

More than 9 mm. in length.

Clypeus notched. *coccinifera*.

Clypeus sinuate. *Tejonensis*.

Less than 9 mm. in length.

Head and thorax coarsely punctured or pitted. *distinctus*.

Head and thorax not coarsely punctured or pitted. *Cookei*.

This insect (*D. Cookei*) was first noted in the larval form about the year 1883 by the late Matthew Cooke, then Chief Executive Horticultural officer of the State of California. Specimens of the larvæ were determined by him to belong to the family Tenthredinidæ. Cooke's work with the insect in question went no further than this, no adults being examined by him (see "Injurious Insects of the Vineyard, Orchard, etc.," pp. 137-138, Sacramento, 1883). During the spring and early summer of the years 1905 and 1906 it became the writer's duty to make a field study of this insect in the Suisun valley, California, and this paper records certain of the observations then made.

BOOK NOTICE.

"BOULDER REVERIES."—By W. S. Blatchley. The Nature Publishing Co., Indianapolis.

This volume is made up of extracts from the diary of one who is in sympathy with nature as she reveals herself by the wayside, in neglected wood-lots, in purling stream, on the rugged hillside, or by the desolate lake shore. The environment peculiar to these places in the summer and autumn seasons envelops the reader as his mind meanders leisurely over its pages. The book does not call for ardent study, but simply for an occasional perusal at times when the mind is jaded by the common cares of life, and when it is impossible for one to get out with nature herself in order to realize at first hand the refreshing influence of her perennially soothing, strengthening and uplifting powers. No stirring flights of the imagination are provided, but nature as she is seen by the appreciative observer of insect, plant and animal life, of sunshine bright, and cooling showers, is presented to the mind's eye by one who could never be lonesome in lonely places.

"Aug. 17, 1902.—How beautiful the green livery of nature in the country on these mid-August days! The many rains of the season have enhanced the depth of that green, have clothed the face of the earth in her most luxuriant garb. Peace, calm, quietude; here, if anywhere, they reign! Not even the droning of a bumblebee breaks the quiet of the Sabbath morn." This is a typical paragraph from the "Reveries."

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