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Plate II represents some butterflies and moths selected to test this method of illustration. The dark Hesperids in the centre row do not show up very well, as they needed a longer exposure than the remainder to bring out sufficient detail for proper identification. Some of the species represented are from Greenland, and will be discussed in a paper to appear in the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The list of species is as follows: 1, *Dasychira gronlandica* ♀; 2, *D. gronlandica* ♂; 3, *D. gronlandica* ♂ var. (this species has never been in any of our American lists); 4, *Colias hecla* var. *pallida*, nom. in litt.; 5, *Pamphila zabulon* ♂ upper side; 6, same, under side; 7, *Pamphila Aaroni* ♂; 8, same, under side; 9, *Argynnis chariclea* var. *gronlandica*; 10, same, under side; 11, *Neonympha Mitchellii*; 12, same, under side.

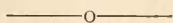
### A LONG-LIVED BASKET MAKER.

By ANNIE TRUMBULL SLOSSON, New York City.

In the early part of February, 1890, at Punta Gorda, Fla., I found a half finished "basket" of *Oiketicus Abbotii* Grt. The larva was still at work, and I took him with his uncompleted log-cabin to my room at the hotel. There, in a glass tumbler

several days, went to the Thousand Islands and Montreal and returned to New York in October.

In the latter part of January I went again to Florida, and *Oiketicus* accompanied me. He had shown no sign of life for nearly a month, and even the return to his native place did not at first revive him. But in a few days I saw him crawling about, and occasionally nibbling at a piece of dry leaf. Fresh food he scarcely ever tasted. Again I returned North, and again my larva came with me; after this he refused all food, but crawled about his glass prison, and from time to time added a bit of decoration to his house. Then he became quite motionless, and thus remained, hanging from the netting for some six weeks. In that state I carried him once more to Franconia. On a cold morning in early May, among the northern hills, his lagging, prolonged, creeping existence terminated, and he flew out a fine winged imago, nearly fifteen months from the day I first found him in southern Florida.



## A NEW SPECIES OF COLEOPTERA FROM CALIFORNIA.

By F. E. BLAISDELL, M.D., Coronado, Cal.

***Scymnus lophanthæ*** n. sp.—Oval, slightly elongate, punctulate, pubescent. Head, pronotum, and entire under surface rufo-testaceous. Mouth parts piceous. Pronotum with a faint discal cloud occupying central portion, reaching quite to apical border; sides parallel in posterior half, arcuate anteriorly with apical angles slightly rounded. Elytra black, with a strong metallic lustre; pubescence dual, consisting of blackish, erect and recumbent flavo-cinereous hairs. Abdomen rather thickly set with semi-recumbent hairs.

Female.—Under parts testaceous. Length 2.2 mm.; width 1.7 mm.

*Hab.*—San Diego. There is considerable variation in the distinctness of the pronotal cloud, it may be absent or very decided. In many specimens examined the sternal and central abdominal areas were quite dark; as a rule the color is lighter in the female. My attention was first attracted to this very interesting species by Wm. Vortriede, gardener in charge of the parks at Coronado. He had observed them feeding upon the San Jose Scale (*Aspidiotus perniciosus*) infesting the *Acacia lophantha*. Subsequent observation fully confirmed his statements. The scale was exceedingly abundant, as was also the beetle in all stages of development.