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A Light Hand at an Art Fair

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Weight can also take the form of ideas, and the Independent is fairly rich in concept-based art that might be lost in the object-intensive context of, say, the Armory Show. The artist James Beckett, who was born in Zimbabwe and lives in Amsterdam, has put together a complex, semiabstract installation, part documentary, part fantasy, on the physical and psychic effects of the pesticide DDT. The main piece spreads across a wall at the Wilfried Lentz gallery from Rotterdam, with important related components on view at Thea Westreich/Ethan Wagner Publications, just visible on the other side of the third floor.



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Welcome to the contemporary art installation dubbed "Voodoo Justice for People of Finance" at Independent Brussels, the upstart art fair that has collectors from across the world flying in to Europe's capital this weekend.