

CORRESPONDENCE.

LARVÆ OF XYLIDÆ.

SIR,—The Wiener Ent. Zeit. for March, 1899 (Vol. XVIII., p. 41). publishes an article by Mr. F. W. Konow, in which my description of *Pleuroneura aviingrata* is attacked. I do not desire to enter any controversy in which the use of abusive language prevails, but as Mr. Konow asks some direct questions about the larva, I propose to answer them for his information. 1. The abdominal feet are present on all the segments, but quite small on the first and ninth, so that from the living larva I did not describe them on these segments; in the inflated larva they are fairly distinct. Compare Mr. Young's description of *Macroxyela ferruginca* (CAN. ENT., XXXI., 41), where the feet are even more prominent. 2. There are no anal stylets present. 3. The antennæ are 6-jointed, situated just below and a little inward from the eyes. 4. The palpi are visible on the outside of the jaws when these are closed. 5. The length of the mature larva is about 27 mm. 6. Mr. Konow asks how the larvæ may be distinguished from the Lydidæ. I refer to my definition of the Xyelids, CAN. ENT., XXX., 176.

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To the Editor Canadian Entomologist :

SIR,—I have read with much interest Prof. Enzo Reuter's article in the January number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, referring to the occurrence of the apple fruit miner, *Argyresthia conjugella*, in Finland, and I think the enclosed letter from Prof. Matsumura, of Japan, may prove of interest to the readers of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. You will notice that his account of the Japanese pest, particularly with regard to its attack, tallies very well with what we have observed in British Columbia. The cocoon sent by Prof. Matsumura I am saving, and hope to succeed in breeding the imago next spring. I am unable to determine positively by the cocoon if the insects are identical. I think that the important point as to the mode of egg-laying must be determined before we can feel satisfied with our knowledge of it. All of Prof. Reuter's notes are of great interest to us here, but I cannot help thinking that the mention made of this insect attacking plums is a mistake, some observer having probably confounded the larvæ of *Semasia prunivora* with those of *Argyresthia*.

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