

Mordellistina aspersa Mels. Several specimens taken on flowering plants, such as Spiræa, about the end of July. This beetle is stated by Mr. John B. Smith (Trans. Am. Ent. Soc., Vol. x.,) to be "the most common of our species." It cannot, however, be very abundant northerly, as it has never apparently been recorded from Canada, nor is it in Lake Superior, Michigan or Buffalo lists.

Comata Lec. Two or three specimens; varying in color of head and thorax to the forms *picicornis* and *cervicalis* Lec., now included by Mr. Smith in this species. Recorded from Michigan under the latter names, and Buffalo under the last one.

pectoralis Lec. Rare. A prettily marked species taken by Leconte on the north shore of Lake Superior (Agassiz Lake Superior Expedition.) Evidently rare, as Mr. Smith, in his remarks on the species, states that he had seen only one specimen and that the type, nor can I find mention of its capture elsewhere. This is one of many instances in which a marked resemblance of the fauna of Ottawa to that of Lake Superior is evident.

ambusta Lec. *Var.* Two specimens. Recorded from Michigan, but is more abundant in the Middle and Southern States.

ENTOMOLOGICAL NOTES.

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I have to record the capture of some Coleoptera in rather an unusual manner. Last week while out in the woods on one of my collecting tramps, I was attracted to an old stump by the glittering of something in the sun. Closer acquaintance did not at first solve the mystery; the bright object seemed to be buried among some debris. Further examination revealed the dried and withered remains of a small toad, the glitter being that of some Buprestidæ partly exposed in what was once the stomach of the defunct batrachian.

I carried the remains home, and with no little trouble excavated in a perfect state the following:—

Calosoma frigidum Lec.

Platynus placidus Say. Several.

Dicerca ? A pair.

A small weevil unknown to me.

Portions of *Cicindela repanda* Dej., other Coleoptera and some Diptera.