Caterpillar, Currant Borer, and several species of Scale Insects which attack the apple, pear, peach, plum, orange, etc., illustrated by a number of wood-cuts.   It appears that our California friends are now seriously affected by insect pests, from most of which they had until of late been free.   The fruit interests of this State are so highly important that very active measures are being taken to keep these insect pests within bounds, and an Act has been passed by the State compelling the general adoption of such remedial measures as shall from time to time be found of value.   We shall watch with interest the effect of such legislation, and sincerely hope that it may result in a marked abatement of the evils complained of.

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Revised Check List of North American Birds, with a Dictionary of the Etymology, Orthography and Orthoepy of the Scientific Names.   By Dr. Elliot Coues ; lge. 8vo.   Estes & Lauriat, Boston.

Such a book from such a pen cannot fail to come into the hands of a great many Ornithologists, and the circulation of so valuable a work will greatly tend to render this much neglected part of the science more widely studied and understood.   The first part of the book is devoted to notes and general explanations on Etymology, Orthography and Orthoepy.   The second part contains the Revised Check List proper, and on the latter part of each page the names divided into syllables and marked for pro-nunciation and accentuation, with copious notes on the derivation.   In regard to the nomenclature, the author has in many instances in this work taken a stand opposed to that of some eminent Ornithologists of the present day, which is much to be regretted in view of the desirability of uniformity in this matter.

The printing is excellent and done on fine heavy paper, and the proofs have evidently been most carefully read, altogether forming a very attractive volume and a valuable addition to the Ornithologist's library. —W. E. S.

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ERRATA.—In our last issue, page 120, on 2nd, 11th and 12th lines, for "*Serion*" read *Sinon.*