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THE STATION is host today to a group of nurserymen who are here to inspect the work with nursery stocks under Mr. Tukey's direction. Representatives of several of the leading nurseries in the State make up the party. The nursery investigations, which are located on a farm on Pre-emption Road just north of the Station, are now sufficiently advanced to give a comprehensive idea of the aims of the work, and the nurserymen are showing considerable interest in developments.

DR. HEDRICK is the guest and principal speaker of the Missouri State Horticultural Society at Mountain Grove, Mo. He will return to Geneva the latter part of the week.

MR. PARROTT is in Ithaca today putting the final touches on the program of the International Entomological Congress to be held at the College the week of August 12. He is also making final plans for the visit of the entomologists to the Station, on August 15. Tomorrow he plans to start a trip through the Hudson River Valley for a series of conferences with fruit growers on the developments of the season in that region.

DR. TH. LIKHOMOS, a member of the staff of the Institute of Applied Botany in Leningrad, U. S. S. R., has come to the Station for a two months' period of study. Dr. Likhonos is particularly interested in certain botanical studies of the apple.

MR. E. V. SHEAR, plant disease specialist for the Hudson River Valley Fruit Investigations with headquarters at Poughkeepsie, has been spending a few days at the Station.

FOLLOWING the settlement of certain technical details pertaining to the publication of the series of vegetable books to be published by the Station, Mr. Hall is now devoting as much time as he can spare from his field work to the final revision of the manuscript of the first of the series which is to deal with pea varieties. The vegetable books will be the same size as the fruit books, but the text matter will be set in a smaller size of type and will be arranged in double-column pages, thus making possible the presentation of much more material in a given number of pages than is the case in the fruit books.

MR. CORCORAN, orchard foreman, who has been seriously ill at his home on Castle Street, is reported to be considerably improved, although still under a doctor's care.

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MISS SPERRY has joined the ranks of the vacationist and will be away from her post in the Director's office for the proverbial month.

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THE STATION receives many curious requests and offers during the course of the year, but one that came in the other day is worthy of special note. Newspaper readers will recall an account recently of a girl near Syracuse having been bitten by a rattlesnake and of the flurry over locating the proper serum for treating her. The Station had the opportunity to become the owner of the snake when some enterprising resident of Onondaga County wrote that the snake was in his possession and could be had at a price. The Station was invited to make an offer for the reptile. The communication was referred to the Entomological Division as probably being better qualified than any other group at the Station to evaluate the worth of a rattlesnake in the Station equipment. The suggestion was made that the snake might be used to good advantage in the State Fair exhibit, but this was over-ruled by the Chairman of the Exhibits Committee on the ground that it would violate the esthetic atmosphere of the Station exhibit. Finally, it was decided to advise the owner to communicate with "Rattlesnake Pete" of Rochester, and doubtless next winter members of the Staff attending the Horticultural Society meetings in that city will view this specimen in Rattlesnake Pete's famous resort.

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PROF. E. L. REICHART of the Dept. of Dairy Husbandry at the University of Nebraska was a visitor at the Station today.

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MENTION of the State Fair prompts us to say that the ponderous contrivance that clutters up the shop just at present is not a merry-go-round. Neither is it designed as a pedestal from which to display bathing beauties, as certain members of the Staff, who might well use their talents to better advantage, have suggested. Briefly, it is to be a pyramid of fruit that is to revolve at a moderate rate of speed and that will occupy the center space in the Station exhibit at the State Fair. The apparatus has taxed the ingenuity of some of the bests minds around the Station, and the important question now is whether it will work.