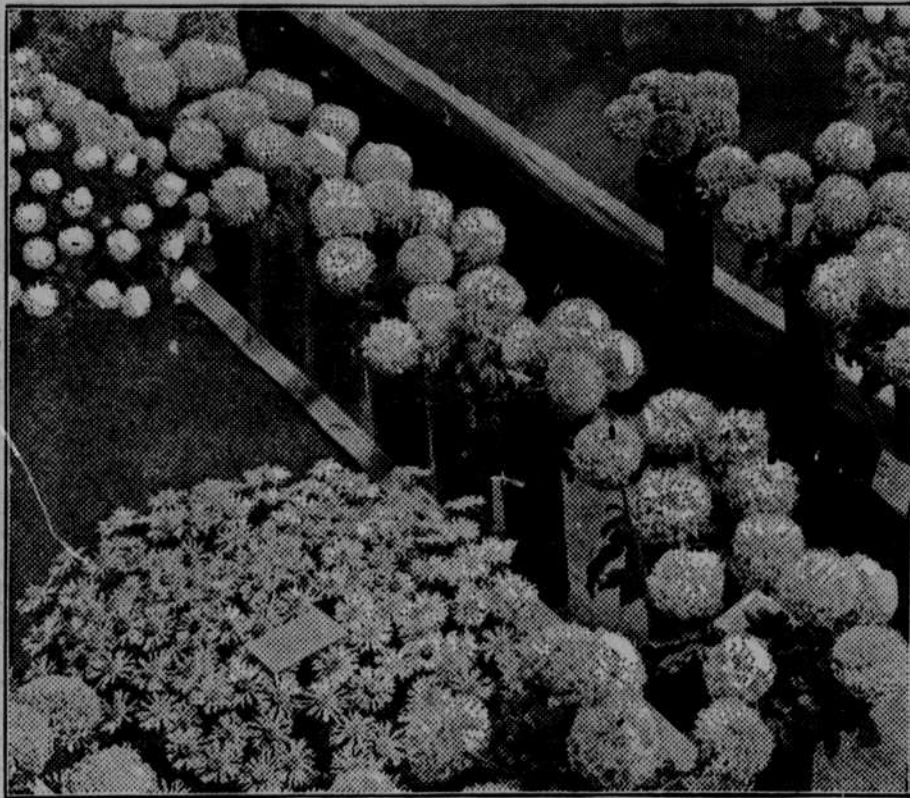


The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery - Their Care and Cultivation



Asters Suffer From Black Beetle.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS

By EBEN E. REXFORD.

Keep watch of your asters, for "in such an hour as you know not" the maggot may attack them. It is better, however, to act on the belief that this enemy is sure to come, and take measures to head him off.

Work wood ashes into the soil about the plants, and remove a little soil immediately about the base of each plant and scatter tobacco dust there liberally. This will not injure the plant, but it may discourage the pest in its effort to get at the stalk of it. Of late, many collections of asters have been ruined by this grub.

The plant will look perfectly healthy today; tomorrow it will have a withered appearance and the next day it will be yellow, and if you take hold of its top and give a slight pull, off it will come close to the ground.

Examination will show that it has been eaten into at that point. Wood ashes are the best preventive of its attacks of anything I have used, and I

would change the location of the bed yearly.

Another aster trouble to guard against the black beetle. This pest comes suddenly, does its ruinous work rapidly, and often injures your plants beyond the prospect of recovery before you are aware of its arrival. Here is where the necessity of keeping watch of them comes in.

When the first beetle is discovered, prepare an emulsion after the following formula: One-half pound of any good, white soap, reduced to a liquid by melting.

One teacupful of kerosene.

Let the soap, to which a little water may be added while it is melting, come to a boil, then add the kerosene; remove from the stove and stir vigorously while the mixture is cooling. A sort of jelly will result. Use a part of this to ten parts of water. Stir well to make sure that the emulsion unites with the water and apply as a spray. Use it liberally all over the plant, and repeat the application frequently. Prompt and persistent efforts are needed to rout this voracious enemy.

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