

A SINGULAR PLACE FOR RAT-TAILED LARVÆ. I found several of these curious larvæ in a branch of an old apple tree that had just been cut down. They were below a large nest of black ants, who had honey-combed the branch for quite a distance. They were twenty-five millimetres long when crawling, not so much when at rest, wrinkled and ridged rather remarkably, the tail a little longer than the body and tipped with a row of bristles curved backwards. Packard does not describe any such, and I am unable to determine the species. Can you help me?

Berlin, Conn., Mar. 20, 1878.

N. Coleman.

INTERESTING CAPTURES.—A perfect specimen of *Deidamia inscripta* was taken in Newton at light early in June, 1878, the first example I have seen from this vicinity. *Plusia triloba* and *Oncocnemis chandleri* were taken at the Isles of Shoals on flowers in July.

R. Thaxter.

PLANTAIN BEETLES.—Prof. F. H. Storer, of the Bussey Institution, Jamaica Plain, Mass., writes me that in the latter part of May, 1876, it was next to impossible to discover a single leaf of plantain (*Plantago*) that was not completely riddled by beetles (*Dibolia aerea* Melsh.). Several thousand plants from all sorts of situations had passed through his hands, and the only perfect ones he could find were from particularly cold, sunless places on the north side of buildings.

Samuel H. Scudder.

ORTHOPTERA OF FLORIDA. The following species of Orthoptera were collected in Appalachicola: *Labidura riparia*, *Anisobia maritima*, *Labia burgessi*, *Polyzosteria ingens*, *Stagmomantis carolina*, *Anisomorpha buprestoides*, *Chimarocephala viridifasciata*, *Caloptenus femur-rubrum*?, *Arphia* (near *xanthoptera*), *Acridium appendiculatum*, *Psinidia eucerala*, *Hippiscus phoenicopterus*, *Amblytropidia subhyalina*, *Leptysinia marginicollis*, *Arnilia chlorizans*, *Trimerotropis picta*, *Stenobothrus* sp., *Tettigidea lateralis*, *Conocephalus triops*?, *Gryllus luctuosus*.

S. H. Scudder.

Proceedings of the Club.

§ 29. INSECTS WHICH LIVE IN RESIN. Baron OSTEN SACKEN exhibited specimens of *Cecidomyia* (*Diplosis*) *resinicola*, the larvæ of which inhabit drops of resin on scrub pine (*Pinus inops*) and are provided with long breathing tubes which project beyond the surface of the resin. (March 13, 1874.)

§ 30. PECULIARITIES OF RIPARIAN INSECTS. Baron OSTEN SACKEN quoted an observation by Dalman, that insects which live near water have prominent eyes, and cited, in illustration of this, the species of *Elaphrus*, *Notiophilus*, *Stenus*, *Sphyracephala* and many Hemiptera. (May 8, 1874.)

§ 31. INSECT DEFORMITIES. Mr. H. K. MORRISON showed a specimen of *Erynnis icelus*, which had a nick in the front margin of each fore-wing, perfectly symmetrical on the two wings. It seems as if the pupa must have received some wound just at the point where the two fore-margins meet, which corresponds to the position of the notches on these wings.

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* 955. JA: S. JOHNSON. A season's collecting in Catacala. p. 64-66. [Dec., 1877.]

About 446 specimens of 29 species of *Catocala* collected [at Frankford, Pa.] between 9 July and 10 Oct., 1877, as follows:

	<i>Liriodendron.</i>	<i>Acer.</i>	<i>Robinia.</i>	<i>Nyssa.</i>	<i>Fracinus.</i>	<i>Juglans.</i>	<i>Carya.</i>	<i>Quercus.</i>	<i>Castanea.</i>	<i>Fagus.</i>	<i>Salix.</i>	<i>Bush, Stumps, &c.</i>
42 illia J. 9-A. 30										42		
3 grynea J. 9-J. 24								3				
8 ultronia J. 12-A. 13								1		7		
20 serena J. 17-S. 4							20					
47 obscura J. 17-A. 31							47					
4 epione J. 17-J. 25								3	1			
2 minuta J. 21												
13 parta J. 21-O. 10	2											
1 tristis J. 21		3									7	
1 tristis J. 21	1				3							
25 neogama J. 23-S. 25			2					2		20		1
42 paleogama J. 24-S. 19										42		
22 relecta J. 25-S. 4							3	18	1			
4 subnata J. 25-A. 14	1									1		
19 habilis J. 25-S. 4	2						4	12	1		2	
9 insolabilis J. 25-A. 31								9				
37 hebilis J. 26-S. 19							7	21	9			
1 ponderosa J. 26										1		
7 cara A. 6-S. 13									1		3	3
6 cerogama A. 8-A. 27			1		1			4				
47 desperata A. 9-S. 19							8	24	9			
5 judith A. 9-A. 13	6						5					
7 piatrix A. 10-A. 30						7						
6 innubens A. 10-A. 31								1				4
43 amatrix A. 14-O. 6				1							39	
2 antinympha A. 15-A. 16				4								2
1 concumbens A. 16										1		
2 phalanga A. 18-A. 20										2		
6 robinsoni A. 29-A. 31							5	1				
3 unijuga S. 4-S. 21								1				2
446	12	6	5	1	3	7	99	102	23	117	52	9

The search began 20 June, but no specimens were found until 9 July. In pleasing contrast to the ways of sham scientists who collect only good specimens or uncommon species, Mr. Johnson collected all the specimens he could get.



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