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AUGUST 20, 1891.

The Club met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m., President Osborn in the chair. Eighteen members present. The minutes of the first day's meetings were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Lintner spoke on

THE PEAR MIDGE, (*Diplosis pyrivora*) IN NEW YORK.

It had been brought to his attention as an injurious species during the present year. It has been abundant at Catskill, and in small numbers has extended to within 20 miles of Albany. After careful search he has found a single infested pear at the latter city. He gave a history of the investigations made in this country on the species, and detailed all that was known concerning its life history. The character of the injury done was carefully described and specimens were exhibited. He also gave a history of the experiments made to control the species, and spoke approvingly of a suggestion that some application to completely blight and destroy the blossoms of infested orchards, more particularly the Lawrence trees, be made to exterminate the pest. It is so numerous, 15 to 35 larvæ in a single pear, and 90 % of the entire fruit infested, that he ranks it among the most injurious, and with the pear *psylla* the most serious obstacle to pear growing in New York.

The larvæ mature about the first of June. They then emerge from the pears, usually during or after a rain, drop to the ground and bury themselves a short distance. In 10 days they make a cocoon covered with grains of sand; but how long they remain before pupating he could not say. He asked whether Mr. Smith's statements concerning methods of oviposition made before the Association of Economic Entomologists