot; that would make $4,500. Now, owing to the fact that Mr. Corson wishes to sell and sell right away, he will take $3,500, and it ought to be spot cash at that; but that can be arranged so that the terms need not worry you at all.

No. 22.

One hundred and [illegible] acres in the township of Troy on section 33 [illegible] 25 acres timber, [illegible] the Detroit, Rochester & Lake Orion Electric Railway, [illegible] office.

No. 25.

The Toynton place, a nice little farm of 70 acres, with four acres of good orchard and buildings as good as anybody's. One mile west of Bloomfield Centre (the postoffice), five minute's walk from Long Lake. Basement barn which cost nearly $1,000. House has seven rooms and woodshed, cellar, cistern, well, tool house, chicken house, pig pens, corn crib. A never failing stream runs through the farm. This farm is on the line of the proposed Bloomfield and Orchard Lake Electric Railway, from Bloomfield Centre to Orchard Lake. The price which was $65 per acre before the new electric road was thought of, remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone "kiting."

No. 2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 20 acres timber, [illegible] miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

No. 23.

It was formerly known as the "Wilder Farm" and contains about [illegible] acres of excellent land, [illegible]

No. 26.

[illegible]

No. 27.

[illegible]

No. 28.

[illegible]

No. 29.

[illegible]

No. 30.

[illegible]

No. 31.

[illegible]

No. 32.

[illegible] township of Troy [illegible]

No. 33.

[illegible]

No. 34.

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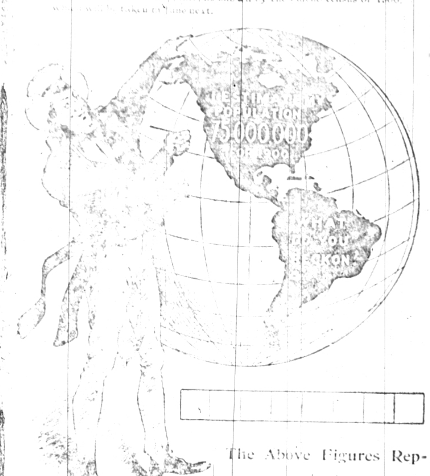

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