

"*Insects Injurious to Fruit*" is a valuable article on the insect pests which are making such terrible ravages in the orchards of the United States and Canada.

"*The Indian Massacres and War of 1862.*"—A very interesting and well illustrated sketch of the late Sioux massacre in the State of Minnesota and the Dacotah Territory. Not less than a thousand men, women and children were massacred by the Indians with horrible indignities and cruelty. Language fails to express the dreadful scenes which met the eye in the villages which had fallen a prey to the ruthless and brutal Sioux. Young and old, infants and aged women, were alike butchered and scalped. Over a frontier of four hundred miles—from Fort Abercrombie on the Red River of the North, to Mankato on the Blue Earth River—they carried the torch and the tomahawk. The punishment inflicted on these inhuman creatures was far from commensurate with the awful crimes they committed. Yet the writer says, and perhaps justly, "Permit traders and lawless men again to rob and oppress them till their savage blood boils, and again our own will soak the frontier soil." The war with the Sioux, we fear, has only just commenced. In the able report of Lieut. Warren, on the exploration of the Niobara, published in December, 1858, the whole question of the Sioux difficulties is reviewed, and the most prominent elements of warfare pointed out. Indeed Lieut. Warren even (in 1858) says that there were inevitable causes at work to produce a war with the Dakotahs, or Sioux. He considers they will retreat to the Missouri, and in the ravines and fastnesses of the Niobara. There are persons who suppose that in the event of the United States Government sending a large and properly equipped force against the Sioux, they will retreat to British Territory. But there they will not only find 3,000 of their inveterate enemies (the Red River half-breeds) willing to repel them, but if they go west, on to the Saskatchewan, they will come in contact with the Prairie Crees, the Blackfeet, and the Assiniboines, who yearly cross the 49th parallel to hunt the buffalo.

"*The Quicksilver Mines of New Almaden, California.*"—This article must be read in order to be properly appreciated. The process of extracting the ore, distilling the quicksilver, and filling the flasks, are well described, and illustrated with drawings.

"*Insects Injurious to the Vine*"—"Rosemary"—"*Katy Keith*"—"Two Weeks at Port Royal," &c., &c., &c.

Harper is well sustained, notwithstanding the war, and many of the original articles contained in these numbers are of more than usual merit.

TO PUBLISHERS AND EXCHANGES.

Want of space compels us to omit notices of several American and Canadian publications. They will appear in the August number. Books and Periodicals for Review should be sent to the Publishers of the *British American Magazine* before the tenth of the month, with the words "FOR THE BRITISH AMERICAN MAGAZINE" written on the address.