

that they do not wander far from the trees they have been accustomed to frequent. In the Autumn as cold weather advances, they seek protection in some secure place; they have been noticed in barns, outhouses, and in places sheltered from external air. In November, 1872, five young *Curculios* were found comfortably quartered in the capsule of a poppy which had grown near a Plum tree; they varied in size and made no effort to escape until warmed by the hand. The following Spring nine were found in the recess of a window, under the carpet huddled together. In April, 1874, seven were found in the same place, a Plum tree growing near the window accounts for their presence in that locality. In September following fifty were caught congregated under a rug that had been placed on some boards on which to dry onions—they were not active, and made but little effort to escape—on the under side of the boards a few only were observed. To secure your Plums it is necessary to first secure the *Curculio*, and whoever invents a simple method for their destruction or a plan to prevent their attacks on Fruit will have made a lucky hit. That they hibernate above ground, that they prefer comfortable quarters, that they are sensitive of cold, and that in regard to Plums it is evident that they are masters of the situation. With these evidences we trust that some one will invent a plan to circumvent the pests.

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