Calcophoræ being captured late in the autumn, but never of *D. obscura.* Does it also hibernate ? Perhaps some one that has a better knowledge of the habits of this species than I, may be able to give us an additional record of experience. The beetle, by the way, is rather a rarity in the vicinage of Montreal. J. F. HANSEN, Montreal.

OECANTHUS.

Dear Sir : Referring to the genus *Oecanthus,* I have only been able to find in the works of several authors *O. niveus* as damaging fruit, etc. I have taken *O. niveus* entirely about apple and hard wood ; *O. fasciatus* Fitch about raspberries, etc., and certain woody weeds. They are more common than *niveus* here, and very distinct.

E. W. ALLIS, Adrian, Mich.

ON THE FULMINATING PROPERTY IN CALATHUS GREGRAIUS SAY.

While collecting in the woods, 9th November, 1884, I rolled over an old rotten log and discovered a number of reddish-brown Carabs, with lighter legs and antennæ, which proved to be *Calathus gregarius,* Say. These I captured and put in a cyanide bottle. Looking at the bottle soon afterward, I noticed that it was filled with a white smoke, which, I soon saw, was emitted by the Carabs. This somewhat surprised me, as up to that time I had never heard of this peculiarity occurring in any other genus than *Brachynus.* Since then I have seen a notice of its having been observed in *Metrius* by Mr. Ricksecker (*Eutomolog. Amer,, vol. I., p. 98*). I should be glad to know if it has been noticed in *Calathus* by any other collectors.

C. H. T. TOWNSEND, Constantine, Mich.

Dear Sir : I have just become acquainted with the fact that a fine specimen of *Erebus odora* has been caught (in August, 1884) at the mouth of Eighteen-mile Creek,' a few miles south of Buffalo, N. Y., by Mr. E. M. Chamot, of this city, at sugaring. The insect must evidently have been bred here, as it is not rubbed at all, only somewhat torn, and may not have been on the wing more than one night. It measures about five inches from tip to tip.

PH. FISCHER, Buffalo, N. Y.