

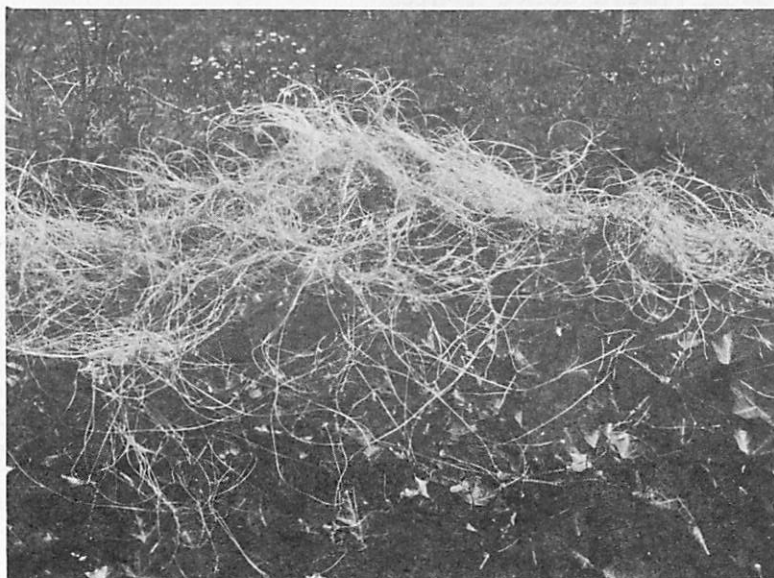
DODDER ON ENGLISH IVY

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Dodder is an occasional pest which is common again this year. A true parasite, the orange strands twine around plants sending haustoria into the plants and withdrawing food from them. The usual control is to destroy plants badly infested and to carefully remove all dodder segments from plants lightly attacked.

When dodder invades a planting of English Ivy, removal is almost impossible. An old method which is very effective can be used.

Prepare an ammonium sulfate solution of 1 lb./gallon of water with enough spreader to adequately wet the surface of the plant. If a commercial spreader is not available, a household detergent may be used.



This solution is applied under high pressure to drive the spray under and around the twining stems. The temperature should be at least 75° or 80° and the humidity low to assure maximum burn to the dodder. The selective burning caused by the ammonium sulfate solution may be used on a few other hardy plants.

Good coverage is difficult. It may be necessary to shear off the dense tops and some of the leaves of the ivy or repeat application to obtain good control.