

glass projects about a quarter of an inch above the frame, which is convenient for drawing it out by. The inside is then lined out with paper such as newspapers are printed on, a stout picture-ring is screwed into the *side* at the top, and the box hangs like a picture against the wall.

I find that the Basswood, with a little care in putting in the pins, answers as well as cork; but if a softer substance is thought desirable, take a Basswood log and cut it into slices, about three-eighths of an inch thick, *across the grain*, making the boxes a quarter of an inch deeper and lining the backs with this, previously smoothed with a sharp plane. This is an excellent substitute; in fact I prefer it to cork, as it is free from the hard nodules which often have caused me to bend a pin and spoil a valuable specimen, and it never corrodes the wire, which the acid developed in the cork often does.

Some of my younger friends have adopted this plan, and look with pardonable pride on the adornment of their walls by these cases, which they have coloured and varnished, and which they declare are far superior to any pictures they could afford to buy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PYRRHARCTIA (*Spilosoma*) ISABELLA.—Under this heading, in the April, '73 No. of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, we have from the pen of Mr. Wm. Saunders, a brief history of the habits and metamorphoses of this insect. My experience with the larvae of this moth has been that some individuals at least *are* somewhat particular as to their diet, many rejecting clover and preferring the early shoots of June grass, others persistently refusing the latter and greedily devouring the former, others still ignoring both in their anxiety for some possibly more palatable article of food. Omnivorous they certainly are, but sometimes decidedly finical. Mr. S. states that they are "*probably* subject to the attacks of ichneumons." I have this spring bred from cocoons of *Pyrrharcia Isabella* two parasites, which have been kindly identified for me by Prof. Riley as *Ichneumon signatipes*, Cresson; and *Trogus obsidianator*, Brulle.