

American Orthoptera, which includes every known reference to each species up to the close of 1900. "A Descriptive Catalogue of the Orthoptera known to occur in Indiana" treats in a systematic manner of every species which has ever been found in the state. Excellent tables enable the student easily to refer a species, first to one of the two large sub-orders Saltatoria or non-Saltatoria, and then to one of the seven families included within these two sub-orders. The former, Saltatoria, embraces the *Acrididæ* or true locusts, the *Locustidæ*, or Long-horned Grass-hoppers and Katydid, and the *Gryllidæ* or Crickets. The non-Saltatoria includes the *Forficulidæ*, or Earwigs, the *Blattidæ*, or Cockroaches, the *Mantidæ* and the *Phasmidæ*, or Stick Insects.

There are no less than 148 species described in this little book in full detail, and among these we find a large proportion of our Canadian Orthoptera. Fourteen species of the number have been described by Prof. Blatchley himself, and six of these are new species described in this work for the first time. A short article treats of "the Life Zones of Indiana," as illustrated by the Orthoptera of the State, and the book concludes with a good glossary of terms and a full index. The illustrations are numerous and good. As a frontispiece, the beautiful coloured plate of the pink variety of *Amblycorphyra oblongifolia* on a head of *Solidago sempervirens* is used. This plate first appeared in "Entomological News" for May, 1901. J. F.

A WEED WORTH GROWING.

(*Matricaria inodora*, L.)

During the autumn of 1902 I had the good fortune to spend a few weeks on that gem of the sea, Prince Edward Island, and was particularly struck with the showy appearance of the above-named Mayweed, which grows as a way-side weed in Summerside and Charlottetown, as well as in many other parts of the Island away from the towns. Thinking, from the size of the flowers, that the plant might be worthy of a trial as a garden flower, I gathered some of the seed and sowed it last spring. On my return to Ottawa in the middle of August, I found a patch of plants 3 feet across and 2 feet high, covered with large flowers, several of them measuring over 2 inches across. From that time