

also spotted with several hairy ruddy-copper spots, and ornamented with four or five undulated hairy indistinct silver bands: underneath the tint of blue is very faint and the disk of the breast is bronzed; the mesosternum is hollowed out into a deep channel. [Previously described as *Buprestis (Brachys) ovatea* Weber. Rather rare in Canada; taken in the Eastern, Middle and Southern States.]

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### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

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**SMERINTHUS MODESTUS.**—Several specimens of this very rare and beautiful sphinx have been captured in the neighbourhood of London during the past season.—W. S.

**CAPTURES AT NORTH DOWRO, CO. OF PETERBORO, ONT.**—Having, in accordance with my invariable custom, taken notes during the past year of such entomological specimens as I have captured in this neighbourhood, I herewith furnish you with a list which, as the season for collecting has expired—save only with respect to those who search for insects in their *hibernacula*—may perhaps find some small vacant space upon the pages of our Magazine.

March 24.—A fine specimen of *Attacus Polyphemus* was hatched in a box in my library. In emerging from the cocoon, it made a noise similar to, and as loud as, that made by a mouse behind a wainscot. It was, in fact, by this scratching sound that my notice was first attracted to the box.

March 29.—I captured a "small tortoise-shell butterfly"—*Vanessa Milberti*. It was fluttering on the snow-covered ground, tempted abroad by a bright gleam of sunshine, the thermometer indicating, at the time, 30° Fahrenheit.

April 8.—I discovered, in a piece of decayed wood, a larva of a Fire-fly—*Photinus corruscus*. It emitted a very pretty pale-green light.

May 9.—Mosquitoes made their first appearance; all through this year they were less troublesome than I have ever known them previously.

May 21.—Swarms of Flea-beetles—*Haltica*—appeared on some cabbage plants growing in boxes. I watered the plants with tobacco-water, soon after which the beetles left them and gathered on the edges