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ADY IN EUROPE.

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VII.

It is a well known fact that in France, Italy and most of Southern Europe there has been a certain disease among the silkworms, which has baffled the science of the whole world to provide a remedy. As that malady will certain- for facilitating the discovery. ly have an important bearing on the destiny of silk husbandry in Utah, a short digression on that subject will be, I think, acceptable to the numerous

readers of the NEWS.

The real cause of that disease is still a perfect mystery to European breeders, and all symptoms of the disease. as well as for scientific men, in general. Wealth of California (1868, San Francisco), says in that work: "As yet there California. The only pest is ants, which attack and destroy the worms, in order not to be led into French errors. which have bred disease, it may be well to mention the cause of its introduction into France.

there for some years, under the guide of science, of forcing the trees to give of greater leafage. This is done by just mischief; so, likewise, depending solely on varieties which make greater weight of leaf, not sufficiently regardnor the strength of silk it makes.

biggest cocoons only, year after year. The law is the same for all living organisms. The silkworms of France have lost their vigor-they can no longer stand a thunder storm-they cannot clear the silk they spin of the surplus silicious matter, which, in delicate humanity, cumbers the kidneys and is an obstacle to every function of the bodily organs. This is the cause of the 'cutting' of modern silk fabrics, and the absence of the enduring silk dress goods of former times."

In his able report on silk and silk manufactures, Mr. Elliot C. Cowden, United States Commissioner to the Paris exposition, offers the following remarks on the same subject: 'During the period in which the disease in question has attacked the silkworms, great research and the most minute study have been made to ascertain the cause.

"Some have ascribed this calamity to the mulberry; others have compared it to a species of Asiatic cholera, or an epidemic analogous to the cattle distemper, from which England and Germany have suffered so much within the last few years.

"Others have asserted that the breeders had gradully departed from and neglected those healthful traditions and maxims so essential to be observed in the breeding and rearing of such delicate creatures.

"The breeder, perceiving that he could abridge the period of rearing by raising the temperature of the nursery, and thence there arose numerous acci-

dents, because, by raising the temperature the appetite was forced, which caused the derangements in the animal economy.

"These different causes, more or less vague and indeterminate, may have contributed to the development of the epedemic. However, the theory of disease in the mulberry is hardly admissible, considering that it has been demonstrated that worms of different breeds or races nourished by the leaves of the same tree, have experienced different fates. Some succeeded, the others were attacked by the disease and perished; therefore the food in these cases was innocent of the effect.

"After numerous hvestigations by eminent men, certain stots or bodies of peculiar form and appearance were discovered, with the aid of the microscope, in the very tissues of the diseased worms at the bottom of theh digestive canal, evidently forcing to ther organization, and in quantities proportionate to the violence of the disease. To these little spots or bodies the name of corpuscules was given. They are eval, transparent, and smaller than the globules of certain fermentations.

Widely different theories prevail in regard to these corpuscules and the remedies required for their eradication. The distinguished savant, Mr. Pasteur, has come to the conclusion that it is an SERICULTURE .- THE SILKWORN MAL- organic affection of the insect, to destroy which, either a specific remedy must be found, or else all the conditions favorable to the production of the corpuscules must be avoided, either by obtaining eggs from countries exempt from the malady, or by allowing none but healthy insects to propagate. Mr. Pasteur is of the opinion that search must be made for the corpuscules in the chrysalis, and he develops a very ingenious method

It has been demonstrated also that the grubs, the chrysalides and the moths proceeding from the Japanese race, or that of the South American States, have been, to the present moment, free from all trace of corpuscules

This mysterious malady causes, in Mr. Cronise, the author of The Natural | Europe, an annual loss of fifty per cent. and oftentimes more, of all their worms before making their cocoons. Hence are no diseases in the cocooneries of the necessity for the French and Italian breeders of exporting from Japan large quantities of sillkworms' eggs. Japan but they are readily avoided, by keep- is now the only region in the world ing the legs of the stands in water. But capable of supplying them. But the time will speedily come when no fresh eggs can be had, even from that remote country. This malady, which now seems destined to destroy silk husband-"Firstly: A system has been pursued ry in the whole Eastern continent, has not appeared in the Western. California is yet unable, and will remain so for all their vital powers to the production | years, to supply the European markets with eggs. By the early completion of such artificial substitution for the na- the Pacific Railroad, our beautiful capitural law of growth as is applied to grape | tal will be within three or four days' culture. Pruning knives and close travel of New York, and nearer to stripping of the leaves have done the Lyons, the silk mart of the world, than San Francisco.

The above plain facts ought to be considered as an admonition to the farmers ing the health and quality of the food, of Utah to promptly avail themselves of their providential advantages for seri-"Secondly: selecting eggs from the culture. By devoting a liberal share of their resources to the production of silk, they will greatly contribute to save that most important industry from ruin, while at the same they will advance the prosperity of their own country and confer incalculable blessings upon their children. Our climate is among the very best in the world for silk husbandry. Then I urge you all to plant mulberries, in the full assurance that they will soon be wanted.

A FRANK ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

THE Montana Post admits that it cannot

understand the unusually liberal and fraternal spirit evinced in our proposal for a large National Hotel to be erected in this city, in which the capitalists East and West are invited to take shares. It is a candid admission, and we hasten to record it for the benefit of the Post. It is indicative of progress; for a person can not make much advancement in knowledge until he becomes convinced of his deficiencies and is satisfied that he can be taught. We have been aware for a long time that the Montana Post could not understand the reople of this Territory; all that was reeded to convince us of this was to peruse its articles in which allusion was made to us or our movements. We congratulate the Post on the discovery it has made, but more especially on the frankness with which it publishes the avowal. We shall expect an improvement hereafter in the tone and spirit of its articles where Utah or prematurely matured unhealthy broods, her citizens are the subjects, and hope we shall not be disappointed.