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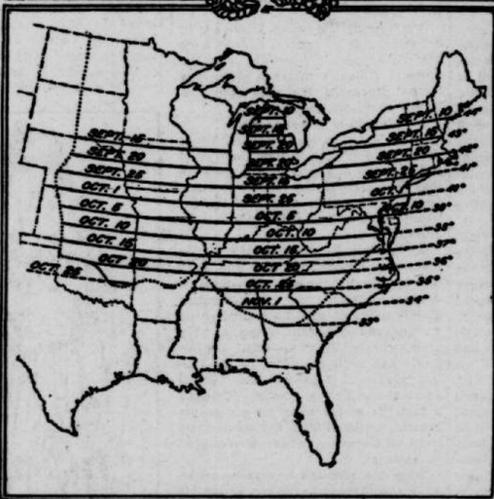
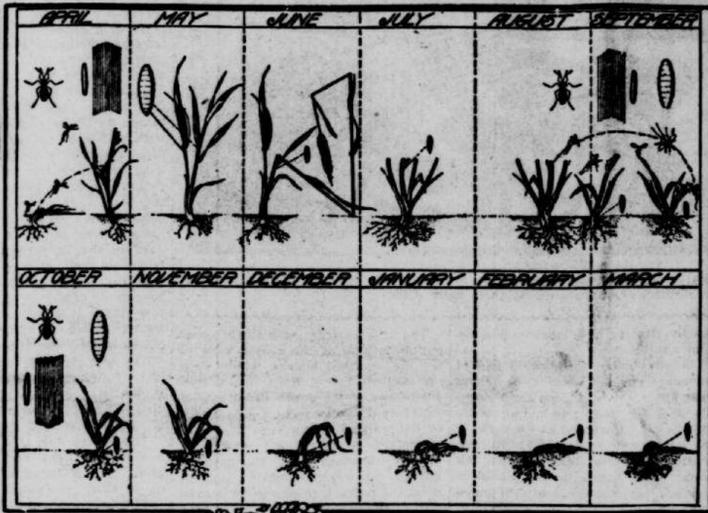
ORGANIZE TO FIGHT THE FLY

The county demonstration agents in northern Oklahoma, together with a number of entomologists and other agricultural experts recently held a meeting at Claremore, Okla., and formulated a campaign to starve out the Hessian fly in their locality. This is an excellent method of starting the work of organizing the farmers to eliminate the fly, according to the department's specialists, and by all means should be followed throughout the fly-infested territory. These Oklahoma agents and farmers have already adopted a specific campaign, which, in short, is the same as recommended by the United States department of agriculture, as follows:

STARVE OUT THE HESSIAN FLY.

The Hessian fly, being in the "fuzzed" stage in wheat stubble and in unharvested wheat from June till September, or even October in the South, can be destroyed by carrying out the following methods of control:

1. Burn, where possible and safe, all stubble and ruined wheat.
2. Disk all stubble and ruined wheat immediately after harvest, where burning is impracticable.
3. Plow under deeply all stubble and ruined wheatfields before August 15; harrow the ground, and roll if necessary.
4. Harrow, disk, pasture, or otherwise thoroughly pulverize all volunteer wheat.
5. As a necessary preparatory to sowing, plow as early and deeply as existing conditions will permit; disk, harrow, and roll until a thoroughly pulverized, compact seed bed is obtained.
6. Do not sow wheat until after fly-free date.
7. Rotate your crops if possible.



Map showing approximate dates in the fall, in various parts of the country, after which, under normal meteorological conditions, wheat may be sown without exposing it to serious attacks of the Hessian fly. The dotted line indicates the southern and western boundaries of Hessian fly distribution in the eastern United States. Owing to the influence of humidity and elevation on the time of appearance of the adults in the fall, the dates after which wheat can be sown with safety vary as between the semiarid West, the region of the Great Lakes and Middle West, and the Appalachian Mountain region.

and this should be done with the point in view that unnaturally shriveled or otherwise imperfect kernels cannot produce healthy wheat plants. When the kernel sprouts it at once sends fibrous roots down into the soil from which to draw nourishment for the young plant, and if little or no nourishment is secured the wheat plants are put into somewhat the condition of stunted calves, pigs, or other farm animals which are underfed.

Wheat plants cannot secure prompt and ample nourishment if the roots must make their way about among clods due to poor preparation of the soil, or in soil that lacks in fertility. The farmer, then, should begin the preparation of his soil with the object of delaying the sowing of the wheat and afterwards of pushing the growth of the plant to the utmost until the beginning of the cold weather. There are farmers who grow wheat continuously year after year but who rarely lose a crop on account of Hessian fly attacks, and even more rarely does the pest originate in their own fields.

It must always be borne in mind that it is possible for a careless farmer, or one who insists upon sowing his wheat before the flies have appeared and disappeared, to raise in the fall a brood large enough—wintering in the "fuzzed" stage and emerging in the spring—to spread out over the fields of his neighbors and destroy their crop, even though these neighbors may not themselves have produced enough of the flies to cause them any damage whatever.

There are some points with regard to the foregoing information that all farmers within the fly-infested district must take into account. These farmers should, above all others, be most familiar with the conditions of their own localities as to weather, soil and latitude. They should also of all others be the most familiar with their own fields. No one can lay down an exact date upon which each and every farmer may sow his wheat and be assured of absolute immunity from Hessian fly attack.

OUR SPOILED HUSBANDS

How far the American wife can safely hew to her lord and master without "spilling" him is a question which depends more or less upon the man's personality, but there are some points which are of almost universal application. The husband who works all day, works for the home and the dear ones in that home, is entitled to quite a large amount of fond wifely indulgence—in fact, up to a certain point he may be and should be "spoilt."

But beyond that certain point a very gentle, but very firm, line may be drawn, because the best man ever born will become selfish and exacting if a woman voluntarily constitutes herself his slave.

And there are some wives who almost unconsciously put themselves in this unsuitable and degrading position, who fetch and carry and pamper until the master of the house becomes a dictatorial as an eastern potentate.

Take the case of a couple who married only recently and who may be referred to as Mr. and Mrs. North.

Every morning now, before Mr. North gets up, his wife spreads out socks and undergarments in exactly the most convenient and adjustable position; she takes the razor out of the case; she fills the bath and she puts out a selection of the most likely ties.

Then she waits in anxious humility until Harry opens the bathroom door and shouts "Ready!"—which means that she may now brush and part and brilliantine his hair, fasten his collar, put in his links, lace his boots, pull up his socks, turn up his trousers, flit his fish, butter his toast, pour out his coffee, fill his tobacco pouch, find his ticket, brush his hat, roll up his umbrella, collect his money, polish his eyeglasses, unfold his handkerchief, look for his watch and finally open the gate and watch him down the road.

These or similar slavish attentions are repeated in the evening.

Of course, the wife who refrains from doing all in her power to make home truly a "home, sweet home," for the man who works hard to pay the rent and taxes is not worthy of her wifehood. No affectionate consideration should be spared, no wish overlooked, no request forgotten, no loving service withheld—it is her happiness to do all the can for him who does so much for her—her supreme pleasure to make her will subservient to his.

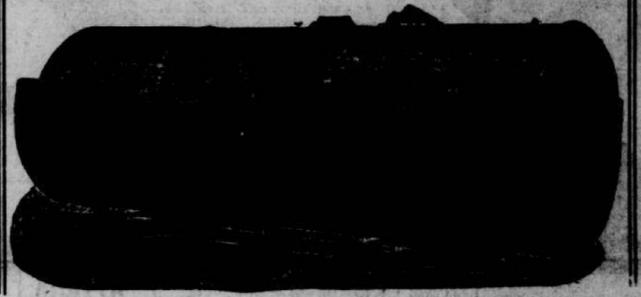
But there are times and cases when a line must be drawn, and the wise wife is she who looks out for danger signals which tend to show that she is giving way just a little too much.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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