



"SPEED THE FLOW."

Ravages of the Insect Army.

In the great war against weeds we are in danger of forgetting that we have an enemy of far greater power, because working often insidiously and unscanned, which requires to be as much guarded against, namely, the insect enemy.

We are moved to these remarks by a communication we recently read in a horticultural journal in regard to the celery grub. All who have had experience in the culture of this vegetable know that they have much trouble some seasons from the operations of a very small worm, which gets underneath the surface of the leaf and feeds on its green cellular matter.

This has been exemplified in the case of the cucumber on the plum. All sorts of easy scarweevils have been the bane of the fruit. Some dust the trees with lime, with sulphur, with ashes—others stick tar in rags about the tree.

Of course we can get some help from outside agencies, and of these birds are the best. But even these we need to assist in order to get the best results from their work.

These little hints may be of service at this season of the year. The war must be begun early, with personal effort. The ways and means need not be specially referred to. Only let it be recognized that personal labor of some kind must be at the bottom of success, and how to do it will often suggest itself.

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