

for the ENTOMOLOGIST. He speaks enthusiastically of the many beautiful butterflies to be seen on the wing in that southern latitude, and refers also to some diabolical Hymenoptera, the females of which are wingless, that sting horribly; of another large species which kills and carries off the Tarantula, and other interesting insects. He says: "During the summer we had thousands of *Elater noctileucus*, also quantities of *Lampyrus*; the light of the former is much more blue, brilliant and persistent."

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### OBITUARY.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of one of our much esteemed fellow-laborers in the Entomological field, J. D. Putnam, of Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Putnam had long taken an active interest in the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, and had for some time past held the position of President of that active association of naturalists. He was with us at our late meeting in Cincinnati, and took part in the proceedings of our Entomological meetings, where his uniformly courteous, affable and gentlemanly bearing endeared him to all who had the opportunity of forming his acquaintance. Notwithstanding that he has been for some years in delicate health, he has written some valuable papers on Entomology and Mineralogy. His removal will be deeply regretted by all who have been privileged to know him, and particularly will he be missed by those with whom he has labored in the Academy at Davenport. When parting in Cincinnati we had sincerely hoped to meet again, but it has been otherwise ordered; he has been taken from a noble field of labor below, to, we trust, a nobler one above.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,—

I have lately received a specimen of *Macrosila cingulata* Fab., captured at Long Point. It is about the dimensions of a medium-sized *quinquemaculata*. The spots on the body pink, and a pink patch on the hind wing. I see in connection with it that it feeds on the Sweet Potato, indicating that it was originally a more southern species.

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