

Guide will, we believe, be the means of inducing many to take up the study of butterflies, who have been prevented from doing so for want of a suitable and accurate book. The introductory chapters, treating generally of the nature, structure and habits of butterflies are very concise, covering the ground well, and with the concluding chapters where instructions are given for the collection, preservation and rearing of insects, provide the beginner with all that is necessary to make him a good naturalist. J. F.

SCUDDER, S. H. *The Life of a Butterfly*. 12mo. pp. 186, 4 plates.

Under the above title Mr. Scudder has written in untechnical language a charming little book, in which while recounting the life-history of the Milk-weed Butterfly, he compares it with other species and succeeds in condensing into a remarkably small space an account of the most interesting features in the lives of the whole tribe of butterflies. It has been prepared for the general reader, and the hope is expressed that it "may perhaps gain for butterflies the serious study of some who had before looked at them as merely pretty creatures,—types of the frivolous,"—we feel sure that it will do this and much more besides. We recommend it heartily to all boys and girls of healthy mind, to naturalists and to thoughtful readers. J. F.

ENTOMOLOGY.

Edited by J. FLETCHER.

Hypomolyx pineti Fabr. This large pine-weevil has not been previously recorded from our district, but a dead specimen, in good condition, was found at Casselman (June 10th) in the leaf of a pitcher-plant. Among the contents of leaves examined *Cytilus sericeus* appeared very frequently. A small, pale crustacean was also not uncommon, and seemed to thrive in its prison cell. W. H. H.

Adimonia rufosanguinea Say. At the Mer Bleue this pretty little Chrysomelid was very abundant upon *Kalmia augustifolia*, and occurred also occasionally on other plants. Hitherto I had generally taken this species upon the wild cherry. W. H. H.

Aphodius prodromus Brahm. This European beetle appears to be extending its range westward. Dr. Horn, in his monograph of the sub-family (1887,) recorded it from Maine and Montreal. Several