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#### A Lot of Insects

Mr. Lutz in his characteristic style presents a lot of interesting facts and fancies about a lot of insects on a town lot in his new book entitled "A Lot of Insects." This type of publication presented in a fascinating, popular manner, yet scientifically accurate, is a valuable contribution in the field of entomology. It will help to build "good will" toward pure and economic entomology.

Mr. Lutz has been a leader in the popularization of entomology in his part of the world. Perhaps no area of like geographical size possesses more amateur entomologists than the metropolitan district of greater New York. This remarkable story of 1402 species of insects taken from a 75 by 200 foot town lot is fascinating for a taxonomic entomologist, almost unbelievable to an economic entomologist and beyond belief to the uninitiated.

The reviewer, whose fundamental interest in entomology is biological control, has been highly entertained by the comments and ideas presented which deal with artificial control versus biological control. Lutz is a strong advocate of biological control and this is clearly evident in his terse and significant comments on this subject.

Most economic entomologists deal with a group of insects which in numbers are less than one percent of all species. Again many entomologists devote a large proportion of their time on one insect. For these entomologists a book by a man who is highly versed in the devious ways and habitats of many insects that are not economic should prove to be very refreshing and thought provoking. This book will help to create interest in the insects in the reader's own back yard. For the amateur, the teacher, or professional entomologist, many or all chapters are exceedingly stimulating and highly entertaining.—*Alvah Peterson.*

**A Lot of Insects**, by Frank E. Lutz, 308 pp., many illustrations. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1941. \$3.00.