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NOTES OF A JUNE RAMBLE.

My office duties prevent me, unfortunately, from going afield during almost the entire month of July in each year, and perhaps a few notes on my last ramble, 29th June, may interest the inexperienced, and indicate some of the insects to be found at this time. The special aim of this ramble was to visit a grove of hickories, *Carya amara*, and investigate the insects occurring in these trees, but I desired also to obtain Coleoptera and Hymenoptera, especially sawflies.

My outfit consisted of a flat beating-net constructed so as to be folded up snugly when not in use; a sweeping-net on a folding pocket-ring; a bottle containing coarse sawdust, with a morsel of cyanide for beetles; a wide-mouthed bottle lined with blotting paper, and having some cyanide in a cavity in the cork, for Hymenoptera, Diptera; a couple of boxes for larvæ, and last, but not least, a note-book and pencil. The day is favorable, the sun shining hotly, yet tempered by a slight breeze. My first capture is a half-grown *Cimbex* larva under an elm tree in the city, and in passing through the lumber yards I obtain *Buprestis cossularis* and *Dicerca tenebrosa*. Along the river are seen many Neuroptera, including some fine species of Phryganidæ and Perlidæ. On the sides of a railway embankment (I am now in the Province of Quebec) grow a variety of young trees and other plants. The willows are first tried and yield very abundantly, *Diachus cataris* and *auratus*. Less numerous are *Monachus sozonatus*, *Anomæa laticlavata*, *Agrilus torpidus?* and *A. fulgens*. I am pleased to capture a fine pair of *Saperda mutica*, as I have only hitherto taken them once. Among other beetles are *Trichalophus alternatus*, *Rhynchites cyanellus* and *Chrysomela multipunctata*, with larvæ of the same. On some trees a sawfly larva, yellow, hairy, with