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CAPTURES OF FENISECA TAR- QUINIUS Fabr.

An example of this butterfly, which is generally regarded as a rarity by collectors, was captured at Center, N. Y., 25 May 1878, by Mr. O. von Meske—its first observation for this locality. It had been taken in two instances, many years ago, by Mr. Charles H. Peck, at Bath, near Albany, and had also been observed by him in Sandlake, N. Y., and Elizabethtown, N. Y., flying about bushes of alder (*Alnus serrulata* Ait.). Its appearance so early in the season seems to indicate two broods of the species—the second occurring, in the state of New York, during the first half of August. On the 1st day of August (1877) while riding at a brisk pace through the Raven Pass in Essex County, N. Y., en route to the Adirondack Mountains, a fresh example of the species was swept in my net, fortunately in hand, by Mr. Verplanck Colvin, from the back of one of the horses. This was but the third example that had come into my possession, and the first to display the delicate tracery of its under-wings in all its beauty. Subsequently, and during the two weeks following,

several specimens (perhaps a dozen) were taken by Mr. E. L. Graef, of Brooklyn, L. I., at Beede's, head of Keene Valley. They were fluttering about the alders, upon which probably their eggs are deposited and their larvae feed. The locality would seem to be a particularly favorable one for them. The elevation of Beede's above tide water, as obtained from Mr. Colvin, superintendent of the Adirondack Survey, is 1240 feet [378 M.].
—F. A. Lintner.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

17 JAN. 1883.—It was announced that the prize of £50, offered by Lord Walsingham, for the best essay on *Sclerostoma syngamus*, had been awarded to Dr Mégnin, of Paris (two competitors); no essay regarding *Strongylus pergracilis* had been received,

The following officers were elected:—President, J. W. Dunning; Treasurer, E. Saunders; Secretaries, E. A. Fitch and W. F. Kirby; Librarian, F. Grut.

5 FEB. 1883.—Mr. Billups exhibited an exotic orthopterous insect of the family *locustidae*, found living in a hot-house at Lee; it was strongly carnivorous in its habits.

Mr. Peringuey communicated notes on the habits of several South African species of *Paussus*, and especially in connection with their powers of crepitating, and carnivorous propensities.

7 MARCH 1883.—Dr. Sharp exhibited a dissection of the prosternum of an *Elater*, and called attention to the peculiar condition of the prothoracic stigma, which was closed by a perfect trap-door. He thought this arrangement might be useful in excluding parasites when the beetle was on its back, after the manner of its kind.

2 MAY 1883.—This being the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the society, the President read a historical sketch, in which he succinctly embodied all points of interest concerning its career, and the benefits it had



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