

*strigatus* Fallen. Mr. F. Knab, of the U. S. National Museum, has pronounced the specimens I submitted to him *strigatus*. It would appear that this European insect has a wide distribution over the United States since it has been taken in the East, South and West. Its habits on the wing are rather similar to those of *Paragus tibialis* Fallen, a common species that superficially resembles the *Eumerus*.

#### FIELD NOTES AND QUESTIONS.

##### THE OCCURRENCE OF MANTIS RELIGIOSA L. IN CANADA.

Four specimens of the European Praying Mantis (*Mantis religiosa* L.), taken in Ontario, have been seen by the writer since September, 1914. Three of these were captured in Prince Edward County during the past two seasons, while the fourth was taken some years ago near Simcoe, Norfolk Co. The latter specimen was sent to me for determination by the Rev. Prof. C. J. S. Bethune.

Of the three specimens from Prince Edward County one was taken last year near Picton, and is now in the collection of the Picton Collegiate Institute; a second was taken at Green Point, Sophiasburg Township, about Aug. 15, by Mr. Hugh W. Clark, Assistant Representative of the Dept. of Agriculture, Picton; while the third comes from Carrying Place, and is in the International Collection of Canadian Insects, Ottawa. It was taken by Mr. J. H. Herrington on Oct. 10, 1914.—E. M. W.

Referring to Mr. Bethune's remarks in the January number on "Caterpillars as Weather Prophets," according to Brez in "Flores des Insectophiles, Notes suppl. p. 134," "when a spider spins a long thread, there is a certainty of fine weather for at least ten or twelve days afterward." Of this Kirby had the following to say: "Without going the length of deeming this important enough to regulate the march of armies or the sailing of fleets or of proposing that the first appearance of these barometrical spiders in the spring should be announced by the sound of trumpet, I have reason to believe from my own observations that his statement is in the main accurate and that a very good