

very well be studied by college students and others taking a course in entomology; it will be found much simpler and easier to work through than Dr. Packard's larger and more elaborate treatise, but it will not be found of any use in the classification and identification of specimens, like Prof. Comstock's Manual, as this is not its object. Throughout the whole, it may be mentioned, the reader will observe its author's evidently strong views on the theory of evolution.

NEW SPECIES OF LEPIDOPTERA.

Mr. Herman Strecker has recently published the second part of the Supplement to his "Lepidoptera: Rhopaloceres and Heteroceres, indigenous and exotic." It contains descriptions of three new species of butterflies and fifty moths; the former and a few of the moths are from regions outside the faunal limits of the United States and Canada. Two species are distinctively Canadian: *Therina fatuaria* from Montreal and *Ochyria Anticostiata* from the island of Anticosti. These Supplements will be quite as necessary to the student of Lepidoptera as the original work. They may be obtained from the author, P. O. Box 311, Reading, Penna. (Price, 25 cents each.)

FLASHLIGHTS ON NATURE.—By Grant Allen; illustrated by Frederick Enock. Toronto: William Briggs, 29 Richmond Street West. (Price, 70 cents.) 312 pages.

Mr. Grant Allen's versatility as a writer is well known, but whatever opinion may be formed regarding his novels and tales of fiction, there can be no question that few authors can be compared with him when he devotes himself to natural-history subjects. His papers show that he must be a most minute and painstaking student of the wonders of plant and animal life, while at the same time his literary skill enables him to describe what he has seen and studied in a most charming manner and without any loss of scientific precision. He has also the able assistance of Mr. Enock, who is a well-known entomologist, and who evidently aids the author not only with his beautiful drawings, but with his careful observations as well. Most, if not all, of the papers in the volume before us have already appeared in the pages of a widely-circulated magazine, but they are well worthy of reproduction in this more permanent and convenient form. They treat of insects, birds, and plants, under such titles as the Cows that Ants Milk, a Plant that Melts Ice, a Beast of Prey