

SOME WINTER INSECTS.

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Some five or six years ago, on Lincoln's birthday (February 12), my friend, Mr. W. T. Davis, took me collecting in Staten Island, and the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST published my little sketch of the day. Every year since I have endeavoured to repeat my pleasant experience of that occasion, but never have met with success. Again I tried this year, and in spite of the two weeks of excessive cold that preceded the holiday, there were one or two things of interest to note :—

The day was bright, with a temperature at freezing or perhaps lower, and snow was quite deep on the ground. It was a day for walking, and I found myself wishing for snowshoes to go over the frozen crust. My collecting grounds are all about ten minutes' walk from my house in White Plains. First I went to a swamp, mostly under water and now covered with ice, but found nothing. Walking along the aqueduct, I kept on the look-out for likely-looking trees, but found none that gave results. Finally the Bronx River was reached, and in a field through which it runs, many specimens of the little Perlid, *Capnia nectydaloides*, were found crawling actively about on the snow. Some had wandered out of the sunshine and were quite torpid, but others were very agile and endeavoured to hide under the snow crystals to avoid capture. Here also were taken a couple of undetermined gnats which were crawling over the snow. On my way home I came across two sycamores, and under the flakes of loose bark took a dozen or so *Corythuca ciliata*. In the afternoon, during a walk, I noticed a dead and peeling sapling from which on one or two other occasions I had removed a part of the bark with satisfactory results. Again I tried it, and to my satisfaction found in a part of the unbarked portion of the branches a nice series of the Aradid, *Aneurys Fiskei*, Heid. I found not only the adult, but also the ova and nymphs in several stages.

This was indeed a very different day from the other, but on the whole it was not very disappointing, considering the desultory nature of my collecting. The capture of *Aneurys Fiskei* alone was sufficient to make it noteworthy.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, 1907, has recently been issued and distributed by the Department of Agriculture at Toronto to all our subscribers who have paid up their dues for the current year. Among the important papers may be mentioned Mr. Jarvis's List of the Scale Insects of Ontario, and Dr. Fletcher's Entomological Record for 1907.