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Pathologist's Branch,

440 LONSDALE-STREET,

Melbourne, 14th Feb 1902

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you to ask if you have met with the disease in Apples known here as 'Bitter Pit'. It goes under the name of 'Stippen' or 'Stippflecke' in Germany & 'Baldorn Fruit-spot' in America.

It is due neither to insects nor Fungi nor Bacteria but is a physiological trouble & since I have been appointed to investigate it here, I would be pleased to know through you or any Pomological Institute, if it occurs in the orchards of Italy. You will find the disease figured in Sower's 'Atlas' Pl. ~~xxxiv~~, figs 5, 6.

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain
Yours faithfully
J. M. Alpers

Prof. P. A. Saccaro