

Besides the above, I have taken previous to the present season :

36. *Grapta comma*, Dbld.—Which I raised from larvæ found on the hop.
37. *Pyrameis luntera*, Sm.—Quite common in 1863.
38. *Thecla falacer*, Godt.—Taken on composite flowers in August.
39. *Nisoniades catullus*, Sm.—Taken within the government grounds at New Edinburgh.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

MUSICAL LARVÆ.—Noticing Mr. Reed's communication in your issue of Dec. 15, 1868, I thought it might be interesting to note that about twenty similar larvæ were found by me last autumn, on the hickory. Unfortunately, they died before reaching the pupa state. The noise seemed to be produced by contracting the anterior segments, thus rubbing the granulations against each other. Another sphinx larva, which I cannot now identify, emitted a sound resembling that attributed by Kirby & Spence to the larva of *A. atropos*, on being disturbed. This seemed to be caused by quickly opening and shutting the mandibles.—THEODORE L. MEAD, New York.

WINTER COLLECTING.—As an inducement to others to try winter collecting, I would mention that I have taken lately, in addition to many common forms, specimens of *Plochionus timidus*, Hald., *Lymexylon sericeum*, Harris (dead), *Merinus lævis*, *Xylophilus piceus*, Lec., and others, with several species of Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, &c.

I am now making out a list of my species, and think I shall be able to add nearly 300 to our list of Canadian Coleoptera.—J. PETTIT, Grimsby, Ont.

LAST MOTH OF THE SEASON.—On the 29th of Nov., 1868, I captured under a tree a live specimen of *Xanthia ferrugineoides*, Guen.; the thermometer was then at the freezing point, and it snowed the whole of the rest of the day. I had seen several specimens of the same moth flying about on various occasions during October and November. In Sept., 1865, I took numbers of this species at Cobourg, about plum trees, on the fruit and flying, both in the day time and at night; it was accompanied by great numbers of *Anomis grandipuncta*, Guen., and several specimens of *Xylina Bethunei*, Grote & Rob. All three species appeared to have a high appreciation of our finer varieties of plums, of which we had a very large crop that year.—O. J. S. B.

DEPRAVED TASTE OF A SPHINX.—About mid-day on the 23rd of June, 1868, a very hot day, I was driving through a wood in the township of Trafalgar, when my nostrils were greeted with a horrid odour arising from the carcase of a little dog, floating in a filthy pool, the last remnant of a dried-up stream. The place was perfectly swarming with flies, and to my utter aston-