

that they are thus incongruously placed and associated. Both *Cydosia* and *Gnophæla* appear to me to be *Zygenidæ* with Bombycid analogies *in sensu* Packard. I hope Dr. Packard may be induced to study these forms. Neither do I believe our Texan species of *Cydosia* to be the *nobilitella* of Cramer. But all these questions, which ever way a full knowledge of these moths may determine us, must be entered into without temper and without unnecessary animadversions upon those whose experience has led them to opposite conclusions from those reached by the final verdict, a verdict which Mr. Smith's studies will, we may hope, be of a character to influence.

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NOTES OF THE YEAR.

Dear Sir: With few exceptions insects were unusually scarce last season, probably on account of the continued cool weather and heavy rains. *Colias Philodice*, generally so abundant, was almost entirely absent, a few appeared in midsummer and the fall brood was more plentiful, but by no means abundant, and the latter might be said of most of our diurnals. The Noctuas were also conspicuous by their absence, at least at sugar, the baits failing to attract even the commonest species. *Eufitchia ribearea* was observed in numbers in a plot of black currant bushes, in an old orchard now included in Mount Royal Park, and *Orgyia leucostigma* was abundant on shade trees about the city. In the fall I found several species of *Eristalis* common on solidago blossoms, *E. Bastardi* and *E. Brousi* being especially abundant, while *E. transversus*, *E. Tenax* and *E. dimidiatus* were less common. The other orders were poorly represented, making it one of the worst collecting seasons in my experience.

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