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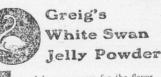
Remarkable Outbreak of Cutworm.

Last week much alarm was created in the neighborhood of Leamington, Ont., by an extraordinary outbreak of cater-pillars which devoured everything before them. Application was made to the Agricultural College at Guelph for advice and assistance, and Mr. L. Caesar of the Entomological Department was at once sent up to investigate. The insect proved sent up to investigate. The insect proved to be the Variegated Cutworm (Peridroma sauoia), which has on previous occasions appeared in devastating numbers, the most serious outbreak having occurred in Paritish Columbia and the neighboring Pacific coast states in 1900. Near Leanington the worms were first observed in clover fields where they soon devoured the crop and left the ground bare and black; they then marched on to the next field and consumed whatever vegetation they met with, corn and tobacco, toma-toes and other vegetables, seemed espec-ial favorites for consumption. If a fruit tree happened to be in their way, they climbed it and devoured both fruit and

foliage; many peach trees were thus attacked and the fruit ruined.

Like the cutworms these caterpillars teed only at night and remain in conteed only at night and remain in con-cealment during the day, biding in the ground where the soft is loose and under any rubbish or other shelter that they can find. When full grown the worm is about two inches long, with a yellowish stripe on each side above the legs, the rest of the body is darker and mottled with black, white or grey; the most characteristic feature is a row of yellow or white spots, five to seven in number, along the middle line of the back. Some are already changing into the chrysalis are already changing into the chrysalis stage, for which purpose they bury themselves in the ground and form there an oval earthen cell. The moth, into which they finally turn, has a wing expansion of about an inch, and is dark blackish themselves to clear the property of the planted with inch or about an inch, and is dark blackish brown in color, often clouded with red towards the front margin of the wings, but with no conspicuous or distinguishing markings; the underwings are white with a pearly lustre. Like so many other of our most destructive insects, this one

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tacked REMEDIES.

The most effective remedy for these The most effective remedy for these nocturnal marauders is the poisoned brau mash, which is made by mixing half a pound of Paris green in 50 lbs. of bran (the proportion for larger or smaller quantities is 1 to 100); the poison should be added to the dry bran little by little and stirred all the time till the whole is inved with the green color, then add inged with the green color, then add

be added to the dry bran little by little and stirred all the time till the whole is tinged with the green color, then add water sweetened with sugar or molasses till the mixture is sufficiently moistened to crumble nicely through the fingers. If bran cannot be procured, shorts or flour may be used and for field work may be distributed dry by means of a seed drill. The mash is sprinkled about the plants at sun-down and after dark the worms come out and eat it in preference to the vegetation and then go off and hide, usually in their places of concealments. Paris green, half a pound to 40 gallons of water may be used on many plants with much advantage.

When the worms are very numerous and are moving on from one field to another, their progress may-be checked by ploughing a deep furrow ahead of them—two about 4 feet apart would be better—in these post holes are bored or dug from 12 to 15 feet apart. The furrows should be made in the morning so that the sides may be dry and reliable by night fall. The worms fall into them as they march and being unable to climb up the loose sides they travel along the furrow and fall into the post holes; there they will be found in docens or hundreds in the morning and can easily be killed. Where the soil is stiff clay, this plan will probably not be so effective, as the worms may be able to climb up the sides and go on their way; reliance will then have to be placed in the poisoned bait. Where the soil is stiff clay, this plan will probably not be so effective, as the worms may be able to climb up the sides and go on their way; reliance will then have to be placed in the poisoned bait. Where the soil is stiff clay, this plan will probably not be so effective, as the worms may be able to climb up the sides and go on their way; reliance will then have to be placed in the poisoned bait. Where the poison is scattered.

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