

JOINT COCOONS.—In breeding *Bombyx castrensis* this year I have three times found two pupæ in one cocoon, *i. e.*, not merely two cocoons joining one another, but two pupæ actually touching each other as they lay side by side in a single large covering of silk. Evidently the larvæ worked in concert with some degree of intelligence. Their heads pointed in the same direction, and one opening served for both to emerge. I have not seen this noticed before. Is it a known habit?—W. CLAXTON; Navestock Vicarage, Romford.

SESIA CULICIFORMIS, VARIETY.—Last spring I obtained pupæ of *S. culiciformis* from two woods in Worcestershire, and on May 27th was surprised to see a fine specimen with no trace of a belt of any colour, and absolutely without the usual red and golden coloration on the wings. The palpi, too, are black; in fact, the insect has no sign of other colour than purplish black. I should be interested to hear if there are other specimens of this variety in existence. All my other specimens so far are of the ordinary type.—H. V. PLUM; Epsom College, May 29th, 1906.

EPHEMERA LINEATA.—On July 16th last a young entomological friend, Master J. Edwards, gave me a specimen of this may-fly, which he took on the wing the evening before at Knight's Park, Kingston-on-Thames. In previous years I have received one or two odd specimens from Kingston, Surbiton, Teddington, and Walton-on-Thames. Eaton, in his Monograph (Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond. 1871), gives the Thames and the Kennet near Reading as its British localities. Possibly this one spent its early days in the Hogg's Mill Stream, which passes through Kingston on its way to join the Thames. The species is distinguished with no great difficulty by means of the linear marks on the dorsal surface of the abdomen. It is later in emerging and somewhat larger and paler than the common may-fly, *Ephemera vulgata*. The remaining British species of the genus, *E. danica*, apparently prefers faster cooler streams.—W. J. LUCAS; Kingston-on-Thames.

ERRATUM.—In my note on *Orobena straminealis* (*ante*, p. 118), I see that "Bletchworth" is printed instead of "Betchworth."—H. V. PLUM.

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## CAPTURES AND FIELD REPORTS.

DEILEPHILA (PHRYXUS) LIVORNICA, &c., IN DORSETSHIRE.—I note the report of my captures of *D. livornica* and *Heliothis peltigera* in your valuable paper of this month (*ante*, p. 162), but I forgot to add that they were taken in the Dorset portion of Bournemouth—*i. e.* Branksome—not Hampshire. Would you kindly notify this for county references in your next issue?—W. G. HOOKER; 125, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, July 14th, 1906.

LARVA OF DEILEPHILA (PHRYXUS) LIVORNICA IN SUSSEX.—A larva of a hawk-moth, which I believe to be *D. livornica*, was found in a sunny garden in Lewes, and brought to me yesterday. It was reposing for change into its last (?) skin. Probably others are to be found this year

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