

unknown to science, and much valuable information will be afforded by a study of the collection regarding the distribution of species. Mr. Weeks gives in the work before us lists of the butterflies which he has thus far been able to identify. A number of interesting photographic reproductions give some idea of the country traversed by the collector. We look forward to the issue of further instalments of this work, which will, when completed, form a valuable contribution to Lepidopterological Science.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A SURPRISE.

SIR,—That a *Polyphemus* cocoon would produce its imago the same season it was made, is what I little expected to see; and yet it has taken pupa; and that in a brief period of time.

The janitor of the Y. M. C. A., London, Ont., was taking his holidays in the latter part of July, and on the 2nd was in the country on a fishing excursion, and found on the ground, under some trees, a *Telea Polyphemus* cocoon. On his return, he informed me of his find. Thinking it was rather early for one of this year's make, I remarked it must be an old one. He said no, that the creature was alive inside. When he presented it to me, I realized at once that it was a freshly-made one, as it was white and free from the slightest indication of weathering. The pupa was very lively, and kicked vigorously. I placed the cocoon on a cabinet close at hand and in full view, and it was much handled by visitors, who expressed surprise at such an inanimate-looking object being so much alive. On the 10th of August I tried to stir it into action for a visitor's benefit, but failed. I left the room about half-past five, and returned about half-past seven, when I noticed that the cocoon was where I had not placed it; and, on examination, I saw the moth hanging to the projecting top of the cabinet. It is a female, perfectly developed, medium sized and light in colouring. The question naturally arises, is it double-brooded somewhere?

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