

information about insects usually sought by the laity, with whom the author, in connection with his museum work, has long been in close contact. Its usefulness, however, does not stop here, for it will prove invaluable to every young entomologist and serviceable even to those of experience. It contains a great deal of information within a small compass, and although necessarily much condensed it is written in simple language as free as possible from technical terms.

The first 38 pages contain brief sections of an introductory nature on the system, growth and structure of insects, longer discussions on collecting and mounting, and on the control of injurious forms, and on insect-like Arthropods, particularly spiders. The rest of the book treats of the various orders and families, with brief accounts of the commoner or more striking species found in the Northeastern United States. Particular attention is given to such forms as are commonly observed by the layman, such as the larger, more conspicuous or more injurious species, but some notice is taken of nearly all the families. Thus we find that a relatively large space is given, and quite properly so, to the butterflies and larger moths and to some of the beetles. The long-horned beetles, however, receive somewhat more than their share of space, there being a key to the species extending over nearly twenty pages. There are a number of other keys to families and genera and in some cases species, and among the latter is a useful one to the commoner kinds of Muscid flies, which is followed by brief descriptions of the characters and habits of the more important species and of the methods of combatting these dangerous insects. There is also a special section at the end of the book on galls, which is illustrated by a large number of figures.

The illustrations form a most attractive feature of the book. Almost 700 of the entire number are the work of Mrs. E. L. Beutenmuller, who deserves great credit for the faithful manner in which she has performed an enormous task. Some of the coloured plates have suffered in the reproduction but most of them are satisfactory and the black-and-white figures are almost uniformly excellent. Nearly 600 species are illustrated by one or more figures.

We heartily recommend this admirable work to every young entomologist and outdoor naturalist.

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