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THE COLORADO POTATO BUG.—The Colorado potato bug, or doryphora decemlineata, has for several years past made alarming ravages in the potato crops of the western section of the country.

Professor Hall, of Chicago, states that its beetle lays its eggs on the under side of the potato leaf. These are speedily hatched. The larva, when full grown, is over half an inch long, very thick in the middle, and tapering towards head and tail.

The mature insect, the beetle itself, is nearly half an inch long and quarter of an inch wide. Its shape is oval, very convex above and flat beneath; it is a hard crustaceous texture, smooth and shining, of a bright straw color, the head and thorax being sometimes tawny yellow; head and thorax marked with black spots; the wing cases with black stripes arranged longitudinally, five on each case. The antennae are twelve jointed; the first five joints are pale or tawny yellow, the remaining joints black.

When the bug once gets a footing, it speedily destroys the entire crop. It is believed to effect all its transformations in fifty days, so that a single pair would, if unmolested, produce sixty millions of progeny in a single season.

Various modes of preventing its ravages have been suggested. Brushing or shaking the leaves from the haulm into a vessel is sometimes tried, but this is a laborious and dangerous operation. Dusting the leaves with white hellebore powder is an effective remedy when it is well done; the powder must however, be freshly ground, as it loses its efficacy when kept long.

There has been considerable alarm in England, lately, lest the pest should be imported thither in American potatoes, and official investigations have been made in order to determine the advisability of prohibiting importations of the vegetables out that the larvae of the parasite are not deposited in the tubers or conveyed by them, and that with the exercise of proper care no danger need be apprehended from bringing American potatoes into the country.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE, for May, has an abundance of excellent reading. There is the real good-head snap to this periodical which entitles it to much credit, and we cannot name one that will afford an equal amount of entertainment and instruction for so little money. The number before us contains among other articles a paper entitled "Poor Jack," by F. W. Holland, in the interest of seamans; "The Child in Church," by Mary Hatwell; "Kin and Kad," by H. V. Osborn; "Dumb Days," by Caroline B. Leitch, and some good poetry.

On Sunday forenoon a little girl about nine years of age, daughter of Mr. Spragg, saloon-keeper at Second and Arch (Plum) streets, Camden, while kindling a fire poured coal oil on the wood in order to make it burn quicker. The moment the fluid touched the fire it ignited instantly into a blaze, bursting the can, and throwing its contents over her. In a moment she was enveloped in flames, and before relief could be extended to her she was so dreadfully burned that she died a short time after, the little sufferer having breathed the flames into her lungs though medical aid was promptly on hand, her life could not be saved.

What a foe the farmers have to contend against in the potato bug is shown by the experience of a man in Joliet, Ill. He placed some in a bottle eight months ago. They have been exposed to the extremes of winter and summer, had had nothing to eat, and are still living.

Boston has had to pay one of its lady residents \$4,000 on account of a bad sidewalk. Congress will no doubt pass the act printing about specie payment January 1st, 1877.

Table with multiple columns containing names, addresses, and business details. Includes sections for 'TREASURER'S SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS', 'MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP', 'FOX TOWNSHIP', 'MORTON TOWNSHIP', and 'ST. MARY'S BOROUGH'. Lists names like James Coyle, John Cartwright, and various property owners.

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