

## ANOTHER VAGRANT GRASSHOPPER.

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On December 17, 1926, a curious green, wingless, grasshopper-like creature was brought to me alive from Tassinari's fruit store, Salem, the same place where other wanderers have been found (see *Psyche*, April, 1926, p. 53). This one proved to be Davis' Short-winged Conehead, *Belocephalus davisi* S. D. H. ♀ undoubtedly brought in with garden truck from Florida.

The European House-Cricket, *Gryllus domesticus* L., has been found in considerable numbers in a schoolhouse at Salem this winter, making its presence known by its loud and persistent singing in the basement.

## THE BOWDITCH COLLECTION OF CHRYSOMELIDÆ.

The Museum of Comparative Zoology has received from the family of the late Mr. F. C. Bowditch his very extensive collection of Coleoptera. The main part is an arranged collection of the Chrysomelidæ of the world in double boxes equal to more than five hundred Schmitt boxes. This contains between 2500 and 3000 types, mostly of Martin Jacoby. Mr. Bowditch had purchased Mr. Jacoby's first collection (including a set of the *Biologia*), part of the second Jacoby collection, the 70,000 specimens of the Tring Museum (containing some Jacoby types) and several smaller collections. In recent years he had bought from dealers and collectors in all parts of the world. There is about an equal amount of duplicate Chrysomelidæ, partly named, and containing the Hispinæ and the Cassidinæ which are not included in the general collection. There is also a large collection of North and South American Coleoptera based on the famous G. D. Smith collection. The material is all in excellent condition. During his life Mr. Bowditch presented to the Museum tens of thousands of duplicate Chrysomelidæ, partly named, the whole doubtless making the greatest mass of material in this family ever accumulated anywhere.

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