

In the spring its nasal "yank" is most commonly heard, but when nesting it is extremely quiet, though, I believe, no less common. Often, during the month of May, while eating my lunch in the woods (by choice I should select rather open maple woods and sit by the sugar-shanty) I have been attracted by the faint lisping imitation of the male Nuthatch's spring-time call. After sighting the bird, busily searching for larvæ, it was usually not long before a sudden quick flight to feed its sitting mate, would disclose the nesting-site.

PENTHESTES ATRICAPILLUS, Chickadee.

"Winter visitant; common."*

The Chickadee should be described as a rather scarce summer resident, as I have found it breeding on several occasions, both on the Island and in the immediate vicinity.

HYLOCICHLA GUTTATA PALLASI, Hermit Thrush.

"Summer resident; common. Breeds in Mount Royal Park."*

Mount Royal has become too popular a resort for this species and it is a scarce bird on the Island in the nesting season. Fifteen miles to the north and thirty to the east it becomes the common Thrush of the respective localities. It is particularly fond of sandy ridges with a rather sparse growth of pine and white birch.

THE TEACHING OF INSECT LIFE AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE.

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Each year sees the origin of new methods, new ideas, and new subjects calculated to produce a more perfectly educated child. There is no doubt a concomitant racking of brains on the part of teachers to adapt and correlate these new additions to their previous curricula. Not infrequently, owing to a somewhat overcrowded and hopeless conglomerated time-table, teachers, usually those whose minds are not sufficiently elastic to enable them to progress with the evolving systems, utter a sigh of despair when any new subject is suggested, and for the sake of these it is necessary to dispel their fears and soothe their troubled spirits with the assurance that this article does not suggest any addition to their systems of instruction: such a sin I would be unwilling to have laid to my account. The reasons