

character. In my former 'scrap on this insect, an error in punctuation occurs, which makes it rather confusing. The "at least every other day" there refers to my visiting the woods, not to the movements of the butterflies. I have but little of personal observations to add to it, having seen but one small gathering since. A stream of *Archippus* from the side of a wood attracted my attention. I entered to watch it go. There was nothing of the listless attitude of my former observations in this group. There was a general uneasiness pervading the whole flock, rather difficult to describe. It did not come from a working of the wings, but of the feet, as if the foothold was not good, and they were trying to secure a better, which produced a rocking motion, whilst continuously throughout the swarm one and another was dropping off to make for the edge of the woods and join in the grand procession.

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THE CLOVER-ROOT BORER, HYLASTES TRIFOLII, MULLER

*Dear Sir*:—As far as I know, this insect has not been mentioned in the *Entomologist* as occurring in Ontario. The beetle has appeared in this locality, and is doing incalculable damage to the clover fields. At the time of writing this, the beetles, which have hibernated in the root during the winter, have not all left their retreats, and may be counted by the dozen in roots badly infested. No doubt the insect has been working in our midst for some time, and at present fully three-fourths of the red clover, *Trifolium pratense*, is dead or dying from the injury caused to the root. The damage has not been all occasioned by the larvæ during the past season, for I found the perfect beetle driving channels in various directions through the roots during May and the early part of June. My observations correspond so well with the description given by Mr. W. Saunders in the annual report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, 1881, page 43, that I need only refer the reader to his paper.

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