

NOTES ON ARCTIA AMERICANA

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As I have reared the above named moth from the egg, I can add an interesting fact or two to the account of its preparatory stages, published by Mr. Bunker on p. 149, vol. vii, of this periodical.

From a batch of eggs laid about August 6th, I obtained a number of larvæ, eight or ten of which passed through their last moult but one on September 23rd, and one accomplished its last moult on October 5th, after which it rapidly increased in size, attaining its full growth in a day or two, and then spun itself up into a cocoon, which was kept in the house. The imago emerged on November 28th. All the others died during hybernation.

CORRESPONDENCE

I am able to add the names of two more species of butterflies to Mr. Caulfield's "List of Diurnal Lepidoptera of the Island of Montreal," published on pages 86-90, of vol. vii, namely: *Lycena violacea* Edw., very rare; I took one ♀ specimen on our mountain, on June 10th, 1874. *Amblyscirtes vialis* Edw., very rare; one example taken on our mountain on June 8th, 1875. I am indebted to Mr. Scudder for the determination of these species. There is one error in Mr. Caulfield's list which requires correction; the name *Euphyes metacomet* Harris should be substituted for *Hedone orono* Scudder, as the latter does not occur here as far as known.

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Weevil Cocoons.—W. H. G. writes in *Science Gossip*, No. 133, Jan'y. 1, 1876, that he obtained the Weevil (*Cionus scrophularia*) from cocoons made by the larvæ on the Water Betony (*Scrophularia aquatica*).

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Vanessa Milberti.—This insect has lately come from its winter retirement in some numbers. The weather has been delightful.

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