

On 1st July, 1891, when on a Dominion Day excursion to Vaudreuil, Q., I observed a pair of *A. Cybele* in copulation, resting on a bush within a yard of where I was standing. Oblivious for the time of the interest and importance of the fact, I did not secure them, and so lost the opportunity of trying to obtain eggs at that time.

On 2nd July, 1894, I went out to St. Therese to look for females of *Cybele*, but though plenty of males were on the wing, no female was seen.

On 14th July I went up the mountain for the same purpose and was fortunate enough to secure one in fair condition. This I immediately confined over a violet planted in a pot, by a wire gauze cylinder, but fearing that the eggs might possibly be laid upon the wire gauze, I substituted a net cage on the 15th. This cage was kept out of doors on a back gallery, but on the 18th was upset and demoralized by a too inquisitive feline anxious to find out what sort of a bird was kept in such an insecure cage.

On my return home in the evening I proceeded to examine the wreck, though I supposed the butterfly had escaped, but on carefully stirring the spilled earth the poor thing struggled out of its grave and was carefully secured, and on examination was found to be sound, though with sadly damaged plumage.

Two days later I carried it out in a box to Paul Smith's, in the Adirondacks, whither I went to look for *Colias Interior*, and rigged up a fresh cage for it by planting a violet in a tomato can. I cannot be sure when the first eggs of *Cybele* were laid, but the two first found were observed on 30th July, which is three weeks earlier than any previous record for anywhere near this latitude, according to Mr. Scudder, but, curiously enough, is the same date as recorded by Wm. Buckler for *Argynnis Paphia* in the first volume of "Larvæ of British Butterflies and Moths," as noted by Mr. Scudder.

This female lived for 29 or 30 days in confinement, and laid eggs at various times up to about 12th August. Comparatively few eggs were laid and most of them hatched in due course, the first on 18th August, giving an egg period in hot summer weather of not less than 19 days and probably longer. This larva behaved in a very curious manner and was a subject of much interest. It was placed on a violet planted in a small pot and left out over night without any cage and in the morning it could not be seen and I feared it had escaped, but placed a small wire gauze cylinder over the plant.