

farmer with many useful and active assistants in the shape of various predaceous insects. Conspicuous amongst these are the Ground Beetles, which should be known by sight by every one, so that they may be protected, and not, as is too often the case, destroyed *because they are insects*. At Fig. 6 is shown the "Fiery Ground Beetle" (*Calosoma calidum* Fab.), a common and very useful species. Its colour is deep black with red (or sometimes green) glowing spots. The grub has been styled the "Cut-worm Lion," on account of its useful habit of destroying these pests.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN EARLY BUTTERFLY.

Dear Sir: While driving in a cutter on 12th March, my attention was attracted to a butterfly fluttering around a farmer's house. Seeing it alight, I attempted to capture it, but although I got near enough to make sure it belonged to the genus *Grapta*, it rapidly flew across a wide field of deep snow and easily eluded pursuit. The weather was mild, and as far as my experience goes, this species is the earliest butterfly to appear in our vicinity; but I consider this particular record as somewhat remarkable even for *Grapta*.

Plover Mills, Ont.

ROBERT ELLIOTT.

CAPTURES AT MONTREAL.

Dear Sir: During the past summer a few butterflies have been taken here which are perhaps worth noting. I took a *Pieris napi oleracea* on May 21, and half a dozen *Pyrameis huntera* and two *P. cardui* one afternoon in September. *Oleracea* is very local and has almost disappeared. *Huntera* is very rare, one or two specimens perhaps being observed each year, and *cardui* has been scarce since 1884, when this species appeared in great abundance. A specimen of *Feniseca Tarquinius* was taken in June and two in July of the previous year (1887). These are the only instances of its occurrence here.

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Mailed June 5th.