

more delicate, and that the scales on the under surface are not black but only slightly darker than in the type-form, producing a greasy effect.

Mr. Prout tells me that this form, though generally less extreme, is known on the Continent as var. *bischoffaria*.

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[Melanic specimens of *Acidalia marginepunctata* and *A. subsericeata* are figured in the 'Entomologist,' vol. xl. p. i.—ED.]

NEUROPTERA, &c., FROM THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.

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DR. T. A. CHAPMAN, with his usual kindness, handed over to me a small collection of interesting insects which he took in the South of France in June and July last. No fewer than five Natural Orders are represented by the twenty-three species contained in the collection. For assistance in the identification I have to thank Mr. K. J. Morton and Rev. A. E. Eaton. The insects are:—

Plecoptera.

**Perl a cephalotes*. Courmayeur, June 21st–July 8th.

Dictyopteryx alpina. Val d'Isère, July 10th–24th, and Courmayeur.

**Nemoura variegata*. Courmayeur.

**N. inconspicua*. Val d'Isère.

Ephemeroptera.

**Ecdyurus venosus*. A female imago; Brides-les-Bains, June 8th–15th.

Odonata (Paraneuroptera).

**Sympetrum fonscolombii*. Two females; Val d'Isère.

**Orthetrum cærulescens*. One female; Brides-les-Bains.

Neuroptera.

Myrmeleon formicarius. Two; Brides-les-Bains and Courmayeur.

Raphidia flavipes. Two; Courmayeur. Wings not quite typical.

**Hemerobius quadrifasciatus*. Two; Courmayeur.

**Chrysopa perla*. Four; Courmayeur.

Panorpa communis var. *vulgaris*. One male and five females; Courmayeur. Though there was but one male, all apparently should be referred to this species and variety.

Trichoptera.

Drusus muelleri. Male and female; Val d'Isère.

D. melanchætes. Male; Val d'Isère.

D. discolor. Male; Val d'Isère.

Sericostoma pedemontanum. Courmayeur.

**Beræa maurus*. Female; Courmayeur.

**Hydropsyche pellucidula*. Female; Brides-les-Bains.

**H. fulvipes*. Female; Brides-les-Bains.

Philopotamus ludificatus. Courmayeur and Brides-les-Bains.

Rhyacophila torrentium. Two males and two females; Val d'Isère and Brides-les-Bains.

R. vulgaris. A male; Courmayeur.

R. tristis. A female; Courmayeur.

Those with an asterisk (*) are found in the British Isles also.
Kingston-on-Thames: January, 1913.

DIAGNOSES OF SOME AMERICAN ACRÆINÆ.

BY DR. K. JORDAN.

1. *Actinote cressia leptogramma*, subsp. nov. .

♂. Alarum anticarum triente vel dimidio apicali nigro fascia maculari aurantiaca notato; alis posticis nigro marginatis.

♀. Alis anticis ad basin nigro suffusis; posticis totis nigris.

Hab. Baños, Pastaza, Ecuador.

2. *Actinote desmiala*, sp. nov.

♂. Alis anticis nigris, macula magna basali et fascia discali aurantiacis; posticis nigris fascia media aurantiaca antice dilutiore.

Hab. Archidona, Ecuador. Male in Mus. Brit.

3. *Actinote diceus flavibasis*, subsp. nov.

♂ ♀. Alis posticis subtus ad basin flavis.

Hab. Eastern Cordillera of Colombia.

4. *Actinote leontine bulis*, subsp. nov.

♂. Alis anticis macula cellulari nigra et fascia discali ochraceo-flava; posticis margine exteriori nigro angusto postice tenuissimo. Anticis subtus ad apicem luteo-griseis nigro striatis.

Hab. Zamora and Loja, South-eastern Ecuador (O. T. Baron).

5. *Actinote stratonice æreta*, subsp. nov.

♂. Alarum anticarum macula nigra discocellularis magna cum margine costali nigra conflua. Posticarum prona facies a basi fere ad medium aurantio-rufo striata, striis in cellula pallidioribus.

Hab. Zamora, South-eastern Ecuador (O. T. Baron).

6. *Actinote alalia conspicua*, subsp. nov.

♂. Subspecies major, saturatius colorata, fascia discali alarum anticarum atque margine posticarum nigris latis; alis posticis subtus omnino fulvo-aurantiacis nigro striatis.

Hab. Rio de Janeiro.