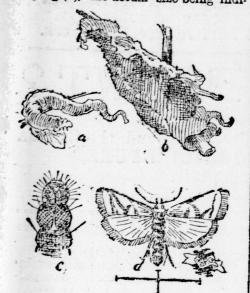


THE LEAF CRUMPLER.

A Little Timely Care Will Soon Exterminate Them.

The apple-leaf crumpler—the rascalleaf crumpler of some authors—is too common an insect in orchards. Yet its destruction is comparatively an easy matter, as will appear from the following account of its transformation and ing account of its transformation and habits. In the perfect stage the insect is a gray moth, with darker markings on the fore wings, as shown in the enlarged figure accompanying (d), the actual size being indi-



APPLE-LEAF CRUMPLER. cated by the cross lines below. This moth appears in the latter part of June and later, and deposits eggs upon the leaves of the apple, thorn, quince and leaves of the apple, thorn, quince and other apple-like fruits. The larvæ are soon hatched and begin work upon the leaves, protecting themselves meanwhile from observation and destruction by making a small, blackish case (a) in which they are mostly concealed. When feeding and moving about, the head and fore part of the body are thrust out of this case, which yet remains the retreat of the insect until full-grown. The larvæ are nearly half-grown before winlarvæ are nearly half-grown before winter checks their work, and by this time the case is enlarged sufficiently to form roomy winter quarters. It is then always securely fastened to the twig or branch by a silken band and concealed more or less perfectly by dried leaves drawn around it (as in b). In spring the larva again begins feeding converge its case about begins feeding, carrying its case about with it as necessary, and if the leaves are not yet out, attacking the swelling buds or the tender bark. The full larval size is soon attained, and before the transformation into the inactive pupa the worm again fastens its case to the twig or leaf and remains therein until

appearing as a moth. Such, then, is the outline of its life history. The suggestions as to checking its progress are two. In a small orchard and with young trees the gathering by hand of the cases as they hang exposed to view is an easy task, and if well done will go far to exterminate the insect. Where this is impracticable, or where the orchard is under treatment in spring by spraying for other apple pests, this species may be practically exterminated by the use of paris green in spray with water. If farmers will use the poison named in the proportion of one ounce to fifteen or twenty gallons of water, the former proportion best in an orchard not hitherto under treatment, we are confident that he will no longer complain of this pest. Where this spray is used to protect the apples from the young apple worm, the leaf crumpler is killed by the same application. Upon non-bearing trees it will be sufficient to spray them once thoroughly as soon as the leaves are expanded, taking care not to defer the application until the larva has withdrawn into its case for transformation, which usually it does in the latter part of May. -Kansas Farmer.

Farm Fagots. Many trees are injured by injudicious

To graft or bud, only young, vigorous stocks should be used.

If a sheep is kept dry it will stand cold much better than heat.

Feeding and watering regularly is essential to the well-being of the fowls.

Feeding just enough to keep alive affords no material for eggs or growth. Be sure to keep for breeders hens that lay right through the moulting period. Pear trees must have annual pruning. It is a better practice than thinning the

Cut off decayed and diseased branches and rub off superfluous buds when they

The fats and oils of food are absorbed and flavor the product, be it eggs, meat

or butter.

make sheep breeding a permanent industry in this country.

When farmers learn to fill legislative | xi, 22). and other positions their abilities will be recognized.

Sheep are valuable in that they will feed on ranges that cattle cannot live

Lice on The Poultry. More fowls are killed by lice than by all the diseases that afflict poultry. They do not work in winter but that is the best time to begin on them. Pour kerosene over the perches a few times during the winter using it pretty freely about the supports and along the cracks and in the spring they will fail to ap-

Advice About Starting a Herd. The late Hiram Smith was once asked to state the first step to be taken in starting a dairy, and his prompt answer was: "Buy a bull." The bull is always the most important half of the herd, and the more inferior the cows the more important it is that the bull should be

of super-excellent dairy merit. Where Potash is Needed. Potash is valuable for fruits and sandy and limestone soils nearly always need

it. Clay soils sometimes contain sufficient potash and often they do not. The Farmer's Friend. The sheep is the small farmer's friend because with them they can convert into a good product much that would other | come.

wise go to waste

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VI, SECOND QUARTER, INTER-NATIONAL SERIES, MAY 6.

Joseph's Last Days—Text of the Lesson, Genesis l, 14-26—Golden Text, Proverbs iv, 18-Commentary on the Lesson by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

14. "And Joseph returned into Egypt, he and his brethren and all that went up with him to bury his father." For seventeen years did Jacob enjoy Joseph's presence and care in Egypt (chapter xlvii, 28) and died at the age of 147, having first blessed all his sons and charged them to bury him beside Leah in the cave of Machpelah, where Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, had already been laid. When Jacob was dying, he, with confidence in the promises of God, blessed the sons of Joseph and assured Joseph that God would bring them all out of Egypt (Heb. xi, 21; Gen. xlviii, 21).

21; Gen. xlviii, 21).
15. "And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us said, Joseph will peradventure hate us and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him." That looks like a very mean estimate of their brother, who had so freely and fully forgiven them and had so abundantly cared for them for so many years. One cannot read chapter xlv, 1-15, without seeing that it was pure unbelief and actually made Joseph a liar. But it is just the way that many Christians treat the Lord. They cannot believe that He has nothing against them and that He will never mention their sins, and so will never mention their sins, and so

will never mention their sins, and so they make Him a liar (I John v, 10).

16. "And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying." A messenger's only responsibility is to receive and deliver his message correctly and promptly. Haggai was the Lord's messenger with the Lord's message (Hag. i, 13), and the message accomplished the work.

17. "So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren and their sin." This was no new sin they were asking forgiveness for, but the old wrong of 37 years before which had been fully forgiven for over 17 years. We have no record that Jacob ever told his sons thus to appeal to Joseph. If he did, he was as bad as they yet there are Christian. Joseph. If he did, he was as bad as they. Yet there are Christians who, being assured of forgiveness (Eph. i, 7; I John ii, 12), are all the time asking forgiveness for the same old sins. No won-

giveness for the same old sins. No wonder Joseph wept.

18. "And his brethren also went and fell down before his face, and they said, Behold, we be thy servants." It was in fear they came, begging for that which had long ago been given them. This is not the kind of servant Jesus expects to find in those who have been made nigh by His precious blood (Eph. i, 13). Not serving to obtain forgiveness, but serving because forgiven, is the right way. Serve the Lord with gladness.

19. "And Joseph said unto them, Fear not, for am I in the place of God?" It

not, for am I in the place of God?" It was against God they had sinned, and from Him first they should have sought forgiveness. David recognized this when he said, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight (Ps. li, 4). We must seek forgiveness from God, for all sin is against Him by Mr. Patrick Donohoe, of Beston, in 1879, (I Cor. viii, 12), and then from those against whom we have offended.

20. "But as for you, ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good to bring it to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." In almost the very same words had he spoken to them of this matter seventeen years before. yesterday, to day and forever (Heb. xiii, 8), of Jehovah, who says, "I am the Lord, I change not" (Mal. iii, 6).

21. 'Now therefore fear ye not. I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly unto them." This is at least the fourth "fear not" in this story (xliii, 23; xlvi, 3; 1, 12). The first in the Bible is in Gen. xv, 1, and the last is Rev. i, 17, or ii, 10, but how many heart comforting ones there are throughout the book! I find constant comfort and strength in such as I Sam. xxii, 23; Isa. xli, 10, 13; Joel ii, 21; Mark v. 36. We are to comfort others with the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God (II Cor. i, 4); therefore I pass them on.

22. "And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's house, and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years." He was 30 when he first stood before Pharoah (xli, 46), so that he had 80 years of prosperity and honor in Egypt. He would be about 56 when his father died; therefore he lived to make good his word to his brethren for at least 50 years. 23. "And Joseph saw Ephraim's chil-

dren of the third generation. The children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were brought up upon Joseph's knees." After Job's affliction he saw his son's sons, even four generations (Job xlii, 16). It is one of the blessings of the righteous to see children's children and peace therewith (Ps. cxxviii, 6). 24. "And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die. and God will surely visit you Good wool and profitable wool cannot readily be grown on anything but a healthy flock of sheep.

and offing you out of this land unto the land which He swear to Abraham, to isaac and to Jacob." This was confidence in God. By faith, Joseph, when and bring you out of this land unto the Spring lambs and mutton sheep will he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandment concerning his bones (Heb.

25. "And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence." So when Moses led Israel out of Egypt he took the bones of Joseph and when their wenderings of Joseph, and when their wanderings all had ceased they were buried in Shechem (Ex. xiii, 19; Joshua xxiv, 32). Joseph might have desired such a funeral as he gave his father and had his body at once buried in the land of promise, but he was so sure of their going up in due time that he was content to wait and let his body remain among them as a token of their coming de-

liverance. 26. "So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old, and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt." Gathered unto his people (xlix, 33), his body still awaits the resurrection of the just at the coming of Christ (I Cor. xv, 23; I Thess. iv, 16). These all died in faith, not having received the promises. These all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect (Heb. xi, 13, 39, 40). That unburied body was a constant sermon to the believing remnant such as Amram and Jochebed, parents of Moses, not to be discouraged by trials, but to wait for the deliverance which was sure to JOHN

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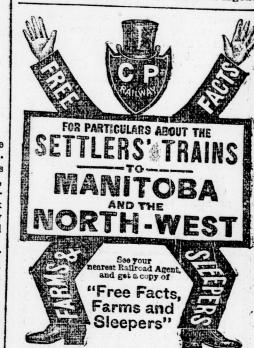
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