

On being informed of the seizures, we wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury, explaining the objects of our Society in this matter, referring to past usage and also to the fact that these pins were only used for scientific purposes. In reply the Secretary holds that Entomological pins must take their place alongside of other pins and pay a duty of 35 per cent., and that the transmission of such packages by mail is contrary to law. At the same time he kindly instructed the collector at Detroit to waive the usual charges on seized goods and deliver the pins in his possession on payment of duties only. We shall hence in future be prevented from supplying our members in the U. S. with pins by parcel post.

On enquiring from the collector as to whether small quantities of pins might be sent by letter postage, we received in reply a copy of the circular sent from the Treasury Department. As this circular speaks only of *packages*, we presume that pins in small quantities enclosed in letters, covered by the usual letter postage, will not be interfered with.

Sheet cork, which is liable to a duty of 30 per cent., will also, we understand, be subject to seizure, but since the packages we send seldom exceed fifty cents in value, we do not know whether they would be regarded as of sufficient importance to warrant the trouble of the correspondence attending such seizures. On this point we have applied for information, but have failed to obtain it. Any packages of this sort sent in future will be at the risk of the parties ordering them. Either pins or cork can be safely sent in any quantities by express, subject to the duties mentioned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CATOCALA MARMORATA.

Catocala marmorata may now safely be put down as one of the regularly settled species of this locality. An intimate friend and fellow hunter, in company with myself, took five examples this season, which, with four I took last year, makes nine in all, which is a pretty good showing for a single locality of an insect which, though seemingly diffused over a large territory, is nevertheless one of the rarest of the genus it so royally represents. Mr. Charles Dury, who took one last year, reports another

this year at Cincinnatti; and Mr. Geo. W. Peck took one this season in New Jersey. This makes twelve in all that have been taken in the United States, besides the original one in the Collection of the Entomological Society of Philadelphia, that I am aware of. If others have taken it in other localities, I hope they will report. Some who have not seen the examples taken here and elsewhere, have hesitated to believe that they were the true *marmorata* of Edwards, but a glance at them is enough to convince any one of their identity. I have not seen the original type, but our examples tally exactly with the published description. It is a large, showy and uniformly defined species, entirely distinct, and cannot well be mistaken for or confounded with any other species.

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SPHINGIDÆ AT SUGAR.

I have taken the following Sphingidæ at sugar at Center, this season :

Sphinx choerilus.	Sphinx myron.
“ kalmiæ.	“ sordida.
“ gordius.	“ cinerea.
“ hylaus.	“ Harrisii.
“ Abbotti.	“ lineata.
“ drupiferarum.	“ luscitiosa.

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DONATION TO ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.—We tender our sincere thanks to our esteemed correspondent, Mr. V. T. Chambers, of Covington, Ky., for a collection of named Micro-Ledidoptera kindly presented to our Society. This collection, which reached us in very fair order, consists of 66 species, and is a most welcome and valuable addition to the Society's cabinet.

The Locust Plague in the United States, by C. V. Riley, M. A., Ph. D.

This is an octavo volume of 236 pages, with 45 illustrations, including several maps; published by Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago. It is handsomely got up and contains much valuable information on this important subject; it is, in fact, a digest or reproduction in a compact form of the material contained in the author's several valuable reports on this insect to the Legislature of the State of Missouri. Price, in paper, \$1; cloth, \$1.25. Sent by mail by the publishers, prepaid, on receipt of price.