

On being informed of the seizures, we wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury, explaining the objects of our Society in this matter, referring to past usage and also to the fact that these pins were only used for scientific purposes. In reply the Secretary holds that Entomological pins must take their place alongside of other pins and pay a duty of 35 per cent., and that the transmission of such packages by mail is contrary to law. At the same time he kindly instructed the collector at Detroit to waive the usual charges on seized goods and deliver the pins in his possession on payment of duties only. We shall hence in future be prevented from supplying our members in the U. S. with pins by parcel post.

On enquiring from the collector as to whether small quantities of pins might be sent by letter postage, we received in reply a copy of the circular sent from the Treasury Department. As this circular speaks only of *packages*, we presume that pins in small quantities enclosed in letters, covered by the usual letter postage, will not be interfered with.

Sheet cork, which is liable to a duty of 30 per cent., will also, we understand, be subject to seizure, but since the packages we send seldom exceed fifty cents in value, we do not know whether they would be regarded as of sufficient importance to warrant the trouble of the correspondence attending such seizures. On this point we have applied for information, but have failed to obtain it. Any packages of this sort sent in future will be at the risk of the parties ordering them. Either pins or cork can be safely sent in any quantities by express, subject to the duties mentioned.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### CATOCALA MARMORATA.

*Catocala marmorata* may now safely be put down as one of the regularly settled species of this locality. An intimate friend and fellow hunter, in company with myself, took five examples this season, which, with four I took last year, makes nine in all, which is a pretty good showing for a single locality of an insect which, though seemingly diffused over a large territory, is nevertheless one of the rarest of the genus it so royally represents. Mr. Charles Dury, who took one last year, reports another