

ible to the general public. The untiring industry of this talented Entomologist is a marvel to all those who know of his work. It affords us great pleasure to find that he has so far recovered from his late severe illness as to enable him to resume those Entomological studies in which he has so long taken a prominent part.

Butterflies and Moths of North America, by Herman Strecker, Reading, Pa.

We are indebted to the author for a copy of this work, which is in large octavo form, in paper cover, containing 283 pages.

Following the preface, which partakes somewhat of the character of an advertisement relating to the sale and purchase of insects, the reader will find a series of short but very instructive chapters on breeding, collecting, mounting, preserving, transporting and classifying specimens, occupying some 26 pages in all, in which the author's long practical experience and thorough knowledge of the subject is presented in a plain and practical manner. He proceeds on the very admirable plan of explaining everything down to the minutest details, so that a reader who knows nothing of the subject when he takes the work up, has, after a careful perusal, a very fair knowledge of the whole matter. This part is illustrated by one plate; a second plate is devoted to illustrating the structure of butterflies and moths. The author's style is peculiar, but interesting and racy; we sincerely regret that this otherwise highly useful portion of his work is marred somewhat by the occasional treatment in a flippant manner of subjects which others deem sacred.

There is a very complete list of the terms and abbreviations used in works on Lepidoptera, with plain and full explanations, following which is an alphabetical list of localities of which something of the Lepidopterous fauna inhabiting them is known. Next we have a very full synonymical catalogue of American butterflies north of Mexico, with localities in the form of marginal notes, which, with appendix, occupies the larger portion of the work. A Bibliographical chapter of 75 pages closes the volume, in which is found an alphabetical list of authors who have written on Lepidoptera, with full details of their writings.

On the whole, we regard this work as very convenient and useful. The preparation of it must have involved an immense amount of labor, which has been performed in such a manner as to reflect credit on the author.