

the morning following three were suspended and the same day pupated. On Tuesday next, when putting fresh food in the box for the few which had not yet pupated, I was astonished to see an imago of *V. Milbertii* in the box, and on examining I found the empty pupa case suspended on one side of the box. From that day they gradually hatched, until two weeks after I found the caterpillars quite a number of imagoes had disclosed; the balance I found, after waiting another week, to have died in the pupa state. What do you think has been the cause of such a hurry?

WILLOW AND POPLAR, ALSO FOOD PLANTS OF PAEONIAS (*SMERINTHUS*)
EXCÆCATA.

Last fall (1883) I found the larvæ of a *Sphinx* quite abundant on willow, which were unique in color and markings, with the caterpillar of *P. excæcata*. Reaching home I put them on the same kind of plant in my garden. I then also took some caterpillars of *P. excæcata*, which I had found feeding on linden, and tied them in a gauze bag on a willow branch, on which they readily fed and afterwards pupated, this assuring me that the first mentioned were of the same species. Early in August I also found a number of small caterpillars of the same species on poplar (*P. monolifera*?), which I also fed on willow and on linden. The caterpillars of *P. excæcata* have been very abundant here last season, on willow, whilst *Sm. geminatus*, which I have not yet noticed on any other plant, has been very scarce.

In Vol. iv., No. 2, p. 62 of the Bulletin of the Society of Natural Science, Buffalo, N. Y., I stated in an article never to have caught the imago of *Darapsa myron* on strings of dried apples, soaked in stale beer and sugar; this I wish with this to recall, as I caught a specimen on it last season. *D. versicolor* and *D. choerilus* especially come frequently, and have been taken by me quite often.

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Dear Sir,—Mr. John D. Evans, on page 237, describes an unusual gathering of Coleoptera on the shore of Weller's Bay, and desires to know if others have observed similar instances. On 3rd June last, I saw an almost equally numerous collection of insects near this city, between the Chaudiere Falls and the Canada Pacific Railway bridge across the Ottawa. A long boom-log fixed almost at right angles to the shore, formed with it a pocket into which were swept by the swift current chips, bark and other