

perimentation is now going on that promises to result favorably in producing an agency for insecticidal purposes that will be inexpensive as well as effective, convenient and safe.

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CONVENTION OF HORTICULTURISTS.

The convention season is at hand, and a few words on the subject will not be out of place. To those that attend the manner of conducting such conventions is of prime importance. When people go a long distance to attend such assemblies they usually do it for the purpose of learning new things and better methods. This fact should be constantly in the minds of the officers. It too often occurs that a very large part of the time is taken up with routine work and in discussions that are not instructive. We have seen some unimportant amendment to the constitution consume the entire time of a session; we have seen a "fight" over officers take up another session; we have seen the vindication of some officer become the principal topic in another session. We have attended conventions that were very profitable by reason of good papers and good discussions on horticultural subjects. We have attended other conventions that appeared more of a farce than anything else. From such conventions we have gone away painfully impressed with the idea that the people that had been to the expense of coming from a distance would probably not do so again. The presiding officer holds the situation largely in his hands. If he be inert the work of the convention will lag, and foreign topics will be allowed to consume the precious hours. If he be energetic and understand his business, the speakers and those engaged in the discussions will be held to the topics before the convention, and much will be accomplished. Every presiding officer would do well to study up on parliamentary law.

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