

### ABOUT PREVENTION OF THE STEM-END ROT

Difficulty Found by Watermelon Growers and How Caused by Fungus

EXPERIMENTS IN SUMMER WERE VERY SATISFACTORY

Caused by a Fungus Which is Common in Southern Fields.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Watermelon stem rot results in a decay of the melon, at the stem end, which usually develops during transit to market. The investigations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have shown that the cause is a fungus which is common in many southern fields on dead stalks of cotton, corn, and many weeds, as well as on decaying melons. The spores of this fungus are blown about by the wind and lodge on the moist cut end of the melon stem after it is severed from the vine, germinate, and grow into the melon, which often begins to decay within three days.

The experiments made last summer on several carloads of melons offer good hopes that this stem-end rot can be prevented. The method recommended by the Department of Agriculture are as follows:

(1) Cut and burn all weeds around the field and along ditch banks during the winter.

(2) From the time that the melons set on the vines, all cull fruit should be hauled out of the field weekly and fed to hogs, or deeply buried. Wash the wagons used for hauling culls with a two per cent bluestone solution.

(3) Spraying with Bordeaux mixture for anthracnose will probably help control stem-end rot.

(4) Laborers harvesting melons should never cut or touch a decayed melon.

(5) Cut melons with long stems and load into cars with the least possible delay and with the utmost care in handling, to avoid bruising. Open car ventilators.

(6) Most important of all, apply a paste made of common starch with six per cent bluestone to the freshly cut stems as the melons are being packed in the car. It has been found that disinfecting the stems at other times is less effective, as the paste is rubbed off by handling.

As the packer arranges the melons in tiers, have him place the stem ends outward, while a reliable boy cuts off a section of the stem and applies a covering of paste with a small, round brush.

(7) Freight cars that have contained decayed melons or yard refuse should be washed clean and sprayed with a two per cent bluestone solution.

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The rains of last week made the roads awful in many places. Even the best roads suffered to some extent.

**TRESPASS NOTICE.**  
All persons are hereby forbidden to enter or trespass on my land in Little River Township, known as the Windy Hill and Willard lands, under penalty of the law.  
W. R. LEWIS.

### STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL SOUTH CAROLINA PEOPLE

Gov. Manning sent a message to the general assembly last week which was read in the house, asking that immediate steps be taken to provide \$50,000 with which the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane can pay bills for work authorized by the last assembly.

James Ward and Lillie Groce are held in Greenville on a warrant issued by the federal government charging them with violation of the Mann white slave act.

H. R. Carter, M. D., assistant surgeon general of the United States public health, head of the malaria investigation bureau, has gone to Colleton county to study the malarial conditions in Broxton township.

Sunday Schools of all Protestant denominations in South Carolina are expected to observe Sunday, February 11 as "South Carolina Come-to-Sunday-School day."

Without a dissenting vote or debate the house last week accepted the resignation of John L. McLaurin as warehouse commissioner, killed the files delinquent tax bill and refused to recall the Richey "airtight" prohibition bill from its committee.

A resolution congratulating Dr. N. F. Walker, president of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Cedar Springs, and Mrs. Walker on a half century of happy married life was adopted by the house of representatives and a copy of the resolution sent to them. Dr. and Mrs. Walker celebrated their "golden wedding" on January 22.

Gordon Cooper of St. Matthews was found dead from asphyxiation at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. J. Rose.

Mendel L. Smith of Camden was selected to succeed himself as judge of the fifth judicial circuit last week.

William Banks Dove, who begins his term as secretary of state this year, announced the temporary appointment of former Secretary of State R. M. McCown, of Florence, whom he succeeds in office as chief clerk.

The tobacco acreage in this county it is said will be greatly increased this year.

## DO YOU HAVE SICK HEADACHE

Who of us does not suffer at times from this awful pain? All are subject to it—a disordered stomach, inactive liver, constipation are causes. But headaches are mere warnings of something more serious. Heed the warning, take

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and head off the more serious ailments. This preparation positively relieves all perils of constipation and its kindred disorders, and restores the system to its normal condition—gently but thoroughly. Get a bottle today. Two sizes, 50c and \$1. All dealers.

## Fertilizers!

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**Dan W. Hardwick, LORIS, - S. C.**

### WHAT OTHER PAPERS ARE SAYING

**Mere Recurrence.**  
There are reference in the literature of former time that lead us to believe the present egg famine is not unprecedented. When Old Mother Goose wrote "Gentlemen come every day to see what my black hen doth lay," we take it that eggs were then, as they are now about as scarce as hen's teeth. Research makes one realize there is nothing new under the Sun.—Spartanburg Herald.

**Why Try.**  
You can't please everybody, so why try?—Times & Democrat.

**Has Nothing.**  
An Austrian chemist claims to have invented a liquid coating for smoked meats that soon hardens and preserves them indefinitely. At that he has nothing on boarding house chicken.—Exchange.

**They Know It Not.**  
"Brevity is the soul of wit"—but brevity has no place in a lawyer's brief.—The State.

**Well, Who Ever.**  
The Mexican boll weevil may not be entirely wicked—it never came near South Carolina until she voted out liquor.—The State.

**Indeed How Awful.**  
"If the Eskimos had the eight-hour system they'd have to go to work about five hundred times a day."—Winthrop News

**After Him.**  
Senator Smith of South Carolina has announced that he will soon introduce a bill in Congress to create a series of zones in the South, in which no cotton is to be grown for a period of time, as a means of checking the cotton boll weevil.—Copied.

### IS YOUR BOY IN AN AGRICULTURAL CLUB?

Clemson College, S. C.—The parents of a large number of South Carolina boys are going to have the opportunity this year of encouraging their boys to stay on the farm by cooperating with them in their corn and pig club work.

The boys will have an acre of land planted in corn. On this acre they will raise corn to feed their pigs.

It is important that the parents give the boy whatever assistance is needed in the way of good land and teams with which to work their crop. Don't shove off on him the poorest acre of land on the farm. Give him the best. And don't stop there. Give him the benefit of your experience in growing corn by advising with him about every little thing concerning corn growing. Also help him in this way to raise a good pig. This seems like a mighty, little bit to ask of a father, but it is of great importance and it will work to the advantage of both parties. Before you know it you and your son will become as "chummy as school boys," and, he will not think of leaving the farm if the profits of his industry are allowed to go into his own pocket. Advise him to start a bank account.

The American note to the belligerent powers suggesting a discussion of peace terms was debated in the senate, but two hours of discussion failed to bring to a vote the Hitchcock resolution.

**This Is How.**  
Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime, If we'd only work o' evenings, And not fool away our time.  
—N. Y. A.

**Took Him Seriously.**  
Edith: "How did Ethel and Jack become engaged?"  
Ann: "He asked her to take him seriously and she did."—Copied.

**Not Always.**  
When a flood of thought comes o'er a man it doesn't necessarily follow that he has water on the brain.—Desert News (Salt Lake City.)

**So It Is.**  
"Cleanliness, you know, is next to Godliness."  
"Yes" said the man from Pittsburgh "and out our way it's next to impossible."—Dillon Herald.

**Jilted.**  
A lady's hand a man doth eeccc, His fiery heart doth blaaaaaaa; He crouches near her on his kneeecce And poured forth her praaaaaa. He wees her with a seeming eececcc, And looks into her iiiiii. Says she: "Go 'way, you little ttttt, You can't fool me; yyyy."  
—Winthrop Weekly News.

**COPY SUMMONS FOR RELIEF (Complaint Served.)**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Horry.  
Court of Common Pleas.  
The M. B. Thompson Company, a Corporation, Plaintiff

vs.  
James Grissett, otherwise known as Jim Grissett, Nancy Lewis, Julia Ann King, and Emma Gore, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Conway, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated January 9th, A. D. 1917.

W. L. BRYAN, (L. S.)  
C. C. C. P.

H. H. WOODWARD,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To James Grissett, otherwise known as Jim Grissett, and Julia Ann King, Absent Defendants:

Take notice that the Complaint in the foregoing stated action and the Summons of which the foregoing is a copy were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, at Conway, South Carolina, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1917.  
H. H. WOODWARD,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.  
W. L. BRYAN, (L. S.)  
C. C. C. P.

### Colds

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

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the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of Madison Heights, Va., says: "I have been using The Dorf's Black-Draught for stomach troubles, indigestion, and colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I ever used. It makes an old man feel like a young one."

Insist on The Dorf's, the original and genuine. E-67

### FOREIGN ITEMS GATHERED AND CONDENSED FOR EASY READING

George Dewey, admiral of the navy and hero of Manila bay, is on his death bed. A general breakdown by arterio sclerosis has shattered the veteran's strength in his 80th year.

The Mexican American joint commission, which failed to effect an adjustment of the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States after a series of conferences that began four months ago, was formally dissolved last week.

The federal white slave law has been construed by the supreme court to prohibit interstate transportation of women for any immoral purpose, including private escapades as well as commercial vice.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the German Socialist leader, has received an additional sentence of four and one-half years at hard labor and expulsion from the Berlin bar.

The merchant submarine Deutschland, according to a New London (Conn.) dispatch January 11, left its home port on January 2 on another trip to the United States.

Beef, pork, chicken and other meats are so expensive that Atlantic's of moderate means are turning to rabbits to satisfy their hunger.

Robert T. Ervin of Mobile was named by President Wilson as United States district judge for the southern district of Alabama.

Seven vessels were sunk, and nine captured in the Atlantic by German raiders, according to information from a British official source.

Fred Kaiser, who won the national three mile walking championship in 1911 and the national seven mile walking title in 1913, died last week.

The new corrupt practice bill to limit campaign expenses to about \$1,500,000 for each party in a national election was reported favorably Thursday to the senate.

**COPY SUMMONS FOR RELIEF (Complaint Not Served.)**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Horry.  
Court of Common Pleas.  
Ray Worley, Plaintiff,

vs.  
W. P. Causee, L. C. Causee, J. H. Causee, W. H. Causee, and J. W. Holliday, Jr., surviving copartners of the firm of J. W. Holliday & Son, and J. W. Holliday, Jr., and George J. Holliday, surviving executors of the last Will and Testament of J. W. Holliday, Sr., Deceased; and Noah H. Jenrette, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:  
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Dated January 9th, A. D. 1917.  
W. L. BRYAN, (L. S.)  
C. C. C. P.

### PUT YOUR BEST EFFORTS, BEST LANDS, USING THE BEST FERTILIZER TO WORK THIS YEAR, 1917.

The conditions of our United States are such that it demands a crop better and larger than ever before. Every Factory, Railroad, and all industries are running full time, therefore it is up to you Mr. Farmer to furnish the food and clothes which of course with conditions mentioned **PRICES WILL BE GOOD.**

I am prepared to help somewhat to attain your success by selling you as good **FERTILIZER AS YOU CAN GET** When you are ready to buy get **MY PRICES**, you will see where I come in. **TERMS IF WANTED.**

**W. PERCY HARDWICKE**

### TYPEWRITERS.

I have the following Second hand Typewriters for sale:

1 L. C. Smith (used very little)	\$55.00
1 No. 5 Oliver	30.00
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SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.  
Dealer in  
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Conway, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Dated November 8th, 1916.  
H. H. WOODWARD,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To Noah H. Jenrette,—Absent Defendant:  
Take notice that the complaint in the foregoing stated action, and the summons, of which the foregoing is a copy were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, at Conway, S. C., on the 11th day of November A. D. 1916.  
H. H. WOODWARD,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.  
W. L. BRYAN, (L. S.)  
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Horry County.

**TRESPASS NOTICE.**  
All persons are hereby forbidden to enter or trespass upon our lands in Simpson Creek township, known as the Round Swamp lands, under penalty of the law.  
N. E. HARDWICKE.  
H. H. WOODWARD.

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