

having their metropolis, or region best suited to their full and regular development, much further northward. Examples of such forms occur in little out-lying colonies, whose ancestors found in their prehistoric wanderings a suitable habitat, or survived in more and more restricted isolation as the surrounding country became unfitted through climatic changes for the continuance of the species.

Without waiting to consider such, all too-common, insects as the cheerful House-fly, the industrious Clothes-moth, the "Jumpem-quick" and the "Walkem-slow," with numerous other crawling and creeping domestic pets and pests which, like the poor, are always with us, mention will be made of a few of the more noticeable species which within more or less recent years have come hither as permanent residents or as occasional visitors.

Commencing with the Lepidoptera there is, familiar to everyone, the common White Cabbage Butterfly, *Pieris Rapa* Linn, the caterpillars of which devour voraciously the succulent cabbages and cauliflowers of the kitchen-garden, or the fragrant mignonette of the flower plots. This butterfly came to America by way of Quebec about the year 1859 and has since that date become widely distributed across the continent. As the Europeans dispossessed the native Americans so this immigrant from across the Atlantic has become our most common species and has almost supplanted our native white butterfly, *Pieris oleracea* Har, and the last Entomological News (vol. x, p. 46) records a similar displacement of the species as far west as Salt Lake City.

An occasional visitor from across the line is *Aletia argillacea* Hub., the famous Cotton Moth of the Southern States, whose numerous and industrious progeny reduce by several million dollars annually the product of the plant from which is obtained such an important article of commerce, and one so necessary to the comfort of mankind. The moth is of moderate size, expanding scarcely one and one-half inches, and is soberly coloured; the front wings tawny or olivaceous with a few irregular trans-