

At the Central Exhibition, to be held at Guelph Oct. 1--4:—"Collection of Native Insects, common and technical names attached; 1st Prize \$7; 2nd do \$4.

"Collection of Native Insects, common and technical names attached, injurious to field crops and fruits; 1st Prize \$7; 2nd do \$4."

HYPERCHIRIA VARIA.--The remarkable larva described by me in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, Vol. II., 28, is that of *Hyperchiria varia*, Walk. I have in my collection specimens of *Macaria liturata* (of Europe) collected at Jamaica Plains in June and July. -C. S. MINOR, Boston.

MOTHS AT SEA.--Captain Robert Fuller, of the S. S. Northumbria, informs me that last September, when about twenty miles off Oporto, "weather fine," a very considerable number of moths made their appearance during the evening, and settled on the masts and sails of the ship by hundreds. So numerous were they, that with one grasp of the hand you could secure four or five moths. Several specimens were caught for me; but until yesterday I had not been able to see them. They all prove to be our common *Plusia Gamma*; and Capt. F. told me he did not observe any other kind on that occasion. These must have been part of a large flight, as he described them as clustering in masses all over the ship. I certainly think that many of the rare insects occasionally captured round our coasts are brought here in the above manner: after a long and almost exhausting flight over the sea, they very often gain foothold on some passing vessel, and some day or two may elapse before they again take wing; then it may often happen to be near the English coast; the fugitive possibly captured, and dubbed an English specimen, worth a considerable sum, of course. These particular insects, *P. Gamma*, are most common here; but it is just as likely to happen to a continental species. Doubtless we owe many of our present extensive list of new species to home-ward-bound shipping.—*W. H. Tuzwell, in Newman's Entomologist.*

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