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cidal micro-organism further comprising a *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner var. *israelensis* and its accompanying proteinaceous parasporal particles which contain protoxin, wherein the article has a specific gravity of less than 1.0 and may be randomly and conveniently dispersed on to the surface of a body of water without regard for the orientation of the article with respect to the surface of the water, wherein the article will continue to float on the surface of the water and will gradually disintegrate into a plurality of individual floating particles including cork granules substantially covered by the molding-type of plaster containing said larvicidal micro-organism, whereby a sustained release of the larvicidal micro-organism is achieved over a sufficient period of time and over a relatively wide area to destroy the larvae, and wherein all of the ingredients in the article are found in nature and are substantially biodegradable and non-toxic to non-target organisms, and will not adversely affect the environment.

7. A method of dispensing a larvicidal micro-organism consisting of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner var. *israelensis* for the destruction of aquatic insects whose larvae breed on the surface of a body of water, compris-

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ing the steps of preparing a substantially homogenous mixture consisting of a molding plaster, *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner var. *israelensis*, and cork particles; allowing the homogenous mixture to harden, whereby a unitary floating device with a specific gravity of less than 1.0 is formed for the destruction of the larvae of aquatic insects wherein the larvae breed on the surface of water; manually distributing the article randomly and conveniently onto the surface of a body of water without regard for the orientation of the article with respect to the surface of the water; wherein the article will continue to float on the surface of the water where the larvae breed and will gradually disintegrate into a plurality of individual particles which will continue to float for a sustained release of the larvicidal micro-organism and over a relatively wide area of the surface where the larvae breed, and wherein all of the ingredients in the article are substantially non-toxic to non-target organisms and will not adversely affect the environment.

8. The method of claim 7, further including the step of molding the article into a substantially toroidal shape having a central opening therein.

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