

Sweeping the wheat plats during April gave us the following species, some of them being, clearly, mere visitants :

<i>Sciara</i> , sps.? (2)	<i>Drosophila funebris</i> , Fabr.
<i>Rhamphomyia</i> , sp.?	<i>Tetanocera pictipes</i> , Loew.
<i>Bibio albipennis</i> , Say.	<i>Sepeidon armipes</i> , Loew.
<i>Chironomus</i> , sp.?	<i>Scatophaga furcata</i> , Say.
<i>Phora pachyneuron</i> , Loew.	<i>Scatophaga stercoraria</i> , Linn.
<i>Phora spinipes</i> , Coq.	<i>Hyelomyia</i> , sps.? (3)
<i>Phora</i> , sp.?	<i>Anthomyia</i> , sp.?
<i>Phorbia ruficeps</i> , Zett.	<i>Schoenomyza dorsalis</i> , Loew.
<i>Phorbia cinerella</i> , Fallen.	<i>Cænoscia verna</i> , Fabr.
<i>Phorbia</i> , sps.? (3)	<i>Cynomyia cadaverina</i> , Desv.
<i>Borborus equinus</i> , Fallen.	<i>Myospila mediatubunda</i> , Fabr.
<i>Limosina crassimana</i> , Haliday.	<i>Pollenia rudis</i> , Fabr.
<i>Diastata nebulosa</i> , Fallen.	<i>Lonchoptera punctum</i> , Meig.
<i>Elachiptera longula</i> , Loew.	<i>Lonchoptera lutea</i> , Panzer.
<i>Oscinis coxendix</i> , Fitch.	

The determinations of the species, included in these lists, were made for me by Mr. D. W. Coquillett, through the kindness of Dr. Howard. It has, until recently, been almost impossible to get satisfactory determinations of our smaller species of Diptera, and the foregoing lists are good illustrations of the constantly increasing value, to the workers in applied entomology, afforded by the Department of Insects at the U. S. National Museum.

The University of the State of Missouri is to send an Entomological Expedition into Southern Mexico this summer. It will be in charge of Prof. J. M. Stedman, head of the Entomological Department, and will have for its object the making of a biological (largely entomological) survey of the region from Vera Cruz on the Gulf, which is in perpetual tropics, to the top of the volcano Popocatepetl, which is far above the perpetual snow line, and down to Acapulco on the Pacific. This will give all the temperature variations from perpetual tropics to perpetual snow, and will allow of the study of life zones under conditions not to be found elsewhere in North America. The collection will become the property of the University, which is to furnish half the expenses, the other half to be borne by Prof. Stedman.