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spot, and was glad to find the beetle on the selfsame sandbank where I had originally turned it up in 1914. Unfortunately, an oncoming thunderstorm allowed me but a bare ten minutes' collecting. In this time I took five specimens and lost about as many more owing to the rapidity with which this species burrows into the sand when alarmed. *Cryptohypnus riparius* F. and *C. dermestoides* var. *4-guttatus* Lap. were plentiful at the same place: these latter species I found among shingle and underneath stones, but *C. sabulicola* occurred only on the sand under the shelter of the leaves of various plants.—J. A. DYSON PERRINS, Davenham, Malvern: December 1919.

An Oriental Cucujid-beetle in Cheshire.—In sorting over some bags of material from a bone-crushing works at Acton Bridge, Cheshire, I came across an unfamiliar little elongated red beetle some time ago which I was quite unable to place. Mr. Arrow has now been kind enough to identify it as an Oriental species of the *Cucujidae*—*Laemotmetus rhizophagoides* Walker. The type-specimen, which is in the Brit. Mus., came from Ceylon, and the collection also has examples from Formosa, Sumatra, Borneo, Timor, Celebes, Ceram, Dunga in British East Africa, and New Guinea. I found only a single living specimen amid the hordes of beetles which naturally frequent such a savoury habitat. The raw material for crushing comes almost exclusively from local slaughter-houses in sacks, and is usually dumped for two or three months before going through the mill. I was surprised at the small number of species of beetles: *Ptinus tectus* and *Dermestes* were far the commonest, *D. vulpinus* being present in countless myriads, and very careful examination resulted in the discovery of *D. frischei* at the rate of perhaps one-half per cent.; *D. lardarius* and *D. murinus* occurred sparingly. It was at this same bone-works that *Somotrachus* (*Lebia*) *elevatus* turned up a few years ago*, but as my visit was paid in late autumn I failed to find it.—J. R. LE B. TOMLIN, Lakefoot, 120 Hamilton Road, Reading: December 21st, 1919.

Polydrosus flavipes De G. in Cumberland.—This beetle appears to be known in Britain mainly as a southern species, the most northerly locality given for it being Langworth Wood, Lincoln (Fowler, Col. Brit. Isles, vol. v, p. 201). From its close resemblance to the common and widely distributed *P. pterygomalis* Boh. it is quite likely that it may sometimes be passed over, this indeed being my own experience in June last when meeting with a green *Polydrosus* while beating round the edge of a wood in this district. The locality being one in which *pterygomalis* had not before occurred to me I took two specimens home, but it was only when about to add them to my series of that species that I noticed their duller appearance, and a closer examination proved their identity with specimens of *flavipes* from the New Forest. This adds an interesting species to the Cumberland list, which in consequence may reasonably be expected to occur in other of the northern counties if Lancashire, Yorkshire, and other Coleopterists will keep a critical eye on *pterygomalis* when they meet with it in the field.—F. H. DAY, 26 Currock Terrace, Carlisle: December 18th, 1919.

* Cf. Ent. Mo. Mag. lii, p. 203, 1916.