

I caught a Screech Owl a few days ago which has the pupil of one eye three or four times smaller than the usual or normal size. The abnormal eye is somewhat smaller than the other, but otherwise appears to be natural and perfect.

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"One interested in Science" wishes to ask through our columns:

1. Where can I procure a list and description of birds' eggs, numbered ready for the cabinet?

2. Where can I get a colored list of the butterflies and moths of Nova Scotia and at what price?

Will some of our readers please reply?

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ALBERTITE.—In the article "Mineralogy" of the New Encyclopedia Britannica by Prof. Heddle of St. Andrews, Scotland, under the class MINERAL RESINS, we find *Albertite*. It is thus described: Massive, velvet-black, adamantine lustre, brittle, C. C. carbon 86, hydrogen 9, nitrogen 2.9, oxygen 2. Hoy, Orkney; Strathpeffer, Ross; Hillsborough, New Brunswick.

I would invert the arrangement of localities and read Hillsboro, New Brunswick; Strathpeffer, Ross; Hoy, Orkney, for the following reasons: It was first found in and named after Albert County, New Brunswick. The albertite of Strathpeffer, Ross, Scotland, was identified and named by Professor Tennant and myself during the International Exhibition, London, 1862, and I presume that the Hoy, Orkney, was identified with that of Strathpeffer. One of the original pieces from Scotland is in the Provincial Museum beside a specimen from New Brunswick.

The Geological position of the New Brunswick *Albertite* is Lower Carboniferous.

The Scotch *Albertite* is found in the Old Red Sandstone. It occurs as veins

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