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**And there was the Polyphemus in apple-pie order**

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ME IN MY WORK WITH INSECTS  
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

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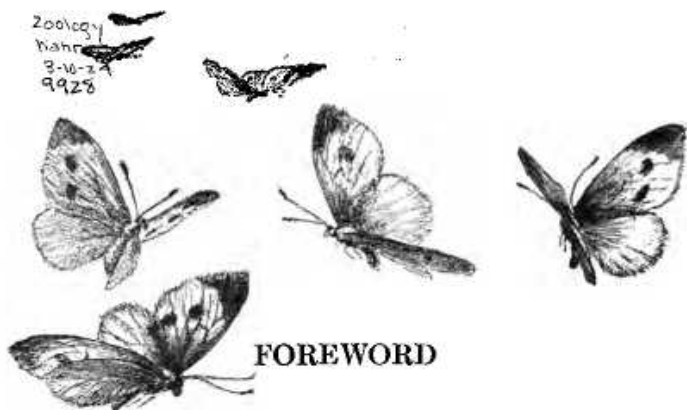
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## FOREWORD

My interest in Moths and Butterflies was awakened some ten years ago while at the farm on which we spent our summers.

The big flower garden and the old orchard served free luncheons to these insects and, judging by numbers, they appreciated the treats offered.

At the time I was in need of an entire change of thought—a relaxation from the strain which had come with the long illness of the little mother. She had grown better, but I realized that henceforth she would always require my personal care and attention, and I wanted to give her not only these but some new interests which might replace in part other interests that she would be obliged to relinquish.

It was then that the Moths and Butterflies solved these problems, for they led us into the fairy-land of Natural Science, where, as we journeyed, we forgot much of the fatigue and pain of earlier days.

The following year I found that the children of the neighborhood, and even the children's parents, were taking an interest in the insects which we reared in soap-box vivariums on the side porch, for they began to bring and send us specimens