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The Smyrna Fig in America.
In past issues we have discussed the smyrna fig in the southern end of the semi-arid belt. It may be inter esting to note the growth of the fig growing industry in the United States Until a few years ago all fine figs used here were imported from across the water. The growing of the com mon fig of commerce, White Adriatic, began some time ago, but the inabilit of this fig to compete with the Smyr na fig led to a Californian, George C Roeding, who lives in the Joaauin Valley, attempting to grow the Smyr na fig. But for him we might still be without trees of this variety
He began the enterprise in 1888 Eight years before a California pape had distributed cuttings of the $S m y r$ aa fig tree to its readers, and man thrifty trees were the result. But when the trees came of bearing age they persistently refused to produce the fruit for which they had been planted. The figs on these trees set but never matured. They droppe from the tree before getting half of their growth. It was evident to any investigating horticulturist that the figs were not pollenized.
An investigation of this Smyrna fis showed that it was only the female of the Capri fig and that pollen from that fig must be introduced into the flower of the Smyrna fig to enable it fruit to reach full developmen and maturity. In the country wher these figs are produced there is ittle wasp called the fig wasp that does the work of introducing the Ca pri pollen into the Smyrna fig. This insect is digniffed by the scientists by the name of Blastophaga grossorum. It is a small insect in spite of its big name.

This fig wasp is born in the Capr ig, but leaves it while the fig is stil in blossom. It crawls out throughi the blossom and covers itself with pollen as it does so. It takes refuge in the Smyrna fig blossom, crawling down into it and leaving its pollen for the use of that fig. This pollen enables the Smyrna fig to mature and ripen.
Mr. Roeding tried growing both the Capn and the Smyrna fig trees, but they did not help each other. He tried hand pollenizing and succeeded thereby in getting some fruit. Then he tried importing the fig wasp, but in all cases for several years the 1 g wasp was dead on arriving in this country. It took eleven years to get the wasp introducet alve and then suc cess came. In 1899 the first fig wasps ly pollenized the smint and quick ly pollenized the Smyrna fig. The Asia Minor and spent som went to Asia Minor and spent some months in studying the practices of the fig raisers there.
For three years the industry has been growing greatly in Central Calias fast as orchards being planted Farmers' Review, Farmers' Review

It is not advisable to keep the ground bare of vegetable matter. Cover it with stable manure or with coming of frost.

When grape vines are being set out the holes should be dug deep enough and large enough to permit of the out bending out bending.

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