

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

BUTTERFLIES IN JULY.—The present season, though cool and wet, I have found very much better for collecting Lepidoptera than the two previous hot and dry summers. During the month of July I have captured, or seen, specimens of the following butterflies, although I have had but few opportunities for making anything like an Entomological excursion:—*Papilio turnus*, *troilus*, *asterias*; *Colias philodice*; *Danais archippus*; *Argynnis cybele*, *aphrodite*, *bellona*, *myrina*; *Melitæa tharos*; *Grapta interrogationis*; *Vanessa J-album*, *milberti*, *progne*, *antiopa*; *Pyrameis atalanta*, *cardui*, *huntera*; *Limenitis arthemis*, *disippus*; *Neonympha eurythris*; *Erebia nephele*; *Thecla inorata*; *Polyommatus americana*; *Eudamus tityrus*; *Hesperia hobomok*, *Leonardus*, *Peckii*, *ahaton*. Twenty-nine species in all. I have no doubt that many of our Canadian collectors have done much better than this, and I trust they will let our readers know it, though I think the above list is not bad for a single month, characterized as it was by so many cold and rainy days. Some species have been excessively abundant; e. g. *C. philodice*, *D. archippus*, *V. antiopa*, *P. cardui*; others unusually numerous; e. g. *V. milberti*, *P. huntera* and *atalanta*, *L. arthemis*, which is usually very rare, *N. eurythris*, *E. nephele*, and *Thecla inorata*.

On the the 3rd of August, a lovely bright warm morning, after an excessively wet night, I drove about ten miles along country roads. Every few yards there was a patch of mud, the effects of the heavy rain, and at every patch of mud there were from half a dozen to twenty specimens of *Colias philodice*,—at least one, I should think, for every yard of distance that I travelled. I must, then, have seen at a very moderate computation, about 10,000 specimens of this butterfly! There were also, I should judge, about one-fifth as many specimens of *Vanessa antiopa* flying about, besides numbers of other common butterflies.—C. J. S. B.

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