

This was, I believe, until a comparatively recent period the view universally held by Entomologists. In the First Annual Report of the U. S. Ent. Com. relating to the Rocky Mountain Locust, published in 1878, Mr. Riley states that he has found the larva of this species, *E. pennsylvanica*, along with those of other species of the same genus, feeding on the egg masses of the Rocky Mountain Locust, *Caloptenus spretus*, and has bred the perfect insect therefrom. This statement had escaped my notice.

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DR. HAGEN'S MYSTERY.

DEAR SIR,—

My writings on *Pronuba yuccasella* have induced considerable discussion and comment, both from horticulturists and entomologists. Many of the criticisms of my conclusions are unworthy of notice and have not been noticed by me; but the note from Dr. Hagen in your July number cannot be passed in silence. Just as I had, in the June and July numbers of the *American Entomologist*, dispelled much of the "mystery" regarding this little moth and shown that the conflicting experiences were due to the confounding, by my critics, of another species (*Prodoxus decipiens*) with it, Dr. Hagen increases the "mystery" by his statements in the note referred to. His statements are positive and circumspect, but I am as fully satisfied that he has in some way made a mistake as I am that others have been mistaken who wrote with equal assurance on the subject of *Pronuba*. I have obtained in all from the stems of *Yucca* some forty specimens of *Prodoxus*, none of them showing any sign of the maxillary tentacle of *Pronuba*, and it would be strange indeed if Dr. Hagen's two individuals formed such a remarkable exception. I write this upon first reading his note, but as I expect shortly to have the privilege of examining the specimens, I will wait and see what light I can then throw upon this last "mystery."

Regarding Dr. Hagen's unwillingness to send me a specimen of the *Yucca* stem larva, I have simply to say that upon learning from Mr. Thomas Meehan that he had sent to Dr. Hagen what, from my previous experience with it, I thought was probably *Prodoxus decipiens*, I greatly