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A CLASSIFICATION OF NORTH AMERICAN SPIDERS.—By Prof. John Henry Comstock, Ithaca, N. Y. Comstock Publishing Co., 1903. Large 8vo., pp. 56. (Price, 50 cents.)

Anyone taking up the study of Spiders will find this a useful manual, as the tables will give him a clue, without much difficulty, to the families and genera; for the determination of species he will require to have recourse to some other work, such as Emerton's "Common Spiders of the United States." The tables require for their use some previous knowledge of the external anatomy of the Spiders and the technical terms used in their description. The author has in preparation a textbook of North American Arachnida, and publishes these tables in advance in order that they may be tested before publication of the larger work.

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THE INSECT WORLD: A monthly magazine, edited by Y. Nawa, Gifu, Japan. Vol. VII., 1903.

Recent numbers of this remarkable magazine have contained a page or two in English, giving an illustrated description of some Sphinx Moth or other interesting insect. Hitherto one has only been able to read the English title, admire the excellent illustrations and turn over the pages with a great longing to be able to read Japanese. In the January number there was an account of a remarkable moth, whose larva lives as a parasite on certain species of Cicada; a coloured plate is given showing the different stages of the insect, the neuration of the wings of the moth and the host with parasites attached. Mr. Marlatt gave, at the meeting of Economic Entomologists, very interesting descriptions of Mr. Nawa and his entomological laboratory and museum, which he visited last year.

#### DEATH OF PROFESSOR GROTE.

It is with profound regret that we record the death of our greatly-esteemed friend, Professor AUGUSTUS RADCLIFFE GROTE, A. M., the tidings of which has just reached us. The sad event occurred on Saturday, September 12th, at Hildesheim, Germany, where he had been living for the past nine years; during the previous ten or eleven his home had been at Bremen. With the exception of this last score of years, his life was spent in the United States, and was devoted almost entirely to the study of the Lepidoptera of North America.

We beg to offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and children in their affliction. It may be some slight consolation to them to know that their grief is shared by many on this side of the Atlantic who were his friends and colleagues in earlier years.

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