
A NEW SPECIES OF PHYLLOSTICTA.

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This species was found in October on fallen leaves of the White Poplar (*Populus alba*) at Waynesville, Ohio (W. A. Kellerman), occurring in small, light-colored spots on the upper surface, and associated with an ascomycetous fungus. It may be described as follows:

PHYLLOSTICTA ALCIDES Ell. & Kellerm.—Spots cinereous, epiphyllous, subindefinite, 2-4 mm. diameter, raising and puncturing the epidermis, soon perforated above. Sporules short-fusoid or oblong, yellowish, 2-3-nucleate, 7-15 (mostly 7-10) x 3-3½ microns. Found associated with *Leptosphaeria alcides* Sacc., of which it is apparently the spermogonial stage.

“Insects Injurious to Staple Crops” is the title of an admirable compilation by Prof. E. Dwight Sanderson, of the Delaware Agr. Exp. Station, who has brought together the most essential matter regarding our principal farm crop pests in the group of insects. The work will be a welcome one to students and teachers, though it necessarily occupies a somewhat limited field, so far as school instruction goes. Its greatest service should be, as it is evidently intended to be, in enabling the progressive farmer to get the benefit of the immense advance made in methods of treating injurious insects which has resulted from the work of economic entomologists during the last decade or two.—H. O.