

BOOK NOTICES

Insects and Their Control. By Andrew Wilson, Springfield, New Jersey, 1929. 342 pages, 184 illustrations.

“For as in the same pasture, the Oxe findeth fodder, the Hound a Hare; the Stork a Lizard, the faire maide flowers; so we can not, except wee list our selves but depart the better from any booke whatsoever.”—Peacham.

In several particulars, this book departs from prevailing entomological proprieties. It has no table of contents. It contains the scientific names of only six insects and it is my guess that these crept in by mistake. And instead of the insecticides usually recommended in books on injurious insects, one finds that Wilson's Grub-O, Wilson's Moth-O, Wilson's Scale-O and Wilson's etc., etc., etc., will do the trick.

According to the introduction, the book was prepared to help the home owner learn more about injurious insects and to advertise the products of Andrew Wilson, Inc. The common insects attacking orchard, field and ornamental plants are treated, and the alphabetical arrangement of the plants makes a table of contents unnecessary for anybody except a reviewer. The omission of scientific names is not so terrible after all, because home owners, as a rule, care nothing about such names and their interest is confined usually to the accumulation of a few facts about the insect and a knowledge of combating it. And as the book was written in part for advertising purposes, it is too much to expect Mr. Wilson to modestly avoid mentioning his own products.

The accounts are brief, to the point, and entomologically sound. Mention is even made of the Japanese Aserica, a species which has not yet found its way into our text-books and manuals. Small portions of the book are devoted to insects in general and means of controlling them and to spray schedules for fruits. The illustrations are uniformly good. The book contains no misspelled scientific names, but on page 325 a minor error occurs. Eight of the nine figures on this page are credited to Riley, when as a matter of fact only figure 9 is “after Riley.” Figures 2 to 6 are “after Mutchler and Weiss.”—Harry B. Weiss.



Weiss, Harry B. 1929. "Insects and Their Control by Andrew Wilson." *Journal of the New York Entomological Society* 37, 163–163.

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