

each vein of the fore wings distinctly marked by a fuscous line on the upper surface, so that the neuration is distinct without denuding the wings; abdomen creamy white, with a narrow transverse brown line on top of each segment, just before its hinder margin. *Al. ex.* 15½ lines; probably greater than that of any other species belonging to the Tineina. It is the only species in this group, observed by me, which seems to conform to the law said to be found among other insects and birds of increase in development of peripheral parts in the West. It seems to be a very local species, and of very sluggish habits. I met with it only once, but then found about twenty-five specimens mostly *in coitu*. They were all found resting on the blades of the soap weed, as it is popularly termed in Colorado (*Yucca*), and would require to be thrown violently off from the blade before they would move, but were very active on the wing when once aroused. All of them were found within an area not over one hundred feet square, in a field of about twenty-five acres, and I never saw it elsewhere. This field is on the road to Monument Park, about three miles north of Colorado Springs. The larva will probably be found to feed in some way on the *Yucca*. At all events, there was very little else in that particular locality on which it could feed. The wings are rather narrower in proportion to their length than in other species of the genus.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PARASITE ON SAMIA CECROPIA.

DEAR SIR,—

I have this fall obtained upwards of a dozen examples of *Ophion macrurum* from cocoons of *Telea polyphemus* gathered about Oct. 25th and later. Is not this unprecedented?

I have a record from hearsay, but well authenticated, of two cocoons of *Samia cecropia* emerging the *second* summer.

I found late in October *cecropia* cocoons of this year's make, from which some parasite unknown to me had emerged, either through the loose end or through a round smooth hole bitten out of the cocoon, about the diameter of an ordinary lead pencil. The remains in the inner cocoon were mostly small fragments of blackened larval skin, and in one case the entire back of the larva very neatly cleaned. Can any one enlighten me as to the character of this parasite, which is evidently of unusually large size and power. C. E. WORTHINGTON, Chicago, Ill.