ENTOMOLOGICAL ITEMS.

The minister of public works in Mexico has issued a circular encouraging silk growing in the republic.

The daily press for 11 Nov. 1882 reports serious complaints, from Mansorah, Egypt, of worms in the cotton.

Mr. J. A. Watson reports, in The entomologist for November 1882, a case of parthenogenesis in Anarta myrilli, an English species of noctuidae.

Malebranche declares that he puts the observation of an insect above all the history of Greece and Rome.—Bernard's Journ. of education, v. 30, p. 721.

Mr. J. E. Taylor, in a note in Nature, 14 Sept. 1882, writes that he think the wings of Pierophoridae mimic the down or pappi of the seeds of thistles or of other composite.

Mr. Israel C. Carpenter, of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., has rendered a service to silk-growers in this country by manufacturing a good quality of perforated paper for use in transferring the worms from tray to tray.

We are glad to publish in this numero an article by one of our German subscribers, Dr. O. Kranker, and hope that other correspondents in foreign countries as well as at home will remember that Psyche is open to all communications of a like high class.

Mr. Chas. Spiess, apothecary, Porrentruy, Switzerland, would be glad to exchange coleoptera and lepidoptera of Europe, especially of Switzerland, for American and tropical coleoptera. Many alpine species for disposal, all in excellent condition. Please send lists of duplicates.

There has just been published an elaborate work on the present state of silk-worm culture in southern Russia and Trans-Caucasia, giving an accurate description of the whole of the culture, and a complete bibliography of works on the subject that have appeared since 1708. It is published in connection with the Moscow Exhibition, by the Moscow Agricultural Society, with many plates of drawings.—Nature, 7 Sept. 1882, p. 471.
ing the Chief Executive Horticultural Officer
Matthew Cooke] to enforce the necessary rules
for the protection of trees from curculio and other
noxious insects which may be introduced on
nursery stock.

Mr. Cooke said that he had decided to enforce
the horticulture laws, and to have inspectors ap-
pointed at Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles,
Oakland and San Francisco to attend to and en-
force the disinfection of all fruit trees imported
during the ensuing year.

The Secretary [J. H. Wheeler] read a report
on the codling moth [Carposoma pomonella] by
Felix Gillet, of Nevada City, in which was de-
tailed his successful conquest against this insect
by the use of bands of cloth about the trees, to
be removed and cleaned of insects lodging therein
at stated periods, besides scraping and cleaning
the trees well to destroy larvae and eggs. Mr.
Gillet further reported on the successful use of
sulpho-carbonate of potassium [K₂CS₈] in fight-
ing the apple-tree root-louse [Schizoneura lanigera]
on young trees and nursery stock.

Some discussion arose as to how often the
bands or traps set for the larvac of the codling
moth should be cleaned. Gillet's experience was
that the worm developed in 15 days; Cooke's,
8 days; Dr. [S. F.] Chapin's, 19 days.

Mr. [C. H.] Dwinelle reported that efficient
work was being done by Colonel Hollister, of
Santa Barbara, in fighting the cottony cushion-
scale, Icerya purchasi, with hot water. . . — Mod-

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Cambridge En-
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G. Dimmock, Secretary.

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F. G. Schaufl, Secretary.

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James H. Ridings, Recorder.

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