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*Polyommatus damon* race *ultramarina*, Schaw.—Ultramarine blue deeper than the light, green-blue of the Lower Austrian ♂. Tyrol.

*Melanargia japygia* = *russiae*; two forms of the subsp. *swarovius*.—(1) With an additional eye in the apex, ab. *bioculata*, Staud., and (2) with an additional eye on both upper and underside of the hindwing in cell III.

*Nisoniades tages* f. *posticeprivata*, Staud.—All the light marginal dots on the hindwings are absent. N. Tyrol.

*Pararge megera* ab. *triocellata*, Salzl.—A form with two additional white-centred eye-spots below the apical spot both above and below.

*Parasemia plantaginis* ab. *aurantiaca*, Schaw.—Orange-red or orange-yellow on the hindwings; the pure yellow being ab. *lutea* and the blood-red the nominotypical form.

*Satyrus dryas* ab. *caeca*, Schaw.—In which the blue centre of the apical eyes is not apparent and both eyes appear pure black. ♂. Dolomites.

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## NOTES ON COLLECTING, etc.

VANESSA ANTIOPA AT CHICHESTER.—A fine *Vanessa antiopa* was seen this autumn on three different occasions by Mr. Gumbleton in his garden at Goodwood near Chichester.—JOSEPH ANDERSON, CHICHESTER.

HERSE CONVULVULI AT DORKING.—A fine male *Herse convolvuli* was brought me the other day which had been captured among the coal heaps at Dorking, Surrey, a few weeks ago. The condition was a credit to the captor who had stuck a pin through its head, to secure it, leaving the thorax intact.—HY. J. T.

COCCINELLIDS AND HIBERNATION.—My friend, Mr. Horace Donisthorpe, knowing my weakness for any data on the habits of Coccinellids, has sent me a newspaper cutting, which records so unusual a site for hibernation that I think it is worth recording this in a less ephemeral journal. It appears over the nom-de-plume of "Peter Simple," but I have no reason to think the account is other than genuine. I cannot do better than quote his words:—

"Where do ladybirds go in the winter," asks a Maidenhead correspondent. "I have a herd of Kerry cows and, as perhaps you know, they are jet black. One morning recently my cowman called my attention to a bright red spot on the tail of one of them, near the root. At first I thought it was a sore place, but on closer examination it turned out to be a cluster of ladybirds nested in the hair—evidently meaning to pass the winter there. My cowman however had other ideas on the subject, and they were ejected. Ladybirds are sometimes found in curious places but in the above instance they chose one with central heating installed."—G. C. LEMAN, F.E.S.

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## CURRENT NOTES AND SHORT NOTICES.

Our Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Andrews is anxious to hear from a few subscribers to the present volume. He has to render his accounts at the editors' meeting in January, and he is desirous of again showing, not a balance, but that "both ends meet."