

possible, by such as show the mode of attack: the fullest observations on the time and manner of attack, and on the subsequent life of the insects, will be acceptable. All specimens will be returned, when desired, by the end of the year.

Complete lists of the butterflies found in different localities, both in New England and the adjacent regions, are wanted, and especially if accompanied by careful memoranda of the exact times of the first appearance, and of the duration of each species. It will be necessary to receive insects from every possible quarter, to arrive at a definite knowledge of their habits. To secure this more effectually, Mr. Scudder will name any local collection of butterflies sent to him with notes, at the Boston Society of Natural History, about the first of October: such collections would be returned before the 1st January. For the safety, however, of his own collection, and of others entrusted to him, it will be necessary to return at once, unnamed, any collection showing traces of having been previously attacked by museum pests.

As stated last month, the amplest credit will be given in the work for every item of scientific intelligence received. We urge our readers to assist in this undertaking to the extent of their ability. With such material aid, the volume cannot fail to supply a need which has long been felt.—*American Naturalist*.

LARVA OF MELITEA PHAETON.—Mr. W. H. Edwards, of Coalburgh, West Va., writes us that he has obtained the larvæ of *M. phaeton*, feeding, May 20, on the leaves of *Chelone glabra*, L., (the plant was determined by Mr. B. Billings, of Ottawa, Ont).

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Coleoptera of the Island of Montreal. By A. S. Ritchie. (Reprinted from the "Canadian Naturalist and Geologist.")

After some preliminary remarks on classification, and on the habits of the leading families of Coleoptera, the author gives a valuable synonymical list of the species of this order taken on the Island of Montreal. It comprises 27 families, 183 genera, and 217 species, and is a useful contribution to our knowledge of the distribution of species in this country. We observe a few species not on our list, while many of those common in the Upper Province are conspicuous by their absence.

List of Hymenopterous and Lepidopterous Insects collected by the Smithsonian Expedition to South America, under Prof. J. Orton. By A. S. Packard jr., Salem, Mass.

Le Naturaliste Canadien. Quebec. No. 6, May, 1869.

Proceedings of the Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. xii., pp. 401—419, completing the volume.

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The American Agriculturist. New York, June, 1869.

The Canada Farmer. Toronto, May, 1869.

The Weekly N. Y. Sun. New York, May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 1869.

A Guide to the Study of Insects. By A. S. Packard, jr. Part vii. April, 1869. This part concludes the Diptera and begins the Coleoptera.