

Our crop of wheat this year will be very short, owing to three causes, . . . and which is more to be regretted, to what with us is denominated the Hessian Fly, which has spread devastation more or less in all quarters.

[This year is wanting in the chronological table.]

Matth. Carey, *American Museum*, contains many communications and is largely used by A. Fitch. Nearly all authors quoted to 1792 are reprinted in full in the *American Museum*.

A premium was proposed by the Philad. Soc. for Prom. Agriculture for 1788 (Carey, vol. iii., p. 176) :

"8. For the best information, the result of actual experience, for preventing damage to crops by insects, especially the Hessian Fly, the Wheat Fly, or Fly Weevil, the Pea Bug, and the Corn Chinch-bug or Fly—a gold medal ; a silver medal for the second best."

The same premium was offered for 1789 (Carey, vol. v., p. 159), for 1790 (Carey, vol. vii., p. 271) and for 1791 (Carey, vol. ix., p. 170). But I find nowhere mentioned that the premium was awarded.

The remarkable, not to say extraordinary circumstance, that the excitement during the Revolution led to entire forgetfulness of the former presence of the Hessian Fly, makes it, as I believe, more important to follow up as carefully as possible the literature before and after the Revolution. I will be indeed very much indebted for the communication of every fact not yet recorded.

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#### A. A. A. S.

The next meeting of the A. A. A. S. will be held at Ann Arbor, Mich., commencing Aug. 26th, 1885. The Entomological Club will meet at that place on August 25th, 1885, according to its by-laws ; exact locality not yet determined.

Will those members of the Club, or other Entomologists, who expect to be present, please notify one of the undersigned, and also send in the title of any papers they expect to read, and state the length of time they expect to occupy, so that a programme can be arranged? The exact place and hour of meeting, as well as the programme so far as fixed, will be published later.

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