

hundred without moving more than ten paces. I don't remember having seen this species so abundant here for several years. Last year *Pyrameis cardui* appeared to me to be the most plentiful butterfly here, during August and September. I also noticed a large number of this latter species on the marshes of Lake St. Peter, about sixty miles down from Montreal. This was in the early part of September, last year. If you consider the above notes interesting enough to publish, I should like to know the cause of the above mentioned assemblage of *archippus*. The weather was showery in the morning, and sunshiny in the afternoon, with a stiff breeze blowing from the south.

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CRYPTOBIUM FLAVICORNE, LEC.

*Dear Sir*: In his recent very interesting "A Study of the Species of *Cryptobium* of North America," Trans. Am. Ent. Soc., 1885, Dr. Horn has united with *pallipes* the forms hitherto known as *latebricola* and *flavicornis*. Having lately shown him a series of specimens in which the males have a denticle on the middle of the hind margin of the sixth (fifth visible) ventral segment, he writes that in none of the males of *pallipes* in his cabinet does this little tooth exist, and that he thinks it could not have existed in any specimens of the series which he examined while preparing his paper. He thinks, however, that the species thus indicated is the *flavicornis* Lec., and says the females are only distinguishable by the very pale rufo-testaceous antennæ of *flavicornis* and the more or less piceous antennæ of *pallipes*. Immature females of the latter in Dr. Horn's cabinet and in my own appear indistinguishable from *flavicornis*.

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*Dear Sir*: Whilst being out on a drive through the country last summer, I noticed a small yellow butterfly near the road side, too small to be a *Colias philodice* Godt. I jumped off the wagon and captured it, after a brief chase. To my astonishment, it proved to be a fresh specimen of *Terias lisa* Boisd., the first one ever taken in this locality.

I think it will be well to remember the following: To prevent moulding of the sand used for relaxing specimens, put a few drops of carbolic acid in the water to moisten the sand with; it also prevents the moulding of specimens should they be closed up too long.

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