

Desmocerus cyaneus.--About 25 years ago, I took a colony of about 30 specimens off some elder bushes in rear of Trinity College. I have never met with another specimen near Toronto, one I found in fall of 1870 at the Sault St. Marie.

Calosoma scrutator.--Of this magnificent insect, many dead specimens may be collected on the south shore of our Toronto peninsula after a southerly wind, but I have collected but two living specimens on this side of the lake.

QUERY.--Is it known that any of the large *Carabidae* are capable of ejecting an acid liquid like the *Bombardiers*? The following anecdote may perhaps be worth embalming in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST:--In the fall of 1839, I was wandering with a friend over the rocks at Thurand, near Dresden, and found a magnificent *Carabus*, about an inch long, probably *Auratus* or *Auronitens*. Examining it, the beast exploded, and shot me in the eye. The pain was so intense, lasting for full a quarter of an hour, that, notwithstanding my Entomological proclivities, the insect was allowed to escape.

QUERY.--Can any of your correspondents refer me to a paper on the sugar from the "Mexican Honey Ant?" I have seen it, but cannot recall where. On mentioning this to my late lamented friend, Mr. Williamson, who was for years engaged on railway construction in Mexico, he informed me that the Indians were often in the habit of knocking down ants' nests from the boughs of trees, and extracting honey from the interior; this honey having been formed, not by the ants, who build the suspended nests, but by a species of bee (he called them Sweat Bees), which constructed their comb in the centre of the ants' nest. I should be glad to obtain any information of my late friend's statement.--H. H. CROFT, Toronto.

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