

Appendix D Common Museum Pests Worksheet

Use the Information provided on this form to Complete, "A Bug Adventure in Clara Barton's Front Parlor" Worksheet!"

Clothes Moth

Clothing moth larvae feed on wool, hair, feathers, furs, upholstered furniture, occasionally on dead insects, dry dead animals, animal and fish meals, milk powders such as casein, and nearly all animal products.



Clothes Moths feed on textiles as seen above. This moth could easily feed on Clara Barton's Bodice!

Carpet Beetle

These beetles are small, oval-shaped beetles. The most common, the black carpet beetle is shiny black; others are brightly colored in various patterns of white, brown, yellow and orange. Only in the larval stage do Carpet Beetles feed on fabric and cause damage. As adults they will also feed on seeds, pet food, or cereal products.



Could Carpet Beetles do the same damage to Miss Barton's Turkish Prayer Rug?

Silverfish

Silverfish have three long tail-like appendages arising from the tip of the abdomen. They have chewing mouthparts, long antennae and the body is almost always covered with scales. Silverfish are pests of paper and paper products as well as textiles.

Cockroach

The German will eat almost anything - even hair and fingernails. This insect is common in areas with access to food and water.

Mice

Mice are found usually nesting with paper and textiles. They are herbivores, consuming any kind of fruit or grain from plants.

Drywood Termite

Drywood termites inhabit the same wood or other source of cellulose material on which it feeds. Drywood termites can live within furniture and in the wood behind walls, creating elaborate systems of tunnels.

Stink Bug

Stink bugs are named for their ability to exude a foul smelling substance from a pore on each side of their thorax. Stink bugs are predacious on other insects, good fliers and are recognized by a large triangular scutellum on their back.

Cricket

Crickets are omnivores and scavengers feeding on organic materials, as well as decaying plant material, fungi, and some seedling plants.



Without Monitoring, Furniture such as Miss Barton's Settee could be destroyed by termites!