

secured it in a doorway, much to the astonishment of the surrounding public, who evidently thought me an escaped lunatic, and did not seem one whit the wiser when I informed them of the name of my prise. I also took recently a specimen of that pretty and rare beetle *Gnorimus maculosus*.—E. B. REED, London.

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LONDON BRANCH.—You will be glad, Mr. Editor, to learn that Entomology is still progressing with us, and that it has lately obtained a start in a fair and fresh field. The Head Master of Hellmuth College, the Rev. A. Sweatman, has procured a cabinet for the school, and is giving every encouragement to the boys to take an interest in the science; and a New York gentleman, Mr. Gordon, the father of one of the pupils, has very liberally offered two prizes for the best collection of specimens procured during the holidays, and to be presented to the College cabinet.—E. B. REED, London, Ont.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED.

*The Lepidopterist's Guide*, intended for the use of the Young Collector, containing full instructions for the Collecting, Management, Observation, and Preservation of Lepidoptera, in all their stages. By H. Guard Knaggs, M D., F. L. S. London: Van Voorst, Paternoster Row, E.C. (Price, 1s. 6l. stg.)

We have, time and again, recommended our readers and correspondents to procure Dr. Packard's *Guide*, and we hope that most of them have invested in it by this time: we now advise such of them as collect Lepidoptera to lay out a little more of their hard cash in the purchase of Dr. Knaggs' *Guide*, for though both are 'guides,' and trustworthy ones too, they do not pull in opposite directions, but lead the faithful follower to a very fair knowledge of Entomology. The work before us, whose title we have given in full above, while modestly put forth as for the use of *young* collectors, is one from which very few old hands would not learn a good deal well worth knowing; it is, indeed, if not the best, at any rate one of the best, manuals of practical instruction in a particular branch of natural history that has ever been published. Full and clear instructions are given for first getting hold of and then looking after and taking care of Lepidoptera in every stage of their existence, from the new laid egg to the perfectly developed fly. From being a book of *instructions*, some may think that it must be a pretty dry sort of affair—like, for instance, the drill books at the Military School—but we can assure them that it is quite the reverse, being really most interesting and amusing; some parts of it would even entertain the only too numerous individuals who do not know a bug from a butterfly!