

are introduced in language of the author's own, having a special value quite apart from the rest of the work. Nor is this all; for the characters are drawn not simply from the complete stage of the insects, but from the larva and pupa as well, and these same stages are introduced in the generic descriptions. It is unfortunate that he has not included also the egg. The work is illustrated so far by ten octavo plates, one of which is devoted to the structure of the wings, the head and legs of the imago; two to the early stages of a few species, and the remainder to excellent chromolithographs of the perfect insects. The figures of the early stages are an interesting, though somewhat scanty, addition to our knowledge, the most important of which is found in the larva and pupa of D'Urbania, a curious genus of Lycaeninae, in which the pupa, as well as the larva, is covered with long fascicles of hairs, as long as the width of the body. Mr. Trimen has been aided by collectors and naturalists throughout Southern Africa to a very great extent, so much so, indeed, that he has added to his title page the name of one of them, Col. Bowker, as joint author with himself; and the help he has received in this respect may be indicated in part by the considerable number of species which have been added to the list of South African butterflies since the publication of his first work, a total of 380 against 197. An excellent coloured map of Southern Africa, south of the tropic of Capricorn, is prefixed to the first volume. We hope the third volume, completing the work, will soon be issued.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### REMEDY FOR ROSE-APHIS.

*Dear Sir:* Experiments with a weak solution of Creolin upon Rose Aphides and leaf-tying larvæ (*Tortrix*) proved quite successful without any apparent injury to the plants. Rose bushes syringed with Creolin solution remained for some time after free from insects of any kind so far as I could observe. More continued use of Creolin must be made to speak with certainty, but it seems to me likely that in this disinfectant we may have a valuable help for garden or greenhouse.

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Mailed August 1st.