

SULPHUR FOUND IDEAL APPLE SPRAY

Perfection in apples, so long desired by scientists as well as the public, may be achieved by the use of a new sulphur spray discovered by the Crop Protection Institute.

Announcement of the new fungicide was made at its annual meeting in Washington. The quality of apples depends largely upon the sort of spray used on the trees. The new spray is composed of pentathonic acid, a chemical composed of oxidized sulphur, which has been known only theoretically heretofore.

SCIENTISTS REPORTS RESULTS OF ADVENTURE IN SOUTH SEAS

Mutiny at sea, love under a bread fruit tree, a deserted island, brutal slaughter, and the d.t.'s, were all elements in a remarkable story unfolded to sober scientists of the American Anthropological Association by H. L. Shapiro of the Peabody Museum. The scientists were concerned not with the thrill but with the aftermath which also in some features resembled the happy ending of an adventure romance.

Mr. Shapiro gave measurements which showed that the natives of Norfolk Island in the South Sea, a hybrid race which has developed from English sailors and Tahitian women, are superior to either parent stock. This people are the descendants of the mutineers of the famous ship "Bounty" which set out in 1787 from England for Tahiti to secure bread fruit plants for transplanting in the West Indies. The crew mutinied, took Tahitian women, established a colony on deserted Pitcairn Island, and after a period of violence and viciousness one man was left as leader to the small group of women and half caste children. The population rapidly increased and in 1856 the entire people were moved to Norfolk Island where Mr. Shapiro made his measurements. The Norfolk Islanders have inherited the English head length along with the Polynesian head width.

QUEER CUSTOMS OF ESKIMO RELATED BY PHYSICIAN

On St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, Eskimos burn a small piece of a bird's windpipe and drop it into the mouth of a crying baby to make the baby have a good voice, Dr. Riley D. Moore told members of the American Anthropological Society. This is just one of the remedies prescribed by the angakok, the Eskimo priest-doctor or sorcerer, Dr. Moore said.

Otiyook, one of the sorcerers of the island, always sings to his patients, some of his songs coming to him in his sleep. Before treating the sick he calls his "Helper", the Irit of the North Wind and if he gets his helper he knows he will succeed. These priest-doctors often work very hard and receive good pay, but they in turn must pay their helpers. As the helper is only a spirit-wage will suffice, so the sorcerer touches the pay which he receives and pretends to throw part of it into the air. The helper is very much displeased if the angakok is not well paid, therefore the doctor is careful to see that his helper is not insulted by a small fee.
