

solidagos, I have frequently counted, at one time, thirty-five bees being eaten by the bugs. With the assistance of *Reduvius raptatorious* the *erosa* must have kept the hives in the neighborhood rather thinly populated. Beside the usual variety of bees, their prey included over fifty species of insects. It speaks well for their courage when such powerful hornets as *Ammophila luctuosa* and *A. conditor* are numbered with the victims. One rather amusing habit they had was the way in which they kept watch on the curious observer. In only one instance did I see an insect captured; it was a specimen of *Agrotis subgothica*. The bug seized the moth by the front of the head and plunged its proboscis into the thorax—Mr. *Agrotis* fluttering and beating about on the blossom for nearly a minute before death relieved his sufferings. Appended is a list of the prey of *P. erosa* and a shorter one of that of *R. raptatorious*:—

LIST OF THE PREY TAKEN BY *P. EROSA* LINN.

Coleoptera.

Chaulionognathus pennsylvanica *De Geer*.
Cyllene robiniae *Forst.*
Diabrotica 12-punctata *Oliv.*
Mordellistena vitis *Lec.*

Hymenoptera.

Apis mellifica *B. Drury*.
Apis mellifica *Syr Drury*.
Bombus pennsylvanicus *De Geer*.
Andrena vicina *Smith*.
Andrena *sp.*
Halictus pilosus *Smith*.
Halictus laevissimus *Smith*.
Halictus parallelus *Say*.
Agapostemon radiatus *Say*.
Ceratina dupla *Say*.
Vespa vulgaris *Linn.*
Polistes *sp.*
Odynerus capra *Sauss.*
Philanthus solivagus *Say*.
Philanthus bilunatus *Cress.*
Cerceris nigrescens *Smith*.

Stigmus fraternus *Say*.
Oxybelus brodiei *Prov.*
Crabro 6-maculatus *Say*.
Thyreoporus laevis *Smith*.
Lyroda subita *Say*.
Larra abdominalis *Say*.
Pompilus cylindricus *Cress.*
Ammophila luctuosa *Smith*.
Ammophila conditor *Smith*.
Smiera canadensis *Cress.*
Ceratosoma fasciata *Cress.*
Pimpla pedalis *Cress.*
Lampronata americana *Cress.*

Lepidoptera.

Pieris rapæ *Linn.*
Colias philodice *Godt.*
Chrysophanus hypophleas *Bd.*
Phamphila (two species).
Agrotis subgothica *Haw.*
Agrotis volubilis.
Nephelodes minians *Guen.*
Orthosia ferrugineoides *Guen.*
Plusia precatonis *Guen.*