

ENTOMOLOGICAL NOTES.

A HINT TO GARDENERS.—The well-known Cutworms which destroy so many young plants in spring are the caterpillars of several kinds of moths which lay their eggs in autumn upon weeds and other rubbish too frequently left unattended to by gardeners at this time of the year. The destruction of all weeds and the burning up of all old plants from which the crop has been gathered, such as the vines of peas and beans, the haulms of potatoes and tomatoes, the stems of Indian corn from which the ears have been gathered, etc., etc., will prevent the eggs of many Cutworm moths from being laid in a garden where the caterpillars might do harm the following year. The experience of many has shown that gardens kept scrupulously clean of weeds and useless vegetation are much freer of Cutworms than those which are left in a neglected condition during the autumn months. Not only are the moths of Cutworms attracted to this rubbish to lay their eggs, but many other insects gather around them seeking places to pass the winter. The early destruction of all weeds of course also prevents the ripening of seeds. The bonfire is a good servant of the gardener and should be kept constantly at work throughout the autumn, burning up his worst enemies, weeds and rubbish, with many insects' eggs, and turning them into useful fertilizers.

BOTANICAL NOTES.

JEWEL WEED, *Impatiens fulva*.—The form of this plant with spotless flowers has been growing along the sidewalk in Anne street (or as it has been lately called Gladstone avenue) and also along the St. Louis dam road to the Experimental Farm, in small numbers for several years. During the past summer several patches have been noticed, and those of our botanists who wish to obtain specimens can now collect them in fine condition.—J. F.

EXCURSION TO KIRK'S FERRY.

The last excursion of the season will be held on Saturday next to Kirk's Ferry, a beautiful locality on the Gatineau River. It is hoped that many of the ladies and gentlemen attending the Normal School Jubilee will be present. The train will leave the Union Depot at 1.30 p.m.