

States, but it is reasonable to suppose that many years may elapse before natural enemies prey on it there to the extent that they now do here.

That the insect is not an easy one to contend against in the United States may be inferred from the results obtained in the experiments recorded by Dr. Howard. In this warm climate the Californian lime-sulphur-salt wash will keep it in check if the wash is well made and thoroughly applied, and fumigation with hydrocyanic acid gas destroys eggs and all other stages when one ounce of cyanide is used for each one hundred and fifty cubic feet of enclosed space. Many suburban people have all their stone-fruit trees protected by whitewashing them from the ground to the tips of the twigs every winter.

All in all, I consider that *Diaspis amygdali* is almost as much to be feared in the peach orchard as *Aspidiotus perniciosus*. The whiteness of the scale renders the former easier of detection, it is true, but conspicuous as it is by reason of its colour, people here often unwittingly infect nursery stock in the process of budding. American nurserymen and fruit-growers are not, I feel sure, any the less likely to commit such a blunder. The insect is fond of secreting itself behind buds on young wood, and much of it is often to be found in such situations when the twigs elsewhere are quite clean.

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We beg to offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. M. V. Slingerland upon his appointment to the important position of Entomologist to the State of New York. We may also congratulate the authorities of the State upon having selected one so eminently fitted for the position. Mr. Slingerland is a graduate of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University, and for the last eight years has been a member of the University Experiment Station at Ithaca. In this capacity he has published a number of admirable bulletins on injurious insects, and a large number of articles of a popular character on practical entomological subjects in various agricultural papers. He has also contributed to this magazine and to other scientific publications, many valuable papers of a more technical character. He has thus proved himself to be thoroughly well qualified to carry on the work at Albany, both in its scientific and practical departments, in accordance with the high standard maintained by his eminent predecessors, Drs. Asa Fitch and J. A. Lintner.