The folks over at Cabinet of Wonders have an awesome post on Clockwork insects. It seems that the creator was inspired by the almost Clockwork precision of insects so he decided to combine Clockwork mechanisms with insects. Here is description by the
creator of the clockwork insects regarding how the whole thing began (via Cabinet of Wonders via Technovelgy).

“One day I found a dead intact beetle. I then located an old wristwatch, thinking of how the beetle also operated and looked like a little mechanical device and so decided to combine the two. After some time dissecting the beetle and outfitting it with watch parts and gears, I had a convincing little cybernetic sculpture. I soon made many more with other found insects and have been exploring and developing the theme ever since.”

The amazing thing is that you can actually buy these insects at the Insect Lab Studio if you have the money that is since most of the insects cost more than $500 at the site.

Source: http://davinciautomata.wordpress.com/2007/05/18-clockwork-insects/