

RARE CAPTURES OF LEPIDOPTERA.

Pholus pandorus Hbn.—On the evening of July 30, 1910, I noticed a specimen of this hawk-moth on the wire of an electric light on Centre Island breakwater, Toronto. Placing my coat at the base of the pole so that the insect would not get lost amongst the rocks, I tapped the wire and it floated down. It is a beautiful female specimen, and had evidently emerged quite recently, as it secreted fluid while being captured. (Paul Hahn.)

Euptoieta claudia Cram.—While playing tennis in a gale on the lawn of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Centre Island, Toronto, Sept. 10, 1910, I observed a butterfly that, at first, seemed to be an *Argynnis*, but observing the peculiarity of its flight, the game was stopped and the insect captured. It proved to be a male of the above species. (P. Hahn.)

Charidryas nycteis D. & H.—A curious aberrant specimen of this butterfly was taken near the Hunt Club grounds, east of Toronto, during August, 1910, by Mr. J. R. McMurrich. The dark markings are more extensive and confluent than usual, those on the basal half of the wings forming an almost solid dark area. The broad pale submedian band is somewhat reduced, and is white instead of brownish-yellow, though the small spots in the marginal band are of the usual colour. The under side is normal. The specimen is much worn.

Mr. McMurrich also reports the capture of a specimen of *Speyeria idalia* Dru. near Forest Hill Road, Toronto, about the end of August, 1911. (E. M. W.)

Work is now being carried on to arrange and equip an entomological building at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. The building will have two stories, will provide for classrooms and laboratory work on the first floor, and will furnish offices and space for collections on the second floor, as well as accommodations for the assistants in experiment station work.—*Science*.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. J. Eaton Howitt, B. S. A., M. A., Secretary-Treasurer of the Entomological Society of Ontario, has been appointed Professor of Botany in the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. For the last five years Mr. Howitt has been a most efficient lecturer in the Botanical Department of the College, and has well earned the promotion which has now been accorded to him.