

"The Life of the Fly", "The Mason Bees", "Bramble Bees and Others", "The Hunting Wasps", "The Life of the Caterpillar", "The Life of the Grasshopper", "The Sacred Beetle and Others".

To review such a remarkable series of works in so short a space is impossible nor has it been attempted. It is enough to say that under each title are provided the life habits of many different insects told with a charm that turns the tedium of ordinary technical science into the wonders of a fairy tale, and yet in the transformation does not at all overstep the realms of truth.

These writings should prove a source of delight alike to the young and grown-ups, and for the parents who wish to instill a knowledge of nature into their children, free from the too common imaginary teachings of to-day, we know of no books that should prove more suitable or more readable, than those of J. Henri Fabre.—N. C.

KEY TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLORA, by P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D., Curator, New York Botanical Garden: Published by the author; price \$1.60 post paid.

When Dr. Rydberg published his "Flora of the Rocky Mountains and Adjacent Plains," which was

reviewed in "The Ottawa Naturalist" a year ago, field botanists immediately felt the need of something less bulky than a large volume of more than 1,100 pages. Dr. Rydberg has now filled this want in a manner that will please and satisfy both field and herbarium botanists. The recently published Key is a reprint in a somewhat different form of all the keys published in the Flora, and these keys with an excellent glossary and index make a handy little volume of 306 pages of 5x8 inches and less than half an inch thick which can be carried in any ordinary pocket. The Key may in this way be used independently of the Flora and fresh growing specimens be studied before they are collected. Another use to which the Key can be put is in the listing and checking of local floras, an initial letter or some arbitrary sign being used to indicate particular localities, countries or provinces. As the Key covers not only the flora of the Rocky Mountains, but also that of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the Kootenay Districts of British Columbia, it should be in the hands not only of all western botanists but of all school-teachers, ranchers, farmers and others who are interested in knowing the names of the flowers which grow near their homes.—J. M.

