

could not claim to equal the stars among the entomologists in Europe, he filled very well the place of a first rate entomologist in America. The next day was spent with the collection, which contained chiefly Coleoptera and Lepidoptera, and only little of the other orders, apparently on account of the want of books about them. The collection was kept in good order, and all labels in his father's handwriting were on the pin of the same specimen to which they were originally attached.

"Melsheimer," says Zimmermann, "lives with his family on a very plain but good fare, as is generally the case in America. Many little and cheap comforts were wanting, but their absence was not felt. Indeed there was no drinking glass in the house; cans or dippers served for the purpose. The cordial hospitality made one forget the lack of comfort."

Twice more, July 12, 1839, Zimmermann visited Melsheimer in company with Pastor D. Ziegler, and August 20, 1839, with Rev. Morris, of Baltimore.

Already in 1832, Dr. Melsheimer had the plan, as Zimmermann states in 1834, to publish, with Th. Say, a new catalogue of the Coleoptera of N. America, which was prevented by Th. Say's premature death in 1835. Dr. LeConte says in the obituary that his father (the name E. F. Melsheimer is an error for F. V. Melsheimer) has been an active collaborator with Th. Say. This could not have been, as the father died 1814, and Th. Say began to work in 1817. This active collaborator was the eldest son, J. F. Melsheimer, quoted often by Th. Say, and later the second son, Dr. Melsheimer. The work advanced slowly. In a letter to Th. W. Harris, Nov. 24, 1842, Dr. Melsheimer states that "a few literary gentlemen in Pennsylvania and Maryland have entered into an association for the advancement of entomology in our country (the Entomological Society of Pennsylvania). Their first object in view is the publication of a catalogue of the known Coleoptera of the U. S. The members of the Club have prevailed on me to compile the work and have it ready for the press against the ensuing spring!!" Dr. Melsheimer was elected President of this Club, of which, as far as I know, Rev. John G. Morris, of Baltimore, is now the only survivor. Dr. Melsheimer complains to Th. W. Harris that the work, though only a compilation, is very difficult, and advances slowly. It was published only ten years later, as it had been determined that the unknown species should be described. In the meantime Rev. David Ziegler, in York, Pa., seems to have been a very active collaborator. He has published in Proc. Ac. N. Sc. Phil., 1844, v. ii., p.