

Army Worm—Extent of its Ravages.

Terrible indeed are becoming the ravages of this insect pest amongst the growing crops of Illinois. The cool weather of the past month has been favorable to their multiplication and growth, and they are now sweeping with all the destructiveness of a prairie fire some of the fairest and most promising portions of our State. Meadows and pastures, wheat, oat, rye and corn fields, gardens, yards, trees and shrubbery—in fact every green thing is disappearing before them. In many localities it is thought that the wheat crop is so far advanced that the stripping of the leaves alone will not materially injure it. In many instances corn can be replanted and the second crop probably will escape them. But if their ravages could be stopped to-day, the loss already occasioned by them could only be estimated by millions of dollars.

From exchanges and from our own correspondents we learn that their sad work is being prosecuted to a greater or less extent over the following territory. With slight comparative damage in McDonough county, commencing with Adams county in the west, we trace them eastward through Cass, Sangamon, Platt, Champaign and lower part of Verillion counties. They do not so far as we have heard yet work to any great extent north of this line. South from Adams, down the Mississippi they take Pike, Calhoun, Madison, St. Clair and Jackson—eastward of this line and south from the other their numbers seem to be innumerable in Coles, in Clark, Effingham, Cumberland and Christian counties. There are several of the interior counties of Southern Illinois, that we have no reports from, and the same may be said of the extreme south-western portion of the State. We have little doubt, however, though we hope it may not be true, that their destructive presence is being felt in all the State below latitude 40° 20'.

On the Missouri side they are reported in Boone, Howard, and Pike counties. The northern portion of Kentucky, and the southern portion of Indiana, are also being overrun with them.

Ditching, dragging logs over them and turning hogs in upon them are the expedients being tried to effect their destruction, but to little purpose. In extreme cases meadows have been burned over to stay their progress, but they are still marching on, spreading desolation in their pathway. It is fortunate they appear so seldom—it is peculiarly unfortunate they are to scourge us this year.—*The Prairie Farmer, June, 13.*

Horticultural.

Toronto Horticultural Society.

The Second Exhibition of the season was held in the Society's Garden, on the 11th inst. Un-

fortunately the weather throughout the day was unpropitious, there being a strong, cold wind, and dense clouds, which detracted much from the enjoyment of these beautiful grounds, and diminished greatly the number of visitors.

The flowers and vegetables were arranged in a copious tent, and although the number of entries was considerably shorter than usual, the quality of the productions generally was highly creditable to our cultivators, whether professional or amateur. The state of the weather would tend of course to diminish the amount of the articles sent for exhibition, and we were informed that some unfortunate misunderstanding had prevented three or four of the usually largest contributors on these occasions sending any thing at all. It is earnestly to be hoped that the like will not occur again, but that all who practise and wish well to the beautiful and important art of Horticulture, will rally round a society which has already done much, and if properly supported, will do a vast deal more, in refining the public taste, increasing the comforts, and rendering more attractive the dwellings of the people. The Society's Garden is already a lovely spot, and supported by the citizens as it deserves, will in a few years favourably compare with similar things in much older countries.

The Hon. S. B. Harrison, as usual, contributed a number of stove and green-house plants, denoting by their growth and beautiful appearance the attention and skill of the cultivator. A large leaf of the *Victoria Regia* from the same conservatory,—of one year's growth, understood, attracted much attention. The flowers and vegetables, considering the unfavorable character of the season, were really good, and if the gardeners and amateurs in the vicinity of Toronto had generally contributed only a small portion of the good things which they are known to possess, the extent of the Exhibition would have been commensurate with its big character for quality. Among the contributors obtaining prizes may be mentioned; S. Turner, Gardener to Judge Harrison, Messrs. Fleming and Leslie; J. C. Small, Esq., the indefatigable Secretary; F. W. Coate, Esq., J. Forsyth, the Normal School Grounds, R. Defries, Higgin, Gardener to Hon. G. W. Allan, Brown, Gardener to W. H. Boulton, Esq., Tilman, Gardener to S. Heward, Esq., J. J.