

liar feature of the Rhynchophorous fauna of North America. He also stated that, in his experience, our species of *Platypus* never attack the tops of trees, but are always found in the lower part of the trunk, being usually inquilinous in the galleries of other wood-boring beetles.

Dr. Riley exhibited drawings of larvæ and pupæ of *Aphorista vittata* and *Epipocus punctatus* and explained the differences between the corresponding stages of the two species. The larva of *Epipocus* is more ovoid and smoother than that of *Exorista*, the antennæ relatively shorter, the lateral appendages dorsal, much less spinous, and 5 in number in *Epipocus*, whereas, in *Exorista* they are ventral and 7 in number. The pupæ of both species are provided with lateral spines, thus showing great resemblance to those of *Cassida*.

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Eleven persons present. President Howard in the chair.

Mr. Howard read a note from Dr. Riley in relation to the food-habits of the larva of *Feniseca tarquinius*, in which he stated that he had for some time had in his notes records of observations by Mr. Pergande who had found the larva actually feeding on the following species of *Aphididæ*: *Pemphigus fraxinifolii*, *Schizoneura tessellata*, and *Pemphigus imbricator*. The last named species is the Beech Aphis referred to by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lugger.

Mr. Howard read a paper on the Chalcid genus, *Podagrion*, which is peculiar for the reason that it unites the characters of several subfamilies, and that the species of the genus seem to be exclusively parasitic on Mantis eggs. He related his experience in breeding these parasites, and referred more particularly to the mode of oviposition through the hard covering of the egg-masses of Mantis.

Mr. Howard mentioned that Dr. Schafhirt, of this city, had given him a specimen of *Lasioderma serricorne* found alive in Pyrethrum powder, which was said by Dr. Schafhirt to be still strong enough to kill cockroaches.

Mr. Lugger exhibited a new pattern of an aquarium which is very convenient for rearing and observing all sorts of aquatic ani-