

accounts of the habits and economy of the various species of bees, wasps, hornets, ants, &c.; it is illustrated with three excellent full-page plates, and nearly fifty accurate wood cuts. Part 4 concludes the Hymenoptera, taking up the families of Ichneumons and other parasites, gall flies, saw flies, and horn tails; the remainder of the Part is occupied with the commencement of the order Lepidoptera, and describes the general structure of its members, the mode of rearing and preserving larvæ, and the beginning of an account of the family *Papilionidæ*. In the last few pages we observed descriptions of two new species by our friend and coadjutor, Mr. W. Saunders, viz.: *Papilio brevicauda*, from St. John's, Newfoundland, and *Melitæa Packardii*, taken, we believe, in this country. This part is illustrated with upwards of sixty wood-cuts. Need we again commend this invaluable work to the attention and support of our readers?

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Since our former notice of this excellent periodical, four more numbers have appeared, each one replete with interesting matter, and remarkably well illustrated with Mr. Riley's carefully-executed wood cuts. We were much gratified at learning from the November number that its circulation was then "5,000 per month, and increasing at the rate of 15 to 50 daily." This is as it should be; and we hope to hear that it has attained to the number of 10,000 before the close of the volume. We may mention again that we shall be happy to supply subscribers in Canada with copies, free of both American and Canadian postage, on the receipt of one dollar; or, together with our own publication, post free for \$1.25. We shall willingly furnish specimen numbers on application.

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*Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History.* Vol. XII, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 1868. Besides much other interesting matter, we find in these *Proceedings* a description of a new species of *Thecla*, taken at Milford, N. H.; a method of preserving larvæ in carbolic acid; and descriptions of new species of North American Bees, by Mr. Cresson, including one from Canada. We are much obliged to the Society for the kind exchange, the advantage of which is almost all on our side.

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