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While in search of beetles last June, one of my companions drew attention to a colony of large black ants in a decayed pine stump. We noticed a great many minute yellow creatures running unmolested among the ants. Examination proved them to be Staphylinids, which I thought were of the genus *Ateleus*, and afterwards they were identified as such. We have been unable to learn the species as yet. The beetle is about an eighth of an inch long, and the abdomen, which is always held erect, bears a peculiar depression on the upper side in such a way as to leave a distinct ledge around the edge. Shortly afterwards we found one of the same species in a spider's web. On July 15th I was surprised to see *Cicada tibicen* with its proboscis buried in a squash bug, *Anasa tristis*. This was my first intimation that the Cicada might feed on animal matter.—ERIC MONTIZAMBERT, Port Hope.

We regret to record the death, at the age of seventy-six, of DR. H. GUARD KNAGGS, F. L. S., an English Entomologist of note, which took place on the 16th of January. He was the author of many contributions to entomological literature, among the most widely known of which is his "Lepidopterist's Guide," a third edition having been published a few years ago. This is a popular work, containing instructions for collecting, rearing and preserving Butterflies and Moths for the use especially of the young collector.

THE LAKE LABORATORY maintained by the Ohio State University announces the usual programme for the coming summer, including courses in General Zoology and Botany, Entomology, Ornithology, Experimental Zoology, Comparative Anatomy, Ecology, Embryology, Invertebrate Morphology and Ichthyology; also opportunities for research work and accommodations for investigators as in previous years. The opportunities offered are especially good for Entomology and for fresh-water conditions, and special attention is given to the aquatic life of the locality. Opportunities for research work in these directions are very favourable. Independent investigators are given the use of tables free of charge, but are expected to furnish their own microscopes and other apparatus. The locality is an excellent one for summer work, the laboratory being situated on the point separating Sandusky Bay from Lake Erie, with its frontage on a fine beach. For circulars or information address the Director, Professor Herbert Osborn, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

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