

form, not a banded one amongst them—that form was abundant on the bushes at the time. There were still about half a dozen to mature when I left, but some of them were sufficiently advanced to give indications through the pupa skin what they were to be. On re-reading Mr. Coquillett's article in the May number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, I was quite startled on finding that he says his pupa was suspended by the hind end of its body; for the result of my observation was to leave the impression strong on my mind that they were suspended by the head, and I did not think it strange that they were, or that anyone had thought differently. My impression of the tinge of color through the pupa skin is that the yellow was up, and on one visit there was one that seemed as if the pupa skin had just burst on the back and left the insect exposed in exactly the position it was before it burst, and I was struck with the exact resemblance in form and size, even to the pupa on either side of it. But is not this the usual position for Coleopterous larvæ to suspend?

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[We think that when our valued correspondent has an opportunity of examining pupæ of this insect more carefully, that he will find that they are suspended by the head downwards, as in the case of the *Coccinellidæ*.—  
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Having occasion lately to refer to some back numbers of the Proceedings of the Boston Natural History Society, my eye accidentally fell on a paper by Professor Alexander Winchell, read before the Michigan Scientific Association on June 24th, 1863, and entitled, "Notes on *Selandria cerasi*, Harris, as it occurs at Ann Arbor, Michigan." (p. 325.)

Glancing over the paper, I saw the following passage: "As to the remedy for this horticultural pest, it may be added to what has been already published that the odor of coal-tar effectually drives away the fly. This can be smeared over a board and suspended in the tree, a resort which I have found effectual against the plum-weevil."

Can you or any of your readers tell me if this alleged means of driving off *Cenotrachelus nenuphar* has really any virtue? I never recollect seeing the plan suggested before this.

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