

Art. VII.—THE COTTON CATERPILLAR.

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 No. 6 Exchange Place. }

To the Editor of the Commercial Review.

SIR :—About eighteen months since it was made known to me, by Messrs. Serda & Shuetze, apothecaries of Poydras street, near the Poydras Market, that the German farmers were in the practice of immersing their wheat, rye, and tobacco seed, for twenty-four hours before planting, in a certain solution, as a protection against the attack of the fly and worm.

It struck me that the same solution might also be a preventive against the ravages of the cotton caterpillar, and I requested some of my friends upon Red river, and in Iberville parish to procure the solution and to test it. I have lately received satisfactory proof of its success, and take pleasure to make it known to you. The solution is a simple one, composed chiefly of the blue stone, and can be prepared by the apothecaries above named at a very small expense, one dollar being enough to prepare seed sufficient for the planting of one acre.

Yours, very respectfully,

WHEELOCK S. UPTON.