

come at first or second hand from me. The very poor descriptions in the Lepid. Het. have not as yet improved our knowledge of our species, except to the extent of giving us three very doubtful forms as new, the best of which (*C. obscura*) I thought might be Guence's indicated var. of *insolabilis*, and so informed Mr. Strecker, who sent me a specimen for examination, accompanied by an epistolary threat that if I did not give him the name of it within a certain time, he would "describe it as new."

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MISCELLANEOUS.

AN AQUATIC BOMBYCID MOTH.—Mr. Bar, of Cayenne, has forwarded to the Entomological Society of France, descriptions and specimens of the various stages of an interesting Bombycid. The larva lives under stones in streams and rises to the surface for transformation. The cocoons are found in clusters floating on the water. Aquatic caterpillars have hitherto been known only in the lower families of Lepidoptera.—*American Naturalist*.

MODE OF EGG-LAYING OF AGRION.—Mr. G. W. Dunn writes us that while collecting at Santa Cruz, California, he observed a species of Agrion (as we find the insect to be) "flying about the water united, male and female. The female would light on a spear of grass growing in the water; the male would then let go, and the female go down the grass twelve or fifteen inches under water and deposit her eggs."—*American Naturalist*.

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