

CORRESPONDENCE.

GLASS PLUM.

The Glass Seedling Plum which I received from the Association was eaten down to the stump two seasons in succession, and afterwards made a strong growth of about four feet and was the only plum tree which stood the winter of 1880-81 with me out of about 104 of different varieties; it has since made a good growth, but has not yet borne any fruit. The Prentiss Grape and Fay Currant have both made a good growth

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INSECTICIDES.

DEAR SIR,—I send you a paper containing an article on an insecticide called "Buhach." My reason for sending it is, that I had not before seen any reference to it in any of our horticultural publications. And if there is any better way of getting rid of insect pests than we now know of it would be an advantage to find it out. The insect pests seem to be unusually bad this year. The hellebore is effectual for the currant worm, but seems to have no effect on rose bushes. My neighbor, Mrs. Wade, says the aphid on her rose bushes seem to grow fat on it. The latter are very bad on my rose bushes, as well as the little white insect that lodges on the under side of the leaf. Latterly, I have been trying a weak solution of Paris Green and carbolic acid, but not long enough to know the result.

There is an insect powder sold by the druggists here at 10 cents per ounce (on enquiry, I was told a pound of it would cost me \$1), that is produced from same species of plant that is referred to in the article above mentioned. The druggist showed the description of it in the U. S. Dispensary, where it is called *Pyrethrum anacylis*, grown on

Mediterranean Coast of Europe, &c. That grown in California is called *Pyrethrum cinerariaefolium*. It would be interesting to us outsiders to have this mentioned and discussed at some of the meetings of the F. G. A. I humbly suggest, and that is all I assume to do in thus bringing the matter to your notice.

I have been spraying my plum trees with Paris Green and carbolic acid. A teaspoonful of former and about two tablespoons of the latter (the carbolic acid is somewhere between the crude and refined), mixed in a pail of water, and sprayed on with a large syringe. I have only, on examination so far as I could reach, been able to find but one plum on each of three trees with the mark of the curculio on it. One of my trees is the Glass Plum, got from the Association some years ago. It is now a fine tree, some fifteen feet or so high, and spreading in proportion. It is loaded with fruit this year. It had not borne any the previous two years, but had a heavy crop in 1883; perhaps I allowed it then to bear too heavily. The fruit was very fine.

The frost nipped the young leaf buds of my Catalpa this spring, but it is now throwing out vigorous shoots. My dewberry, got this spring, is also shooting out nicely. Yours respectfully,

WM. DICKSON.

Parkhill, June 12th, 1886.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—The Green fly can be subdued by frequent syringings with tobacco water, say twice a week, until they disappear. White hellebore, buhach, Paris Green, and such like poisons, will have no effect on green fly, in as much as they can not be eaten by them, but the external application of tobacco water will kill them.