

Spotton, of Barrie, and one that we are confident will be received with no ordinary pleasure by many of our readers. Mr. Spotton is most favorably known as a writer on Canadian botany, and we are confident that the papers he will furnish will be read with avidity by every one who desires to become acquainted with our wild wood plants and flowers. We intend that they shall be sufficiently illustrated to make them easily intelligible to the youngest reader. These papers will constitute a series of popular instruction in elementary botany, illustrated wholly by reference to Canadian plants. It is too true that our young people are very largely growing up in ignorance of the correct names and natural affinities of our most common wayside flowers. It seems to us that some of the time now spent in our common schools on arithmetical conundrums might be better employed in the study of the forms of life with which we are surrounded, but as such matters are beyond our reach, we commend the forthcoming papers from Mr. Spotton to the attention of all, and especially of our younger readers.

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A Yearling Tree of the hardy Catalpa ; or,
A Yearling Plant of Fay's Prolific Currant ; or,

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We find that Tent Caterpillars are killed by the Buhach (pyrethrum) powder, blown through bellows. It is an easy method of application, while no injury results to either leaves or branches.
—*Rural New Yorker.*