

points of introduction, and remarks that it must not be confounded with the "Virginia Wheat-fly" (*cerealleva*). The reading of all these papers simply confirms the conclusions which I have expressed in this communication.

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P. S.—In the above communication I have stated merely the facts of the case without any attempt at explaining away Mr. Phillips's misleading statements. The receipt, since the article was written, of the latest part (No. 127) of the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, bringing them down to the meeting of May 4th last, induces me to add this postscriptum.

I spent the evening of May 3rd very delightfully with Dr. G. H. Horn, who, as one of the secretaries of the American Philosophical Society, was interested in my intended investigation of the old minutes; in fact Dr. Horn informed me that Mr. Phillips, knowing that he (Horn) was about to visit Dr. Hagen on his way to Europe, had but a short time before charged him to tell Dr. Hagen, that the latter might feel quite certain of the accuracy of his (Phillips's) statements. I have already indicated my surprise at finding them unverified, and shown how Mr. Phillips was unable to give me any explanation of his mistake.

There was to be an exceptionally interesting meeting of the Society that evening, and I purposely remained in Philadelphia to attend it, and took occasion to call attention to the error in the old minutes above set forth. Mr. Phillips, following my remarks, threw all the blame for the published error on Prof. Lesley who was absent in Europe at the time; and, having in mind his (Phillips's) communications to Hagen, this conduct struck me as not very magnanimous. I deemed the correction of this error of sufficient importance to go on record, and handed to the Secretary for incorporation in the minutes a brief abstract of my remarks. Judge of my surprise therefore to find the whole matter passed by in the published minutes of that meeting of May 4th last, by the statement of the Secretary that "Prof. C. V. Riley referred to a possible error of transcription in the Volume of Early Proceedings (No. 119), on pages 14 and 15, as to the word Hessian Fly" (!!) Mr. Phillips's conduct in this particular is as remarkable as his correspondence with Dr. Hagen, and I call attention to it that it may no longer obscure the facts of history.