

are four or five varietal forms illustrated by Blatchley (after Riley), but these do not include the forms I have just mentioned.\* Along the railway track, not far from this swamp, I took both species of *Crioceris* on plants of wild asparagus.

The genus *Chrysomela* has always been of great interest to me, I suppose because of its beauty, and, seeing in one of the books that the sub-species *rhoda* fed exclusively on hazel, I made a systematic search for the insect, but without any success. The only capture I have made on this plant is a species of *Balaninus* or nut-weevil, one of the wariest of insects; I have distinctly seen (and more than once) *Balaninus* swoon from the leaf it was resting on, while I was still several feet away; it invariably feeds in such a position as to drop into the tangled heart of the bush instead of falling exposed at the side. But the frequent occurrence of *Chrysomelæ scalaris* and *philadelphica* in varietal form on alder, coupled with their entire absence from hazel, rouses a suspicion. In size and habit, as well as character of foliage, the alder and the hazel are very similar, especially to a non-botanist: it would be interesting to get a consensus of opinion (or, rather, experience) in the matter from other field-collectors.

Another beetle, said by Blatchley to be beaten from hazel, is *Syneta ferruginea*. I had seldom seen this beetle (and never more than one at a time) till last season, but in testing out the alder as a food plant of *Chrysomelas* I took three or four pairs of *Syneta ferruginea* on leaves of alder near Bethany. The robust red-brown form of *Chr. philadelphica* I have now taken, two seasons running, and on alder, as far west of Peterborough as Mount Pleasant, and also two or three miles east of the city on the outskirts of my second hunting ground—Burnham's wood.

#### A NEW PHANURUS FROM THE UNITED STATES, WITH NOTES ON ALLIED SPECIES.

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1. **Phanurus opacus** Howard.

Both sexes are black; the thorax above is subglabrous.

2. **Phanurus floridanus** Ashmead.

The head and thorax are polished, the tibiae and knees pale

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