

With these exceptions, the season of 1880 has proved the least favorable to the Entomological collector, in this quarter at least, of any I have experienced in my 21 years' residence in Canada. Very few Lepidoptera were seen, either on the wing or at sugar; beating the bushes was singularly unproductive, and I have more than once picked stumps and turned over stones for a full hour without getting 20 specimens of all sorts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRECTIONS.

In the paper on the early stages of *Gracilaria stigmatella*, ante pp. 25-28, occur the following errors, no doubt overlooked by me in the proof: On p. 26, "85 mm." and on p. 27, "8 mm." and "6 mm.," for which respectively read .85 mm., .8 mm. and .6 mm. (fractions instead of integers). And on p. 28, 13, for "mine" read cocoon.

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FOOD HABITS OF THE LONGICORNS.

In June, 1873, while collecting in a small swamp on Montreal Mountain, I caught a specimen of *Pogonocherus mixtus* Hald. on my coat-sleeve, and as the insect was new to me, I commenced a search for others. Upon examining a dead branch of a small willow growing close by, I found that it had been extensively bored by some small insect. The part attacked was about three feet from the trunk, and at this place the branch, for about twelve inches, was full of holes from which the insects had escaped. Not finding them, I searched further along the branch, and near its extremity, where it was reduced to the thickness of a twig, I found a number of the above-named species. They were lying on the branch with their bodies pressed closely against it, and in this position could with difficulty be distinguished from the withered buds. I observed several pairs in coitu, but none of the females were ovipositing. They appeared to be very sluggish, lying almost motionless, although the sun was shining brightly at the time. Having bottled all that were to be seen, I cut off the branch where it had been perforated and found a number of the beetles in it, but neither larva nor pupa.

Gaurotes cyanipennis Say.—I find this insect in spring on thorn blossoms, and later in the season pairing and ovipositing on butternut.

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