

PACKARD'S GUIDE TO THE STUDY OF INSECTS. Part 5, January 1869. Price 50 cents.

This part contains a continuation of the order Lepidoptera, bringing down the account as far as the beginning of the *Geometridæ*. It is illustrated with two beautiful plates of *Telea polyphemus*, and about sixty wood-cuts. All our collectors of this favourite order ought to obtain at any rate the parts of this work that relate to it.

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#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

*The American Naturalist*. Vol. I, No. 12, Feb. 1869. (Completing the volume).

*Le Naturaliste Canadien*, Bulletin des recherches, observations et decouvertes se rapportant a l'histoire naturelle du Canada. No. 1. Decembre, 1868. Quebec.

The first number of this new magazine, the prospectus of which we noticed in our last issue, is now before us. It consists of 24 octavo pages, with a wrapper, and is illustrated by a wood-cut of the Beaver (*Castor fiber*). Besides much other interesting matter it contains a description of a new species of Hymenoptera,—*Urocerus tricolor*, Provancher, which is stated to bear some resemblance to *U. Cressoni*, Norton.

The Editor, in his introductory remarks, states that there are about a million French-speaking inhabitants in the Dominion of Canada, and hence infers that the time has come when they should have an organ in their own language specially devoted to Natural History. We certainly quite agree with him, and trust that his enterprise will be so abundantly successful as to utterly confute those prophets of evil who venture to characterise it as a fool-hardy and ruinous undertaking.

*Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History*. Vol. XII, Dec. 2, 1868.

*Transactions of the American Entomological Society*. Vol. I. No. 2. Containing numerous descriptions of new species of Hymenoptera by Cresson and Norton; Lepidoptera by Edwards, Grote, and Robinson; Coleoptera by Horn, Le Conte, and Zimmerman; and two splendid plates of Lepidoptera. Among the descriptions of new species of this last mentioned order, we notice two from Canada:—*Plusia Mappa*, G. and R. taken by Mr. Bowles at Québec, and *Thecla Ontario*, Edw., taken by Mr. Reed at Port Stanley. (C. E. No. 3, p. 21).

*The Canadian Farmer*. Toronto. January, 1869.

*The Maine Farmer*. Augusta, Me. Dec. 26, 1868; Jan. 2, 9, 1869.

*The Weekly N. Y. Sun*. New York. Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 1869.