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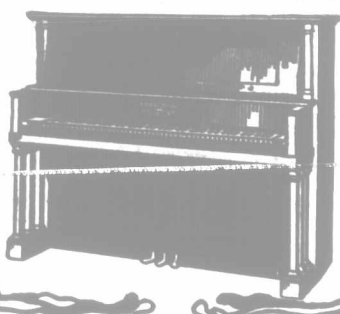
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

BRISTLY OXTONGUE.

S. McC., Bervie: Two plants are enclosed for identification and advice.

1. The weed with the narrow leaves, woolly stems and yellow flowers, subtended by straw-colored spines, is Barnaby's thistle, *Centaurea solstitialis*,—referred to last week.

2. The weed with yellow flowers and prickly stem and leaves, is the bristly oxtongue, *Picris echioides*. The small prickles, best seen along the stem, terminate in barbs of four recurved points; a good lens is required to see them distinctly. It is a European weed, which, in Macoun's list of Canadian plants, is reported from only two stations—one at St. Stephen, N. B., and the other along the Niagara River, near the Falls. It is not safe to say whether or not, if let alone, it is capable of establishing itself in this country. J. D.

BROWN ROT OF PLUMS.

I have a large plum tree on which the plums come to a certain size and then turn brown and fall off. It did the same last year. Do you think it is because of the tree being too full of leaves or not? Do you think thinning out branches would make them any better? What should I do with it? W. R. J.

Ans.—The difficulty with the plums is no doubt due to a common disease known as brown rot, which is common to nearly all stone fruits. The remedy consists in thorough spraying with Bordeaux mixture, and three or four applications should be made—the first one before the blossoms open, the second as soon as the blossoms fall, and the remainder at intervals of ten days. Thinning out the head of the tree will prevent, to some extent, the ravages of the disease, though it will not be a complete remedy. J. W. CROW.

HARDY NURSERY STOCK.

Can you give me the name and address of a reliable nursery, the farthest north, and at the highest altitude in Ontario? We are high here, and the trees grown in the Niagara peninsula do not do well, so thought if there was a nursery in the Bruce peninsula, you would know of it. J. L. H.

Ans.—I am quite aware that nearly all of the nursery stock going into Huron and Bruce Counties is grown in Southern Ontario. Any failures with this stock are, however, probably more due to the treatment it has received, than to any deficiency in the stock itself. I am not aware, of course, of the particular difficulty your correspondent has met with in respect to handling Niagara-grown stock, and can only suggest that greater care be used in handling the same. I know of no nurseries in other parts of Ontario which are in a position to supply better stock than that which comes from the Niagara peninsula. J. W. CROW.

O. A. C., Guelph.

ORCHARD NOT BEARING.

Planted apple trees ten years ago, the Russets, McIntosh Red and Peach, on a hill of sandy loam, sloping to the south. They have borne no fruit as yet. W. M.

Ans.—Several reasons may be ascribed to the failure of these trees to bear. As I am ignorant of the circumstances surrounding the trees, I can only outline the probable reasons, and leave your correspondent to judge for himself as to which is likely the one.

Are the trees sufficiently well fed? On poor soils, trees very frequently make little growth, and fail to produce fruit. Good cultivation can make up, to a considerable extent, this deficiency, and if the trees are standing in a condition of entire neglect, and on poor soil, they could scarcely be expected to bear fruit, even although other conditions are favorable. If these conditions prevail, the trees would not be likely to bear to any extent, but if the trees have been blooming, and still fail to mature fruit, the cause must be looked for elsewhere. Are the pests, such as codling moth, sufficiently under control to permit of fruit maturing? There are very many cases to be noticed where trees are unproductive through no fault of their own, simply because of the multiplicity of natural enemies. J. W. CROW.

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