

NOTES.

LUMINOUS WORMS.

Driving from Hudson to Como on the 23rd of September, 1892, about 8 p.m., the night being warm and damp, I was much surprised to see on the hard road something luminous, emitting quite as strong a light as the glow-worm in England. We stopped quickly, but before I could get back the few yards it had disappeared. Some half mile further we passed another, which also, before I could get to it, disappeared. Can any of your readers say what these were? Their sudden disappearance and our failing to find them, though we struck a match in both cases, would lead me to think they were some sort of earth worm, as these draw themselves quickly into their holes when disturbed. How else is their sudden disappearance to be accounted for?

LACHLAN GIBB.

The cells of *Megachile*, which I send, were found in rather a peculiar place last September, being attached to the trimmings of a dress which was inside a wooden chest placed on a gallery in Montreal.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

LARVOPHAGOUS CATERPILLARS.

Sir: On reading in the issue of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST for January of Larvophagous caterpillars of *P. philenor*, I was reminded of an observation which I made last summer. I had at that time several larvæ of *Danias archippus* in a wire cage, and supplied them frequently with milkweed leaves, which they devoured voraciously. On one occasion, owing to a delay in getting leaves, their supply became exhausted, and in a short time—not more than an hour or two, I should think—one of them attacked another which was about to change to a chrysalis, and began eating it. Some of the others joined, and by the time the leaves were obtained fully half of the unfortunate caterpillar had disappeared. They ate it very slowly, not being hungry enough to relish it, I suppose. My brother tells me that he has seen a larva of *P. asterias* greedily eating the chrysalis of one of its kind which was hung on a fence.

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