

CORRESPONDENCE.

CARABUS AURATUS.

Dear Sir: Mr. Grote's reference, in your June issue, to Dr. Harris's observation on *Carabus auratus*, deserves some attention. The "Insects Injurious to Vegetation" was one of my early helps to an introduction to Entomology, and in reading the passage referred to, I was led, in my inexperience, to speculate upon the probability of meeting with the beautiful beetle mentioned.

Many years ago Mr. P. S. Sprague showed me the specimen itself in Dr. Harris's collection, now in the care of the Boston Natural History Society, and told me that he had been led to surmise that this was Dr. Harris's first insect capture, and that it had been the means of turning his attention to the study and observation of insects, with the excellent result so familiar to us all. It is hardly necessary to say that the identification was correct, but the specimen was an entirely accidental introduction, and did not perpetuate its species.

It seems to me that it would be very desirable if those having a knowledge of the accidental occurrence of foreign insects in our country would publish the particulars.

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PAPILIO CRESPHONTES.

Dear Sir: On May 8th, I observed four caterpillars of *Papilio Cresphontes* about two-thirds grown feeding on the Lombardy Poplar (*Populus dilatata*). The *Cresphontes* has been increasing rapidly since its first appearance in this locality in 1878. Its caterpillar has hitherto seemed to be restricted to plants of the Rue family. Leaving the Orange of the Southern States, it came north to feed upon the Prickly Ash (*Xanthoxylum Americanum*) and Hop-tree (*Ptelea trifoliata*). Both these being scarce in this locality, it has taken to the Lombardy Poplar. It may be remarked that *Populus* is botanically widely separated from the *Rutaceæ*.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario will be held in London during the month of October. The exact date is not yet decided upon, but it will be announced in our next issue.

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