ange Tip. Though not included on the Bombay list there are three specimens in the Society's collection, collected by N. B. Kinnear in Bombay in 1972. I have a male specimen taken at Devnar (below Trombay Hill) on 14th February 1973.

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26. STRANGE PRACTICE OF A CATERPILLAR

The incident recorded by A. S. Bhaduri (1980, J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc., 76 (2): 368) under this heading is by no means unusual. In fact it is the usual method adopted by all Hesperiid larvae to prevent their habitation being fouled by frass. They possess a special organ, a comb-like flap, at the anus with which they flip the pellet of frass well away from their domicile. The action is purely automatic. The butterfly with 'white-spotted black wings' observed on the near-by wall was almost certainly the imago that had emerged from the Curcuma-feeding caterpillar, probably Celaenorrhinus sp.

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27. VICIA MONANTHA RETZ. AND SPOROBOLUS AIROIDES (TORR.) TORR.—NEW TO INDIAN FLORA

During botanical exploration of Bikaner and Churu districts (Western Rajasthan), two interesting plants namely Vicia monantha Retz. (Papilionaceae) and Sporobolus airoides (Torr.) Torr. (Gramineae) were collected. A perusal of relevant literature on the flora of India and studies at Central National Herbarium, Calcutta revealed that these are new additions to the flora of India. Vicia monantha Retz. (syn. V. griffithii Baker) had, however, been included in J. D. Hooker's Flora of British India 2:178. 1876 on the basis of specimens collected from Punjab and Baluchistan (Rawal Pindae and Futteyjung; Griffith 1114, Clarke 105 CAL). Sporobolus airoides (Torr.) Torr., a native of North America, is said to be introduced into India during present century as a fodder grass (Bor. N. L. Arneta vindhiana vindhiana (Moore)—The Vindhyan Bob. I have a male specimen taken on 9th February 1975 in the Borivli National Park. The species has been recorded from Matheran (see Aitken and Comber, loc. cit., p. 53).

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