however, to be *Plagiodera versicolora* Laicharting, which is an old name for the common *P. armoricæ* of Europe.  From its activity in New Jersey, it can easily do considerable damage, feeding as it does, in both larval and adult stages, but, of course, can undoubtedly be kept in check by arsenical sprays.

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*Bat Fleas.*—The Hon. N. Charles Rothschild has very kindly sent me word that the bat-fleas of which I gave an account in the Annual Report of the Ent. Soc. of Ont. for 1909, belong to the species: "*Ischnopsyllus insignis* Rothschild.  Nov. Zool., Vol. X, p. 319, No. 4, pl. IX, figs. 8-12, 1903."

I am much pleased to receive this authoritative identification of the insects.                                     THOMAS W. FYLES.
Ottawa, January 27th, 1916.

Apropos of the late Prof. Webster's note in the Can. Entom.' Vol. XLVII, p. 406, I can report an assembling of *Anosia plexippus'* which seemed to me remarkable on account of both the earliness of the date and the situation.

In connection with an investigation of the introduction of the San José Scale into Ontaric, I called on the 16th day of August, 1899, upon a farmer who, the neighbours said, was the first man to observe it in the Niagara district.  His farm was on the Lake Ontario shore (south side) a few miles west of the mouth of the Niagara River.  A grove across his property cut off the view of the lake.  In conversation, he mentioned the fact that this grove was then swarming with red butterflies.  I went back through it and found that he had not exaggerated, for, verily, there was a multitude of "monarchs" there "that no man could number."

London, Ont., Dec. 12, 1915.          JOHN DEARNESS.

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NELSON'S "EMBRYOLOGY OF THE HONEY BEE."

THE EMBRYOLOGY OF THE HONEY BEE. By J. A. Nelson, Ph.D. 282, p.p., 95 + XV. figures.  Princeton University Press.  Price $2 net.  1915.

In the short preface that he has written for this book, Dr. E. F. Phillips explains that in it "is presented to the beekeeping public, as well as to those whose interests are more scientific, the