

latter with even greater voracity than they do the former. My remedy, as regards the egg-plants, is hand-picking two or three times a day, a remedy where, from the size of the garden, it can be adopted, the most efficacious that can be devised.

June 5. The *Nematus ventricosus* appeared upon the currant bushes. A watering with hellebore and water proved, as usual, an unfailing specific.

June 16. I captured an *Elater oculatus*.

June 19. *Sesia diffinis*.

June 24. *Saturnia io*, ♂,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches in expanse.

July 4. The Fireflies, *Lampyrus corusca*, first appeared, enhancing, by their glittering, glancing evolutions, the charms of the evening hours.

July 10. I captured a *Saperda tridentata*.

August 17. *Buprestis Virginica*.

August 19. Camping out with a party on one of the granitic islands of our most beautiful and romantic Stony Lake. Saw a large number of those exquisite little beetles, the *Chrysochus auratus*.

August 20. Red Admiral butterfly, *Vanessa atalanta* (Westwood).

August 26. *Arge* tiger-moth.

August 28. *Silpha vespillo* (Samouelle).

August 30. *Buprestis dentipes*.

September 5. I captured in my garden a good specimen of that very lovely moth, *Deiopeia bella*.

September 20. Found a common cricket, *Acheta abbreviata*, with a hair snake, *Gordius*, attached to it. Whenever the unhappy victim moved the snake appeared to lash itself into a perfect fury, twisting itself around the cricket in all directions.

October 20. I found a chrysalis of the Five-spotted Sphinx, *Sphinx quinquemaculatas*, which I now have by me still alive.

On the same day, the thermometer on the preceding night having run down to  $32^{\circ}$ , I captured a brilliant specimen of *Vanessa progne*.

October 21. Dug up in my garden a quantity of grasshoppers' eggs enclosed in a pellicle of dried varnish.

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