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 APPOINTMENT OF STATE ENTOMOLOGIST FOR NEW YORK.

We learn with much pleasure that our esteemed friend and valued contributor, Mr. J. A. Lintner, of Albany, N. Y., has received the appointment of State Entomologist. A better qualified man for the position could not, we believe, be found. Mr. Lintner has for the past thirty years devoted a large portion of his time to the study of Entomology, and paid especial attention to that practical department of the science which treats of insects injurious to agriculture. The enormous loss occasioned yearly by destructive insects, is now well known, and every means discovered to prevent or lessen these ravages, results in a large yearly gain to the cultivators of the soil. The special business of the State Entomologist will be to endeavor to ascertain how this desirable end can best be accomplished. We anticipate good results from this judicious appointment.

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 CAPTURE OF A BI-FORMED LYCÆNA.

DEAR SIR,—

On the 6th of June, 1880, I took a bi-formed example of *Lycæna neglecta*, one side of which had the coloration of the male, the other of the female. It was a male, as appeared on exposing the genital organs.

W. H. EDWARDS.

Coalburgh, Ma., June 18, 1880.

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DEAR SIR,—

Referring to some correspondence in the ENTOMOLOGIST for 1878, page 60, I beg to inform you that during the first week in July I found *Melitæa phæton* in considerable quantities in a small clearing in Dow's swamp, about one mile south of this city. The swamp is densely wooded with Tamarack and a thick undergrowth of *Myrica gale*, *Salices*, *Alnus incana*, &c., besides many herbaceous plants; and among them (but not at all plentiful) *Chelone glabra*. Upon enquiry, I find that this clearing was the exact locality where the late Mr. B. Billings found this Butterfly in 1870.

J. FLETCHER, Ottawa.