

HARDHACK AND A TIP ON HOW TO GET RID OF IT

Hardhack (Spiraea tomentosa, L.), which occurs commonly from the Maritime Provinces to Ontario (perhaps sparingly in Manitoba and also rather sparingly in Prince Edward Island), is one of our native shrubs which is only of importance as a weed when it invades pastures. In undisturbed pasture land it spreads rapidly, and reason of its size occupies a good deal of space. It has been reported to the Division of Botany of the Dominion Experimental Farms as troublesome quite a number of times during the past few years, one correspondent, probably from conviction, calling it "heart-ache" instead of hardhack.

Hardhack is oftenest seen in rough and swampy land, but chiefly no doubt because better land adjoining is broken up occasionally, if not regularly. A crop rotation with regular ploughing and cultivation, preceded by a summer of fallowing, if necessary to get the land into arable condition, will keep it from being a weed.

In other land which must be left unbroken, the problem is more difficult. Mowing with scythe, or with machine if possible is necessary at least once to prevent seeding; to kill or weaken the plants would require repeated cutting. Sometimes considerable can be done by hand-pulling, which removes more or less of the underground parts. The young growth which comes again after either cutting or pulling, it is claimed, will be eaten off to some extent by sheep if other pasture is not too good. In a scattered stand, or when somewhat reduced by the above measures, individual roots may be killed by application of a handful of salt in dry weather. Probably the amount of salt necessary as a general application would be such as to injure the soil, but experimental work on this and but experimental work on this and

Two other native Spiraeas, the American meadow-sweet occurring chiefly from Ontario westward, are very similar to hardhack in size, habit and abundance, and are frequently found

FINANCE REPORT.

New York, Jan. 10.—Financial reports of Madison Square Garden Corporation filed yesterday revealed a net profit of \$75,327 for the quarter ending November 30. This compares with a net profit of \$319,912 for the same period a year ago.

The report for six months ending November 30, showed a net loss of \$233,121 as compared with a net profit of \$381,008 for the six months' period in 1927 ending November 30.

The explanation of the difference in earnings in the two reports is the highly profitable Tunney-Dempsey bout in Chicago in 1927 and two losing ventures in New York, in 1928, the Mandell-McLarnin and Tunney-Heeney bouts.

There are evenings when the family wouldn't be without a radio, and other evenings when a vote to throw it out would result in a tie.

with it. They may be distinguished from it by their smooth herbage as contrasted with the felty stems and under surfaces of the leaves of hardhack. Their control would be along similar lines.

A RARE STAMP WAS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT

Paris, Jan. 10.—The rarest postage stamp in France is due to the carelessness of a government printer who tore a roll of blank stamp paper. To avoid explanations he mended it with a strip of red paper and when the green 20-centime stamps came out of the machine ten of them were printed on a red background.

RESIGNS POSITION.

Hanover, Pa., Jan. 14.—Edward Wise, superintendent of the noted Hanover Shoe Farms trotting nursery here, has resigned his position to take effect Feb. 15, according to an announcement by L. B. Sheppard, Hanover official.

Lawrence Brown of Lexington, Ky., will supplant him, it was said. He will assume his new duties about the middle of next month.

Only a month and "easy payments" will get a severe test.

MRS. HOUDINI ISSUED A CHALLENGE TO MEN WHO DOUBT GENUINENESS OF MESSAGE

New York, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Beatrice Houdini today answered with a challenge, critics who have cast doubt and insinuation upon her sincerity in accepting as genuine a purported spirit message from her dead husband, Harry Houdini, master magician and former foe of all traffickers in psychic phenomena.

"There are two more prearranged messages which Harry Houdini promised to send," she said. "They are in the same code as that received by me on Tuesday. One is to be sent to sir Arthur Conan Doyle, of England, and the other to Remegius Weiss, of Philadelphia.

"I consider it a fit challenge to ask the magicians and psychics who doubt the genuineness of my message to bring either or both of these through."

Mrs. Houdini voiced the challenge in the presence of John W. Stafford, associate editor of the Scientific American, and this writer, after having signed a statement in which she unreservedly accepted as authentic the message delivered to her in a trance Tuesday by Arthur Ford, Minister of the First Spirit Church, Carnegie Hall.

The challenge was issued as an outgrowth of the statement made yesterday by Joseph Dunninger, a "society entertainer" and her close personal friend and friend of Harry Houdini.

Dunninger demonstrated that he could reveal the contents of a ten-word sentence of which he and a newspaper woman who had written the sentence declared he had no previous knowledge. By this feat he proved, he said, that the revelation of

hidden writings was not a subject to be dealt with only by spiritualistic mediums.

Dunninger asserted the code used in the "revelation" of the Houdini message Tuesday was a well known and simple code, which has been published in a book sponsored by Mrs. Houdini in June 1928.

"The words of the code were published in that book," Mrs. Houdini admitted. "The stage hands whenever we appeared knew the words. But no one except Harry Houdini and myself knew the key to the code and its complete application.

"The message to Conan Doyle is longer and more complicated than is the one which I have received. The message to Weiss is simpler. Both are constructed from this code. I have both in an envelope in the safety vault of the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company where the other envelope, containing my message, is locked up.

"Assertions have been made by Mr. Dunninger which do not coincide with the facts. He asserts I discussed the code message or that Harry discussed it in the last days of his life while a nurse was in his room.

"The nurse was in the room. But what happened was that Harry asked me if I remembered the code. The nurse could not have heard. And why does he not go and get the nurse and find out, if he doubts even my word? Houdini died in my arms without uttering a word. If the code is so well known, so simple, and reading messages in vaults so easy, let Dunninger produce the Conan Doyle message."

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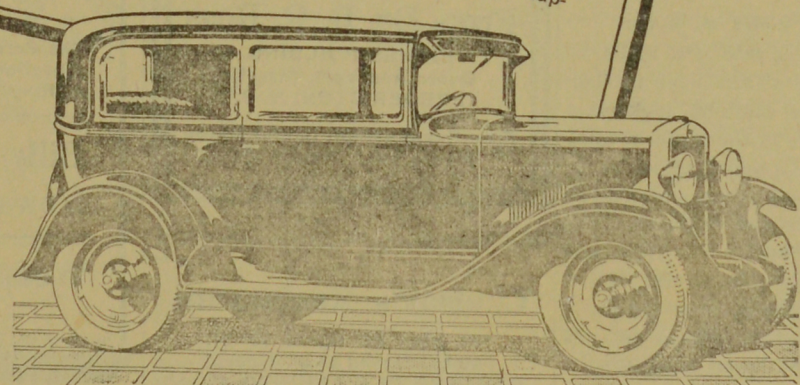
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Lead From The Dummy (From The New Yorker).....

For how my neighbor does her hair, And where we went upon a walk, And why the dish-towels will not wear Is all I have for table-talk. And how the market did its stuff, Or what the comics have to say, And if the gin has kick enough Is how he spends the end of day And in the silences I hear An echo of the brilliant things And solemn thoughts we had last year.

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