

THE COLORADO BEETLE.

DEAR SIR,—

The following extract from an English newspaper, the *Bristol Mercury*, will show how carefully the Colorado Beetle is looked after in England and how great a risk he runs if he sets foot within the United Kingdom. He is far more sternly outlawed than was Robin Hood or Smith O'Brien, and if only a suspicion of his presence is felt, all, from the Privy Council downwards, are up in arms to crush him with all the terror of the law. Let us hope they will succeed in making the country too hot for even the ten-lined Spearman.

“ Mr. Borlase put a question as to the discovery of a Colorado Beetle in South Devon.

“ Mr. Mundella answered, saying the Colorado Beetle was in his department (a laugh). He then gave the facts of the discovery of a live Colorado Beetle in the possession of a man at Yealampton, who refused to give it up. Upon instructions from the department he was prosecuted under the Destructive Insects Act of 1877, and fined the mitigated penalty of £5, he pleading ignorance of the law and agreeing to the destruction of the beetle.”

E. W. C.

DEAR SIR,—

I always look for the coming of the CAN. ENT. with pleasure. Having seen several articles in the ENTOMOLOGIST relative to the abundance or scarcity of insects, as compared with past seasons, I would inform you that in 1879 I did not see a single specimen of *Terias nicippe*, while this year they were abundant, in fact more numerous than *Colias philodice*.

Columbus, O., Dec. 2, 1880.

W. N. TALLANT.

DEAR SIR,—

On the 6th Oct., 1880, I took six *cresphontes* larvæ feeding on prickly ash. Some of them fed for several days afterwards, and in due time they all transformed to chrysalids. Now they have all emerged as butterflies; the first appeared on the 22nd of March, the last on the 17th of April, 1881. They measure from $3\frac{3}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in expanse of wing, perfect in form and rich in coloring.

J. ALSTON MOFFAT.

Hamilton, April, 1881.