

close to the root of a plant, disturb as before then place the dish a few inches from the plant; the ants will follow the dish and nest under it when they can be scalded without injury to the plant. One thing to be careful about is never raise the dish to see what the ants are doing till you are ready with the hot water or they will take warning and the next time you look for them they will have retreated under the surface.

Another method is:—Catch a toad, place

it under a dish, box or flower pot over the ant hill. Leave it there for three or four days, according to the number of ants and the capacity of the toad. When you raise the dish you will find the toad waiting to be moved to fresh feeding grounds with not an ant in sight. This is the simplest and surest method of getting rid of ants I ever tried. Sometimes it is necessary to place a stone on the dish or box to keep it down solid.

Mitchell.

T. H. RACE.

## Open Letters.

### Deciduous Shrubs.

SIR,—In an article in the May number of your journal, a list of hardy shrubs is given as a guide to those who would buy something reliable for their grounds.

I would say that the list contains some that are not hardy here at Port Huron. If they fail here I fear that they would do so over a large portion of your country.

Of the Deutzias, *Pride of Rochester* fails entirely; *Crenata*, leaves subject to rust; *Crenata, flore pleno*, a little better but fails to winter sometimes; *Gracilis* is not reliable; *Scabra* stands the winter the best of family.

Only few of the *Altheas* are sure to go through the winter. I lost all of my light colors last year. The red was injured only a little.

*Spiraea Prunifolia* kills a little. Several varieties of *Spiraea* are tender.

*Tamarix* can not be depended on.

*Negilia Candida* is tender, so is the *Smoke tree*. None of these are any more hardy than the peach. Where that kills, these are liable to kill. I make this statement hoping it may help some.

Port Huron, Mich.

L. B. RICE.

### Bind Weed.

SIR,—I noticed the question on the 253 page of the June number of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, respecting vine weed or bind weed.

Six years ago I had wild morning glories among my raspberry bushes, in one part of my garden. These I got rid of by careful weeding and digging, without removing the bushes.

Later, however, I discovered another plant, or weed, very much resembling the wild morning glory, which I think must be the one known as bind weed. At first it was confined to one square yard in a flower bed. I fought it for a couple of years with ordinary weeding and digging, but I found, instead of being destroyed, it had spread over about a square rod, even making its way

under the hard beaten paths, and reappearing in the soft soil beyond.

In the fall of 1890, I dug the whole patch, and picked out with my fingers, every root I could find, no matter how small. The next spring, however, it appeared again, here and there over the patch. During the summer of 1900, I continued the fight. Wherever I found the weed, I dug around it carefully, often tracing the root down into the hard subsoil, two feet below the surface, and still it was going downwards. When I had taken out the root to that depth, I poured into the hole from half a cupful to a cupful of coal oil, and filled up the hole.

This summer, so far, I have not seen one of the weeds in my garden, and I am hopeful I have exterminated them.

Hespeler, Ont.

H. J. BROWNLEE.

### Fruit for the Pan-American.

SIR,—For the past few weeks we have been able to place on the tables of the Ontario Fruit Exhibit, a very nice collection of apples in the fresh state, and a variety of fruits in glass. Our display so far has been very much admired by the large number of visitors attending from day to day.

As the season for the various small fruits is now here it is very desirable that as large a number as possible of our fruit-growers and shippers, should be interested in the project of sending over samples of the very best fruit to be obtained, in order to maintain the high standing as a fruit producing country, which we at present occupy.

I will be extremely pleased if you will write me at your earliest convenience as to what fruits you are likely to have, and as to whether you may be able from time to time, to send me a few fine specimens of fruit from your neighborhood.

You may rely that no effort will be spared in order that all exhibits sent forward may be brought prominently before the Jury of Awards from time to time, so that every exhibitor may receive full recognition when the awards are finally made.