

*Captures of Micro-Lepidoptera in Essex.*—During the past season I have had the good fortune to capture, in addition to *Opostega spatulella*, elsewhere referred to, the following Tineina: two *Scythropia cratægella* on June 27th: I also bred several of this insect from larvae taken on white-thorn; one *Bucculatrix cristatella* on June 4th; two *Cleodora cytisella* on July 12th; one *Bedellia somnulentella* and one *Gelechia latulentella* on August 23rd; and three *Depressaria ultimella* on September 10th. I may also add that I succeeded last spring in breeding a few specimens of *Nepticula intimella* from mines (Sallow) taken in October, 1876.—W. D. CANADALE, 4, Guithavon Terrace, Witham, Essex: November, 1877.

*Erotesis baltica*, McLach.; a *Trichopterous insect new to Britain.*—In part vi (May, 1877) of my Revision and Synopsis of European *Trichoptera*, I described (pp. 325, 326, pl. xxxiv) a new genus and species of *Leptocerida* under the above name, from specimens taken in the Island of Oesel in the Baltic, and in Finland; all males. My friend Mr. Barrett has just sent me four males, taken by Mr. F. D. Wheeler, in Wicken Fen, I know not under what circumstances, but probably they were attracted by the ingenious "light" apparatus, noticed in this Magazine, vol. xiii, p. 246. It occurred to me at the time that Mr. Wheeler's apparatus might prove of great aid in the capture of fen *Trichoptera*.

*E. baltica* somewhat resembles *Trianodes bicolor*, but the colours are less bright. In structure, *Erotesis* agrees with *Trianodes* in the absence of the apical fork No. 5 in the neuration of the posterior wings; but it differs in having a complete "cellula thyridii" in the anterior wings (wanting in *Trianodes*). The complicated arrangement of the anal parts in the ♂ is fully detailed and figured in my work; the ♀ is still unknown.—R. McLACHLAN, Lewisham: 13th November, 1877.

*A new species of Ant found in Britain.*

PONERA TARDA, sp. n.

Female, length, 2 lines. Shining, rufo-piceous, sparingly covered with a fine yellowish pile. Head punctured, wider than thorax; antennæ and mandibles yellow, approximating at their base; eyes ovate, placed anteriorly at the sides of the head; ocelli in a triangle on the vertex, a longitudinal impressed line runs from the anterior ocellus to the insertion of the antennæ. Thorax oblong-ovate, slightly punctured; clypeus and femora rufo-testaceous, tibiæ and tarsi yellow. Abdomen slightly punctured, the scale of the petiole as high as the first segment; a constriction between the first and second segments; the apex dull yellow. On the fore part of the head, and on the posterior part of the abdomen a few strong hairs are emitted.

Worker major, length, 2½ lines. Shining, ferruginous. Head very large in proportion to thorax, without ocelli; on the anterior part of the head in the position of the eyes in the female, is a minute spot surrounded by a dark ring, and looking very like an ocellus. The antennæ and legs the same colour as the body, the former rather darker at the apex. The head more lightly punctured than in the female, or in the small worker.

Worker minor, length, 1½ lines. Resembles female generally, but differs in being of a lighter rufo-fuscous colour. Without eyes or ocelli. A longitudinal impressed line running from the base of the head to the insertion of the antennæ.

Male unknown.