

A CORRECTION.

Dear Sir: I described in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, June, 1885, vol. xvii., p. 115, a new Ichneumonid for which I created the new genus *Platysoma*. But advised by my friend, Mr. E. T. Cresson, I recognized that this name was pre-occupied for a Coleopterous insect of the family Histeridæ. I propose in consequence to change this name in that of *Aplomerus* (from *aplous* simple, and *meros* thigh). Thus, *Platysoma tibialis* must be read *Aplomerus tibialis* Prov.

Cap Rouge, April 15th, 1886.

L. PROVANCHER.

BOOK NOTICE.

The Butterflies of the Eastern United States: By G. H. French, A. M.

This book is indicative of the progress lately made in Zoology, and particularly in Entomology, in that such work is possible, and that it is appreciated. In a plain, simple, and still complete and thorough way, it presents the facts known about a large and distinct group of living objects, which attract the interested attention of every lover and student of nature. The first question which a student asks of a newly found object is, "What is it?" If the object comes within the scope of this volume, this question will be answered easily and satisfactorily. The work has been done carefully and well. The writer has shown his good judgment quite as much in what he has left out, as in what he has put in his book. He has wisely accepted the work which the great body of Entomologists has done before him. He has not felt that a woe rested upon him if he failed to revise, which commonly means to ignore all such work. He has not tried to create a chaos and call it science. He has evidently preferred to present the facts of his subject, rather than to display himself. For what he has done, and for what he has omitted to do, he deserves thanks. The volume is well printed, and its many illustrations, though in many cases familiar, are still the best extant. While we recognize their abundance, we still wish there were more, and hope that it will at some time be possible to figure in such a book every species mentioned. We trust that this work will be followed by others equally meritorious in every division of the wide Entomological field.

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