

PEACH YELLOWS.

The following from a bulletin issued by the Ohio Agricultural Experimental Station will be of value to fruit growers:

"This destructive, contagious disease of peach trees has shown greater virulence the current season than during any other year since the station began to study it. Such is the number of diseased trees, however, in the affected portions of the state, as to call for prompt and urgent measures to limit the spread of the disease. This can be done, so far as is known, only by prompt removal of affected trees, root and branch, and burning them as near as possible to the point of removal. Dragging the affected trees through the orchard is not advisable.

The symptoms of 'yellows' are:

(1) Premature ripening, by from one to six weeks, of fruit which is high colored and spotted and has the flesh marked with red.

(2) Premature development of winter buds in the formation of short shoots or clusters of narrow elongated leaves. This growth is often very conspicuous where the old leaves have fallen from the present year's growth.

(3) Growth of shoots from adventitious buds on the trunk and larger branches of the affected trees.

(4) For the present season, general yellow color of the trees with peculiar backward folding of the leaves and general premature dropping of the foliage."

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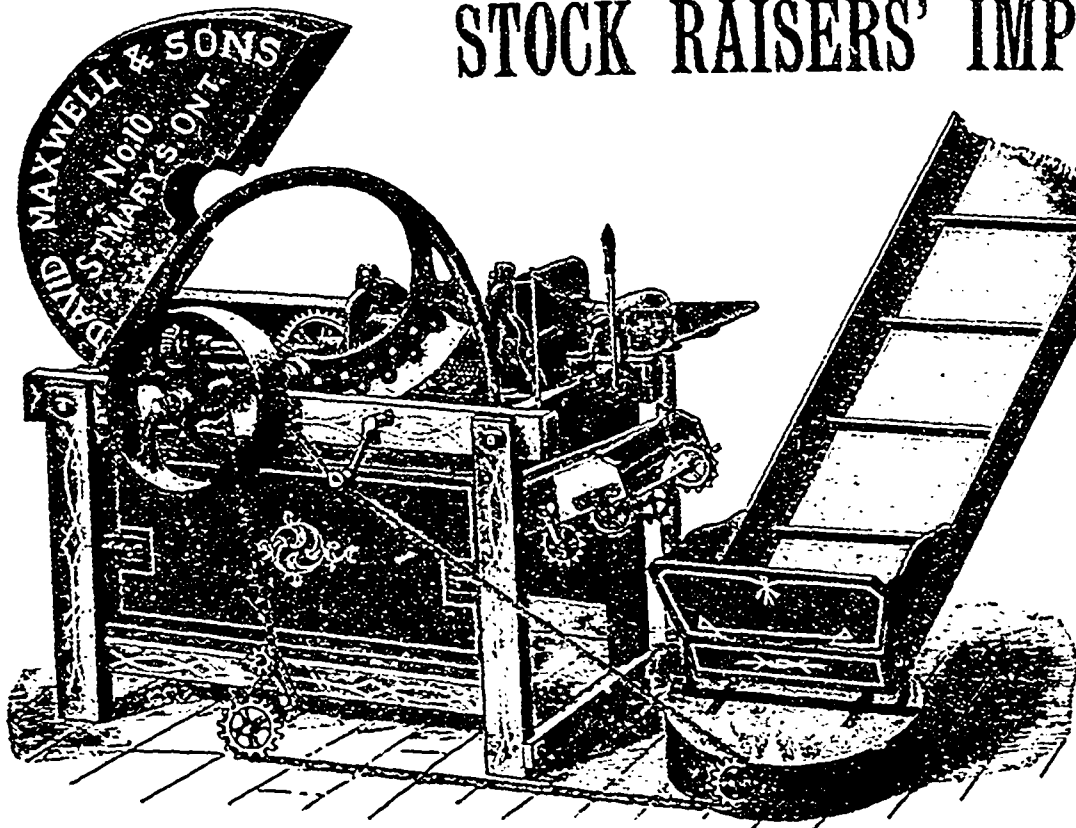
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