

under the influence of the flies has exceeded many millions of acres, and that it has been, and still is, materially changing the climate of North America !

But besides the effect it is producing on the thermometer, it is simultaneously working out another great operation of Nature.

Although the game, to avoid the stings of their tiny assailants, come from distant regions to the smoke, and therein fall from the arrows and rifles of their human foes, yet this burning of the forest destroys the rabbits and small game, as well as the young of the larger game, and, therefore, just as brandy and whisky for a short time raise the spirits of the drunkard, but eventually leave him pale, melancholy, and dejected, so does this vicious improvident mode of poaching game for a short time fatten, but eventually afflict with famine all those who have engaged in it ; and thus, for instance, the Beaver Indians, who forty years ago were a powerful and numerous tribe, are now reduced to less than one hundred men, who can scarcely find wild animals enough to keep themselves alive,—in short, the red population is diminishing in the same ratio as the destruction of the