

ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM, CAMBRIDGE, U. S., DEC. 20.

DEAR SIR,—

I have commenced to study and arrange the Coleoptera in the Museum, and hope to get help on all sides, and shall be particularly glad to see specimens in the less studied groups. At present I have finished the N. American Phytophaga, and hope to work at the Staphylinidæ ere long. I also want to see all the Dytiscidæ that I can, as it is only by a long series that much can be done. I shall be glad to hear from any one interested in exotic insects, also. Yours truly,

G. R. CROTCH.

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LARVA OF *P. BREVICAUDA*.

We extract the following from a letter recently received from Mr. Edwards :—Miss Peart has drawn the larva of *brevicauda*. It differs from *asterias* larva in that the black transverse bands are broken, and no yellow spots are between them; the lowest black spot is triangular, and so to each band. It is more like *solicaon*, although that has yellow spots. The point is that it is not *asterias*.

W. H. EDWARDS, Coalburgh, W. Va., 18th Nov., 1873.

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BOOK NOTICES.

- Hickberry Butterflies. Descriptions of the early stages of *Apatura Lycaon*, *Fabr.* and *Apatura Herse*, *Fabr.*, with remarks on their synonymy, from the Trans. St. Louis Acad. Science. 8vo., pp. 14, with four illustrations by Chas. V. Riley, M. A., Ph. D., St. Louis.
- On Platypyllide, a new family of Coleoptera, from the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, 8vo., pp. 6, with one plate, by J. L. Le Conte, M. D.
- Seltzame Geschichte eines Tagfalters, von Samuel H. Scudder.
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History, vol. xv, parts 3 and 4, Dec., '72 to April, '73.
- Nature, to December 11th.
- Science Gossip, December.
- American Naturalist, December, 1873, January, 1874.
- Canada Farmer, December 15 and 30.
- Prairie Farmer to Dec. 27.
- The Horticulturist, Nov. and Dec..
- Rural New Yorker to Jan., '73.
- American Agriculturist, Jan.
- Maine Farmer to Dec. 27.