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in late quartet stage and with ovules having little or no differentiation of the megasporocyte. Minor varietal differences occur.

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CHARCOAL-ROT OF MAIZE, NEW TO IOWA

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The charcoal-rot of maize caused by *Sclerotium bataticola* Taub. was found near Ames, Iowa, during mid-August, 1941, on several prematurely dead stalks in a field of early planted corn. Greenhouse tests with the fungus produced seedling infection of maize with necrosis of the roots and mesocotyl.

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A mutant character in maize brings about the formation of ridge and blade-like outgrowths on the surfaces of leaves. These accessory laminae, which are present on the partially developed leaves in the dormant embryo, arise by re-activation of vertical zones on the immature leaf. Each active zone is in effect a new marginal meristem which produces a blade-like emergence. The gene is known to be recessive, but its linkage has not yet been established.

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