

of an exotic species of *Blatta* imported with Orchidaceous plants, and he had found *Evania appendigaster*, in the several states of larva, pupa and imago, within these capsules.

Captures by Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Curtis said that when on a visit recently to Mr. Dale, at Glauvilles Wootton, he had taken the following insects:—*Myrmica graminicola*, ♀ only; *Ephyra orbicularia*, June 10th, a fine ♂; *Crambus uliginosus*, June 15th to July 1st; *Limnobia 6-guttata*, Hal., June 15th to July 1st; *Acentropus Garnonsii*, June 15th to July 1st. Concerning the latter insect he should make a communication at a future Meeting. At Clifton he saw Mr. Walcott's beautiful collection of bees, from which he exhibited two captured with the wings in a rudimentary state. At Mr. Vaughan's, at Bristol, he noticed the method of capturing small moths in glass tubes, invented by Mr. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent, and exhibited a sample.

Singular Beetle found in South-American Ants' Nests.

Mr. Westwood read a notice, accompanied by drawings of dissections, of a very curious beetle found by Mr. Bates in ants' nests, in the Valley of the Amazon, possessing the characters of several families, and so anomalous that it was very difficult to indicate its nearest relationship; and he further remarked that it was very singular that all the many Coleopterous insects found in ants' nests should have some peculiarity of form or structure. He described the present species under the name of *Gnostus Formicicola*.

New British Hemerobii, &c.

Mr. Curtis read a paper on two new British species of *Hemerobius*, with remarks upon the synonymy of *Coniopteryx*, &c.

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EDWARD NEWMAN, Esq., President, in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretaries, the Chairman appointed Mr. S. J. Wilkinson to act as Secretary for the evening.

Donations.

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be given to the donors:—'Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Van Diemen's Land,' Vol. ii., Part 2; by the Society. 'Fabricia Entomologica,' par H. Jekel, Part 1; by the Author. A paper entitled "On some Arctic Species of *Calanidæ*," by John Lubbock, Esq., F.Z.S. (from the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History'); by the

Author. 'Proceedings of the Royal Society,' Vol. vii., No. 5; by the Society. 'Journal of the Society of Arts' for August; by the Society. The 'Literary Gazette' for August; by the Editor. The 'Athenæum' for August; by the Editor. 'Resumen de las Actas de la Academia Real de Ciencias de Madrid, en el Año Academico, de 1847 a 1848;' Idem, 1848 a 1849; 'Estatutos de la Academia Real de Ciencias;' all by the Royal Academy of Sciences of Madrid. The 'Zoologist' for September; by the Editor. 'Insecta Maderensia; being an Account of the Insects of the Islands of the Madeira Group,' by T. Vernon Wollaston, M.A., F.L.S.; by the Author. 'Bericht über die zur Bekanntmachung geeigneten Verhandlungen der Königl. Preuss. Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin im Monat Juni, 1853,' by Dr. Schaum; 'Hemiptera and Orthoptera from Mozambique,' forming part of the work of Dr. Peters on that country, by Dr. Schaum; both presented by the Author.

Old Series of the Society's 'Transactions.'

It was announced to the Meeting that, by a resolution of the Council, at the end of the present year the stock of the old series of the Society's 'Transactions' would be made up into volumes; and this notice was given that the Members might avail themselves of the interval to complete their sets.

Trade Museum of the Society of Arts.

It was also announced that the Council had resolved to present to the "Trade Museum" now forming by the Society of Arts such duplicate specimens of insects as could be spared from the Society's collection, especially of those which are injurious or beneficial to man, and a certain selection had been made; but in order to make the gift as comprehensive as possible, the Council requested the co-operation of the Members, by their giving such further specimens from their own collections as they may think proper.

Exhibitions.

Mr. S. Stevens, on the part of Mr. Evans, of Darley Abbey, exhibited a specimen of a new British Noctua, of which several had recently been taken in North Wales. According to Herrich-Schäffer's figure and description, it appears to be the *Spælotis Valesiaca*, *And. & Boisd.*, but it does not agree with Freyer's figure of the species.

Mr. Stevens also exhibited six specimens of *Agrotis lunigera*, likewise examples of *Spælotis catalaunica*, taken recently at the Isle of Wight. He also brought for exhibition a box of insects collected in the neighbourhood of Singapore by Mr. Wallace, which contained many new and interesting species both in Lepidoptera and Coleoptera: among the latter, the Longicorns were very beautiful, and bore much the larger proportion with the other families.

Mr. Bond brought for exhibition specimens of *Acidalia degeneraria* from the Isle of Portland; *Orthosia hyperborea* from Perthshire, observing that this species had hitherto been unique in the cabinet of Mr. Douglas; *Noctua tenebrosa*, also from Perthshire; and a specimen of *Acosmetia caliginosa* from the New Forest.

Mr. Edward Sheppard exhibited a box of Coleopterous insects, captured in the New Forest at the end of July and beginning of August, containing *Phloiortya rufipes*, *Platypus cylindricus*, *Elater sanguineus*, *Triplax sœnea*, *Mycetocharus scapularis*, *Triphyllus bifasciatus*, *Salpingus ruficollis*, and many others.