

**PROTECTION OF TREES FROM INSECTS.**

The following simple method of preserving fruit trees from ravages of insects is recommended by the Director of the school of Arboriculture of the Parc de la Fete d'or at Lyons:—The creatures are said to have a great antipathy to vinegar, the mere odour of which is enough to drive them away, and in some cases to destroy them, and nothing more is required than to sprinkle the branches with a mixture of vinegar and water at the moment the blossoms begin to appear.—The mixture recommended consists of one part of vinegar to nine parts of water, but as the French vinegar is very strong, perhaps the amount of water should be less when English vinegar is used. When mixed, the solution is to be sprinkled over the flower-buds, by means of a garden syringe, or watering-pot, with a fine rose. Said to be very effective.

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