

thin stream of oil will continue to flow upwardly for a considerable length of time even though the film should be carried away by the current. The continued flow of the oil will provide sufficient oil to kill the larvæ.

The provision of the weight insures the maintaining of the ball in the proper position for effective use, while the provision of the soluble plugs or closures enables the oil filled ball to be transported without danger of spilling or leaking, and without any necessity on the part of the user to open the closures. In fact, it is advantageous not to have the closures opened all at once since the oil will begin to seep out slowly, thus lengthening the time of the period of use of the device. It will be observed that the water-soluble material tends to soak up some of the oil and the presence of the oil retards the disintegration so that it takes a considerable time for the closure to be completely disintegrated. This permits the oil to seep out slowly in a thin stream.

I claim:

1. A device for killing mosquito larvæ comprising a hollow sphere of water-proof material, a weight disposed within the container, said container having a water entrance opening disposed in the wall above the weight, and an exit opening at the top of the container, oil disposed within the container, and water soluble closures for normally closing said openings.

2. A device for killing mosquito larvæ comprising a hollow container of water-proof material, a weight disposed within the container, said container having a water entrance opening disposed in the wall above the weight, and an exit opening at the top of the container, oil disposed within the container, and water soluble closures for normally closing said openings, the weight of the container and the oil therein being sufficient to sink the container in water.

3. A device for killing mosquito larvæ comprising a hollow container of water-proof material, oil disposed within the container, the weight of the oil and the container being sufficient to sink the container and its contents, a water entrance opening disposed in one portion of the container, an exit opening at another portion, and water-soluble closures for normally closing said openings, said water soluble closures being in contact with the oil within the container.

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