

WHY THE WEDDING WAITS.

I sorter thought I'd speak my mind next time I went to see Maria, but they'll never make an orator of me!

HE WAS AN APACHE.

BY CHARLES MICHELSON.

THEY were all gone. The floor of the little canyon was covered with the debris of the camp.

It didn't take him long to understand. There were tracks there never made by moccasins, and he followed the broad trail until he comprehended.

PUT THE CAN TO HIS LIPS. But there are other ways of getting a wolf than by running him down.

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of a hill. He knew it was not an Indian, even at that distance, because Apaches do not ride along a ridge where their silhouettes can be seen from miles and miles away.

The murder of the prospector would, of course, be discovered, and men would come to hunt him.

So Jesus lived alone in the mountains. He did not molest the ranches except to steal a horse or a cow for food.

And from his perch along the rocks he shot the man, but he did not kill him outright.

Half a dozen of his tribe, hard pressed after the murder of a teamster, crossed the line and reached their old camp in the Sierra Madre.

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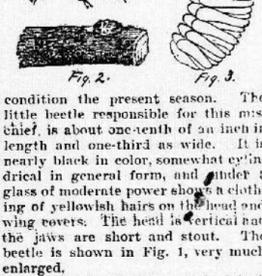
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FRUIT BARK BEETLE.

Although a recent importation it has done much harm. This insect is comparatively new to the farmers and fruit growers of the United States.

My attention has been called to it many times during the present year, in orchards throughout central and southern California.

The beetle will attack perfectly healthy trees, but has a decided preference for weak and sickly ones.



condition the present season. The beetle is responsible for this mischief, is about one-tenth of an inch in length and one-third as wide.

The adult beetle after making a hole in the tree deposits its eggs in little grooves made in the inner bark.

The fact that the fall brood passed the winter in the larva state, the first remedy the suggests itself, is the cutting down and destruction, by burning of all infested trees during the winter.

Indirectly the Wheeling Crane Will Be of Value to Farmers. It is estimated that 500,000 bicycles will be sold the present year.

Annual Loss from Poor Roads. Gen. Roy Stone, government engineer in charge of the department of inquiry, said at the National Good Roads conference at Asbury Park last week.

Empress Plotina had a gold thumb ring weighing six ounces, which bore her portrait. This ring is now in the British museum.

In the later Roman empire rings cut from solid stone, generally agate or onyx, became fashionable.

RIVERS OF THE NEW WORLD.

The St. Lawrence river is only 775 miles long, but if the lake system be also taken into account its total length will exceed 2,000 miles.

The San Francisco, a river of Brazil, is 1,400 miles in length, and was so called because it was discovered on the feast day of St. Francis.

The Mackenzie, the principal river of the Dominion, is 2,500 miles in length and drains an area equal to one-half of the United States.

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