

of Noctuidæ and 100 or so of Geometridæ, etc., but having had no chance of seeing other collections, from the present state of literature I cannot identify a great number.

I should like very much if some of your readers could give me the life-history of *Brephos infans*, particularly as to the time of flight. I have taken this rare moth when a boy, and knew enough to mention that it was caught "at birch trees in May," but neglected to note whether it was day or night, and I cannot remember now. I have several other rare captures, and some day might report them if you think it would interest your readers.

[NOTE.—*Brephos infans* is a day flier, and from its irregular flight, as well as its colour, is very difficult to follow. The larva feeds on birch.—ED.]

NOTES ON THE PREPARATORY STAGES OF EREBIA EPIPSODEA (BUTLER).

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In Part IX. of the 3rd series of Edwards's Butterflies of North America is given a very full and beautifully illustrated history of this species from the egg to imago; but as I have bred this species during the summer of 1895, through all its stages, and as the life-history, as worked out by me, differs in certain important particulars from that recorded by Mr. Edwards, I think it advisable that I should give my experience in the rearing of this very interesting species.

On 4th of July I received from Mr. J. A. Guignard, Assistant Botanist and Entomologist of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, a number of eggs which had been sent to Dr. Fletcher by Mr. T. N. Willing, of Olds, Alberta; Dr. Fletcher having left for an extended trip through the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. The eggs were hatching when received, and their colour could not, therefore, be ascertained. They had been sent on 24th June, and the egg period, supposing them to have been laid the day before they were mailed, would be, thus, 11 days. No intimation was given me as to the species, but I afterwards received from Mr. Guignard a specimen of *E. Epipsodea*, which had been sent along with the eggs, and was doubtless the one that laid them.

Egg.—Height, 1.06 mm.; diameter, .89 mm.; very much of the general shape of that of *C. Jutta*, as figured in Scudder's Butterflies of New