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A novel method of collecting dragonfly nymphs chanced upon during the summer of 1941 may prove of no practical value to collectors but afforded me an amusing evening and helped pass the insufferably hot hours of an unusually hot Arizona night.

While collecting Lepidoptera at night at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum for Plant Research at Superior, Arizona, a gasoline lantern was placed on the dam at the foot of the reservoir. Dragonfly nymphs were noticed swimming in numbers within the circle of light cast on the water and were easily captured with the butterfly net which was lying at hand. It was then found that they could be attracted equally well by an ordinary flashlight directed into the water.

Specimens of Anax junius, Aeschna multicolor and Argia vivida came in such numbers that I soon tired of the sport and failed to find out if the absence of nymphs of Enallagma praevarum and Ischnura barberi which were abundant in my sieve net collecting the previous day was significant. The point on the dam where the light was displayed was some 30 feet from the weedy shore where my other collections were made but the walls were covered with the cast skins of all of the species.—ELSIE BROUGHTON KLOTS, Mount Vernon, N. Y.



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