

the dark shadings is quite variable, and in some specimens the basal space shows decidedly paler than the rest of the wing.

Larva. Length 0.35—0.50 inch. Largest in middle of body. Translucent grayish-white, with blue-black, vesicular, dorsal marks. A conspicuous light brown head, darker cervical shield, and small anal plate. Head with the mouth parts darker; epistoma well defined by fine brown lines. Piliiferous spots quite noticeable from their darker polished surface, the hairs springing from them pale and soft; placed in a transverse row on joints 2 and 3, and on joints 4—12, three laterally and four, nearly in a square, dorsally. The normal complement of legs which are of the same colour as body.

I have found the species in Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Illinois and Missouri.

This insect may be found in the larva state all through the fall, winter and early spring months, especially in acorns that have been infested with the acorn weevil (*Balaninus rectus*, Say), and I gave some further account of it on the page already referred to. The larva is readily distinguished from that of *Balaninus rectus*, as the latter of course lacks the legs, cervical shield, anal plate and piliiferous spots, so characteristic of the former, and is besides more wrinkled, more yellowish, less translucent and does not show the blue-black markings on back.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

THE AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGIST.—Editors *Rural World*: I regret to inform you that, contrary to the announcement a year ago, this magazine will not be continued during the coming year. The cost of publishing a paper so profusely illustrated, with original figures is great, and the publishers, Messrs. R. P. Studley & Co., have lately concluded to discontinue it, as they have not met with sufficient financial encouragement. I have, however, since they so decided, purchased from them all the illustrations and all interest in the magazine, and hope at no distant day to recommence its publication myself. Meanwhile, I take this means of thanking the many subscribers who, during the year, have sent in expressions of encouragement and appreciation, or who have signified their intention of renewing subscription. I shall ever be glad to hear from them on entomological subjects, and to render them what little service lies in my power. By making this announcement through your columns, you will oblige.

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