

imago of *Tarquinius*. I have taken it in several years, in April, from 17th to end of the month and 5th May. Again in June, from 14th to 4th July; on this latter date I took 24, in 1868, and saw large numbers more; and again last of July, in several years. And I have repeatedly bugged the females on hawthorn, led thereto by what Prof. Glover told me, but always have failed of getting eggs. I have taken these examples generally up the branches of the creeks, flying about the stones in the nearly dry beds thereof. I remember that on the occasion spoken of when I took so many, the butterflies persisted in visiting a large stone, and I caught most of my examples by a bottle, so tame were they. So far as I know there were no alders or hawthorn within a mile of the points where the butterflies have been abundant. There were plenty of beeches, but the probability is that many trees or shrubs on which there was a good supply of aphides would attract the females.

I know nothing about the broods of this species at the north. As we have seen, eggs and larvae were found at New Windsor from middle of August to last of September.

NOTE.—After the above lines had been sent to printer, on 4th Oct., I received three nearly mature larvæ of *Tarquinius* from Mr. Henry F. Schönborn, at Washington, D. C., on alder. No information was received respecting these larvæ.

ON THE PREVIOUS STAGES OF PTINIDÆ AND ALLIED GROUPS.

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A small round box of bamboo (8 by 6 inches) was bought nine years ago in Hong Kong, China, and brought home to Boston. It was placed on a little shelf on the wall, and used for Turkish tobacco. The box was lined inside with a perfectly closing box made of East Indian block-tin, about a millimetre thick. I examined the box January, 1885, and found it hollowed throughout like a sieve, and containing between the tin box and the bamboo cover a large number of dead and living beetles and two living larvæ. The tin box had four small round holes apparently cut through by the insects. The beetles represented two species, one, a little