

NOTICES

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I am interested in exchanging, determining, and buying series of *Parnassius* with precise dates of capture. C. Eisner, Kwekerijweg 5, Den Haag, NETHERLANDS.

Attention field collectors: Mrs. Phillips and I are planning a Lepidoptera collecting trip by car to southern Texas, around Brownsville, and possibly into Mexico during the first half of July 1957. Would like others to accompany us to share expenses and the enjoyment of collecting. L. S. Phillips, Biochemistry Dept., Ill. Instit. of Technology, 35 W. 33rd St., Chicago 16, Ill., U.S.A.

Wish to purchase Hesperiidæ, *Catocala*, and Sphingidæ, from U.S. and Canada only. Ray Seibert, 1302 Fairview St., Reading, Pa., U.S.A.

Wanted: *Sphinx francki* Neumoegen (both sexes; in good condition). I offer in exchange *Kloneus babayaga* Skinner (Sphingidæ) (both sexes, in perfect condition, of which only very few specimens are known). Would also buy if desired. René Lichy, Edificio ENKA, Apt° 15, Avenida Fermin Toro, San Bernardino, Caracas, VENEZUELA.

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LIVING MATERIAL

Wanted: Living pupæ of Polyphemus and Cecropia silkworms. I will gladly pay \$15.00 per 100, plus postage. Prof. H. A. Schneiderman, Dept. of Zoology, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., U. S. A.

Wanted: Living pupæ and papered imagoes of world Saturniidæ. Reservation list of Georgia Rhopalocera and Saturniidæ on request. Will buy or exchange any spp. of Rhopalocera or Saturniidæ of world, in small numbers or in quantity. James C. Brooks, 194 Riley Ave., Macon, Georgia, U. S. A.

Wanted: Living ova and pupæ of U.S. Sphingidæ, Notodontidæ, Lasiocampidæ, Ceratocampidæ, Saturniidæ, Arctiidæ, *Catocala*, etc.; almost any spp. desired. Please write stating offers and prices. Leonard V. H. Gingell, South Farnborough School, Reading Road, Farnborough, Hants., ENGLAND.

Wanted: Fertile ova or pupæ of Saturniidæ, common or rare spp., for scientific work in laboratories, research stations, and zoology departments of leading universities in Great Britain. Exchange for British and European Lepidoptera, or exotic material. 10-page price list free. L. Hugh Newman, The Butterfly Farm Ltd., Bexley, Kent, ENGLAND.

A supplier of biological materials, primarily for educational purposes, wishes to establish connections with one or more collectors and preparators who will be able to provide preserved specimens according to directions which the firm will supply. Interested persons should write: United Scientific Company, Inc., 200 North Jefferson Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

LEPIDOPTERA COLLECTION IN BUDAPEST SAVED

Word has been received from Dr. L. A. GOZMÁNY, curator of Lepidoptera of the Hungarian National Museum in Budapest, that he and his family came through the recent fighting in Hungary uninjured. The great and distinguished Museum, founded in 1802, did not fare so well. Dr. GOZMÁNY, a Vice-President of the Lepidopterists' Society, wrote as follows: "Owing to six mines exploding in the Herpetological Collection, and setting fire to 200,000 litres of alcohol and petroleum, the ensuing conflagration totally burned out the following collections: the Ornithological, Ichthyological, Herpetological, Mollusca, Diptera, Hemiptera, Odonata, Trichoptera, Saltatoria, Lower Invertebrata, etc. Thousands and thousands of types are lost, beside hundreds of thousands of specimens. And now the miracle: amid all this raging Inferno, the Lepidoptera and Coleoptera Collections remained intact! The fire ate away the doors, the window frames and sills, and then it stopped . . . The other building where our Mineralogical, Geological and Paleontological Departments were housed and stored also got some shells, and they got totally destroyed together with tens of thousands of books, their whole library, and every single specimen. Just the charred and blackened walls are standing. The Museum is an irreparable loss, in its 60%. We were given a new building . . . The old building now houses only the Mammalogical and Hymenoptera collections, which were in another wing, and so escaped the fire." Even for the lepidopterists, whose collection remains, the loss of the library is a crushing blow, and specialists in the groups whose collections were destroyed must rebuild them from the beginning as rapidly as possible. There is urgent need for naturalists everywhere to give as much help as possible. Most urgently needed are substantial funds, particularly to allow curators such as Dr. GOZMÁNY to travel to North America and Europe to arrange with foreign colleagues for exchanges and gifts of specimens and for the purchase of literature. Individuals who can participate in any way are urged to write the *News* Editor or directly to Dr. GOZMÁNY.

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