

NOTES.

A CORRECTION.

In Entom. Amer., Vol. VI., p. 173, in my description of *Euchaetes conspicua* there is erroneously inserted: "This insect comes near *E. cada-verosa*, Gr.," etc., etc. This should read: "This insect comes near *E. abdominalis*, Gr. It is easily recognized by its conspicuous costal lines. *E. abdominalis* is a Florida insect, whilst this seems to be the Colorado representative." Entom. Amer. having ceased to appear, you will confer a favour on me by publishing this in your esteemed paper.

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NOTE ON AMMOPHILA ROBUSTA.

Sept. 20, 1890, I was collecting along the sunny side of a railroad embankment, where several species of digger wasps were plentiful. I stopped to watch the operations of a female of the above species. She was opening a filled-up hole, and soon pulled out a larva resembling that of the cabbage *Plusia*, nearly grown. She laid it three or four inches from the hole, and was standing over it, apparently resting, when another wasp of the same species alighted about six inches away, and, without an instant's hesitation, attacked No. 1, which had turned to face the assault. The fight which ensued was of the most spirited character. They "clinched" at the first onset, and remained in that position, their ventral surfaces in close contact, and the body of each closely embraced by the fore and middle legs of the other. One had grasped the neck of the other with her mandibles, and both were striving to use their stings, their abdomens being curved so as to bring these weapons into favorable position. These details I gathered one at a time, for they did not lie still by any means, but went rolling, scratching, and buzzing down the side of the embankment. On account of grass stubs (the vegetation had been burned off) their progress downward was not rapid, and after nearly a minute they were about two feet from the starting place. Neither seemed to have gained any advantage. At this point a third specimen arrived, and threw herself upon the other two. The fight was now more vigorous, if possible, than before. After a few seconds one released herself and flew away. A second soon followed suit. The third, apparently under great excitement, dashed wildly about, seeming to be looking for the larva before mentioned. From this I supposed her to be the one I first observed.