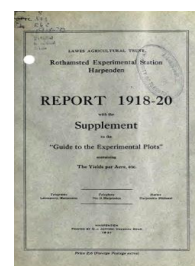


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The method of procedure is to analyse the soil population by examination of the plant or of the soil and so to determine what organism or organisms it is desired to suppress. An investigation is then made of the effect of a typical poison (*e.g.*, carbolic acid) on the organism; derivatives are systematically prepared, and the more toxic are followed up. In this way it has been possible greatly to intensify some of the soil sterilisers previously suggested for horticultural use; *e.g.*, carbolic acid becomes three to five times more effective by chlorination.

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