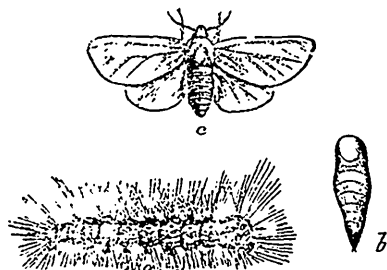


mind for careful and accurate methods of thought and observation ; but also as inducing healthy exercise and out-door occupation, do everything to encourage scholars to investigate Nature. In Great Britain, in France, in Germany, there are good, cheap, illustrated works upon insects. Many an Entomologist who has afterwards risen to eminence owes his distinction to having had his attention drawn to the study of insects either by a schoolfellow or from having been presented with one of these books. We have absolutely no work upon the many beautiful Butterflies which frequent our Canadian woods, prairies and mountains. Such a volume for Canada and the Northern States as "Coleman's British Butterflies" would be an inestimable boon to many—not only the young, who would be charmed with the many treasures which they would find they had everywhere around them ; but also to fathers and mothers and aunts and uncles who are so often at a loss to find suitable presents for children. Mr. Scudder's name alone is a guarantee that the work will be well done.

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THE FALL WEB-WORM (*Hyphantria cunea*.)

By J. Fletcher.



In the above figure are shown the caterpillar, chrysalis and perfect insect of the Fall Web-Worm, one of the greatest pests to our shade and fruit trees. The moth, which in the northern form, as it occurs at Ottawa, is pure white with gray antennæ or feelers ; its

front thighs are yellow and the feet dark. Further to the south the moths are frequently ornamented with many black spots, but I have never seen this form in Canada. At the present time, many of our shade trees are rendered unsightly by the nests of the social caterpillars of this insect and this note is inserted to request the members of the O. F. N. C. to set a good example by destroying them whenever they