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During the last few months the Editor and his valued contributors, Messrs. W. Saunders and E. Baynes Reed, have had the little leisure they are wont to devote to Entomology, so completely engrossed with the preparation of a Report on some of the Noxious Insects of Canada, for the Agricultural and Arts, and the Fruit Grower's Associations of Ontario, that it has been quite out of their power to issue a number of the *Canadian Entomologist*. In order to make some amends for this delay, we now issue a double number, and hope—we no longer venture to promise—to publish the closing number of the volume in a few weeks. We shall be glad to receive contributions from our friends in all quarters, and to obtain promises of aid for our *third* volume.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT ON THE PLUM CURCULIO,

(*Conotrachelus nenuphar*)

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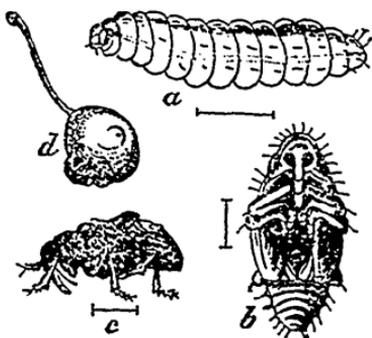


FIG. 3.

The accompanying figure shows the curculio in all its stages. *a*, is the larva, *b*, the chrysalis, *c*, the perfect beetle, all magnified, the adjoining lines show the natural size, *d*, is a small plum with the curculio (natural size) working on it. One egg is deposited under the crescent cut, and a second incision is being made.

I shall now refer to some experiments of my own on this insect which will, I hope, add something to our knowledge of the creature's habits. I had seen it stated somewhere that the curculio was