

specimens of the beautiful *Cucujus puniceus* and the equally brilliant *Eros simplicipes* and *E. latus*, *Odonteus obesus*, *Synalpheta Quexii*. This last named insect attacks the willow and some years ago I took more than twenty specimens from a heap of dead willow branches in my yard.

On flowers there have not yet been many beetles, the only captures perhaps worth noting being *Anthaxia æneogaster*, *Lathrinæum pictum* and *Grynocharis pilosula*. Assisting me to rid my fruit trees of Aphides are 11 species of Lady birds and their efforts are seconded I think by *Podabrus pruinus*. This insect is very common on the affected trees and I believe its errand is a friendly one. Lastly in my pantry, in stale bread left there as a bait, I have found many beetles, *Omosita discoidea*, *Colastus truncatus*, a *Cryptophagid* for which Professor Wickham cannot give me a name and numerous small fry which have not yet been determined.

By the way there is one other beetle I must mention as it is both rare and curious, *Nosodendron Californicum*, I found this for the first time on May 13th last year, when I took about twenty in an old wound on the trunk of a balsam fir (*Abies grandis*). This year I have taken other specimens in the same place, the earliest date being April 26th, but I cannot find a single specimen elsewhere.

Among the Lepidoptera I have not been doing much. The hibernated Graptas with *V. Antiopa* and *Milbertii* put in an appearance before the end of March. By the beginning of April the early Blues, *Thecla Siva*, *T. melinus* and *T. iroides*, *Anthocaris ausonides* and *A. stella* and *Pieris venosa* were all abundant. A single specimen of *Papilio Eurymedon* was observed on April 24 a month before its proper time of appearance. The larvæ of *Limenitis Lorquinii* left their hibernacula on the apple trees and spiræas before a leaf was out, but managed to satisfy their hunger by nibbling the buds. The larva of *Anthocaris* (I am not sure which species) was also to be found at the end of the month feeding on *Arabis perfoliata*.