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MORE DANDELION STORIES

A LAWN enthusiast in Columbus, Ohio, is Mr. Joseph K. Bye. He is known among his friends as an authority on grass culture. In a recent letter he expressed himself as follows on the subject of Dandelion destruction:

"For stabber or spear use a 30 inch metal plant stay, which can be purchased at many seed stores or from gardeners' supply houses and which is already sharpened and has a ring opening at other end for handle.

"For acid container, use an empty mayonnaise jar with full open top holding from one-fourth to one-half pint.

"Container should be set in a cradle made by bending one-eighth inch wire down one side, across bottom and up other side to nearly top of container. The other end of wire should be looped for a handle and for hanging up.

"Container should be wired in cradle by finer wire and should hang about 30 inches from top of handle (same length as stabber) so as to avoid stooping when applying treatment.

"Container should be filled two-thirds full of concentrated sulphuric acid. Commercial grade of acid is much less costly than chemically pure, just as effective, and is obtainable from wholesale drug concerns.

"Acid dipped stabber or spear should be inserted one inch in crown of plant and held there about three seconds. I repeat once before leaving plant. During the past five years, I have experimented with iron sulphate, gasoline, and carbolic acid, but concentrated sulphuric acid has proven by far the most

effective. A plant 'cooked' by sulphuric acid is through.

"The dandelion has ceased to be a problem with me and I easily keep my lawn free of this pest."

Pulling versus Digging

FROM St. Francis Home, Gardenville, New York, comes this suggestion for the spring "reception" to dandelions:

"In early spring we get rid of dandelions by pulling them. The ideal time is right after the frost has lifted and rains have softened the ground. You will be amazed how easily the dandelions, even with very long roots, can be brought up. We pick more out this way in ten minutes than we can dig in half an hour."

"I take care of a good sized lawn and have found that dandelions and plantain can be dug out and kept out quite well by digging them before they go to seed. I had a digger made which has been borrowed by many. It is a bar of hexagon steel about one-half inch in diameter and 3½ feet long and has one end rounded for easy handling and the other forked like a tack puller.

"Jab it down a few inches back of the root and pry out the weed. It cuts or breaks the root so far down or loosens ground so it can be pulled out and will not grow again. Extra good for all long rooted weeds."—Wm. Whitney, Buffalo, N. Y.

And Dairy Goats Relish Dandelions

HERE follows another chapter in the long series on Dandelions and the war to subdue them. We are allowing a Mr. Brox a bit of leeway in his enthusiasm for goats since he seems unable to restrain himself.

"According to the index there are many articles in your *LAWN CARE* bulletins dealing with America's most prolific flower, the Dandelion. I wish to submit yet another method for the control and eradication of this plant under specific conditions.

"If your problem concerns a plot of ground that may be fenced and a neat small house or shed included in the enclosure, Dandelions—leaves, flower and seed—make fine pasturage for dairy goats. These thrifty little animals will select the growing weeds from the grass and convert them into fine-flavored milk for your family use. Under pasturage the grass will thrive and the weeds will disappear. With few exceptions such as Wild Lettuce, dairy goats may be used for controlling weeds and undergrowth, thickets, etc., and at the same time yield a profitable return for their care. The milk is very wholesome and is especially recommended for children as it is so easily digested and contains vital elements not found in cow's milk.

"The problem of the roadside seed blowing over your lawns may also be controlled by tethering a couple of dairy goats out during the day. There are several dairy goat clubs throughout the country. The International Dairy Goat Association is an organization of dairy goat owners united for the pur-

pose of improving and promoting the industry throughout the country. If the Dandelion Growers Union and the Dairy Goat People can get together we have the solution, as well as the 'makings' for an ice cream social on the lawn."—John P. Brox, University Place, Lincoln, Nebr.

Dandelions for Sale!

AN interesting newspaper clipping from the Cincinnati Enquirer was sent to us some time ago by Dr. E. B. Doan of Miamisburg, Ohio. The story was to the effect that while thousands were fighting the Dandelion to the last ditch with countless means of deadly warfare, and despite the fact that this weed represented the outstanding example of overproduction—Dandelions were listed for sale in many seed catalogues. The writer of the column was horrified at the annoying thought of toiling wearily to suppress a pest that perhaps someone in his own neighborhood was sowing! And even a sowing in his own neighborhood wouldn't be necessary, for with that airplane-like equipment a dandelion seed can make a forced landing 'most anywhere. But what griped the gentleman more than anything else was the fact that the seeds were listed at \$4.00 per pound. We could scarcely believe this, but upon looking up a catalogue ourselves discovered a price of 75c per ounce or \$12.00 per pound!

Wouldn't it be a strange turn of events if you who toil diligently to keep the dandelions from the lawn would find that your neighbor who allowed his to run riot had been offered \$50.00 or so for his crop?

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