

Mr. Westcott gave an account of the mode of building its web by a Geometrical Spider, and stated that the insect when forming the concentric lines across the rays measured the distance from the next parallel line by means of its second right fore-leg before attaching the thread to the ray.

Prof. Cook, in answer to a question, stated that he had found a mixture of honey and beer equally efficacious with the ordinary mixture for sugaring.

Mr. Grote remarked that he had found the Colorado Potato Beetle feeding upon a large cultivated variety of *Datura*, and feared that it would probably soon prove a serious enemy to the Tobacco plant, another member of the family *Solanaceæ*.

Prof. Riley stated that he had found the Colorado Beetle in South Carolina.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH.

The Sub-section of Entomology met at the Institute this morning, Dr. J. G. Morris in the chair. For the first time the titles of the papers to be read, with the names of the officers, were published in the Association programme for the day.

Prof. Fernald gave a brief description of his method of preparing and mounting the wings of micro-lepidoptera.

Mr. B. P. Mann gave an account of the contributions of the Cambridge Entomological Club and the progress of Entomology.

Prof. C. V. Riley described the life-habits of certain Bee-flies (*Bombyliidæ*), and made some remarks on Tree-Crickets and on the early stages of *Blepharocera*.

Dr. Hagen exhibited a specimen of *Passalus cornutus*, which was entirely destitute of any trace of elytra, but possessed wings and all other parts quite perfect. He stated that it was impossible that the elytra had been artificially removed and that he considered this to be a very rare natural deformity.

Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, in the absence of Dr. Hoy, who was to have read the next paper on the occurrence of *Aelia argillacea* in Wisconsin, stated that he had learned in conversation with Dr. Hoy that this moth had occurred in immense numbers on ripe melons near Racine, Wis., and that he had himself, in the autumn of 1865, taken a great quantity of the