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kerosene emulsion, but the farmer cannot make use of these in his cultivation of wheat, oats, corn, rye or barley; neither can he apply them to insect pests on his broad acres of forage crops.

In the same way, fighting the codling moth and San José scale have developed the use of arsenical sprays, as well as those of lime and sulphur, crude petroleum and other sprays and washes. But none of these are of the slightest use to the farmer in his fields, no matter how valuable they may have been to the fruit grower.

The farmer has, therefore, largely occupied the position of a skeptical spectator, who, while seeing clearly the benefits derived from applied entomology by his brother husbandman, the fruit grower, the gardener and even the cotton planter, was seemingly himself debarred from sharing in these benefits, because of the measures being inapplicable to his crops, and, even if this were not the case, his wide areas would render their use impracticable.

Besides all this, the farmer has, himself, held somewhat the position of a critical onlooker as the result of other causes.

Before the advent of experiment stations, and even for some time afterward, letters addressed to the members of university faculties, complaining of the ravages of insects and asking relief, brought the actual farmer little consolation. The replies he received to his appeals for relief were usually couched in terms to which he was unused and much of the text of these replies in a language that he did not understand. Moreover, the replies were usually penned by men who had little or no practical knowledge of agriculture, and thus there grew up between the two not only a continually widening breach, but in many cases an absolutely intolerant feeling on the part of each for the other.

This was approximately the relative positions of the man from the campus and the man from the farm, at the time of the establishing of the Experiment Stations, though there were, of course, some brilliant exceptions. Besides this, many, probably the majority, of those who were afterwards to make the Experiment Stations a success, were yet to be trained and given their practical experience in combining the practice and science of agriculture; and it may be stated that the science of entomology, for reasons previously given, has impressed the farmer the least favourably. Farmers

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