

one field of potatoes that I examined I found on nearly every plant from two to seven of them, busily employed on the leaves; their blue-gray dress contrasted well with the green of the leaves, and gave them quite a picturesque appearance. When disturbed, they did not attempt to fly, but let themselves fall from the leaves; however, when on the ground they were active enough, and soon hid themselves under stones or lumps of earth. While on the plants they appeared to be very peaceable, keeping together in small groups, but on some occasions they are sad cannibals. A friend of mine brought me some of these insects in a paper, and when I opened it there was only one alive; the rest of them were rather badly mutilated, some had lost their legs and some were minus their heads. I put them together again and the survivor immediately commenced a fierce attack on one of his slaughtered relatives, and did not seem one bit the worse after his strange repast.

DIAPHEROMERA FEMORATA.—I found this insect quite common here last summer; they do not seem to be particular in their choice of trees in this locality. I found them on Maple, Linden, Oak and Butternut, and early in the season I found a young one making a tour of discovery on an Elm that I had sugared for moths. I found the males much more active than the females, stalking up the tree when disturbed, while the females either remained quiet or dropped to the ground, rarely going up the tree.—F. B. CAULFIELD, Montreal, P. Q.

HESPERIA ILLINOIS IDENTICAL WITH HESP. ACANOOTUS, SCUDD.

I am informed by the best authorities that under the name of Hesp. "Illinois," I have merely re-described Mr. Scudder's *Hesp. Acanoootus*, and I therefore hasten to make the necessary correction.

In comparing my supposed new species with specimens and descriptions of N. A. Hesperidæ, I was misled in regard to *Acanoootus*, (which I had never seen,) by Mr. C. S. Minot's description of that species on page 150, vol. iv, of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, which will be seen to differ in several important particulars from my description of what now appears to be the same species.

The majority of the females taken here also differ in the spots on the primaries from the female of *Acanoootus*, as first described by Mr. Scudder.

The few extenuating circumstances mentioned above, do not, however, relieve me of the blame of having, with injudicious haste, re-described an old established species.—G. M. DODGE, Ohio, Ill.