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cations, as a rule, improve in quality. There is on our table a pamphlet of 42 pages, marked, "for gratuitous circulation," and entitled, "Entomological Papers from the Transactions of the Iowa State Horticultural
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drive away the whole colony
Prof. Herbert Osborne's "Entomological Notes for the Year 1882," which follows, contains observations on the habits of Thripida, the author concluding that "while the thrips have diversified Pood habitsthey are
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