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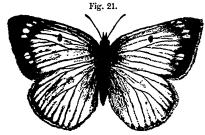
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ON SOME OF OUR COMMON INSECTS.

10. THE CLOUDED SULPHUR BUTTERFLY— Colias philodice, Godt.

BY THE EDITOR.

The clouded sulphur is everywhere one of our commonest butterflies, abundant in its season in fields and roadways, frequently congregating in



Colours, yellow and black.

reference to the figures, 21 representing the female, 22 the male. The ground colour of the wings in both sexes is bright yellow, marked on the outer edge with a dark brown or blackish border, narrower in the male

than it is in the female, while in the latter it encloses on the anterior wings a broken row of irregular yellow spots. There is also a spot of black placed near the front edge of the fore wings, about half way between the base and tip, varying in form and distinctness. The hind wings in both sexes are less heavily margined, and near the middle

is a dull pale orange spot. Both wings are dusky towards the base, and the fringes are pink.

groups on the borders of streams and springs, where, in hot weather they seem to enjoy settling on the moist ground. They are still more abundant in clover fields as the season advances.

The female of this species differs somewhat in its markings from the male, as will be readily seen by

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