

one occasion a *Bembidium littorale* carrying off a *Dyschirius* and a *Bledius*, but did not succeed in finding out whether the Carabidæ had hold of the Staphylinid or whether the *Bledius* had been seized by the *Dyschirius* which in its turn had been attacked by the *Bembidium*. I think the former alternative the more likely, as the soft tissues of *Bledius* render it especially liable to the attacks of stronger beetles, and in some spots, where it occurred in thousands, the *Dyschirius* might be seen preying on it extensively.

Where the beach was simply moist rather than wet, one might get nice series of *Phycocetes testaceus* under logs, in company with *Elassoptes marinus*. Both of these weevils are commonly found in colonies where they occur at all, the former, however, being perhaps more partial to the shelter of bunches of cast-up seaweed. These masses of algæ also served as refuge for numbers of *Cercyon fimbriatum*, *Cafius canescens* and *Saprinus bigemmus*. Back in the dry sand dunes, one might sit and scoop out the side of a hillock, and, as the grains sifted down, out would fall the Tenebrionidæ that frequent them—the common forms being *Cælus ciliatus*, *Phalergia globosa* and a species of *Eleodes*. *Sinodendron rugosum* and *Ceruchus striatus* were dug from beneath half-buried logs.

When the wind is in the right quarter, the collector may always find some good things cast up by the waves; but, as these are usually species of at least fairly strong flight, I was surprised to find drowned specimens of *Omus dejeanii* and *O. audouinii* at the water's edge. A number of *Buprestis langii* were thrown ashore, but one had to get them quickly if it were intended to make use of them for the cabinet, as the bodies were immediately attacked by small crustaceans and soon reduced to mere shells. *Leptura tibialis* and *L. matthesii* were occasionally noticed flying over the beaches, but I could not ascertain whence they came. *Cicindela bellissima* was quite abundant, chiefly on the very fine dry drifted sand close to the base of the bluffs, and, being only moderately shy, was readily captured by working up from leeward. I find a pair of *Copidita quadrimaculata* among my collections from this vicinity, but there seems to be no record in my notes as to the circumstance of capture. However, I have found the same insect in great numbers at San Francisco, under pieces