CALENDAR OF SOCIETIES.

Biological Society, Washington.
Nov. 2. — C. V. Riley, The Remarkable Increase of Vedalia cardinalis in California; W. H. Dall, Notes on the Genus Gemmae; Deshayes; George Marx, On a New Spider and its Influence on Classification; C. Hart Merriam, Remarks on the Spotted Skunks (Genus Spilogale), with Descriptions of New Forms.

Boston Society of Natural History.

Engineers' Club, St. Louis.
Oct. 23. — The secretary read a letter from the chairman of the board of managers of the Association of Engineering Societies, proposing a meeting of the board to consider the question of proposed affiliation with the American Society of Civil Engineers. Professor Johnson stated that this announcement was made for the club's information, in order that an opportunity might be given the club to instruct its members of the board regarding some plan of united action. Mr. H. A. Wheeler then presented some notes regarding the recent European trip of the American engineers. Some three hundred members of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Institute of Mining Engineers, took part. Professor Johnson exhibited a test piece of iron which had been welded by the electrical process at the exposition.

Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences, Minneapolis.
October. — N. H. Winchell, The so-called Huronian Rocks in the Vicinity of Sudbury, Can.; H. V. Winchell, The Iron-bearing Formations of Minnesota; Professor Chayney, Some Remarkable Forms supposed to be of Cryptozoon in the Shakopec Limestone at Northfield; Warren Upham, A Recent Visit to Itasca Lake.

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