

December, according as the weather was mild or otherwise, I have taken from six to a dozen annually.

No particular case of insect damage came under my notice. The grasshoppers have not reached us, and our soil is too heavy for them to flourish thereon. Our very severe winters and late frosts in May and June seem to keep all insect life in due bounds, but the latter are also detrimental to our crops.

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The following census of the Lepidoptera in the U. S. National Museum was made in December, 1901 :

	No. of specimens.	No. of species.	No. of inflated larvæ.	No. of types.
Butterflies	15,606	2,408	290	29
Sphingidæ	1,214	251	109	0
Saturnians	882	168	170	1
Arctians and allies	4,756	863	402	48
Noctuidæ	16,807	2,367	545	509
Lasiocampidæ, Notodontidæ, etc.	3,390	505	687	17
Geometridæ	8,727	1,233	449	103
Sesiidæ, Limacodidæ, etc.	2,582	471	172	29
Pyralidæ and Pterophoridæ	9,216	1,366	111	47
Tortricidæ	4,940	724	77	33
Tineidæ (sens. lat.)	12,146	1,797	56	179
Material not yet placed in the regular collection	19,266	(est.) 500	421	251
Alcoholic larvæ	(est.) 5,000
Pupæ, cocoons, etc.	(est.) 3,000
Duplicates	18,560	208
	<hr/> 126,092	<hr/> 12,653	<hr/> 3,697	<hr/> 1,246
Add inflated larvæ as above.	3,697			

Total number of specimens. ... 129,789

Comparison with other American collections is invited.

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