

and the publication, the *American Naturalist*, was essentially Prof. Cope's magazine. Aside from this he has written upwards of 350 papers which form a systematic record of the development of palæontology of the United States. Among his larger works are: (1) "Systematic Arrangement of the Lacertilia and Ophidia;" (2) "History of the Cetacea of the East North American Coast;" (3) "Synopsis of the Extinct Cetacea of the United States;" (4) "Systematic Arrangement of the Extinct Batrachia, Reptilia, and Aves of North America;" (5) "Systematic Relations of the Fishes;" (6) "Systematic Arrangement Relations of the tailed Batrachia;" (7) "Extinct Vertebrata of the Eocene Formation of Wyoming;" (8) "Cretaceous Vertebrata of the West;" (9) "Tertiary Vertebrata."

To the theory of evolution Prof. Cope has made important contributions, amongst which are: (a) "On the Origin of Genera;" (b) "Hypothesis of Evolution, Physical and Metaphysical;" (c) "Evolution and its Consequences;" (d) "Method of Creation of Organic Types;" (e) "Origin of Man and other Vertebrata;" (f) "The Origin of the Fittest," &c., &c

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NOTES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

Flying Ants—On the morning of 12th June myriads of flying ants suddenly made their appearance in various parts of the city, none having been seen previous to that date. They matted in large patches on fence posts, on the edge of the sidewalks, and on bare spots where any flat dry substance was to be found. The fence posts along Cartier Square were covered, and whether from the chill of the previous night or from other causes they appeared numbed and indisposed to fly. Any protuberance seemed to attract them. I did not notice any birds disposed to