In August and the early part of September, 1925, whilst on holiday in the south of France, Mr. W. Fassnidge took a number of insects belonging to the Orders Plecoptera, Paraneuroptera, Neuroptera and Trichoptera. On his return he very kindly passed this collection on to me. The larger portion of the collection was made in the Pyrenees, in the neighbourhood of Auzat (Ariège), at an altitude of 2300 feet; the remainder of the specimens were captured at Jacquets to the west of Bordeaux. In the following remarks the non-British species are indicated by asterisks (*) against their names.

I. From Auzat.

Plecoptera.—*Perla cephalotes,* Curt.—A male was taken of which the neuration of the hind wing is not typical, but Mr. Morton informs me that he has specimens from the Pyrenees similarly aberrant taken with specimens which have the characters of *P. cephalotes.* Mr. Fassnidge brought home a number of larval skins, presumably of this species. Two other members of the Order were secured—*Chloroperla grammatica,* Poda (several), and a single specimen of what is probably *Isopteryx tripunctata,* Scop.

Paraneuroptera.—Mr. Fassnidge informs me that dragonflies were decidedly uncommon. Three species were captured: *Aeschna juncea,* Linn., one; *Orthetrum coerulescens,* Fab., a badly damaged female; *Sympetrum striolatum,* Charp., several of both sexes.

Neuroptera.—Two species of the beautiful *Ascalaphus* genus were taken, *A. libelluloides,* Schaffer (= *A. coccajus,* Schifferm.), and *A. longicornis,* Linn., but many of the specimens were considerably worn. Of the ant-lions (Myrmeleonidae) an abnormally large specimen of *Myrmeleon formicarius,* Linn., and two *Formicaleo tetragrammicus,* F., were captured. A fine series of *Panorpa meridionalis,* Ramb., in which both sexes are represented, and several *P. communis,* Linn., the latter insects differing in no particular from typical British specimens, were taken at Auzat. Of the Lacewings the following species are represented in the collection: *Osmylus chrysops,* Linn. (one), *Hemerobius lutescens,* Fab., *H. nervosa,* Fab., *H. pinii,* Steph. (one), *H. atrifrons,* McLach. (one), *Micromus paganus,* Linn., *Megalomus tortricoides,* Ramb., *Drepanopteryx phalaenoides,* Linn. (one), *Chryopa flavescens,* Scop., *C. flavifrons,* var. morticola, Pict., *C. vulgaris,* Sch., *C. septempunctata,* Wesm., *C. viridana,* Sch., and *C. prasina,* Ramb. In addition to the above is a Lacewing (♀) not unlike *C. vittata,* Wesm., but the
costa in not arched sufficiently for this species; in the absence of a costa I have been unable to identify satisfactorily this specimen. Mr. Morton, to whom the specimen was sent, considers that it may be guadarramensis,* Ed. Pict., which has been placed in the genus Nineta, Navas. The capture of D. phalaenoides, Linn., is an interesting one; the insect is rarely taken in this country, and on the continent is usually found singly. The few captures of this insect, however, may be due to its habits rather than to positive rarity in nature. Mr. Fassnidge secured his specimen by beating.

TRICHOPTERA.—The following Caddis-flies are from Auzat: Limnophilus centralis, Curt., L. auricula, Curt., Stenophylax stellatus, Curt., Ecclisopteryx guttulata, Pict., Micrasema morosum,* McLach., Crunocia irrorata, Curt., Odontocerum albicorne, Scop., Hydropsyche pellucidula, Curt. (an abundant species), H. instabilis, Curt., Philopotamus montanus, Don. (abundant), Wormaldia triangulifera,* McLach., Polycentropus intricatus,* Morton, Rhyacophila occidentalis,* McLach., R. meridionalis,* Ed. Pict., R. tristis,* Pict., Glossosoma vernale, Pict. (alpine form ? or n. sp.), and Agapetus fucipes, Curt. As regards the Glossosomas taken by Mr. Fassnidge, these belong to a Pyrenean form, the costa of which has the callosity on the fore wings with simple long hairs instead of the short inflated ones in ordinary G. vernale, which, however, they resemble in the genitalia.†

II. FROM JACQUETS.

Mr. Fassnidge made a short stay at this out-of-the-way spot in early September, but very few insects of the Orders under consideration were noticed.

PARANEUROPTERA.—Two species only were taken, Sympetrum striolatum, Charp., and a Zygopterid dragonfly that was too badly damaged for exact identification, but which is probably to be referred to the genus Ischnura, Charp.

NEUROPTERA.—A beautiful specimen, a female, of the ant-lion Acanthaclisis boetica,* Ramb., was captured at light; an example of Myrmeleon formicarius,* Linn., was taken in the same way. Chrysopa vulgaris, Sch., was the only Green Lacewing seen, and this seems to have been common, as it was at Auzat, judging by the number of specimens secured. With us this delicate-looking species is by no means so common as its name implies. Of the Brown Lacewings Hemerobius humuli, Linn., is the only representative.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. K. J. Morton for considerable help with the identification of a number of the specimens.

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