

Any persons, here or in foreign countries, willing to correspond with me or to exchange examples of either indigenous or exotic species, will confer a great favour by sending me a line to that effect.

Also any one having undescribed or hitherto unfigured species, either butterflies or moths, native or exotic, will confer a great favour by loaning them for the purpose of illustration and description in the work on "Lepidoptera" which I am at present publishing in monthly parts; the greatest care will always be taken of all such examples intrusted to me, and they will be promptly returned as soon as described and figured, and a guarantee given to that effect whenever required; in such cases all credit, of course, will be duly given to the discoverer.

I will cheerfully and gratuitously identify specimens of butterflies and moths sent to me for that purpose; where persons have them in duplicate the best plan is to put numbers on the specimens sent, corresponding with those on the specimens in their collections, and I need only write the names after the numbers, thus: No. 7 is *Papilio Eurymedon*; you look at No. 7 in your collection and see in a moment that that is the species meant. Where you have only a single specimen, and wish it returned, it is of course unnecessary to affix any number, as I can write the name on a small slip of paper and stick it on the pin of the insect to be returned.

If I have in these pages failed to meet all the requirements of the case, I trust no one interested in the science will hesitate to write to me, for I am always equally as willing and glad to receive information as I am at all times to impart any, as far as lies within my power. It would be a churl indeed who would fail to answer an appeal from one who is traveling the same road that in bygone days he had traversed. I shall never forget when a little boy how my heart bounded when one day Prof. Jos. Leidy took me into the basement of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, and pointing to the books on Entomology told me I had permission to examine their contents. Great God what a Heaven opened to me! my books on natural history previously were sundry of the "Peter Parley" suite; with what contempt I looked ever thereafter at the venerable Peter, as pictured on the first page, in knee breeches, surrounded by his numerous descendants who were supposed to be listening with eyes, mouths, ears all extended, to his accounts of vampyres, cockroaches half a foot long, and the inevitable tarantula, that after biting people looked at them till they danced themselves to death; but alas, the once treasured "Peter Parley" books had served their time, and their place knew them no more. How I now reveled in the treasures of old Cramer, in Donovan, in the wonderful Thesaurus of Mad. Merian, in indefatigable Hubner, and in dust *ad libitum*. How I gazed wonder-struck on the great African Saturnidae depicted by the old authors, never dreaming that I should ever become the happy possessor of such treasures. Time in this respect has dealt kindly with me, many of Cramer's and Drury's species and many that Cramer and Drury doubtless never saw, now grace my cabinets, and are things of beauty and to me things of endless joy. Oh I never my friend, give a cold look or a short word to those who hunger after the truths of science; foolish questions may be asked you, and your patience at times taxed, but remember the time, far back, when you too were groping in the dark, vainly striving to find the path of which you could only catch in the distance the faintest glimmer. Remember how a hand was reached out to direct you aright from gloom and uncertainty to light and knowledge; show now your gratitude for that kindness, in the only way in your power, by

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