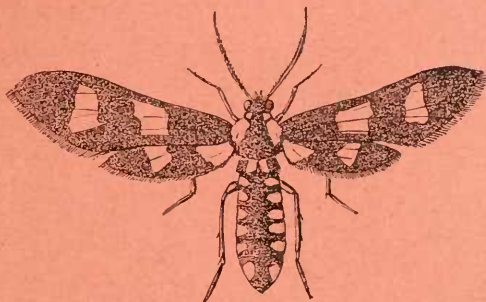


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The Eggs of *Benacus* and Their Hatching.

By JAMES G. NEEDHAM.

(Plate II)

Among the largest of insect eggs are those of our aquatic Hemiptera. Some of these are laid under water, some in the air, attached to the stems of plants that project above the surface. Few are better known than those of *Zaitha*, which the male carries through their incubation period in a layer covering his back. Those of *Ranatra* are familiar enough also, though immersed in the stems of aquatic plants: their presence is always betrayed by the two long micropylar appendages that project conspicuously into the water. *Belostoma* and *Benacus* lay their eggs above water, commonly attaching them in broad one-layered clusters to the vertical sides of dead typha stems. Those of *Belostoma* have recently been carefully described by Mr. Bueno. It is strange that those of *Benacus*, the largest of them all, should still remain comparatively unknown and unnoticed.

Notes and News.

ENTOMOLOGICAL GLEANINGS FROM ALL QUARTERS
OF THE GLOBE.

CORRESPONDENTS will kindly note that the address of Mr. John A. Grossbeck is Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J.

I know that you know nothing.

Others know not even this.—*Socrates* (revised).

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PHALANGID NOTES.—When in 1904 (Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., XIII, p. 253) I described *Caddo glaucopsis* as new, I was unaware that the description of *C. agillis* Banks had been taken from immature specimens, that fact being published by Mr. Banks in the same number (p. 256). Mr. Banks has recently been kind enough to examine an adult specimen of *C. glaucopsis* collected by me last June at Sandford, Ontario, and reports that it is the same as the adult of his *C. agillis*. I regret having made the synonym and take this opportunity to rectify the blunder.

I wish also to record here the capture last July at Carlton Station, Orleans County, New York, of an adult male of *Phalangium longipalpis* Weed, which, as far as I am aware, has heretofore been known only from Arkansas.—CYRUS R. CROSBY, Ithaca, N. Y.

BUTTERFLIES IN BATTLE.—“A battle of butterflies,” said the Japanese Viscount firmly.

“Impossible!” cried the lady on his right.

“Oh,” the Viscount insisted, “the thing is authenticated. It happened on August 20, 1889. Tales and poems without number have been written on it.

“On the evening of August 20th two opposing armies of the butterflies fought an aerial battle between Nojima and Kawasaki-Mura. The fight continued till sunset, when the smaller army turned and retreated, the victors pursuing it till all were lost in the rosy sunset haze. The ground beneath the combat was thickly strewn with wounded and dead warriors.

“The battle drew a thousand people. It occurred about thirty feet up in the air. The spectators were amazed and horror-stricken to see these gentle blue butterflies grappling and struggling furiously and silently in a blue blizzard above their heads.”—*Newspaper*.