

DISEASES AND INSECTS.—Chief among the diseases in point of destructiveness comes the “yellows.” The origin and exact nature of this disease are unknown. It is highly contagious, and will ordinarily destroy a tree in three years. Though an On-

and wiry growths shown in the three central twigs in Fig. 33 will enable the grower to diagnose the case. Each outside twig in this figure is a normal twig.

Leaf-curl is a highly injurious fungous disease affecting the peach. Fig. 34 shows

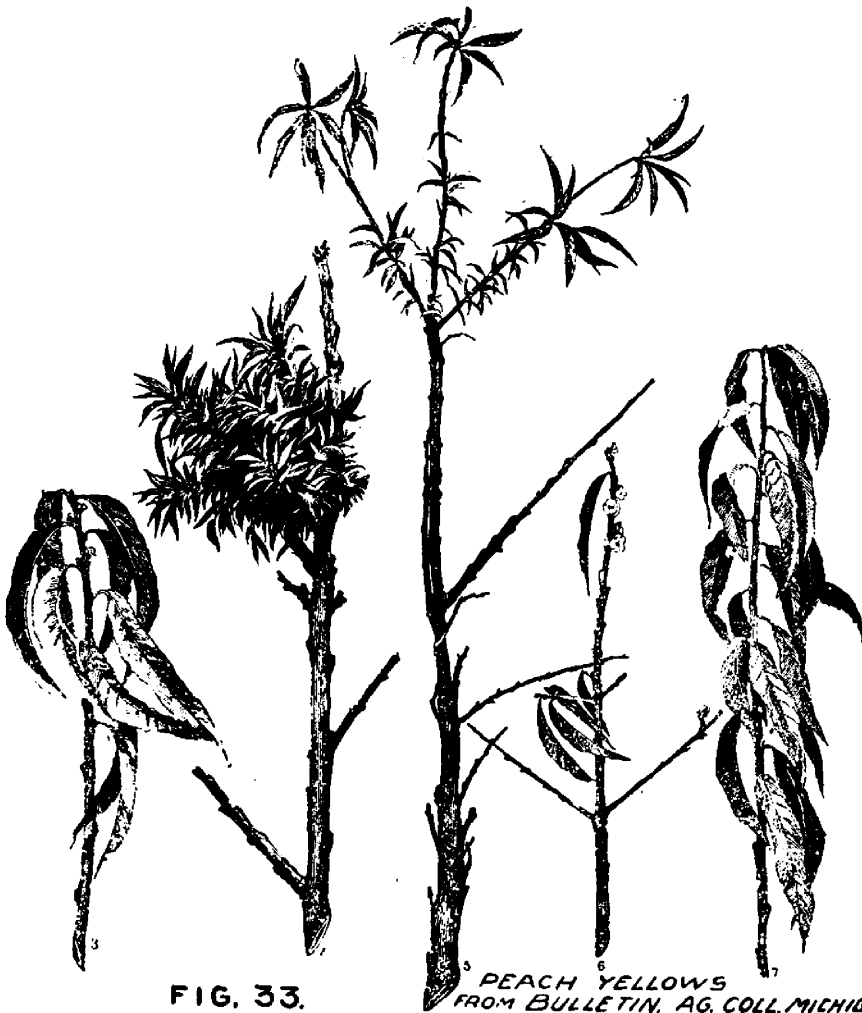


FIG. 33.

PEACH YELLOWS
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tario statute provides for its destruction the law is often a dead letter owing to the apathy of the local authorities. The wise man will take out at once and burn any tree showing symptoms of this disease. The premature ripening and spotted appearance of the fruit is a sure sign, and the sickly yellow foliage

the typical appearance of a diseased twig. Three remedies exist for this trouble. Spraying with Bordeaux mixture, once before the blossoms open and once after will do much to control it. Whale oil soap, one pound to the gallon, has been thoroughly effective in Ohio, applied immediately before the