

## THE BEATING NET.

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The uses of the beating net are obvious and can at once be appreciated in the collecting of Coleoptera and larvæ. A convenient and simple form is here presented, with directions for its construction.

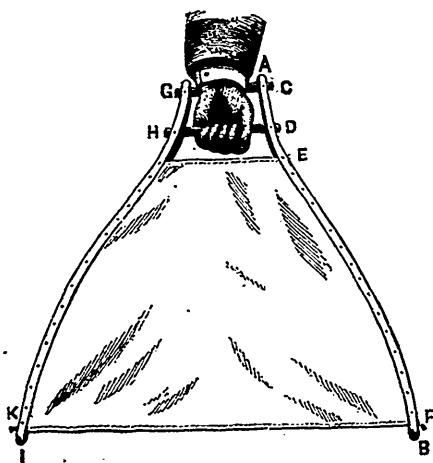


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

This particular form of net was invented and presented to me by my friend, Mr. T. B. Ashton, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, who has not only distinguished himself as a Coleopterist, but has shown himself to be an excellent mechanic.

By grasping the net with the left hand, as shown in fig. 2, thrusting it under a shrub, and giving the bush a quick shake, or blow with a walking-stick, every living thing upon it will instantly fall upon the apron of the net. If Coleoptera, they can be secured with the fingers or a small net held in the other hand for that purpose. If caterpillars, they can be gently rolled into a receptacle prepared for them.