

BOOK NOTICE.

THE BUTTERFLY BOOK.—A popular Guide to a knowledge of the Butterflies of North America. By W. J. Holland, D. D., Chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania, etc., Pittsburg, Pa. : 1 vol., 4to., pp. 382.

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the publication of this beautiful popular work on the Butterflies of North America. Hitherto the vast number of young people who begin collecting insects have had their enthusiasm sorely chilled by their inability to find names for their specimens, and have in consequence soon given up the pursuit in despair. Now there need be no difficulty as far as the butterflies are concerned. In the handsome volume before us there are no less than forty-eight beautiful coloured plates, produced by a new process from photographic representations of specimens from the author's cabinets, and on them are depicted over a thousand butterflies, belonging to 527 species. The colours are remarkably true to nature, and a child should have no difficulty in identifying any specimen that he may capture from the plates alone. In the letterpress brief descriptions are given, first of the characteristics of the genus in all its stages, with a wood-cut showing the neururation, and then of each species, setting forth the colours and markings, size, etc., of the butterfly, the early stages where known, and the geographical distribution; references are also given to the works of Edwards, Scudder, and other authors, where fuller information can be obtained. As an introduction to the work, illustrated chapters describe in a popular and interesting manner the life-history and anatomy of butterflies, how to capture, prepare and preserve specimens, their classification and the principal books that have been published upon them in North America. Interspersed through the volume are short papers, for the most part of an amusing character, in which the author varies the monotony of descriptive matter by telling some of his experiences or relating some interesting facts regarding these beautiful creatures. We heartily commend the work to our readers, and earnestly hope that it may become widely distributed amongst all lovers of nature throughout North America.