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TO OUR READERS.

With the present issue THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST enters upon the fifteenth year of its existence. During that long period it has had many friends, but these were never more numerous than at present, for the good work it has done and is still doing is recognized by all. While thanking those who have so kindly aided us in the past, we solicit a continuance of their support, and at the same time would request any of our younger Entomologists who may have observed any facts worth recording in reference to the habits or life history of any of our insects, to send them for publication, and thus aid us in our endeavors to make the fifteenth volume at least equal to any of its predecessors in usefulness.

We also take this opportunity of reminding our subscribers that subscriptions for the current year are now due. Remittances should be sent to the Secretary, F. Baynes Reed, London, Ontario.

ENTOMOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE APPLE LEAF-CRUMPLER—Phycita nebula.

During the winter there will often be found on apple trees clusters of curious little cases, partly and sometimes wholly hidden by portions of crumpled and withered leaves, as shown in figure 1. The withered leaves are firmly fastened to the cases by silken threads, and the cases to the bark of the twig on which they are placed. Each case resembles a long miniature horn, wide at one end, tapering almost to a point at the other, and twisted in a very odd manner, as shown at *a* and *b*, figure 2. It is curiously con-

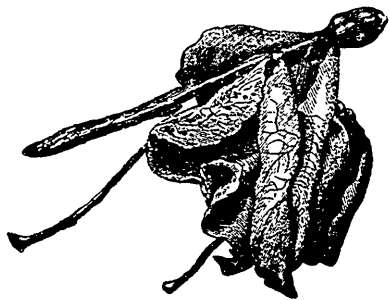


Fig. 1.