

PESTS: HOW TO CONTROL THEM

Pest control has been revolutionised by the recently developed chlordane.

(Chlordane is usually marketed as an 80 per centemulsion concetrate in 4 oz. bottles which sell at about 7s. 6d. Mixed with one gallon of water, this quantity of chlordane makes a 2 per cent. spray, which is the correct strength for normal household use. Don't make up more than is required for immediate use. For most jobs one fluid ounce of the concentrate in a quart of water will provide sufficient spray.)

DO NOT USE CHLORDANE AS A SPACE SPRAY.

Ants

In contact with food use a pyrethrum spray. Where food is not involved use a 2 per cent. chlordane.

Bedbugs

Spray mattresses and bed frames thoroughly with 5 per cent. D.D.T.

Bees and Wasps

Spray nests with 5 per cent. D.D.T. To keep them from coming indoors, spray walls, windowsills, and screens.

Borers

Brush or spray on to affected surface a mixture of 20 per cent. dichloroethylether and 2 per cent. chlordane in kerosene, or a light, non-staining oil.

Cockroaches

Chlordane (2 per cent.) around floorboards and pipes.

Flies

Paint screens, windowsills, doorsteps with 2 per cent. chlordane or 5 per cent. D.D.T. Or spray with 0.5 per cent. D.D.T. If you buy a commercial flyspray make sure that it contains a "knock-down" insecticide.

Mosquitoes

Paint screens, windowsills, doorsteps with 2 per cent. chlordane, 5 per cent. D.D.T. Rooms may be sprayed with 0.5 per cent. D.D.T.

Rats and Mice

Use warfarin, which is sold ready to use, mixed with crushed wheat or other grain products.

Sandflies

Paint screens, windowsills, and surfaces near light fixtures with 5 per cent. D.D.T.

Silverfish

Apply 5 per cent. D.D.T. to floor cracks and corners of bookshelves.

Spiders

All types of spiders, including the dangerous redbacks, funnel-webs, and trapdoors, can be wiped out by spraying the webs and woodwork with 2 per cent. chlordane.

Ticks

Remove ticks from dogs, children, or adults with forceps, being careful not to crush, as the fluid they contain is poisonous. Treat animals' kennels with D.D.T.

Weevils

Throw away affected food, clean out cupborads or drawers thoroughly, and spray with 0.5 per cent. D.D.T.



This musical young fellow is Gregory Cromlin of Coff's Harbour.