

ORTHOPTERA. A case of *Orthoptera*, forwarded from America more than a year ago, has just reached me, on account of the recent war, and the obstruction of freight on the railways centering in Paris. As it was undoubtedly stored in damp places, a large proportion of the specimens were covered with mould, some of them so as to be quite invisible. They had, however, suffered very unequally. On examination, I found that specimens which had been pinned in some Paris-made pasteboard boxes, with cork bottoms, had suffered most; those contained in wooden boxes lined with cork much less so, although still presenting a very unsightly appearance; while those placed in two wooden boxes, lined with aloe-pith, instead of cork, were *entirely uninjured*. The position of the boxes in the case seemed to have nothing to do with their immunity, as they were not beside each other.

I would, therefore, recommend the use of aloe-pith for the lining of insect boxes when they are to be used for distant transportation—especially by water.

SAMUEL H. SCUDDER.

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KIRBY'S BRITISH-AMERICAN INSECTS.—The types of the species described by Kirby (which we are now reprinting) in the *Fauna Borealis Americana*, are still in existence, we are glad to learn, at the British Museum.

CRAB APPLS. Do not start, Entomological reader; this is not the name of a new species of insect, but we do not know where else to acknowledge the receipt of a little box of "Marango Winter Siberian Crab-apples," sent us by Messrs. Andrews, Herendeen & Jones, of Geneva, N.Y. They are pretty in appearance, pleasant in taste, and are said to especially excel in the quality of keeping.

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