

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

DEAR SIR,—

I send you the following items, hoping they may prove of interest :

CLISIOCAMPA SYLVATICA.—The caterpillars of this pest are swarming on almost every description of tree or shrub in the vicinity of this city, many trees being completely denuded of foliage. *C. Americana* is also common on apple trees.

LACHNOSTERNA QUERCINA.—This insect, though usually very abundant, has been quite scarce this season ; I have not seen more than a dozen specimens.

DEPRAVED TASTE OF *P. TURNUS*.—One day early in June a *P. turnus* which I was pursuing hovered over and alighted upon some cow droppings, thrust out its tongue, and settled itself quietly to its disgusting repast. While in this position it was easily captured.

On the 27th of July, last year, it rained very heavily during the evening in the vicinity of Portland, where I was spending the summer ; but the night seemed very favorable for moths, a large number entering the house, among them a fine specimen of *Philampelus satellitia*, two of *Arctia virgo*, and one of *Arctia rubricosa*, besides a number of others with the names of which I am not acquainted.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EGG OF *GASTROPACHA AMERICANA*.—The eggs of this moth are very pretty, being white with peculiar black markings. They were laid June 27th, by a female reared in confinement. Length .06 of an inch ; width, .045. Form oval, flattened at the base and also above, but a little thicker at one end than at the other. At each end there is a semi-circular stripe and dot, closely resembling the crescent and star of the Turkish arms, and these markings are larger and more distinct on the larger end. On both the flattened surfaces there are markings like eyes, each formed by an oval spot in the centre, with a curved stripe above and a shorter straight one below, of which the latter is widened towards the extremities. Between and parallel to the two eye-brow-like marks there is another black stripe which is widest at the larger end of the egg, and tapers towards the other. Over the whole surface there is a minute indented reticulation, the meshes of which are irregular in form, with a depressed dot in the centre of each.

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