

SPINNING HABITS OF *TELEA POLYPHEMUS*.—Prof. F. M. Webster writes, with reference to his article in the May number, page 133: "The observations of Mr. Cockle (C. E., p. 100, May) are not altogether unique, as Mr. Wm. T. Davis, in the Journal of the N. Y. Entomological Society, Vol. V., pp. 42-43, records having observed a cocoon of *Telea polyphemus* attached to the side of a house, in August, about 5 inches from the ground, and also a case where a larva had spun in the forked branch of a rose-bush that had stood in the water; in both cases the cocoons were firmly attached. The same writer records the finding of a Luna cocoon spun on, and firmly attached to, the branch of a tree or shrub that had stood in the water. It thus appears that these insects do the best they can under existing circumstances, and I presume Mr. Cockle, had he been able to see the conditions when the cocoons to which he refers were spun, might also have noticed that these were unusual." [Mr. Cockle sent to the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario a further paper on this subject, and a quantity of cocoons showing a remarkable variety of modes of attachment, some being suspended in the same manner as *C. promethea*.—ED. C. E.]

## NOTES.

MR. F. L. WASHBURN, State Entomologist of Minnesota, reports the occurrence at St. Anthony Park of the imported Alder and Willow Beetle, *Cryptorhynchus lapathi*, Linn., which was introduced in a shipment of Carolina poplars from the State of New York last spring.

MR. K. JORDAN, Zoological Museum, Tring, England, desires to draw attention to the fact that *Hyloicus* [*Sphinx*] *perelegans* has a gray form very similar to a small *H. chersis*, besides the ordinary black-backed form. Perhaps someone will breed the insect and thus ascertain whether the dichromatism is seasonal.

The Curator begs to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts to the Society's collections:

From Mr. C. H. Young, Hurdman's Bridge, Ont., specimens of the imago, chrysalis and inflated larvæ of *Semiophora Youngii*, Smith, and a new species of *Hydracia*.

From Mr. A. A. Wood, Coldstream, Ont., specimens of *Ancyloxypha numitor*, Fabr., *Orthosia helva*, Grote, and *Botis generosa*, Grote and Rob.

The Curator would very much like to receive specimens of most of our Canadian insects to fill blanks in the cabinets, and to replace old and imperfect examples; all specimens should have date and locality labels attached. In many of the orders our collections are very meagre. To avoid duplication it would be well for any intending donor to send a list first of those specimens which he is willing to present to the Society.