

HADENA COMPTA D. & S. AT WOKING. — On the evening of 1st August, 1974, I found a somewhat worn female of the Varied Coronet in my m.v. trap here, apparently the first record for this part of Surrey. Ever since its appearance in East Kent in 1948 this insect has been spreading through the eastern counties wherever sweet williams are grown, but it has apparently not extended its range westwards of Bucks., though it is now quite prevalent throughout the London area. Its occurrence here is therefore not altogether a surprise. — C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Shore's Road, Woking, Surrey.

HYDROVATUS CLYPEALIS SHP. IN SUSSEX. — I was pleased to take a series of this small Dytiscid beetle in a drainage ditch near Camber Castle, between Rye and Winchelsea in East Sussex, on 3rd October, 1973. It was present there in numbers clinging to a filamentous species of alga. This locality appears to be further east than the usual haunts of the species, although Mr. E. Philp of Maidstone tells me that he has come across the odd example in this area on previous occasions. — JOHN PARRY, 38 Heather Drive, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent. [*H. clypealis* was first taken in East Sussex in 1937 by F. Balfour-Browne, but I do not know the locality; there are also single records for West Sussex (Chichester), West Kent (Higham) and East Kent (Romney area). South Hants. and Dorset may be regarded as its British headquarters. — A.A.A.]

CATHARTUS (AHASVERUS) ADVENA WALTL FROM HAYSTACK REFUSE IN KENT. — Last winter I took a quantity of sieved refuse from an open barn housing baled hay and straw for examination at home, keeping the hay and straw samples separate. The barn is located at Newenden, near Tenterden, Kent.

Both hay and straw samples contained large numbers of the beetle *Cathartus (Ahasverus) advena* Waltl together with very many commoner species such as *Mycetaea hirta* Marsham, *Cryptophagus affinis* Sturm, *C. scutellatus* Newman, *C. punctipennis* Brisout and *Aglenus brunneus* Gyllenhal. A few *Clambus pubescens* Redtenbacher were also present.

The straw samples contained smaller numbers (about 16 in all) of *Carcinops 14-striata* Steph., presumably from the droppings of rodents. — JOHN PARRY, 38 Heather Drive, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, 27.xi.1974. [From the later 1930's onward, *Ahasverus advena*, up to then extremely rare in outdoor situations, has been reported from a number of places in fermenting substances in the open, e.g. in profusion in a haystack in Windsor Park. — *Cryptophagus punctipennis* has for some time been reduced to a synonym of the very common and variable *C. philosus*. — *Carcinops 14-striata* has, I think, no special attachment to rodent or other dung, being usually found in well-rotted grass cuttings, compost, or other decaying vegetable matter. — A.A.A.]



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