

LITERARY NOTICES.

We notice with pleasure the appearance of a work the want of which has long been felt by Canadian Entomologists and which will be appreciated by practical workers in this department everywhere. We refer to a *Check List of Insects of the Dominion of Canada* recently compiled by W. Brodie, L. D. S. and J. E. White, M. B. under the direction of the Natural History Society of Toronto. The list includes some 5852 species, all of which are reported by some good authority as being Canadian. This is a great advance upon all preceding lists, and brings the work up to date. It is therefore indispensable to all Naturalists who are working and making exchanges in this interesting department. Accompanying the Check List is a corresponding Label List to be used in labeling cabinets. One point of excellence in this particularly noticeable is in the Hymenoptera, where the sex-form is so diverse, special labels being given for the sexes. As the compilers purpose publishing additions and corrections from time to time they particularly desire names and specimens of species not mentioned in the List.

The *North American Review* for October is at hand with an especially interesting table of contents. Prof. W. Boyd Dawkins, shows that "early man in America" was contemporary with the River Drift Hunter or Pleistocene man in Europe and India, using the same rude implements and being similar to them in mode of life. In an interesting paper on "Astronomical Collisions" Prof. C. A. Young shows that the clashing of heavenly bodies is possible but that owing to the vastness of inter-stellar space such catastrophies must be of rare occurrence. In "Gold and Silver as standards of value" it is claimed that these should be coined to preserve uniformity in metallic currency. The "Saint Patrick Myth" gives some interesting folk-lore in regard to that somewhat legendary individual. Other articles are: "Some aspects of Democracy in England," "Co-operative Distribution," "Board of Trade Morality," "History of the French Revolution" and "Social Forces in the United-States."

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SPECIMENS RECEIVED.

BOTANY.

- T. F.—1. *Dicksonia punctiloula*, (Gossamer Fern).
 2. *Aster carneus*, Nees. (Purple Aster).
 3. *Brunella vulgaris*, L., (Heal All), (Common Self Heal), &c.
 4. *Antennaria margaritacea*, R. Brown, (Pearly Everlasting).
 5. *Aster Miser*, L., (Poor Aster).
 6. *Solidago gigantea*, Ait. (Giant Goldenrod).
 7. *Leontodon autumnale*, L., (Fall Dandelion), (August Flower).
 8. *Achillea Millefolium*, (Common Yarrow) (Milfoil).
 10. *Solidago caesia*, L., (Gray Goldenrod).
 L. S.—1. *Antennaria margaritacea*, R. Brown, (Pearly Everlasting).
 2. *Achillea Millefolium*, var. *rubrum*. (Red Yarrow).
 3. *Solidago speciosa*, Ait. (showy Goldenrod).
 4. *Leucanthemum vulgare*, Lam. (Ox-eye Daisy), (Evil Weed).
 5. *Ranunculus repens*, L., (Creeping Buttercup).
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CONCHOLOGY.

- A. G.—1. *Purpura lapillus*, Linn.
 2. *Littorina Litorea*, Menke,
 3. *Buccinum undatum* Linn. (Whelk).
 4. *Littorina palliata*, Gould.
 5. *Chiton ruber*, Stimp.
 6. *Tectura tesudinalis*, Stimp. (Common Limpet).
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