

Variation of the above.—Head black, body pinkish above, and darker at the sides.

Food plant; the common Snow berry, (*Symphoricarpos racemosus*).

From five larvæ taken Sept. 21st, 1869, in Fayette Co., West Virginia, one imago emerged May 4th, 1870. The above described caterpillars seemed to differ considerably from the description in Morris' *Synopsis*.—THEODORE L. MEAD, New York.

INDIANAPOLIS ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—We are pleased to learn that a new Scientific Society has been inaugurated at Indianapolis, Ind., under the above designation. As the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. W. W. Butterfield, and one of the Curators, Mr. G. M. Levette, are both entomologists, we may feel sure that our favorite branch of natural history will be by no means neglected.

LIST OF BRITISH INSECTS.—We are glad to see that the Entomological Society of London purpose to publish a general catalogue of the insects of the British isles. In pursuance of this purpose a catalogue of Neuroptera has just appeared. It is enough to state that it is edited by R. McLachlan, F.L.S., to insure confidence in its accuracy, that gentleman having a reputation in this branch of Entomology throughout Europe, and wherever English books are read. The synonymy is copious and we hope that other portions including other orders will soon follow. Meanwhile we commend this portion to our readers, in the hope that they will encourage the Entomological Society to proceed by spending a shilling for the good of British Entomology whether interested in this special branch or not.—*Science Gossip*.

THE WALSH COLLECTION.—We are gratified to state that our efficient State entomologist, Dr. Le Baron, acting under the advice of Gov. Palmer, has purchased for the use of the state the very extensive cabinet of insects which were collected by the late Benjamin D. Walsh. The price paid for the collection was \$2,500 which sum includes the un-paid salary of Mr. Walsh for six months. An order for the money was drawn by the Governor on the contingent fund. The cabinet is temporarily deposited in the fire proof building of the Chicago Academy of Sciences.—*American Entomologist*.

PLATEAU ON THE FLIGHT OF COLEOPTERA.—M. FELIX PLATEAU has supplemented the recent labours of Marey and others upon the flight of insects by examining the movements of the wings of certain Coleoptera. Specimens of the common May-beetle and *Oryctes nasicornis* were selected for experiment. The apparatus used consisted of two pulleys, fastened one above the other, at a distance of two centimetres, on a vertical support; the upper