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A WEEK'S COLLECTING ON COLISEUM MOUNTAIN, NORDEGG, ALTA.

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A number of years ago Mr. F. H. Wolley Dod gave his experience of a day's collecting on a mountain top near Laggan (Ent. News, March, 1908). In the hope that it may prove of passing interest to collectors, I tell a somewhat similar story.

On the 16th July last year Mr. K. Bowman, of Edmonton, made a trip to the top of the Coliseum Mountain, Nordegg. He took a pair of *Brenthis astarte*; one or two *Papilio zolicaon* and *P. nitra*; took a *Neoarctia yarrowi*, and otherwise satisfied himself that it was a "happy hunting ground." On the 10th August, 1916, I made the same trip. The day was sunny but bitterly cold; however, I took a fine pair of *Neoarctia beani* and several other good things, and I was equally pleased with the promise of the Mount. Since then Mr. Bowman and myself have discussed a camping-collecting trip on Coliseum Mountain every time we met, and in the end we went.

We left Red Deer, 9th July, Alberta Central, 1.30 p.m. for Rocky Mountain House, arrived 7 p.m., spent the night at the Mountain View Hotel, and resumed our journey, C.N.R., 7 o'clock a.m., arriving at Nordegg shortly after noon. Mr. Stuart Kidd of the Bighorn Trading Co. had everything ready for an early start next morning, viz., two pack ponies and a packman, tent, sleeping-roll, blankets, a grub-stake, cook pots and an axe.

Mr. W. Stevenson, of Nordegg, a new recruit to the entomological fraternity, promised to join our party for two or three days; and the plan for the morrow was as follows: We to leave at 7 a.m. hot-foot for the mountain top to scout for water, and particularly a spring that I had found in August the previous year. It was estimated that we could perform our mission and be back at the cliff face in time to meet the packman and his ponies after