

**RHAGONYCHA LUTEA** (MÜLLER, O.F.) AND OTHER UNCOMMON CANTHARIDAE (COLEOPTERA) IN WEST WALES.— A short visit to Pembrokeshire and Cardiganshire in June 1988 produced an excellent range of Cantharidae of which the most interesting was *Rhagonycha lutea*. All records of this species known to me are English, from Yorkshire southwards, and across to Gloucestershire. A single example was taken on 22nd June by beating oak foliage along the western edge of Tycanol Wood (SN 090370) in North Pems. A single *R. translucida* (Krynicky) was also taken from the oaks and appears to be new to South Wales. Other members of the family taken were *Malthinus flaveolus* (Herbst) and *Malthodes marginatus* (Latreille). Tycanol Wood is a grazed sessile oak wood which was formerly managed as coppice.

Another sessile oak wood — mature standards this time — along Garron Pill, Lawrenny (SN 014076), in South Pems, produced *Malthodes guttifer* Kiesenwetter. Two males swept from bracken and woodrush beneath the oaks on 2nd July were the only cantharids taken during the visit. This is a new species to the county.

On 21st June, D.K. Clements swept a single *Malthinus balteatus* Suffrian from ash in a wooded stream valley at Llwynwermod, Cardiganshire (SN 373579) — new to that county.

I would like to record my thanks to Dr S.B. Evans for permission to sample in Tycanol National Nature Reserve. Llwynwermod is a property of the National Trust. K.N.A. ALEXANDER, National Trust, Spitalgate Lane, Cirencester, Glos GL7 2DE.

**ADISTEMIA WATSONI** WOLL. (COL.: LATHRIDIIDAE): A THIRD OCCURRENCE IN WEST KENT.— I was much pleased to find, for the first time, a specimen of this tiny but very gracefully-formed beetle crawling on a page of an open book on my kitchen table on the night of 20th March, 1988. Whence it got there is, in the common phrase, “any body’s guess” and I have not, to date, found another individual, let alone an infestation; but fruit of various kinds from local shops is always on the table, so the beetle (a mould feeder like the rest of its family) may perhaps have been brought in on some such provender. The species is, however, spreading slowly to outdoor habitats in certain areas and could possibly by now be established locally. The records are widely scattered — see R.C. Welch (1984, *Entomologist’s mon. Mag.* **120**: 206), who gives a useful summary of its British history. The present find of *A. watsoni* is not the first for West Kent, as it has occurred at Hayes and Bromley (in buildings). — A.A ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

**CLEORODES LICHENARIA** HUFN., THE BRUSSELS LACE (LEP.: GEOMETRIDAE) IN BRITTANY— At the beginning of June, 1988, whilst surveying moths on the Cap Sizun nature reserve in Brittany, I had pointed out to me a number of green geometrid larvae feeding on the exposed north-western faces of lichen covered rocks on the cliffs. From their colour,



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