

HYMENOPTERA.

All the Hymenoptera have been submitted to Mr. W. H. Ashmead. The types of the new species are in his collection, and will be described by him.

(1) Near Brush Creek, June 27, 1889—

Bombus rufocinctus Cr.

Prosapis basalis Smith, ♂.

Oryssus occidentalis Cr.

Rhodites spinosellus Ckll., n. sp.

Limneria tibiator Cr.

Odynerus leucomelas Sauss.

Macrophya albipictus Ashm., ♂, ♀.

Camponotus sp.

Orthocentrus leucopsis Ashm.

Eurytoma diastrophii Welsh, ♀.

Of *R. spinosellus* only the round pickly leaf-galls were found.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRYSALIDS DEVoured BY CATERPILLARS.

Dear Sir: A few days ago I found a number of *Pyrameis cardui* larvæ, and also several (4) of the common, reddish brown, hairy caterpillars (*Spilosoma Isabella*), so often seen about gardens in the fall feeding on plants of the common garden hollyhock (*Althæa rosea*). Not having extra boxes to spare, I placed both species in a roomy pasteboard box, with a plentiful supply of hollyhock leaves. In the course of a day or two several of the *cardui* larvæ hung themselves to the corner of the box, and in a short time three were transformed to chrysalids. What was my surprise on looking into the box this morning to see if any more had hung or transformed, to find the reddish brown caterpillars had devoured two of the *cardui* chrysalids, and one of the caterpillars was actually engaged eating the third, and had consumed fully one-half of it. This was not done from lack of food, as there was an *abundance* in the box. Here, then, is a new source of destruction to our butterflies—a sort of cannibalism among caterpillars.

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