

the consistence of thick cream. With this I give the first coat to the cork, rubbing the stuff with my hand well into the little holes of the cork until these are all closed up. As soon as dry I give it another coat, using the white wash somewhat thinner, and apply with a brush.

Since using it I have never found a single specimen of the tiny paper louse in my cabinet, while prior thereto these pests gave me a good deal of trouble. *Anthrenæ* also give me hardly any trouble, as their places of retreat, the cracks and worm holes in the cork, are entirely covered up with the zinc.

If applied carefully it will have just as even an appearance as paper, and the white will keep fresher and cleaner than paper. Give it a trial.

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ERRATUM, ETC.

DEAR SIR,—

P. 59, vol. 10, line 17, for *Euprepia judica* read *Euprepia pudica*.

During the latter days of March I saw *Pieris rapæ* in considerable numbers at Asheville, N. C.; and on April 2nd I saw many scores of *Aethilla bathyllus* S. & A., near the same place, the elevation of the spot being between 4,000 and 5,000 feet. These were playing around damp places by the road side. I was informed by the farmers that *Doryphora 10-lineata* had never yet appeared there.

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DEAR SIR,—

A scientific friend who attended the last monthly meeting of the Entomological Society in Boston, wrote to me the next day of a very interesting communication made by Dr. Packard on the exodus of a luna moth. He "heard a rustling in the cocoon and a curious cutting sound, and saw two black points sticking out, which worked back and forth, cutting the silk until a slit was made large enough for the moth to crawl through. Then he discovered that the black points were *two spines* on the submedian nerve of the fore wings. As the wings expand these spines become covered with the wing scales and do not show." Dr. Packard said these spines exist in nearly all the Bombycidae, but he did not find that this use of them had been mentioned in any of the treatises to which he had time to refer, it being supposed that moths work their way through the silk, first softening it by a liquid exuded from the mouth.