

insects draw so largely upon their pockets, and devastate their fields and gardens if not looked after and repressed? That they do abstract annually enormous sums from the wealth of the country, our editors show us plainly in their opening article; they state, and we do not suppose they are far wrong, that the United States lose \$300,000,000 per annum by the depredations of noxious insects! Their object in issuing this new periodical is to shew the people how to save a small proportion, at any rate, of this vast sum, and teach them how to fight with the best prospect of success their tiny but countless foes. The official position of these gentlemen, as well as their various published writings, are a sufficient guarantee for the character and usefulness of their journal; the hearty coöperation of the public is all that is needed for its success. The number before us consists of twenty large octavo pages; it is written in a clear and lively style, and is illustrated by nine excellent woodcuts. It is to be published once a month, and will be profusely illustrated by original drawings from the pen of Mr. Riley, and at least one colored lithographic plate will be given with each volume. For the convenience of subscribers in Canada we have consented to act as agent for this Province; on receipt of one dollar we shall furnish it, *free of Canadian and American postage*, for one year—the difference of exchange covering the postage on both sides of the line. The title, *American Entomologist*, should be particularly mentioned to prevent any confusion with our own publication.

BOOKS RECEIVED:—*On the Development of a Dragon Fly (Diplax)*, and *On the Structure of the Ovipositor and Homologous Parts in the Male Insect*. By A. S. Packard, jun., M.D. From the Pro. Soc. Nat. Hist. Boston, 1868.

The author will please accept our thanks for the copy of these valuable papers that he has kindly sent us.

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#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. S. R., Wooler, Ont.—Your name will be submitted for election as an ordinary member of the Entomological Society of Canada at the next meeting. The best works that we can recommend to you to begin with are Packard's *Guide to the Study of Insects*, now being published in parts at 50 cts. each, and Harris' *Insects Injurious to Vegetation*; other works, of course, will be required as you go on. As a general introduction to the study, you should read Kirby and Spence's *Entomology*, a valuable and highly entertaining work to any one who cares at all for natural history. We shall be happy to procure Dr. Packard's work for you if you desire it; two parts are now published.

B. B., Ottawa; J. N., Belleville; J. R., Montreal.—A large supply of sheet cork has been ordered from England; we expect its arrival about the middle of next