

same shall be recovered in the manner provided by Section 15 of this act.

Sections 17 and 18 no doubt apply to municipalities where the dog tax is levied, as the spirit of the law is that only the receipts from the tax shall go towards paying damages for sheep worried. In the operation of the law the receipts from the dog tax collected each year over and above the sum required to pay for damages by dogs go into the general fund of the municipality. If, in the present instance, when the tax was in force some years ago, the surplus receipts from the dog tax went into the general fund, and have not since been paid for damages caused by sheep worrying, it might be possible—though we are not sure on this point—to collect damages from the municipality to the extent of this surplus, provided the owner of the sheep worried has made every effort to trace up and get damages from the owner of the dogs.

Diseased Plums.

John S. Campbell, Komoka, Ont., writes: "I sprayed my plums, etc., as per *FARMING* of May, 1897. But my plums were stung with small yellow jackets. Then a hard, dry spot would form, which would enlarge and spread through the cluster, which, when it decayed, would become coated with a mildew and would fall off. This tree was over loaded; but the other plums were not affected, namely, Mores Artic, Bradshaw and Shipper's Pride. The kind affected was the Lombard."

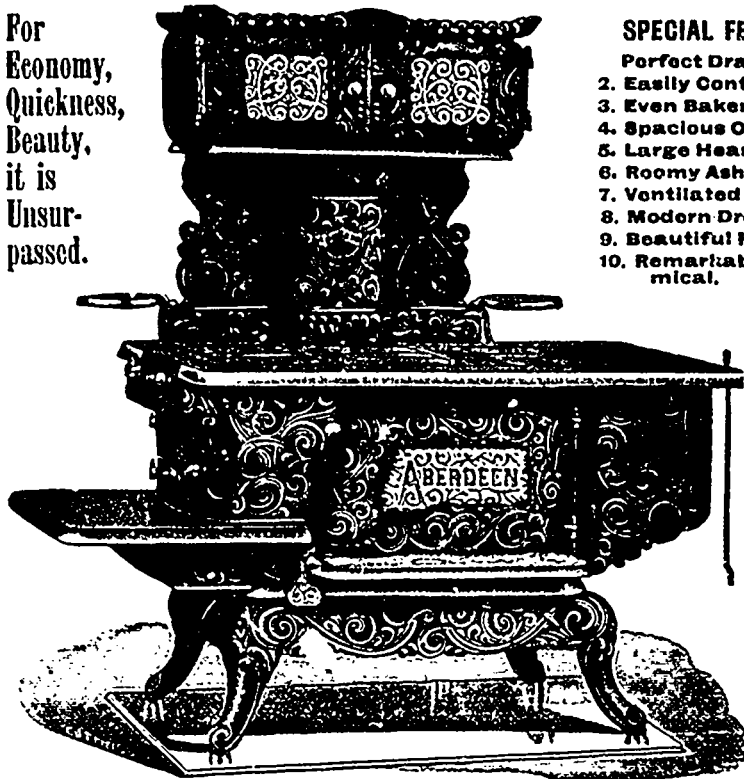
Answered by Dr. Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The statement by your correspondent, referring to spraying plum trees, is somewhat vague, and I am not quite sure what the information is which he requires. The reference to the stinging of his plums by small yellow jackets may refer to the attacks upon the fruit by wasps which sometimes do considerable injury to plums and other fruits by biting holes in them and consuming the fruit. Particularly is this the case when they have acquired the habit in seasons when the fruit cracks. The latter part of your correspondent's letter, where certain varieties of plums become coated with a mildew and many fall to the ground, refers, I believe, to the attack of a fungous disease, known as the plum rot.

I know of no remedy which will prevent wasps from attacking fruit except covering the trees with netting, which, of course, in large orchards, is impossible. For the plum rot, spraying the trees early in the season before the buds open with a simple solution of copper sulphate, one pound in twenty-five gallons of water, and later on, beginning soon after the plums fall, and repeating the application three times, ten or twelve days apart, with Bordeaux mixture and paris green, will largely control this disease and prevent injury. It is, of course, too late now for your correspondent to get the full benefit of this treatment, as the copper sulphate application cannot now be used without injury to the trees; but I be-

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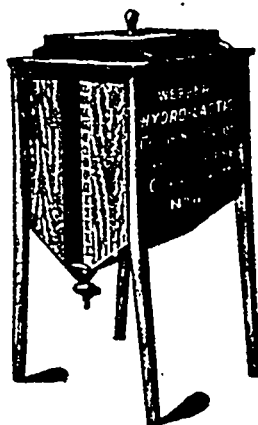
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