

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE HESSIAN FLY, JOINT WORM AND WHEAT MIDGE.

Specimens of these destructive insects in all their stages of maggot (*larva*), chrysalis (*pupa*) and fly, are earnestly desired by the undersigned from all parts of the country, particularly the south and west, in order that he may ascertain their distribution and study their natural history, with reference to their ravages. Specimens may be sent alive in stout paste-board boxes, or better, in tin boxes. The soft maggots should be forwarded in vials containing cotton soaked in alcohol, by mail. It may be remembered that the Hessian Fly and Joint Worm live near the roots of the wheat plant, causing swellings in the stalk, while the Midge lives in the ear. Accounts of these insects, with a map showing their distribution in the United States, will soon be published by Hayden's United States Geological Survey of the Territories, and extra copies of the report may be obtained of the author. Address parcels containing specimens and requests for the report to

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I have great pleasure in informing you that a new Entomological Society has been formed in this city, under the title of "The Long Island Entomological Society." The following are the officers:—

Rev. Geo. D. Hulst, President; John Akhurst, Vice-President; Thos. Stearns, Treasurer; P. Elbert Nostrand, Rec. Secretary; W. V. Andrews, Cor. Secretary; Fred. Baldwin, Librarian; Chas. Leng, Curator.

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I captured a *Meloe* on the 17th of April. I have also in two instances this spring found a male *Cicindela purpurea* paired with a female *C. vulgaris*. May not this sort of thing account for some of the remarkable variations among the *Cicindelidæ*? J. A. MOFFAT, Hamilton, Ont.

Notes on "Fondness of Larvæ for Water" would have appeared in this issue, but we have mislaid the letter containing the name of our correspondent. Would he kindly furnish it again?—ED. C. E.