

✧ Question Drawer. ✧

Wash for the Peach Tree Borer.

An inquiry was received some time ago with regard to the composition of Mr. Hillborn's wash to destroy the peach tree borer, because as first published it was indefinite. The following is his recipe :—One bushel each of fresh lime and hardwood ashes, with enough water to make a good whitewash. This will require thirty or forty gallons. To this mixture add one pint of crude carbolic acid. Mr. Hillborn says, "I remove the soil from the base of the trees and apply the wash with a brush, as near the roots as possible, extending up one or two feet. This should be applied during the last of May, and completed early in June."

Spraying Pump.

680. SIR,—Would you be kind enough to tell me where I can get a good spraying pump, and what nozzle to use? I have sent to Montreal, Toronto and Boston for the McGowan nozzle, but no one seemed to have it.

EDWARD BAYFIELD, *Charlottetown, Ont.*

There are few really satisfactory spraying pumps manufactured in Canada, and, as a rule, we have found it necessary to import from the United States our first-class pumps. The one which has been advertised in our journal, first under the names of Little Dandy, and later, as the Ideal, which is now being made in Brantford, comes closer to our requirements of any manufactured in Canada, so far as we know. If the manufacturers will remedy some little faults in it, which can be done without much trouble, we would be able to highly recommend this pump. It is not so expensive as American pumps, and works quite satisfactorily indeed. The McGowan nozzle can be purchased from Mr. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines, Ont. The price is \$2.25, but these nozzles do excellent work. For a small hand pump write Mr. W. E. Saunders, London.

Apples for Leeds County.

681. SIR,—I have a couple of farms, which I lease out, and I have been thinking of planting an apple orchard on one or both. I only want one or two varieties, and these winter fruits. Some admire Spy, some the King, some McIntosh Red, some the Ontario. I hear good and bad accounts of each. How many trees should I plant to the acre?

J. R. DARGAVEL, *Elgin.*

In our opinion the Ontario would be the best apple for the County of Leeds, of the four mentioned by our correspondent. The *Spy* is one of the very best apples in quality, but a little tender; the *King*, also ranks among the highest flavored apples, but is a wretchedly poor producer of fruit; the McIntosh Red is a beautiful dessert apple, but inclined to spot; while the Ontario does not spot, is very productive, and, being quite hardy in South Hastings