

A. Fitch (*Hessian Fly*, p. 19) complains that he was unable to find in either of the largest libraries of the State of New York the vol. v. of those *Memoirs*, and has for the same reason not seen vol. iv. The series in the Harvard Library was procured by the care of Th. W. Harris, but vol. iii. is wanting, as it could not be procured by the Society. Mr. Harris' correspondence is affixed to the first volume, and shows how difficult it was in 1845 to get those *Memoirs*.

The opinion given by Mr. R. Peters concerning the origin of the name *Hessian Fly* is corroborated by Mr. Bond's relation upon another insect (*Encycl. Britan.* p. 494). "This insect," says he, "is called in Maryland the Revolution Fly, by the friends of the British Government; but from all I can learn it is not the same insect which originated on Long Island and is called the *Hessian Fly* (by way of opprobrium) by those who favored the Revolution." Prof. Packard objects, p. 236, that the words, "before the arrival of the troops," in quoting Mr. Mitchell's statement—it (the *H. Fly*) was first discovered in the year 1776—are my own and not Mr. Mitchell's. If Prof. Packard had compared the *Enc. Brit.*,—he states that he had not seen it—he would have scarcely objected to my statement. The whole passage by Mitchell is interesting to be quoted in full: "As it (*H. Fly*) appeared *about* the time that the *Hessian* troops arrived, an opinion had gone abroad that they brought it along with them; but the Doctor (Mr. Mitchell) was of opinion that it is a native animal, nourished by some indigenous plant, but which then, for the first time, came among the wheat and found it proper food."

As it seems that the article, "*Hessian Fly*," in the *Encycl. Britan.*, is not so well known as it merits to be, I have taken particular care to find out the editions in which it is contained. It appears first in the third edition, vol. viii., p. 489-495, in 1797, and exactly the same in Dobson's first edition, 1798, vol. viii., p. 489-495.* The only copy of the third edition I was able to find belongs to the Essex Institute in Salem, Mass. The fourth edition is rather rare; I have seen no copy, but Prof. W. B. Nichols has kindly compared a copy in the Brit. Museum; the title, *Hessian Fly*, in vol. x., 1810, is exactly identical with the third edition, and also with the fifth edition, 1817.

I was not able to see the sixth edition. In the seventh and eighth the article *Hessian Fly* is wanting, but in the ninth, 1880, appears a new one

* This edition is always quoted by me.