

Plate 15 Variation in the 2 spot ladybird



a. Intermediate *annulata*



b. Spotty (left) and *sexpustulata* spotty



c. Melanic *annulata* (left) and new *duodecempustulata*. Note the blotchiness of the reddish areas which are characteristic of young individuals of many of the recessive melanic forms



d. Cambridge melanic



e. Front spot (left) and halo. This pair produced 10 progeny all of which were melanic (see p. 250)



f. A melanic male (son of the pair shown in Plate 15e) mating with a strong *duodecempustulata* female (daughter of two front spot parents)