

New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

THE SAN JOSÉ SCALE AND OTHER SCALE INSECTS.

A careful study of the San José scale and some of its near relatives is being made at this Station. To facilitate the work specimens are needed from all sections of the State where these insects are found. If, therefore, scale insects of any kind have infested your fruit, or other trees, or any of your shrubs or bush fruits will you kindly send specimens? Two or three infested twigs about three inches long will be enough. They should be carefully wrapped to prevent injury.

Scale insects are as a rule most easily detected upon the bark. Those that are commonly found are little if any larger than a pin head. Some of them, such as the San José scale, are nearly circular and often occur in great numbers incrusting the bark. Others, such as the oyster shell bark louse and scurfy bark louse, are longer than wide, and are likely to be more scattered. The former resembles an oyster shell in shape, and is about the color of the bark, while the latter is somewhat pear shaped in outline but nearly flat and is dirty white in color. Although the San José scale is especially desired specimens of these and any other species will be gladly received.

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