

capture, its high flight and grandly rapid movements making it more of a problem in that respect than most of its moisture-seeking congeners. But the market value of the insect is such that, taken in connection with others to be captured in that region (*P. Machaonides* being among them), patience and hard living are sure to be well paid for. Should any collector feel like attempting such a trip into the heart of that Vaudoux-ridden region, I shall be glad to offer such suggestions as may occur to me as useful to him. I shall also be glad to hear from entomologists who are interested in the insect fauna of the Andean water-shed of the Amazon tributaries, in Bolivia, Peru and Brazil, a region which I propose visiting at an early date. Letters addressed as below will be promptly forwarded to me.

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ARGYNNIS EGLEIS.

Sir,—With this I send you a piece of pine-cone with an egg of *Argynnis Egles* on it. Yesterday, August 8th, being an unfavourable day for collecting *Parnassius Clodius*, I went in an aimless way to find a new collecting ground. When passing along the brow of a rocky slope, I came to a *Pinus Murrayana* tree (also called *P. Contorta*), and saw a female *A. Egles* walking over sticks and burs that were lying on the ground beneath this tree. I halted for a moment to watch her, as she gave all the outward signs of a desire to oviposit; I had not to wait long, for she walked to a pine-cone and, seizing it with her legs, curled her body and fastened on an egg as far under the cone as she could reach. She then flew about two feet and oviposited twice in succession under a stick on a small stone, and on the piece of cone that I am sending you herewith. As I was standing almost directly over her, she flew to my left foot and oviposited several times under the shadow of my instep; she came and went several times to repeat her work. I lost a day's collecting, but felt amply repaid by the novelty of the knowledge I acquired. What the next female will teach me I cannot conjecture, but trust it will be no less surprising and interesting to the butterfly-loving world.

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[The egg arrived safely and duly hatched out; it will evidently hibernata without feeding.—Ed. C. E.]