

A few years ago, on the night of February 2nd, Mr. James Barclay, of Levis, captured a fine specimen of *Ufeus satyricus*, Grote, as it was flying round the station buildings of the Intercolonial Railway at Chaudière Junction, P. Q.

Lonely barns, deserted houses, overhanging cliffs, hollow trees, evergreens, etc., afford shelter to such hibernating insects; and that any of the sleepers should be aroused and come forth, in an unusually mild time, is not more wonderful than that a squirrel, under similar circumstances, should show itself. According to the popular belief, the bear even comes forth on Candlemas Day to study the weather.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE: A PROTEST.

SIR,—After all that has been written of the evil of having descriptions of new species scattered through journals of general natural history or transactions of societies not exclusively devoted to one branch of science, it is certainly disheartening to find in the March number of "The Ottawa Naturalist," a paper by the Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, describing a new species from Ottawa of the genus which for some ten years has been standing in our lists as *Tephroclystis*, Hubner, under the name of *Eupithecia Youngata*.

I can see very little difference between this and the description of butterflies by Mr. Wm. H. Edwards in "Field and Forest," which was so generally condemned by entomologists. Had we no Canadian journal devoted exclusively to entomology, it would, in my opinion, still be deplorable, but when we have such a journal as "THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST," it seems inexcusable, and I trust that, for the benefit of the science, you will republish the descriptive part of the paper in this journal.

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PROFESSOR JOHN B. SMITH, of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, is enjoying a three months' leave of absence in Europe. A postal card depicting the Bridges over the Arno revealed the fact that he was recently at Florence.

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