

Linné, is not the true cochineal, and that the latter insect belongs to the genus *Pseudococcus*, Westwood. I have lately had some correspondence with Professor and Mrs. Fernald of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, on the synonymy of this insect, and it seems that the only way to avoid confusion is to propose a new name for the *Coccus cacti* of Signoret, *Essai sur les Cochenilles*, p. 381; Newstead, *Ent. Mo. Mag.*, April, 1897, p. 76. It is therefore proposed to name the latter species *Pseudococcus signoreti*.

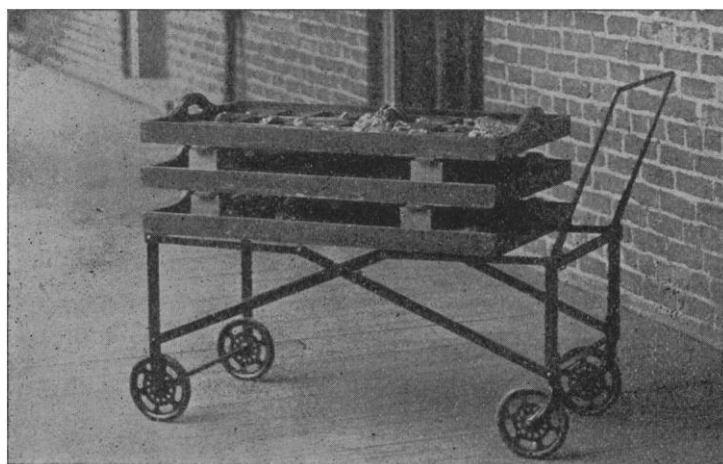
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#### A TRUCK FOR MINERALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: For the benefit of those teachers who have to move heavy specimens for purposes of illustration from

and set upon the opened truck. If more than one tray full be needed, others may be added by using wooden bridges, made by nailing to each end of a thin strip a little longer than the width of the tray, a square block notched below to fit the side of the tray. This contrivance makes a temporary frame on which the second tray rests securely, high enough above the first to be out of the way of the specimens. With another pair of bridges another tray can be added, and so on till the load is complete. One load of these on the truck trays is shown in the figure. The steel trucks are very strong and are guaranteed to sustain a weight of 500 pounds. They are provided with rubber-tired, ball-bearing wheels—those at one end being swiveled, and with full load they are very easily pushed or pulled and guided around



museum to lecture room, I send you an account of a plan which for two years I have used here with great comfort to myself. For a truck I have a folding steel church truck, such as is used by funeral directors. This, when not in use, can be folded up and put aside, occupying very little space. For convenience I have attached a handle to one end, made by bending a piece of half inch iron rod twice at right angles, and bolting the two ends to the frame, with a locking device which holds it rigid when pushed against. The minerals or other specimens are placed in shallow wooden trays 18 x 36 inches, with the usual hand holes at the ends,

the ends of cases. With an arrangement for holding books, trucks of this kind would certainly be a great convenience to librarians also.

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#### THE ECLIPSE OF MAY 28TH.

THE party from Vassar College selected Wadesboro, N. C., as the station of observation for the solar eclipse of May 28th, because of its favorable weather prognostication, and because other parties having a large and varied equipment were stationed there. The instruments used by us were a three-inch Clark telescope,