

(Spider), a Woodland Tragedy (doings of a Butcher bird), Marriage Among the Clovers, the First Papermaker, etc. The closing paper, a Foreign Invasion of England, gives an admirable description of the life-history of the Hessian Fly. The illustrations, about a hundred and fifty in number, are very beautiful, and in clearness and excellence leave nothing to be desired. Anyone with a genuine love of nature cannot fail to be delighted with the book, and to derive from its perusal a knowledge of many things that were secrets to him before.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DERMESTES LARDARIUS (LINN.) IN HONEYCOMB.

In Dr. Lintner's Sixth Report of the Injurious Insects of the State of New York, 1890, mention is made of the fact that *Dermestes lardarius* was a wax-feeder. The only other reference to this habit of the insect was made by Dr. C. V. Riley, in the second volume of the American Entomologist for 1870.

A few days ago, while Mr. Ross, Fellow in the Bacteriological Department, was overhauling some brood comb which had been sent him for studying *foul brood*, he came across several adult beetles, many hairy larvæ, and moult skins, which he referred to me for identification. They all belonged to *Dermestes lardarius*. There is not good evidence, however, that they were feeding upon wax; but rather upon the dead larvæ and pupæ of Bee Moths (*Galleria mellonella*) which had established themselves in the honeycomb. On opening several cocoons of the Bee Moth, I found that the larvæ of *Dermestes* had possession of the old pupa-cases. The cocoons were all placed at right-angles to the direction of the honeycomb cells. Many large larvæ of *Galleria* were still to be found, and their silk-lined tunnels in the honeycomb were quite in evidence. A third suggestion is that the larvæ of *Dermestes* may prey upon the larvæ of the bee. In this case, however, I am of the opinion that the dead pupæ and larvæ of the Bee Moth formed the chief portion of the food of *Dermestes*. W. LOCHHEAD, Biological Dept. Ont. Ag. Coll.

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