

able for such work. As is well known, the butterflies delight in the bright sunshine, and, as the day was dull, few species were seen. Altogether eight different kinds were observed, but none of these were plentiful. The first specimens of the season of the Little Wood-satyr, *Neonympha eurytus*, Fab., were seen flitting about in

the woods. On account of the weather, therefore, those seeking insects confined most of their attention to the collection of lepidopterous larvæ, and many caterpillars of some of our noctuid moths were found beneath pieces of board, chips, etc., on the ground. Two different species of arctian larvæ, viz., *Apantesis virgo*, L., and *A. parthenice*, Kirby, were collected. On several wild cherry trees, tents containing numerous specimens of the American Tent Caterpillar were observed. This injurious insect of orchard and forest, it is to be regretted, seems to be on the increase again.



American or Apple-tree Tent Caterpillar:
a, tent; b, caterpillar; c, egg mass
on twig; d, cocoon.

Everybody can do something to control it by cutting off the tents whenever seen and trampling on them, thus destroying every time a colony of upwards of two hundred caterpillars. Much of the foliage of some Silver-leaved Maples was conspicuously disfigured by being covered with the galls of the Maple-leaf Gall-mite, *Phytoptus quadripes*. This is a very small mite which causes the elongated galls which sometimes cover the whole upper surface of the leaves. It has been particularly abundant this year on ornamental maples. Unfortunately, nothing in the way of a remedy can be suggested for this pest other than spraying with the lime and sulphur mixture before the buds burst, as is done against the Pear-leaf Blister-mite; for it probably hibernates in the same way in the scales of the buds.

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