

CORRESPONDENCE.

A THIRSTY SPIDER.

DEAR SIR,—

On the sixth of April my attention was drawn to a small black spider running on the inside of my window-sill. In the course of its travels it came to a drop of water that had trickled from the window pane, when it stopped and commenced drinking.

Wishing to see what it would do, I touched it with my finger, when it set off at a great rate; passing near another drop, it ran to it and again commenced drinking, this time turning out of its path in its eagerness to reach the water.

I have sometimes seen Lepidopterous larvæ drinking, but had never observed a spider doing so before.

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DYSAUXES MEDIASTINA.

DEAR SIR,—

Dysauxes mediastina, Hubner, Zutrage, figs. 505, 506, must be erased from the list of American Lepidoptera, the locality assigned to it by Hubner being erroneous. The figures quoted above are excellent representations of an Australian insect which I have received from New South Wales. This is not the only erroneous locality which has crept into Hubner's writings, as those who have studied the volumes will have discovered.

Yours truly,

R. H. STRETCH, San Francisco.

PLATYSAMIA COLUMBIA, *S. I. Smith*.

DEAR SIR,—

In March last I found a cocoon on a maple tree, in the east end of this city, which bore a very close resemblance to *P. cecropia*, only it was not much more than half the size. I compared it with Mr. Bowles' description of *columbia*, and as it differed in some respects, I supposed it to be *cecropia*. All doubts were, however, removed by the appearance of the imago on the 13th May, which proved to be a fine male specimen of *columbia*. I believe this is the first that has been taken in Montreal.

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