end. Claw large, moderately bent, on one leg minutely notched at the end. Digitules wanting; there is a small bristle in the place of the claw-digitule.

Hab.—Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 4th, 1896, in a nest of *Lasius claviger*, Rog., under a stone with a small herd of another species; only one found, not feeding. Named after Mr. Blanchard, who has interested himself in the Coleoptera associated with ants in the same region.

Of the Massachusetts species, this most resembles *R. lasii*, particularly in the antennæ, but it differs widely in its colour, hairiness and stout legs. Still less does it seem to resemble any of the foreign species.

Reviewing the above three species, it seems that the *Lecanopsis* is most modified for an underground life, the *Ripersia* somewhat, but the *Phenacoccus* hardly or not at all. It is probable that the last will be found in summer on some plant above ground.

ARGYNNIS IDALIA IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

On February 1st I happened to spend a few hours in St. John, N. B., and through the kindness of Mr. Herbert E. Goold, of Sussex, N. B., and Mr. A. Morissey, of St. John, I was enabled to visit the very interesting museum of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick. In looking over the cases of insects I noticed two fine specimens of *Argynnis idalia*, which Mr. Goold told me were taken by himself or his father at St. John. I could not remember at the time any record of *A. idalia* having been taken in New Brunswick, so asked Mr. Goold to enquire from his father if he remembered anything of the capture. He has since written to me: "In *re Argynnis idalia*—On my return home from St. John I asked my father about the specimens. He remembered the circumstances of their being caught distinctly, as he was perfectly familiar with the insect, having been one of the most active members of the entomological branch of the Natural History Society of Portland, Maine. In 1880 quite a number of specimens of *A. idalia* appeared in the vicinity of St. John, and the specimens you saw were taken at that time." It is to be deeply regretted that at the present time very few members of the strong local Natural History Society at St. John are studying entomology. The locality is one of extreme interest scientifically, and very much requires working up.

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