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Denton's Patent Butterfly Tablets

Here is chapter three of the saga initiated by Penny Wheatcroft (B.C.G. Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 8 p. 391). A small collection of nine butterfly tablets located in the entomological collections at Sheffield City Museum are survivors of 29 purchased from Rowland Wards on 15 March 1929 for £18.6s.6d (Accession numbers F.1929.1 to 29). Some of these survivors bear a 'Rowland Ward Ltd.' trade sticker (see F.1929.29 below) covering the original 'Shelley W. Denton & Co.' label (see F.1929-12). The collection consisted of 22 exotic butterflies and 7 moths from various world localities. Celebes, Mexico, Solomon Islands, Peru, 'Shanghai', Madagascar and Queensland are just a few examples.

I suspected that the remainder probably found their way into the museum's school loans collection, as these sturdy preparations make ideal teaching material. Sure enough, one tablet remained in this collection and was promptly 'rescued'. This particular specimen (F.1929-30) is one of three (Red Admiral, Peacock, Swallowtail) accessioned in 1929 and "presented by Shelley W. Denton, some years ago as samples of his work".

The more observant amongst you may have noticed the graffiti on the label of F.1929-12, to which the present curatorial staff accept no responsibility. Our passionate interest in the subject does have limits!!

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Denton's Patent Butterfly Tablet.
Awarded Gold & Silver Medals, Paris.

Genus. _____
 Species. _____
 Locality. _____
 Sex. Number. _____
 Notes. *ix/-* _____ *uy/-* _____

F. 1929-29.

63. Near Admiral

F. 1929-30.

Denton's Patent Butterfly Tablet.
Awarded Gold & Silver Medals, Paris.

Genus. _____
 Species. _____
 Locality. _____
 Sex. Number. *1197* - *2000*
 Notes. _____

F. 1929-12.

Patented and exclusively manufactured by
 SHELLEY W. DENTON & Co.
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Alfred Déséglise (died 1883) Botanist

A sizeable herbarium of Déséglise's specimens including several sheets of *Rosa* species are in the collections at Bolton Museum. Déséglise was best known for his work on the roses and the national herbarium have "a very large collection of critical Roses from various collectors containing all the species in his works, purchased 1884". (The History of the Collections contained in the Natural History Departments of the British Museum, 1904). At Bolton we have an accession of 1899 of "2002 species of vascular plants from M. Déséglise collection purchased from E. C. Horrell" and there are also some *Rosa* specimens in the Philip Brookes Mason collection.