

The Birds and Their Uses.

The subject of birds and their relation to agriculture has an importance which is not generally appreciated, but which is being enforced by havoc which is being worked by insects where birds have been destroyed.

In a report of the Commissioner of Agriculture there is an article from the pen of Prof. George H. Perkins, of Vermont, in which he says that there are in the State of Vermont probably not less than 800 species of lepidopterous insects.

If we suppose the number of species in this State to be 800, the increase will be something like this: Each female lays on average 350 eggs—but we will place the number at 300.

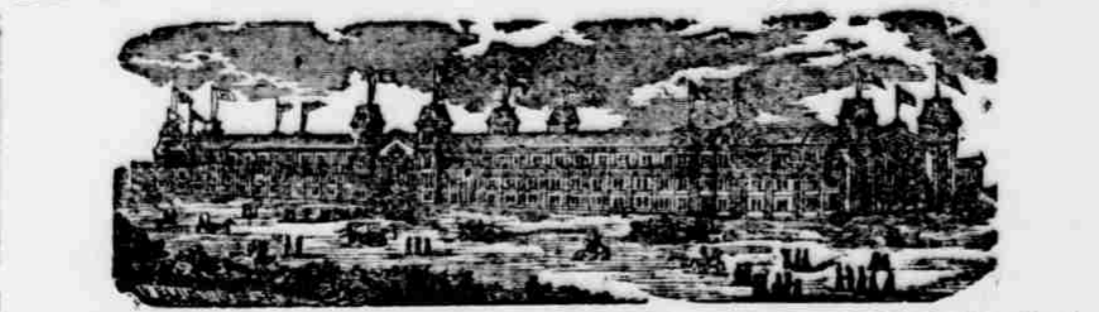
Now suppose in the year 1871 there exists only one pair of each species, there exist only one pair of each species, there exist only one pair of each species, there exist only one pair of each species.

If such are the facts in Vermont, where a cold climate tends to harass and diminish insect life, what must be the immense hordes of insect destroyers under warmer and more genial skies?

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