

. . . so I at once determined to begin collecting, as I did not find a great many new plants around Leicester. I therefore obtained a collecting bottle, pins and a store-box; and in order to learn their names and classifications I obtained, at wholesale price through Mr. Hill's bookseller, Stephen's "Manual of British Coleoptera," which henceforth for some years gave me almost as much pleasure as Lindley's Botany

(Wallace 1905, I, pp.236-37)