

114. *Mahali disease of arecanuts*.—A serious recrudescence of this disease was reported by the garden owners of Honnavar Magane of the Coondapur taluk in the South Kanara district and assistance had again to be rendered by the department in supplying materials for spraying, spraying machines, etc. Very careful demonstration work was carried out at this place by the Mycological section in the years prior to 1913 when the methods of dealing with this disease were fully demonstrated and understood, and it is disappointing to note that further help should again be required in an area where the garden owners are fully conversant with the necessary remedial measures. This disease remained more or less in abeyance in the arecanut gardens in the south of the Malabar district, but at the time of writing I hear that it has broken out again in a virulent form on account of the early and heavy monsoon. The garden owners here, however, fully appreciate the remedial measures which have been demonstrated in the past and are making their own arrangements to carry out the necessary spraying which has to be done to keep the disease in check.