



The Beet Leafhopper (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Beet Leafhopper The beet leafhopper is a serious menace to sugar beet, bean, tomato, and other crops in the West, not because of direct damage by feeding, but because it transmits curly top disease. It is the only known carrier of this disease, which attacks many important agricultural crops, ornamental plants, and weeds. A sun-loving, dry-land insect, the leafhopper breeds in vast areas of weeds that have grown up on abandoned farmlands and deteriorated range. The misuse of land and the appearance of new weeds have created large tracts in the West which serve as breeding grounds for the leafhopper and as reservoirs of the curly top virus. When the weed hosts mature and dry, the nymphs die, and the adults that have not already moved are forced to find new food plants. They often travel long distances with the help of the wind. Generally, however, the movement is from the desert or rangeland to adjacent cultivated areas. In the course of these movements cultivated crops are infected with curly top (fig. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of...

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