

Note on the Occurrence of a new Coccid in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

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AN interesting Coccid, at present undescribed, has been found at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, where it occurs—in some abundance—upon *Gaultheria depressa*, Hook. f., growing in one of the cool houses. The insect proves to be a species of *Poliaspis*—a genus characterised by the possession of supplementary circumgenital glands. It is allied to, but sufficiently distinct from, *Poliaspis cycadis*—a species that has been found attacking Cycads in one of the tropical houses at the Royal Gardens, Kew. The infested plants of *Gaultheria* were raised from seed received from New Zealand; so there can be no question of the introduction of this Coccid with its host plant; though, curiously, one of its nearest allies (*Poliaspis argentosa*) is a native of New Zealand. The new species (for which the name of *gaultheriae* is proposed) will be described and figured in an early number of the Entomologist's Monthly Magazine.