

*Dear Sir:* In connection with the article entitled "The Colias Controversy," by Mr. R. H. Stretch (CAN. ENT., vol. 18, p. 54-56), I would like to call attention to the fact that early in the year 1884, Mr. Stretch wrote Mr. W. H. Edwards that he knew nothing about the "purposely prepared" Colias (cf. *Papilio*, vol. 4, p. 170), but that on the 9th of December, 1885, he requires about two and a half pages of printed matter "to state in a concise manner" what he knows about it. Mr. Stretch quotes from his note-book, "*July 4th*,"\* took very fine series of Colias (3 forms)," and adds, "it" (the specimen under discussion) "might have been either one of these or some other." The "purposely prepared" Colias was taken at Umatala, June 25, so that we can all agree that it was "some other." Under the circumstances, I am unable to hold in high esteem Mr. Stretch's assertion that I have stated "the case exactly," or allow that he is able to add any facts to "The Colias Controversy."

SAML. HENSHAW.

OUT EARLY.

*Dear Sir:* *Belostoma Americanum*, the "Electric Light Bug," as it is popularly called here, and its usual companion, *Dytiscus marginalis*, the "Water Tiger," were out abundantly this evening at the electric lamps, as last summer. The toads also put in an appearance at the same time and place as they were accustomed to do last year. E. W. CLAYPOLE.

Akron, O., March 18, 1886.

INSTANCE OF RETARDED DEVELOPMENT, AUG. 11TH, 1883, CASSIA, FLA.

*Dear Sir:* About June 15th, I collected nine chrysalids of *Papilio crêsphontes* from orange trees. They were newly made. From June 22nd to June 27th all but one gave imagines; this, on subsequent examination, was found to be alive, and (Aug. 11th) gave also its imago, a large ♀, thus being retarded in development about 45 days—the conditions of environment being the same for all.

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\* The italics mine.