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## TO OUR READERS.

A happy greeting to all. That the year may bring prosperity in its train to every one of our members is our sincere wish. We enter on our thirteenth year with confidence; long experience of the sincerity of the friendship and heartiness of support of our many friends and contributors in the past, inspires trust for the future—a trust which, we feel sure, will not prove misplaced. We want the cordial support of all to make our journal for 1881 more useful and more widely read than it has ever been before. We hope to hear from all our old friends and many new ones. Please send in your subscriptions promptly to the Secretary.

## ENTOMOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS.

BY THE EDITOR.

### *The Indian Cetonia: Euryomia inda.*

This is a stout, hairy beetle (fig. 1) which makes its appearance early in spring, usually towards the end of April or beginning of May, flying about in open fields and about the borders of woods, with a loud buzzing sound, resembling that of a bumble bee. It belongs to the flower beetles, most of whom live on pollen and the honey of flowers, and are fond of sweets.



Fig. 1.

This insect is of a brownish-gray color, dotted and spotted with blackish and thickly covered with short greenish-yellow hairs. It measures half an inch or more in length. During the summer it disappears, but a second brood comes out in the fall, usually during September, when they may be found feeding on the pollen of flowers and also upon the sweet sap of plants and trees. Not content with this, they attack our finest and most luscious fruits, eating their way into the richest ripening pears and burrowing into the finest peaches so deeply that only the tips of their bodies are visible, and in this way spoil-