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A Clothes Moth.

Dear Junia.—I am mailing you to-day an insect which I found in a good mink marmot fur. On the hair enclosed are specks which I thought were eggs. Also the cocoon is enclosed.

Could you tell me the name? Do they increase very rapidly? and do they attack any other than fur goods? The fur was cut off the skin although the skin was not touched. Also how can they be exterminated?

2. Besides this in the woollens in the attic I found innumerable insects. I destroyed all I found so can mail you only the cocoon. They were the color of the cocoon and about that shape. They varied in length from one-eighth to one-half inch in length and had a tuft of hair on each end. I shall be very glad to know how to eradicate these, and any other information regarding them. Thanking you.

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M. M. M.

ANSWERED BY PROF. L. CAESAR, O. A. C., GUELPH.

The insect in question is one of our two species of Clothes Moth. The little dark case is the case in which the larva conceals itself. This case is always made out of the material on which the larva feeds and so will be of the same color as that material. This pest attacks all kinds of woollens, also feathers and furs, but does not injure cottons unless these are directly touching woollens. The eggs are always laid by the little whitish or yellowish moths on or near the material they feed upon, as in the present case on the fur.

It is not difficult to protect furs. In April as soon as the furs are no longer required take them outside, brush and shake them well, place in a pasteboard box,—a tailor's suit case is excellent—wrap the box carefully with good unbroken wrapping paper, then rewrap with another paper, placing this so that the edges will not be at the same places as the previous sheet. Then put on a third paper and tie securely. These three coverings prevent the tiny larvae from finding their way into the box. One ply would not do so.

It is very important to put the furs away early in spring before the moths appear. If desired the box may be taken outside in July and examined to make sure all is well.

Woollens and other goods may be protected by carrying all out into the bright, hot sunshine in spring and leaving them there two or three hours. In the meantime the clothes closets should be washed with scalding water, or better the floor and all cracks sprayed with gasoline (keep all lights away for fear of fire). Shake and brush the clothing before bringing in. About July 1st and again August 1st repeat the process. Examine carefully also any old bundles of woollens or anything in which the insects may be breeding, so that these useless garments or other material may not act as centres of infestation.

Naphthalene either in solid pieces or as flakes will help greatly to keep the pests away if used in strength of a quarter of a pound to five cubic feet of space. Hence about one pound in a closed trunk will protect any material placed therein. Of course the odor is not very agreeable.

The Reply She Sent.

A soldier at the front got short of money, so he sent home the following letter:

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