

*nasicus* Say, in the Red oak, and when we search more thoroughly, I have no doubt but additional species will be found attacking acorns produced by other oaks, therefore there are no species that we can define as "the acorn weevil." The remarks made by Mr. Riley, at p. 137, No. 7 CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, regarding the descriptions of Say, are gratuitous; for I have studied and compared his descriptions, and found them very accurate.

Mr. Riley appears to rely greatly on the form and color of the rostrum, as specific distinctions of *Curculionide*, but I have no faith in such forms alone, but, as in other *Coleoptera*, must look for those distinctions in the permanency of parts and marks on the body. Mr. Riley refers me to the 3rd Missouri Ent. Report, where, he says, I will find that "we do know something of the habits of quite a number of our snout-beetles;" and at page 138, number 7 CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, he says that "we can do very little in classifying them until their habits and variations are better understood." I have not had the pleasure of seeing the said Report, which may contain the descriptions of quite a number of *Curculionide*, but it appears curious that in the two principal collections of *Coleoptera* in the United States, viz.: that of Dr. Le Conte, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Ulke, of Washington, the greater portion of snout-beetles were either undescribed or undetermined—at least, they were so, after Melsheimer's Catalogue was published, and I am aware that those in Dr. Le Conte's collection were not worked up in 1864, as in a letter from him in July of that year, he says:—"I regret that my *Curculionide* have not been arranged for the past seven or eight years, and therefore, I am not at liberty to name the species, for fear of giving currency to error." In 1863, Dr. Le Conte issued a revision of the latter catalogue in conjunction with materials from his own collection, which is a standard for comparison, and it terminates with the *Elateride*. Part II., of said List, will, no doubt, occupy years of hard work, ere it can be placed in the hands of Entomologists with a perfect list of the *Curculionide* of this country; therefore, I may conclude by surmising that Mr. Riley has only a vague knowledge of our Northern species.—WM. COOPER.

NEW BUTTERFLIES AT QUEBEC.—The season of 1871 has been marked by the capture, at Quebec, of three butterflies new to the locality, viz.: *Papilio asterias*, taken at Lorette; *Polyommatus porsenna*, at the Island of Orleans, and an unidentified species of *Melitæa* at the latter place.—G. J. BOWLES, Quebec.