

NOTES FROM WOLLASTON, MASS.

DEAR SIR,—

During the season of 1878 I have found at this place, situated within two miles of the limits of Boston, some species of butterflies which are seldom found in this vicinity. On the 8th of October I obtained a nice specimen of *C. eurytheme*, which had probably left the chrysalis but a short time before. It was flying in a meadow in company with great numbers of *C. philodice*. The orange-colored tinge of the wings is lighter than on specimens taken farther south. If I am rightly informed, this is the first instance of the capture of this species in this vicinity. On the 29th of June a specimen of *L. arthemis* was taken, and another July 3rd; both specimens had just emerged from the chrysalis. The larvæ evidently fed on the *Quercus alba*, which was very abundant in that locality. A number of specimens of *F. cœnia* have been taken here within the last three years, in the month of August or early in September. *Cœnia* seems to be rather widely distributed through Massachusetts, and though quite rare, I have found it more common in this vicinity than elsewhere. This species seems to prefer meadows and lowlands to higher ground, and is quite fond of the flowers of the Golden-rod.

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DEAR SIR,—

In answer to numerous enquiries and a letter in No. 3, all in reference to my letter in No. 2, page 39, regarding the Larvæ of a Cossus, allow me to state that I did not write that letter with a view to publication, but have since corresponded freely with some good authorities on the subject, and am quite sure this Cossus is a new one, much larger than *centerensis* or *robinia*. I also learned that the rearing of Cossus in dead wood is likely not to be crowned with success; they require living wood in which sap rises, etc. I have since obtained Cossus larvæ of large size in willow saplings; these I have now growing in large flower-pots, and am likely to be successful with them. I have also found five more trees close to my place of business, literally perforated with this Poplar Cossus. I have also made accurate drawings of this larva and sent them to Dr. Bailey, of Albany, and in due time further articles will appear, likely with illustrations, on the Cossus generally, by his able pen.

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