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fermish information in a bulletin that will answer these questions, and also those of other enquirers who are equally desire to get some light upon this invisible foe : graminis.)

LIVE RISTORY OF THE BUST PLANT (Puccinia Rost is the product of a minute plant belonging to s very extensive group, called the Fungi. Many of these are microscopic and live upon other plants, feeding upon the attack. juices of the latter to such an extent as to affect their vitality. In this comprehensive injury. group we find plants producing rust, smut, mildew, ergot, blight, potato rot and countless other diseases, that affect the higher forms of plant life. In the case of the socalled rust we find that a spore, which serves the purpose of a seed in higher plants, reaches the leaves or stalks of the plant attacked. If conditions are favorable it seems favorable to its propagation. germinates and soon finds its way into the doing, they are following in the line of plant affected, and gives rise to a mass of tical and theoretical teaching, and my threadlike structures (mycelium) which per- favorable results. meate the host plant and feed upon its posed. So numerous do they become, that amined under a microscope, say 200 diam- their Hall, Rae's block, every alten eters, it will reveal that what appears to be plants, soon germinate, and again myriads Meets in Lodge Room of Markdale L. 0. short time, if conditions are favorable- ing Sir Knights always welcome. Jas. Re A little later in the season, on the same | Sec.

asite, just at a time when the plant has re black spores proceed no further that season and will not again give rise to mildew or for a while. In spring the dark spores germinate and give rise to another form of simple spores (sporidia) formed at the ends of threads growing from each cell of black spores. These (sporidia) as yet have each subsequent insertion. not been discovered to germinate upon wheat; but when they reach the leaves of the Barberry shrub they germinate, enter the leaf and soon give rise on the underside to masses of cup-like structures, in which are produced innumerable round golden colored spores (acidium), which will produce a vegetable growth only when they germinate on the wheat or some other closely allied plant. Then they give rise to the condition referred to as "rust." Such is the life history of this common foe, and to the reader must appear Markdule Church Director a very complicated one indeed; there being no less than four kinds of spores producedvredo, teleuto, sporidia and aidium. These for convenience, we might name summer, Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening winter and spring spcres; spring referring 8 o'clock. Rev. A. Wilson, Pastor; to the last two. Two grow on the wheat plant (uredo and teleuto), one in spring on stabble or fragments of straw (sporadia), and ene on the leaves of the Barberry (acidium.)

THE BARBERRY AS A HOST.

The question naturally arises here, Is the Barberry shrub to be blamed for all the rust? In order to defend this shrub against such a charge several views have been set forward, which are as follows:

- winter upon plants that do not perish like wheat at the close of the season, e.g., couch W. Rutledge, Pew Steward. grass, etc.
- out the intervention of another plant.
- 3. Sporidie may develop on other plants than the Barberry.

truth. That such a common enemy has so surprise is not so great. However, it does seem that a sufficient case has been made out to prevent the further use of this shrub as a hedge plant in the neighborhood of wheat fields. The extreme minuteness of the exiding spores enables them to be carried long distances in the sir, so that it is not processes that the recurs of trouble should

MUNE (Precisis Graminist.)

In reply to your many questions referring to rest, the writer has thought it expedient to

juices, Not long after this vegetative condition has been attained, spores are produced in myriads on the threads of which it is comthey burst in thin covering of the leaf or stalk and show a rust colored rupture. If the powder-like substance thus exposed be exdust is really a mass of regulary formed seed-like bodies, consisting of one cell, oval in shape and reddish in color. Now these spores (uredo), finding their way to wheat of spores are produced, so that in a yery damp, close, sultry weather-a whole field will be affected. The rapidity of growth in these lower forms of plant life is almost incredible, but the facts are too flagrant to doubt it. The rust plant does not stop here. threadlike structure (mycelium), another form of spore is produced; but these are unsually more common on the lower part of the stalk, and are destined to carry the trouble into another season. The former are frequently spoken of as 'summer spores, the latter is "winter spores." These last formed spores (teleuto) are two-celled, pearshaped and black, Affected plants are then said to be attacked with "mildew" and suffer severely from the effects of this parached a stage to mature a seed. These wheat or another plant has served as nurse

1. Uredo spores may be carried over the nection; Mrs. T. Hill. Secretary.

2. Sporidia may germinate on wheat with-

But as yet these are merely guesses at the

long cluded the investigation of scientist may how many conditions are membered C. P. R., going North, 11:40 a m, and 71 how many conditions are required to be observed in searching such a minute foe, the se close at hand. We may reasonably hope

From extensive inquiries into the parties and cause of rust the following have been reached:

1. Seasons are the chief one swiden changes of temperature and companied with close still weather able to its increase.

2. Low-lying rich soils are most a attack.

8. An excessive use of manufacture nitrogen, encourage the disease. 4. Late sown grain is most my

5. Thinly sown crops seem most have 6. Red wheats are less affected than varieties.

7. Rust is more common in the wint

Barberry hedges than at a distance. To lessen the attacks of this trockles parasite farmers should avoid, as far as sible, the conditions referred to above,

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