

lists, but in every instance (four) the specimens sent me were *Cyrtophorus verrucosus* Oliv. The descriptions of *C. gazellula* Hald. and of *Cyrtophorus gibbulus* Lec. (Lake Sup. p. 234 now united with it), show the color and markings to vary greatly individually, and to so closely approximate *C. verrucosus* as to be doubtfully distinguishable, and the separation must be made by reference to generic characters. In *Microclytus* the second joint of the antennæ is as long as the fourth; while in *Cyrtophorus* the second joint is short, and the third is longer than the fourth, (Class. Coleopt.) No weight should be attached to color or markings for the separation of these two species.

Anthonomus cratægi Walsh, which is common and abundant on many kinds of blossoms, especially wild cherry and laurel, is always sent me for *A. rubidus* Lec., which species I have not yet obtained. There should not be much trouble in distinguishing them, as *cratægi* has only six joints in the funicle of the antenna, while *rubidus* has seven—a matter readily determined by counting them under a microscope.

Elatér protervus Lec. has been united with *semicinctus* Rand. and *Cryptobium latebricola* Nord. with *pallipes* Grav., both of which have always been troublesome to collectors.

There are many other names on the list that deserve the same treatment, and will, no doubt, eventually be united as the variations in color, size and sculpture within specific limits become better known.

SEASIDE CAPTURES.

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I visited Fire Island, Rockaway Beach, Long Beach and Coney Island during the seasons of 1883 and 1884. Found myriads of *Cicindela hirticollis* and *dorsalis*, Say. The beaches were fairly alive with these beetles. The *hirticollis* were most abundant in the latter part of June and early part of July, and *dorsalis* at the end of July and beginning of August. These beetles may be found throughout the length of these beaches. They have a singular habit of collecting in great numbers at certain points, where in spaces of about fifty feet square they are as numerous as flies about a stable. This was frequently observed, and so far as the general character of the beach and the surroundings were con-