

Elsewhere drywood [sic] termites are described as living only in wood. It is very unlikely that the clothbound, publisher's binding shown in the plate has wooden boards.

Careless editing further serves to detract from the worth of this book. The index refers the reader to the section of plates in the center of the book by listing the plate by number. However, the plates themselves are not numbered, so one must count from the beginning of the section of plates to locate the correct one. At least one entry in the index is duplicated.

Hickin refers several times to the threat that certain types of insects pose to books, yet the specifics of *how* they damage them are meager. In his introduction to the genus *Anthrenus* (which contains several of the carpet beetles commonly found in book and archival collections) he says that it is "a most important one for those concerned with conservation of books." And yet, when the two most common of these beetles are described there is no mention of how they damage library collections

other than "old leather-bound books may be damaged." The implication is that newly bound leather books are not attacked. Does this also mean that collections that do not contain any leather will not be attacked by carpet beetles? This is not my experience.

Overall, *Bookworms* gives good, detailed physical descriptions of insects and provides a great deal of useful information about them. It also contains some excellent illustrations and photographs with which to identify adults and larvae (but not always both). However, I found that the information was scattered in a way that made it inconvenient to use the book as a reference tool. Furthermore, mistakes, ambiguities, and omissions have the potential for producing frustration and erroneous conclusions. Less emphasis on entomology and more on the practicality of dealing with insects in book collections would make this work more useful for library staff (and probably, book collectors).—Bonnie Jo Cullison, *Newbery Library, Chicago*.

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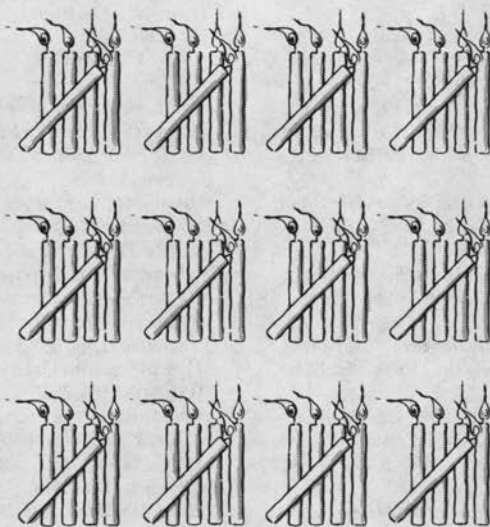
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