time. Insect fighting requires persistence and knowledge of what to do at the proper time to obtain results. There is a period in the life history of most of our tree pests when it may be most easily destroyed. This stage is not always at the time when the



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most injury is apparent, or when the average citizen wakes up to the necessity of doing something. The life history of the pests must be known in order that treatment may be given at the right time. Besides, to spray trees of considerable size requires an apparatus which the average citizen cannot be expected to have.

The injury to trees by borers is a case in point. The foliage does not

show the effect of the damage nor do the limbs begin to die until three or four years after the caterpillars of the borers do their fatal work. Then the people wonder why the trees are dying. Hundreds of sugar maples died in the northern section of the State of New Jersey during the years of 1905 and 1906 as a result of the ravages of the borers a few years before that time. Attention to them at the time the insects were active would have saved the trees.

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