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Didolonycha fulgida.
Saprinus inungens.
Lachnosterna errans.
Cincindella oregonia.
Cincindella obliquata.
Xaltica bimarginata.
Chalcophaga angulicollis.
Podabrus comel.

Siphan lapponica.
Necrophorus melisbenieri.
Meloe monans.
Geosces melanothrix.
Cleonus 4 lineata.
Rhytinem lineatun.
Leptura lieiifica.
Ellychnia californica.

A TRIP UP MOUNT CHEAM.

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Mount Cheam stands on the south bank of the Fraser River, overlooking Agassiz. It is a beautiful mountain and an ideal collecting-ground, both from an entomological and botanical standpoint. It takes the greater part of a day to reach timber limit, where a fine choice of camping-grounds await the weary climber. Starting from the Fraser River, we pass through some heavy timber and dense underbrush which is characteristic of this district. The maidenhair fern (Adiantum pedatum) and deergrass (Achlys triphylla) grow here in great profusion. Some distance up the side of the mountain the underbrush gradually thins out and the character of the timber changes. At 4,000 feet we have lost the Douglas fir and cedar, the white fir and hemlock taking their places. Between 5,000 and 6,000 feet up we pass many open glades, and here the first alpine flowers are encountered. We pass knee-deep through the large mountain-musk (Minutus lavisii) and patches of heather, and so up through these park-like hillsides we climb till we reach the ridge, when the splendid beauty of the mountain bursts on our view.

To the south, west, and east stretch meadows and rolling hillsides, a blaze of colour with flowers of many kinds. Over these meadows tower the rock and snow peaks of “The Lady” and “The Angel.” Here we pitch camp convenient to some stream or snow-bank. Close to and occasionally forcing their way through these snow-banks, we find the glacial lilies with their beautiful golden flowers, amidst, possibly, various patches of red snow. This later phenomenon is caused by a microscopic fungus which gives the snow a pink or blood-red appearance. In the wet hollows, formed by melting snow, the ground is covered with a carpet of buttercups. All colours of flowers are to be seen, for on the hillsides the white valerian, the red painter’s-brush, and the blue lupines form the most conspicuous colours. In passing along the hillside we notice a plant 3 or 4 feet high with large green leaves and a spike of bright-green flowers. This is called “Veratrum viride.” We see, again, acres of mountain-blueberry only a few inches high, and on the ridges masses of the light-purple phlox, spirea, and rock roses. At our feet we may find the Arctic willow, which rises only 3 or 4 inches from the ground.

At the summit of the mountain, which is formed of broken slate, we see thousands of ladybirds in the cracks of the rocks. Why they should congregate thus on a mountain-peak awaits explanation. Here also many butterflies are seen—“painted-ladies,” white argyrams, “chequer-spots,” Vanessa, Erebus, various “blues,” and occasionally some rare tiger-moths such as Neogonia yarrowii and N. bruci. The moths are well represented on the mountain. Many Noctuids have been taken, which all appear to fly in the daytime, no doubt on account of the cold nights. Bees and wasps are very plentiful, and the flowers of the mountain-ash form a fine banquetting-hall for flies and beetles.

Looking down into the valley, we see the districts surrounding Agassiz and Chilliwack spread out like a chequer-board, with the river like a silver ribbon flowing along. Beyond Agassiz, Harrison Lake can be seen for forty miles of its course, with “Fire” Mountain at its head. To the south the majestic summit of Mount Baker, covered with its eternal snow-cap, greets the eye; and this is the scene before us...
as we live around the camp-fire in the eternal stillness, thinking of the glare and noise
of the city streets, and so concluding that it is good for us to be here.

In conclusion, I wish to record the occurrence of several beetles that I have had
in my collection for several years.

The following insects have been identified by Dr. E. C. van Dyke, of Berkeley
University, California, from specimens collected in British Columbia:—

(2.) Omus dejeani, Reid .................................. Vancouver, April 29th, 1902.
(33A.) Cicindela oregona, Lec. (var.) .................. Stikine, 1904.
(106.) Cylindrus tuberculatus, Harr. ............... Nicomen, Sept. 12th, 1903.
(92.) Scaphinatus (Cylindrus) angusticoillos, Fisch Stikine, 1904.
(96.) Scaphinatus (Cylindrus) marginatus, Fisch Stikine, 1904.
(172.) Ophthalmus richardsoni, Kirby ................. Stikine, 1904.

(188.) Nebria metallica, Fisch.

(568.) Pterostichus amethystinus, Dej. .............. Vancouver, April 26th, 1903.
(671.) Amara farcta, Lec. (var.) .................. Vancouver, April 26th, 1902.

(658.) Amara littoralis, Mann.

(6823.) Amara subenea, Lec. .......................... Mount Cheam, Aug. 11th, 1903.

(1484.) Dytcus marginicollis, Lec.

(1706.) Silpha lapponica, Hbst. ......................... Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.

(1472.) Colymbetes strigatus, Lec. ................. Mount Cheam, Aug. 10th, 1903.

(1492.) Acilus semiencatus, Aube. ................. Mount Cheam, Aug. 10th, 1903.


(1715.) Necrophillus hydrophiloides, Mann ........ Vancouver, May 14th, 1903.

(2119.) Oryfillus villoso, Grav. ........................ Vancouver, May 7th, 1904.

(2116.) Listrotrobus cingulatus, Grav.

(2149.) Stophylimus rutilicand, Horn.

(3848.) Peltis pippingskoeldl, Mann ...................... X, Vancouver, April 27th, 1902.

(3850.) Callitras seabra, Thul. .......................... Vancouver, June 7th, 1903.

(3984.) Arapeus monachus, Lec. ...................... Vancouver, May 8th, 1902.

(3316A.) Cucinlus puniceus, Mann ....................... Vancouver, May 23rd, 1905.


(3080.) Chilocorus bivulnurus, Muls.

(3941.) Hippodamia 5-sinuata, Kirby ................. Revelstoke, July 29th, 1904.

(3949.) Hippodamia sinuata (var.) .................. Vancouver, May 17th, 1909.

(3950.) Hippodamia 13-punctata, Linn. ............. Vancouver, Sept. 20th, 1905.

(3939.) Cocinellus monticola, Muls. .................. Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.

(3952.) Cocinellus transversoguttata, Fab. ......... Revelstoke, July 21st, 1904.

(3956.) Cocinellus trifasciata, Linn. ................. Vancouver, April 29th, 1903.

(3964.) Cocinellus sanguinea, Linn. ................. Vancouver, April 29th, 1903.

(2802.) Thea cavicolis, F.

(4065.) Alaus melanos, Lee.

(4077.) Adelocera rovuleata, Lec. ...................... Vancouver, May 17th, 1905.

(4485.) Corynmites suckleyi, Lec. .................. Vancouver, May 25th, 1908.

(4486.) Corynmites laelipennis, Kirby ............... X, Vancouver, April 27th, 1902.

(4484.) Corynmites cruciatus, Linn. ................. Vancouver, May 8th, 1902.

(4433.) Corynmites resplendens, Esch.

(4476.) Corynmites angusticoillis, Mann ............. Vancouver, May 13th, 1904.

(4452.) Corynmites Monticola, Horn .................. Vancouver, May 3rd, 1902.

(4446.) Corynmites volitans var. umbriola, Esch.. Grouse Mtn, June 26th, 1903.

(4297.) Doliopus lateralis, Esch. .................... Vancouver, March 29th, 1903.

(4243.) Elater apicatus, Say ......................... Vancouver, April 12th, 1903.

(4784.) Eros hamatus, Mann .......................... Vancouver, May 13th, 1904.

(4814.) Ellychnia californica, Mots. .................. Vancouver, May 25th, 1902.

(4956.) Telephorus divisus, Lec. ...................... Vancouver, April 26th, 1902.

(5178.) Enocerus sphenegens Fab. .................... Vancouver, May 29th, 1904.
(4588.) Chalcoparia angulicollis, Lec.
(7158.) Trichoea ornatus, Say .......................N. Vancouver, July 19th, 1903.
(4610.) Buprestis aurulenta, Linn.
(4907.) Buprestis fasciata, Fab. ..................Hope, Aug. 21st, 1903.
(4907A.) Buprestis fasciata var. langii, Mann ........Vancouver, June 28th, 1903.
(4906n.) Buprestis rusticorum, Kirby.
(4621.) Melanophila drummondi, Kirby (var.) ......Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.
(4619.) Melanophila acuminata, De Geer .............Vancouver, July 8th, 1903.
(3417.) Platycerus oreconensis, West ...............Vancouver, May 21st, 1903.
(5421.) Cerinus striatus, Lec.
(5423.) Sinodendron rugosum, Mann.
(5454.) Odontanus obesus, Lec.
(5883.) Serica anthracina, Lec. ....................Revelstoke, July 29th, 1904.
(5357.) Aphonius paranius, Lec. ..................Revelstoke, Oct. 29th, 1903.
(5484.) Spathyda uniformis, Mann ..................Stikine, 1904.
(5367.) Tragosoma harrisi, Lec.
(5274.) Crissaecalus productus, Lec. ...............Vancouver, Aug. 1st, 1905.
(5092.) Hylotrupes lignuus, Fab. ..................Vancouver, April 10th, 1904.
(6002.) Phylometma dimidiatus, Kirby ..............Stikine, 1904.
(6183.) Xylostruchus undulatus, Say ...............Vancouver, July 18th, 1903.
(6232.) Rhagium lineatum, Oliv. ..................Vancouver, April 27th, 1902.
(6219.) Atima dorsalis, Lec. .......................Vancouver, May 22nd, 1903.
(6240.) Pachytya armata, Lec. .....................Mount Cheam, Aug. 7th, 1903.
(6247.) Pachytya monticola, Rand (var.) ..........Vancouver, April 13th, 1904.
(6274.) Acmaeops pratensis, Laich ..................Nelson, July 23rd, 1904.
(6341.) Leptura chryseoma, Kirby ..................Kaslo, July 29th, 1904.
(6349.) Leptura quadrillum, Lec. ..................Popcum, July 31st, 1903.
(6346.) Leptura dolorosa, Lec. .....................Popcum, July 31st, 1903.
(6332.) Leptura canaden sis, Lec. .................Stinnous, July 31st, 1904.
(6327.) Leptura matthewsi, Lec.
(6280.) Leptura obliterata, Hald. .................Vancouver, Aug. 1st, 1905.
(6390.) Leptura valida, Lec. .......................Vancouver, Aug. 6th, 1905.
(6587.) Monohamannus scutellaris, Say.
(6548.) Leptura crassipes, Lec. ...................Revelstoke, July 21st, 1904.
(6557.) Plectura spinicauda, Mann ................Vancouver, June 23rd, 1910.
(6228.) Ulochatus leoniinus, Lec. .................Vancouver, Aug. 5th, 1904.
(6513.) Tetrodes basalis, Lec. .....................Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.
(7656.) Phryganophilus colaris, Lec. .............Vancouver, May 22nd, 1904.
(7729.) Ditylus gracilis, Lec. .....................Vancouver, April 20th, 1902.
(6741.) Chrysocochus auratus, Fab. ...............Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.
(3697.) Galeruella decorata, Say (var.) ..........Vancouver, May 14th, 1903.
(6837.) Melasoma lapponica, Linn. (var.) ..........Stikine, 1904.
(6332.) Leptura canaden sis var. b ta, Leng.
(6810A.) Calligrapha bixbiana, Kirby .............Harrison, July 30th, 1903.
(7724.) Calaphus angustus, Lee. (? ) ..........Vancouver, April 11th, 1903.
(7726A.) Phellopis porcata, Lee.
(7394.) Iphithamus serratus, Mann .................X. Vancouver, April 13th, 1902.
(8153.) Cantharids sphaerocollis, Say .............Vernon, Aug. 1st, 1904.
(8092.) Epicanta maculata, Say ..................Cherry Creek, July 12th, 1903.
(8474.) Pissodes fasciatus, Lec.
(8498.) Lepyrus geminatus, Say ..................Stikine, 1904.
(8471.) Plinthus carinatus, Boh.
(6742.) Chrysocochus cobaltinus, Lec. ............Revelstoke, July 29th, 1904.