

absent from the West Indies, and the peculiar distribution of this sub-family has long engaged my attention.

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*Dear Sir:* In reply to Mr. Henshaw's note as to *Carabus auratus*, I quote here Dr. Harris's words: "I have taken one specimen of this fine *Carabus* in Massachusetts and we have several *other* species which are equally predaceous," etc. (p. 72). There is not a word about the probable introduction of the specimen, and no reader could suppose that Dr. Harris thought it introduced. As it stands it is most certainly a "curious" identification, and seeing that Dr. Harris was by no means infallible (as seen in his describing *P. celeus* as *P. carolina* L.) it might be readily doubted. The italics (*other*) are mine, and certainly this word covers the origin of *C. auratus* in North America. In my paper I did not venture, nor intend, to do more than call attention to this remark of Dr. Harris's. If they shall have borne the fruit promised by Mr. Henshaw, my words will have been justified. But when *C. auratus* comes to be mentioned, it will be proper to state that Dr. Harris's reference to this species (House Report, April 1838, p. 72) is such a one that the reader must believe Dr. Harris regarded the European *C. auratus* as a Massachusetts species also.

The House, before whom Dr. Harris laid his Report, could come to no other conclusion from its language than that *Carabus auratus* was found in Massachusetts as well as in France. As to what Dr. Harris had then, or at a later date, affixed to the specimen in his collection, the House could have no knowledge and as little care. Dr. Harris's style is quite clear. It is not necessary to know German to understand his English. Therefore, on the whole, I was warranted in calling his identification as it stands, "curious."

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held on 26th and 27th October, at OTTAWA (*not London, as stated in our last number*). Members are requested to bring with them, or send, papers to be read at the meetings. MSS. and specimens for exhibition or distribution may be sent to the care of Mr. Fletcher, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

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