

## BOOK NOTICES.

Lepidoptera Rhopaloceres and Heteroceres, by H. Strecker.

Part 14 of Mr. Strecker's work reached us by mail on the 28th of March, and on enquiry, we find that other subscribers received it within a day or two of that date. We desire to call particular attention to this fact, as this part of the work, in which a number of species are described as new, bears the date of 1877. In Dr. Hayden's last report Mr. S. H. Scudder describes a *Satyrus* larger than *Ridingsii*, and like it, from Utah, as *dionysius*, which seems to be identical with Mr. Strecker's *ashtaroth*. Mr. Strecker's *M. imitata* is also doubtless a synonym of *ulrica* Edwards, C. E., v. 9, p. 189, his *M. larunda* the same as *dymas* Edwards, C. E., v. 9, p. 190, his *Pamphila similis* Edwards' *Amblyscirtes nysa*, C. E., v. 9, p. 191, and his *Charis Guadeloupe* identical with *C. australis* Edwards, *Field and Forest*, Nov., 1877.

It is somewhat singular that Mr. Strecker, who in his work so often expresses his abhorrence of the practice of creating synonyms, and who has not hesitated to heap abuse on the heads of those whom he considers to have fallen into such errors, that he should himself so grievously err in this respect. The dating of a work of this sort 1877, which does not appear until March, 1878, can scarcely be called honest, especially if it be done with the view of establishing a claim for priority in the descriptions of species. We would also here take the opportunity of expressing our regret that Mr. Strecker's work, which in some respects has much to commend it, should be marred by such gross personal abuse as he so frequently indulges in. Such low and ungentlemanly language is entirely unworthy of any one aspiring to the humblest position in the scientific world, and can only result in injury to himself.

---

ENTOMOLOGICAL COLLECTING TOUR.—Mr. Wm. Couper, of Montreal, purposes visiting again the Lower St. Lawrence on a collecting tour this summer. He leaves on the 10th of May, and expects to return about the end of July. Parties wishing to correspond with him while absent will address their letters to Godbout River, Province Quebec, *via* Rimouški. This will be Mr. Couper's fourth collecting tour along the coast and among the islands of the St. Lawrence.