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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF VOLUTA.

Voluta Norrissii.—Greyish white, very minutely black, dotted with broad black wavy irregular longitudinal streaks, with three bands with paler dots and streaks; nucleus blunt, upper part slightly crenated; last whorl subangular; mouth bright orange, with a white edge to the outer lip. Inhab. —? Cabinet, Mr. Norris.

Very like *Voluta nervosa*, but the shell is minutely black dotted, the longitudinal streaks are broader, and the three dark bands are rather more towards the front of the shell; the hinder one occupies the whole of the spine and hinder slope of the last whorl.—J. E. GRAY.

GIGANTIC ECHINUS SPINE.

There has lately been discovered in Sicily the fragment of a gigantic spine of an *Echinus*, nearly an inch and half in circumference and more than eight inches long.—J. E. GRAY.

CURTIS'S BRITISH ENTOMOLOGY.

The 15th volume of this splendid work commenced with a beautiful plate of *Stauropis Fagi* with its grotesque caterpillar. *Nitidula Colon*, *Ledra aurita*, and *Myopa fulvipes* follow; a figure of *Orchestes Waltoni*, a new species of the saltatorial Curculios, has enabled the author to record some facts respecting the destructive economy of these minute beetles. *Acrolepia Betulella*, an undescribed *Tinea*, *Crabro subpunctatus*, and *Hydræssa pygmæa*, a pretty little insect allied to *Velia*, complete the two first numbers.

Those for March and April contain *Dermestes lardarius*, *Lithomia Solidaginis*, a fine Noctua new to Britain, with its caterpillar; *Prostemma guttula* from an unique British specimen taken near Sandwich; the rare *Tetyra fuliginosa*, *Trachys minuta*, *Porrectaria albicosta*, *Cynips nervosa*, belonging to the tribe of Gall-nut flies, and *Trigonometopus frontalis*, a remarkable fly established as a genus by Macquart.

Nos. 173 and 174 exhibit *Otiorrhynchus maurus*, with some remarks on the great mischief committed by various species of the genus on fruit trees, &c. *Siona dealbata*, an elegant moth, having very much the appearance of a white butterfly. *Tenthredo cingulata*; this is a figure of an hemaphrodite specimen, in which the different colours of the two sexes are strikingly contrasted in the body; *Capsus hirtus*, *Elatér aterrimus*, *Alucita hexadactyla*, a strong variety of *Panorpa germanica*, and *Phasia speciosa*, for the first time figured and recorded as an indigenous species.

Of the 24 plants, which are as highly finished and as faithfully depicted as the insects, we were most struck with the figure of the wood strawberry (pl. 690.) and amongst the rare or local species