

catalogue includes a little over 1,300 species. "The largest family is the Theridiidæ with 298 species; the Attidæ is next with 213; two other families, the Lycosidæ and Epeiridæ, have over 100 species in each. Sixteen families have less than 10 species apiece." This work will be a most useful one. Many of the species occur in Canada but comparatively few definite records are available. The publication of this catalogue will undoubtedly lead to more systematic work, and it is to be hoped that entomologists, or others, in Canada, who are interested in spiders, will do their share in working up local species. In the East a fair amount of work has been done in collecting these creatures, but in the West practically all records of captures would be of value.

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NOTES.

ANOTHER CASE OF NATURAL GRAFTING.—Mr. J. R. Anderson's note in the April number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, about an interesting case of natural grafting, prompts me to call attention to a somewhat different case which may be seen by any Ottawa member, when walking down Bank Street to the Glebe. On the west side of the street, between Roseberry and Strathcona Avenues near Patterson's Creek, there is a medium-sized maple, from the base of which a sucker or twin sapling was at one time growing. The "twin" is still there, but no longer as an independent stem. About a foot from the ground it becomes lost in the larger tree, the bark of which has closed completely over it. Several inches higher up, a branch three or four inches in diameter emerges obliquely from the trunk, and is evidently the re-appearance of the lost sapling; though now looking more like a normal branch of the tree. It is several times the diameter of the part below. The latter though making little, if any growth, is still alive; but any contribution which it may make to the life of the branch must be very small in comparison with that derived through the main trunk. Should one of our future naturalists have the good fortune to be present when this tree is cut down, he may be able to extend this note with some interesting information gathered from a study in cross section.

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The Publications Committee beg to announce that the miscellaneous publications, of which mention has been made, (p. 9, April number, 1910), will be available for free distribution to members of the club on June 21st next at 4.30 p.m., in the basement of the Normal School. L. H. NEWMAN, Ch. of Com.