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DOPE FOR ROSE PESTS

How to Deal With Some Persistent Rose Enemies.

A Remedy at Hand for Every Assailant—In Cold Weather Spray in the Mornings — Generous Cows Need a Good Grain Ration.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Spraying with water under pressure with a fine spray is a good preventive for the various pests that infect rose bushes. This, however, is often times not full effective, but only a help.

Tobacco and Soap Solutions Effective.

Strong tobacco or soap solutions applied in the same way as stated for the water are good remedies. Three ounces of whale oil soap dissolved in a gallon of water will make a good solution for green aphids, red spider and thrip. A solution of tobacco water can be made by placing tobacco leaf stems or raw tobacco leaves in a pail, 1 1/2 or 2 pounds; fill the pail with boiling soap suds, cover up, and allow to cool! Strain and spray it on the plants as required.

Another good formula is made by mixing one part slightly sour milk and two parts of coal oil. These must be mixed (churned) together thoroughly first, then add 20 parts of water and mix thoroughly. This must be used quickly, as it does not keep long.

The following preparations sold at large seed stores are also good. Sulpho-tobacco soap and Black Leaf 40 are good remedies. These are also sold at some drug stores. Full directions for use are given on the packages. I find it an improvement to use soapy water in mixing Black Leaf 40.

These remedies are for aphids, thrip and red spider mainly.

Dealing With the Slug.
Another pest that infests rose bushes is what is known as the rose slug, a slimy green caterpillar, about one inch long, that eats the leaves and also eats into the flower. Dusting the bushes when the leaves are damp (not too wet) with dry hellebore from an old baking powder tin having a perforated lid, will help to keep down these pests; or an ounce of hellebore powder may be mixed with a gallon of water and sprayed on the plants. These are all very effective remedies for pests on rose bushes. Care must be taken, however, not only to be particular in mixing the ingredients, but also to apply thoroughly to all parts of the plant, more especially to the under side of the leaves for the white thrip and red spider, and start early in the season before the pests appear. Prevention is better than cure.

When to Spray.
In applying any of these solutions, any spraying necessary in chilly weather should be done in the morning. During the very hot weather, spraying may be done in the evening. If spraying is done in chilly weather it induces mildew. The remedy for downy or powdery mildew is to dust the plants with flowers of sulphur or spray with a solution made by mixing one ounce of potassium sulphide in three gallons of water. An application of any of these remedies should be made every week or ten days from early in the season until the end of summer. The potassium sulphide is also a good remedy for "Black Spot," another fungus disease that attacks the leaves of rose bushes. All dead or diseased leaves caused by black spot or mildew should be gathered up and burned. —The late Wm. Hunt, O. A. College, Guelph.

Feeding Young Chickens.

Young chickens should be fed from three to five times daily, depending upon one's experience in feeding, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Undoubtedly chickens can be grown faster by feeding five times daily than by feeding three times daily, but it should be borne in mind that more harm can be done to the young chickens by overfeeding than by underfeeding, and at no time should they be fed more than barely to satisfy their appetites and to keep them exercising, except at the evening or last meal, when they should be given all they will eat. Great care must be exercised not to overfeed young chicks that are confined, as leg weakness is apt to result.

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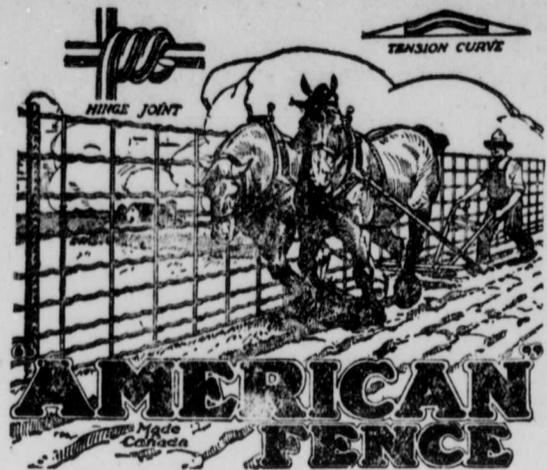
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