

Agriculture, &c.

THE GREAT INSECT-EATER

The German agricultural papers have published many alleged specifics to prevent the ravages of grubs, insects, beetles, &c., but the best one we have met with is the following, from a well-known Hamburg horticulturist, John Boot, and was published in the Weekly Journal for Horticulture and Botany. He says to this journal:—"In your paper I see some means given for the destruction of the canker-worm (Engerling). I am surprised to find no thing about the means which I employ to do away with them. About ten years ago the canker-worm paid us a visit, and did an immense amount of damage. Whole rhododendron and coniferæ enclosures were destroyed, and the corn fields suffered just as much. By such devastations all artificial means cease, more or less, to work. We determined to make use of a very simple remedy—to cultivate the starling. We caused to be constructed about a hundred nest-boxes of the most simple description, and all were inhabited in the spring of the year. In what masses the starling consumes vermin may be seen in the Natural History."

In order to give a palpable, statistical idea of the value of the birds in the destruction of insects, we will conclude with the calculations of a German landowner named Rubens, who in an agricultural paper, publishes the following figures on the use of the swallows. He says: "A swallow-pair is fifteen hours in the day in motion, and each swallow, on the average, feeds the young twenty times an hour during the day. Both swallows are, therefore, six hundred times by the nest daily. As now each of the parent swallows brings every time from ten to twelve insects, the two destroy in the course of one day at least six-thousand four hundred insects so that a swallow family destroys, daily, seven thousand, and in the month two hundred and ten thousand injurious insects. If the parent swallow, in the first month, when they are alone, eat thirty thousand insects, for the whole summer a swallow family of seven members consumes five hundred and seventy-six thousand insects. If one hundred pairs of swallows make their nests in a village, these birds and their descendants will, in the course of a single summer, eat over fifty-seven millions of insects." The same figures apply to the starlings.

SOAP SUDS.

A cistern or tank of from two to four hogheads should be constructed in the vicinity of the sink or laundry of every farmhouse, and a system of conductors so arranged as to lead the suds and slops into it as they are made.

This liquid matter is a powerful fertilizer, containing the food of plants in a state of solution, and consequently in a condition to be readily taken up and absorbed by vegetables as soon as applied.

Irrigating gardens with soap-suds, after the liquid has become stale, is a powerful means of promoting vegetable growth, especially in dry weather. Some have considered the value of suds to be equal to that of the same weight of manure. This however, is probably an exaggerated estimate; yet we want no additional corroboration to satisfy us of its intrinsic worth as a vegetable stimulant.

Great care should be observed that the decaying matter and suds do not taint the air about the dwelling, as in the process of fermentation and decomposition sulphuretted hydrogen gas is thrown off. This is an active poison. When inhaled, it acts directly upon the blood, thickening it and turning it black. A single gallon of it mixed with 1,200 of air will render it poisonous to birds, and one gallon in 100 will kill a dog. Many of our people are not sufficiently careful about allowing such "sinks of iniquity" to exist about their dwellings. —New England Farmer.

Stirring the soil with an iron rake, about all garden corps, cannot be too strongly urged. Let it be done frequently and well. Two stirrings are as good as one rain, and when the rain comes the soil is in the best possible condition to receive it.

An old cloth—placed in the crotch of an apple-tree will decoy the apple-worm into laying its cocoons underneath it, when they are easily gathered up and destroyed; or a hay-band may be twisted around the trunk, and slipped up and down every few days to destroy the cocoon.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

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