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Sept. 1st—10th. Found about sixty *Meloes*, of both sexes, many of them pairing; feeding on *R. acris*, on a small miry patch, about one-fourth acre, bounded on the right by a small stream, which they could not cross; on the left, about 150 yards up a bank, were six hives of neglected bees. This is the same situation where, in 1873, I found females ovipositing after frost.

1875—Aug. Found *Meloes* in same localities as last season. Captured several females; fed them on *R. acris*; they began ovipositing Sept. 20th. Oct. 20th, all dead. The eggs were of an orange color, and placed in a hole about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep and large enough to receive the abdomen.

1876—Aug. 15th. *Meloes* first seen. Sept. 1st, found about fifty in a ball, as I had found them in 1874. Do not think they were either fighting or pairing; could not make out what they were doing; when disturbed they soon ran away. This season they were about as numerous as in 1875, in same localities at same dates.

From these notes, from my own recollections and from the recollections of my children, I infer that *Meloes* make their appearance about the middle of August, that they pair and oviposit before the winter sets in, and that they never survive the winter; and also that they are very seldom, if ever, found under stones in the neighborhood of Toronto.

[We are very glad to get these highly interesting and valuable notes from our esteemed correspondent, and hope to hear from him again before long. As *Meloe angusticollis* is rarely found in our neighborhood, most of the statements made in reference to it were given by us as the results of the observations of others.—ED. C. E.]

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#### NOTICE.

*Tortricidæ*.—I shall be much obliged for specimens of *Tortricidæ* from collectors in all parts of the U. S. and Canada, as I am now working on that group. Credit will be given to all persons supplying me with material. It is desirable that notes should be furnished of food plant or date of capture. All material sent to me will be determined as fast as possible, and on the completion of my work, sets of specimens will be returned named to the contributors.

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