

PURCHASE OF INSECTS.—It often happens that an Entomologist is at a loss to procure specimens of certain rare species that he desires for purposes of study or to complete a series in his cabinet; he has seen them, perhaps, in the collection of a friend, or read of them in some publication, but is unable to obtain them for himself. We are glad to find that a provision has been made for such cases by the establishment of the "Philadelphia Agency" for the sale of specimens of insects; it is under the management of Mr. J. H. Ridings (518 South 13th Street), and is evidently in close connection with the American Entomological Society. The Agency not only sells to purchasers, issuing price-lists of species from time to time, but also receives and disposes of collections from individuals upon commission. The names, moreover, of all insects sold by the Agency are guaranteed to be correct. We would recommend any of our friends who desire to procure rare and beautiful specimens, to send to the Agency for a price-list.

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