

NOTES FROM MY DIARY, QUEBEC, 1893.

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On August 10th, I left by the 4.45 p.m. terry for the Isle d'Orleans, which was reached about 5.30. A short walk uphill brought me to one of my favourite collecting grounds, and the remaining daylight was usefully spent looking for Coleoptera, a few good things being taken.

About dusk I visited a patch of the spreading Dog-bane (*Apocynum androsæmifolium*, Lin.), which was in bloom, growing at one end of a small clearing in the woods; a road ran alongside the fence at this end, on the other side of which was more wood. The evening was clear, with somewhat of a warm breeze. Here, in half-an-hour, I captured eight species of *Plusia*, over 30 specimens. I was kept busy netting and bottling my captures. Things were so numerous that several entomologists could have found a lively and profitable thirty minutes' occupation; unfortunately, I had to tear myself away at 8 o'clock, to catch the boat.

When I got home, I found the following to be the contents of my bottles: *Plusia putnam* ^{irt.}, 4; *thyatiroides*, Gn., 1; *U-aureum*, Bdv., 1; *mortuorum*, Gn., 1; *iridisignata*, Grt., 1; *ampla*, Walk., 1. The balance consisted of *prev. onis*, Gn., and *simplex*, Gn. The only other noctuid taken at this blossom was *Drasteria erectea*, Cram., rather common. I may add that before dusk I took a fine *Plusia bimaculata*, Steph., on the wing.

BOOK NOTICES.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF WOODLAND, FEN AND HILL; and WOODSIDE, BURNSIDE, HILLSIDE AND MARSH, by J. W. Tutt, Editor of the Entomologist's Record and Journal of Variation. London: Swan, Sonnenschein & Co.

The name of the author of these two volumes must be familiar to our readers, as an occasional contributor to our pages, while he is widely known as a writer of much scientific repute on matters concerning the Lepidoptera. In these two books he has assumed a lighter and more popular role; his aim has been—to quote his own words—“to bring under the notice of the general public, in readable and untechnical language, a few of the interesting phenomena which are to be observed everywhere around us, by those who take the trouble to look for them, and to give such explanations of their causes as may easily be understood, even by those whose scientific knowledge is small.” He has cer-