

A VISIT TO AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO.

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Being recently on a visit to this pretty little frontier town, I devoted a few hours to my friends the resident Coleoptera and Lepidoptera, and well indeed were my labours rewarded, as the sequel will show. The season was rather advanced for Lepidoptera, but there must have been an enormous supply of their larvæ, for I noticed the fatal results of their "grubbing" powers on many of the surrounding trees; oaks, maples, hickory and walnut in particular, were filled with larvæ of *Dryocampa senatoria*, *D. stigma*, *D. rubicunda*, *Halesidota coryæ*, *H. tessellaris*, and a variety of species unknown to me by name, though we have taken several similar ones near London, but have failed to rear them.

Hearing that a lady in the town had a few specimens, I obtained an introduction from a mutual friend, and soon was busy at work upon the odds and ends of a most miscellaneous collection. Imagine my delight upon recognizing that magnificent insect, *Papilio thoas*! I was told that it was quite common there, and was made the lucky possessor of a fine specimen captured the week before, and I hope next season to procure a good supply of this rare insect. I also saw a very handsome Sphinx, *Chærocampa tersa*, caught on the vines in a neighboring garden, and a splendid specimen of *Catocala cara*, both of which species I am inclined to think are hitherto unrecorded as taken in Canada. From this collection I obtained a specimen of those rather uncommon beetles *Xyloryctes satyrus* and *Saperda cretata*, captured at Paris, Ont.; I also took several moths, new to me, and shall endeavor shortly to procure their names. I do not know whether other localities were visited in the same way, but Amherstburg seemed literally to swarm with *Danais archippus*, reminding me of a similar occurrence in Toronto about seven years ago. From all appearances a rich harvest might be reaped by an energetic collector in this hitherto ungleaned field.

The following were obtained by me:—Lepidoptera—*P. asterias*, *P. turnus*, *P. oleracea*, *P. protodice*, *C. philodice*, *D. archippus*, *V. milberti*, *V. progne*, *L. disippus*, *A. cybele*, *M. tharos*; *Catocala amatrrix*, *C. parta*, *Arctia Saundersii*, *A. phalerata*, and several of the Noctuidæ not yet determined by me through want of leisure. Coleoptera—*Pelidnota punctata*, *Clerus nigripes*, *Leptura Canadensis*, *Saperda vestita*, *Ligyrrus relictus*, *Clytus campestris*, *Cassida pallida*, *Hippodamia maculata*, *Chrysomela Bigsbyana*, *Diabrotica vittata*, *Macrobasis Fabricii*, several *Graphisuri*, and a most wonderful Curculio with a very alarming snout longer than its body, and the thickness of a horse-hair, belonging, I believe, to the genus *Balaninus*; and