

Superior. He devotes his attention chiefly to Botany, but intends collecting Coleoptera at a few special localities. We look for some good results.

NEW ILLUSTRATED WORKS ON AMERICAN LEPIDOPTERA.

The Lepidopterist of the present day—be he merely a collector of these beautiful “winged flowers,” or a student of the order—possesses vastly improved advantages over his predecessor of even ten years ago in the accurate and artistic drawings that are being so copiously issued from the press. There are now no less than three serial works in the course of publication, whose chief object is to afford faithful coloured illustrations of Butterflies and Moths. Foremost amongst these is a work that bears off the palm beyond all competitors in this or any other land—one that we have often before noticed in these pages, but which we cannot too often or too highly commend—*Edwards' Butterflies of North America*. This magnificent publication has now reached its Ninth Part, and will with the next issue complete its First Volume. We earnestly trust that its talented author will not rest content with this splendid monument of his industry and ability, but will go on with the work till the beauties of all our Butterflies have been faithfully portrayed. Since our last notice, two new numbers have appeared: Part viii., containing illustrations of *Nephasia menapia*, *Pieris Beckerii* (*N. sp.*), *P. vernalis*, *P. virginensis*, *Argynnis Nevadensis*, *Grapta comma*, and *G. dryas*; Part ix., containing *Papilio Ajax*, varieties *Walshii*, *Telamonides* and *Marcellus*, *Grapta interrogationis*, varieties *umbrosa* and *Fabricii*.

Next to Mr. Edwards' work comes a new serial by Mr. R. H. Stretch, of San Francisco, Cal., entitled *Illustrations of the Lygæniæ and Bombyciæ of North America*, whose object is “to furnish, in a compact form, good coloured illustrations of all the species of these two families of Moths found north of the Mexican boundary, with accompanying letterpress, embodying everything of interest in relation to each species which may have appeared in print, together with additional information from original sources.” Two parts out of the proposed thirty have thus far appeared; the remainder are to be issued at intervals of about six weeks. Part i. contains good coloured drawings—not equal indeed to those in the above-mentioned work, but still very good and reliable—of eight species of *Alypia*, *Scopsis fulvicollis* Walker, six species of *Ctenucha*, and