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NOTES ON NEUROPTERA COLLECTED IN CORSICA BY MISS FOUNTAIN.

BY KENNETH J. MORTON, F.E.S.

During a part of the summer of 1906 Miss Fountaine was in Corsica, and amassed a considerable number of Odonata, Ascalaphidae and Myrmeleonidae, which she kindly presented to me. These specimens were in first rate condition, and although the majority of the species are probably known already from the Island, yet there are one or two of quite exceptional interest, notably two fine males of Hemianax ephippiger, Burm., an insect whose status as a European species seems to be still somewhat uncertain.

The Odonata are represented by the following species:

Libellula depressa, Linn.—Both sexes; Evisa, June 4th, and La Piana, June 23rd.

Orthetrum brunneum, Fonsecol.—Both sexes; La Piana, June 24th. A most interesting form, and the specimens are of great value as serving to throw light on the Libellula cycnos of de Selys, regarding which there existed considerable uncertainty. These Corsican specimens agree with de Selys' description, and Dr. Ris to whom I submitted them considers that they represent a good geographical race. Orth. brunneum has a wide range (I have seen it from Spain, Southern France, Switzerland, Austria, Asia Minor, and even from Quetta in N. W. India); and Ris says that none of the examples seen by him from any other country have shown any marked distinctness from the Central European type, while the Corsican form certainly does so. I leave Dr. Ris to deal further with this subject in the great work on the Libellulinae which he has in preparation.

Orthetrum caerulescens, Fab.—La Piana, June 24th; also tenerals from Corte and Barchetta appear to belong to this species.

Crocothemis erythraea, Brullé.—La Piana, June 24th and 25th.

Hemianax ephippiger, Burm.—Luri, Cap Corse, May 3rd; 2 & 5. McLachlan (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxix, p. 96), in connection with the capture of a 9 of this
species at Devonport gives some information as to its previous occurrences in Europe, both sporadically and in migratory swarms, and states that there is no evidence that it breeds in Europe. It is probably most at home in countries on the confines of desert regions in Africa and Asia. Specimens I have seen from N. W. India have that decolorate aspect which seems to be characteristic of desert dragon flies, an aspect which these Corsican specimens do not possess. The latter are in excellent condition, quite mature but not old. Miss Fountaine informs me that the species was only fairly common at Luri. There was nothing about their movements when taken to indicate that they were on migration. They flew about the banks of wooded streams apparently quite at home. Miss Fountaine also mentions that she believes the same species was seen by her in the Oasis near Biskra, Algeria, but she failed to take it there.

_Callopteryx hemorrhothalis_, V. de Lind. - Barchetta, May 28th, and La Piana, June 24th. A beautiful form of extreme southern type. The dark colour of the wings of the ♂ goes practically to the very apex of the wing, even more distinctly so than in a series of Algerian males from Soblon. The well defined apical dark patch in the hind-wings of the ♀ is of nearly uniform density throughout, in contrast to the Algerian examples in which the patch becomes paler towards the apex, a character noticeable in a less degree in females from the Pyrenees. In one specially dark female from La Piana a faint trace of the apical patch appears also on the fore-wing.

_Pyrrophosa tenella_, Villers.—La Piana, June 24th.

_Aascalaphidae._

_Aascalaphus corsicus_, Ramb.—Exisa, June 9th to 17th, and La Piana, June 24th to 30th.

_Thryalloctophylla barbara_, L.—1 ♀, La Piana, June 29th. Van der Weele has recently shown that this species and King's _T. variegata_ are good and distinct species. (Notes from the Leyden Museum, vol. xxx, Note III, pp. 95-98).

_Myrmeloniidae._

_Palpares libelluloides_, Linn.—La Piana, June 27th and 28th. McLachlan (Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xxv, pp. 346, 7) has pointed out amongst the distinctive characters of this form (when compared with _P. hispanus_, Hagen) the small size of the sub-basal spot of the hind-wings, and the less numerous irruptions of the fore-wings. In the Corsican examples taken by Miss Fountaine the sub-basal spot is much larger than in specimens from Greece and Asia Minor, and the irruptions also recall _P. hispanus_. The specimens are in these respects intermediate, but the markings of the body are those of _P. libelluloides_.

_Formicaeleo tetragrammicus_, Fab.—Exisa, June 17th, one.

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_Creagris v-nigrum_, Ramb.—Exisa, June 18th. Apparently identical with a specimen from Spain which I have under this name. But there is still a good deal of uncertainty about the smaller southern _Myrmeloniidae_.

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THE OCCURRENCE OF RHIZOPHAGUS PARALLELOCOLLIS, ER.,
IN BURIED CORPSES.

BY J. HAROLD BAILEY, M.B.

Dr. Joy's note on the occurrence of dead specimens of this species in a grave (Enr. Mo. Mag., vol. xlii, p. 256) prompts me to forward some extracts from a medico-legal work, which throw considerable light on its life-history. The work in question is "La Faune des Cadavres," "Application de l'entomologie à la médecine légale," by P. Megnin, 1894.

Chap. II. Faune des cadavres inhumés, ou des tombeaux, p. 98.

"M. le Professeur Brouardel avait fait faire des exhumations pendant l'hiver de 1886—87, au cimetière d'Itry pour se rendre compte de l'état de décomposition de certains cadavres inhumés dans des conditions spéciales, et nous avait procuré l'occasion d'assister à ces exhumations.

"Les cadavres en question avaient été enterrés à des époques connues, variant de deux à trois ans, et sur chacun d'eux, nous avons pu faire une ample récolte de larves, de coques de nymphes et même d'individus adultes de diverses espèces d'insectes. Après leur détermination, nous avons reconnu que, si le nombre des larves qui dévorent les cadavres inhumés est très considérable en individus, par contre celui des espèces est très limité, beaucoup plus que sur les cadavres à l'air libre; plusieurs sont les mêmes dans les deux cas, mais il y en a de spéciales aux tombeaux, dont les meurs, jusqu'ici inconnues, sont extrêmement intéressantes pour les entomologistes.

"Les espèces d'Insectes que nous avons recueillies dans les bières exhumées, soit à l'état parfait, soit à l'état de larves, sont les suivantes. Quatre espèces de Diptères: la Calliphora vomitoria, la Curtoneura stabulans, la Phora aterrima et une Anthomyide du genre Ophira; deux espèces de Coléoptères: le Rhizophagus parallelocollis et le Philonthus ebenius. Les larves des Coléoptères et celles des Diptères ont un rôle très actif dans la décomposition des cadavres inhumés.

"Quant aux larves de Rhizophagus, elles étaient encore en pleine activité et nous en avons recolfé un grand nombre des très vivantes, ainsi que quelques individus, à l'état parfait. Comment ces divers insectes arrivent ils sur des cadavres inhumés à deux mètres de profondeur et enfermés dans des cercueils aux planches assez bien jointes?

"Nous devons dire tout de suite, relativement à ces cercueils, que l'humidité et la poussée des terres provoquent très vite un voilement des planches et que de larges voies de pénétration se produisent promptement ainsi que nous l'avons constaté. Un fait curieux nous a fait découvrir de quelle manière les larves de Calliphores et surtout de Curtonèvres qui sont bien plus abondantes que les précédentes, arrivent sur les cadavres: les cadavres inhumés pendant l'été, seuls en présentent des restes, tandis que ceux inhumés pendant l'hiver en étaient totalement dépourvus, bien qu'ils présentassent en abondance, des chrysalides d'Anthomyies et surtout de Phoras, et de nombreuses larves très actives de Rhizophages.
"Quant aux Phoras et aux Rhizophages trouvés en pleine vie sur des cadavres inhumés depuis deux ans, il faut forcément admettre que leurs larves proviennent d’œufs pondus à la surface du sol par ces insectes, attirés par les émanations cadavériques particulières, perceptibles à leurs sens si délicats ; que les larves qui sont sorties de ces œufs ont traversé toute la couche de terre qui les séparait du cadavre, en se servant peut-être des galeries des vers de terre, et, dirigées par leur odorat, elles sont ainsi arrivées à la surface du cadavre, comme d’autres larves de mouche arrivent, ainsi qu’on le sait, sur les truffes en décomposition cachées aussi dans la terre.

"Un fait de moeurs très curieux nous a aussi été révélé par nos recherches; c’est que les Phoras s’adressent de préférence aux cadavres maigres, tandis que les Rhizophages ne se trouvent que sur les cadavres gras; la larve de ce dernier insecte paraît, en effet, ne vivre que de gras de cadavre, et nous ne l’avons trouvée que sur des amas de graisse ramie qui avait coulé au fond de la bière en s’y moultant et provenant des cadavres très gras.

"Cette dernière larve était, jusqu’à présent, tout à fait inconnue des entomologistes, aussi bien que celle de la Phora, du reste, et l’on ignorait comment et où se passait la première phase de la vie de ces insectes. Le Rhizophagus parallelocollis est un petit Coléoptère très rare dans les collections, et on l’avait rencontré exclusivement dans l’herbe des cimetières; on voit maintenant pourquoi: c’est qu’il était là pour y pondre, ou bien il venait d’accomplir son voyage souterrain à la suite de sa métamorphose et revenait à l’air libre pour s’accoupler."

Port Erin, Isle of Man:
November 5th, 1906.

HALIPLUS IMMACULATUS, Gerh.; A SPECIES (OR VARIETY) OF COLEOPTERA I NEW TO THE BRITISH LIST.

BY E. A. NEWBERY.

In bringing forward a new British species of Haliplus in the difficult ruficolis group, it is necessary to make a few observations. The views of continental authorities are very diverse as to the specific value of many of the known forms. To take two of the most important modern authors, M. Bedel (Fn. Scine, 1881, I, 222 and 226) admits but two forms as species, i.e., ruficolis, De G., and fluviatilis, Aubé. In the above work he considered heydeni, Wehneke, and immaculatus, Gerh., as varieties of ruficolis, but he has recently returned to me specimens sent to him for corroboration, as fluviatilis, var. immaculatus, Gerh., having evidently altered his former opinion. Scidlitz (Fauna Trans., 1891, Arten, 84-5), is much more analytical,
and considers the above named four forms to be good species; he also includes many others not yet recorded from Britain in the *ruficollis* group. I will offer no opinion on these conflicting views beyond remarking that if *immaculatus* is not considered worthy of specific rank, that of *fluviatilis* can hardly be maintained.

In all the British species of the group the males have the first three joints of the anterior tarsi dilated, each joint being slightly produced forward on the outer side; the intermediate tarsi are also dilated. The females have the elytra alutaceous.

The British forms may be distinguished thus:

I.—Thorax very short, more than double as broad as long, with strongly converging sides; elytra short and broad, with the greatest breadth just behind shoulders, from thence narrowed to apex. 2:3—2:5 mm....

*H. ruficollis*, De G.

II.—Thorax less short, at most twice as broad as long, with sides less convergent; elytra having its greatest breadth nearer middle, with the shoulders more gently rounded; body more oval and narrower than in *ruficollis*.

A.—Elytra broader, with sides more parallel for four-fifths of their length, then rather abruptly narrowed to apex. 2:5—2:8 mm....

*H. immaculatus*, Gerh.

AA.—Elytra narrower, with sides more convergent, gradually narrowed to apex from about the middle.

a.—Black lines on elytra never interrupted near base, nor dilated into spots. 2—2:3 mm. ..............................*H. striatus*, Sharp.

aa.—Black lines on elytra interrupted in places, notably near base. 2—2:5 mm. ..............................*H. fluviatilis*, Aubé.

*H. immaculatus* is far removed from *ruficollis* by being the most parallel-sided of the group. The dark lines, in which are placed the punctures, are broader and more conspicuous than those of *striatus* and *fluviatilis*, and are very rarely interrupted; the punctures themselves being larger and less closely placed than those of the two latter species. Sometimes the dark lines are slightly dilated in places giving an appearance of vague spots. According to Seidlitz the species is more common than *fluviatilis*. The only British specimens I have seen were taken by Mr. W. H. Tuck near Bury St. Edmunds.

12, Churchill Road,
Dartmouth Park, N.W.;

*November 14th, 1906.*
LACCIOBIUS SINUATUS, Mot., AN UNRECOGNISED BRITISH SPECIES.

BY NORMAN H. JOY, M.R.C.S., F.E.S., and J. R. LE B. TOMLIN, M.A., F.E.S.

When critically examining the Coleoptera we took on Lundy Island last April we came across four specimens of a Laccobius which was evidently distinct from any recognised British species. On consulting Ganglbauer's "Die Käfer von Mitteleuropa" we easily identified them as L. sinuatus, Mot. In our catalogues this name is given as a synonym of L. nigriceps, Thoms., but it has long been given to a distinct species on the Continent, Prom L. nigriceps, which it resembles in the punctuation of the elytra and the smoothness of the interspaces of the thorax, L. sinuatus may be easily distinguished by its more oblong form; it is also on the average rather smaller. The male characters are of importance. In the $^\delta$ of L. nigriceps the under-surface of the intermediate femora close to the trochanters has a small patch of short, stiff, somewhat closely set bristles, which are not found in the $^\delta$ of L. sinuatus. As the $^\delta$ may be easily recognised by the dilated anterior tarsi, this character is a very useful and distinct one. From the other three British species L. sinuatus may be distinguished by its less rounded form. We have also seen specimens of it from Cambridge (Gorham) and North Wales (W. E. Sharp); it is probably, however, not a common species in Britain as it is not represented in the Power collection.

December, 1906.

ALGERIAN MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

BY THE RT. HON. LORD WALSINGHAM, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &c.

(Continued from Vol. XLI, p. 128).

3478 : 1. — SCYTHERIS DUBANIAE, sp. n.

Antennae (4), tawny fuscous. Palpi slender, projecting; hoary, with sooty suffusion towards the apex. Haustellum very long, clothed with hoary scales toward the base. Head purplish fuscous. Thorax purplish fuscous, mottled with brownish cinereous. Forewings rather stunted, lanceolate, with rounded cilia; dark purplish fuscous, evenly speckled with brownish cinereous and hoary whitish scales, these indicating no pattern, except one obscure spot at the end of the cell; toward the apex and termen they become somewhat elongate, partially projecting over the base of the long dark smoky grey cilia. Exp. al., 11—12 mm. Hindwings nar-
rower than the forewings; dark tawny fuscous, with long dull smoky grey cilia. *Abdomen* brownish fuscous, banded with whitish cinereous at the sides. *Legs* purplish fuscous, with broad whitish cinereous bands on the tibiae and tarsi.

**Type, ♂ (96576); ♀ (96577).** Mus. Wlsm.


Larvae and pupae in loose webs at the base of the stems and on root-crowns of *Limoniastrum* feei. The young larva begins by mining down the leaf.

3478: 2.—Scythis anthracodes, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* testaceous. *Palpi* short, slender, projecting; dark testaceous. *Head* and *Thorax* testaceous, mixed with fuscous. *Forewings* testaceous, evenly sprinkled with dark fuscous scales, sometimes tending to coalesce; at the tornus is a rather square black patch, occupying half the width of the wing, followed at a little interval by a black angular streak embracing the apex, the space between these being somewhat paler than the general ground-colour and becoming almost ochreous on the costa; cilia pale hoary testaceous, with a dark greyish fuscous shade running through them in their outer half. *Exp. al.*, 8–9 mm. *Hindwings* tawny greyish, the scales appearing somewhat fugitive and disclosing the transparent texture of the wing, especially in a small, narrow, fenestrum at the middle of the base; cilia tawny grey. *Abdomen* greyish fuscous, anal tuft paler. *Legs* blackish, with pale hind tarsal annulations.

**Type, ♀ (97189); ♂ (97190).** Mus. Wlsm.


In the ♀ the dark scaling is more distinctly speckled, the ground-colour appearing somewhat whiter, while the abdomen is distinctly pale ochreous on its anal half and beneath.

3523: 2.—Scythis eucharis, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* stone-whitish. *Palpi* stone-whitish, the median joint shaded externally with fuscous towards its apex. *Head* and *Thorax* pale brownish cinereous. *Forewings* stone-whitish, sprinkled throughout with blackish scales, with faint brownish ochreous lines along the fold and margins of the cell; the black speckling is dense in a small patch before the middle, which reaches from the lower edge of the cell, also in a small spot at the end of the cell, it is otherwise evenly distributed, but does not extend into the pale brownish cinereous cilia. *Exp. al.*, 15 mm. *Hindwings* pale brownish grey; cilia pale brownish cinereous. *Abdomen* and *Legs* pale brownish cinereous.

*Larva* stone-grey, with longitudinal, ochreous, dorsal stripes and a broad, paler, lateral stripe; spots black. Head and pronotal plates honey-brown, the latter blackish posteriorly, suture white. *Legs* brownish olivaceous. Long. (*infl.* 21.III.), 16 mm.
Type, ♂ (96490); ♀ (96491); Larva (97305). Mus. Wlsm.


The larva was found from March 13th to April 4th on Traganum nudatum, forming sand-galleries near the base of the stems; the moth was bred in April and May. Most nearly allied to albidella, Stn. (Stgr.-Ebl, 3537), which should be numbered 3523: 1, and removed to the neighbourhood of dissimilella, II.S.

3523 : 3.—SCYTHRIS PLUMBEOGRISA, sp. n.

Antennae, Palpi, Head, and Thorax pale brownish ochreous. Forewings pale brownish ochreous, almost entirely suffused, except along the margins, with leaden grey; cilia pale brownish cinereous. Exp. al., 12–14 mm Hindwings shining, pale rosy-grey; cilia pale brownish cinereous. Abdomen pale brownish ochreous. Legs pale ochreous, the tarsi slightly suffused with leaden grey.

Type, ♂ (96520); ♀ (89398). Mus. Wlsm.


Varying slightly in the tendency of the ochreous colouring to encroach on the darker portion of the fore-wings. In the hind-wings veins 4 and 5 are stalked.

3523 : 4.—SCYTHRIS TALPELLA, sp. n.

Antennae leaden grey. Palpi short, slender, recurved, smooth; leaden grey, with a few whitish scales. Head and Thorax leaden grey. Forewings dull leaden grey, sprinkled with white scales, these somewhat concentrated in a twice-interrupted streak along the fold, and along the outer half of the costa; cilia greyish brown. Exp. al., 11 mm. Hindwings pale grey; cilia pale brownish grey. Abdomen pale leaden grey. Legs pale brownish grey.

Type, ♂ (97309); ♀ (96243). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab.: ALGERIA—Hammam-es-Salahin, 15.III.1904; Biskra, 14–25.IV.1903. Four specimens.

Allied to plumbeogrisea, Wlsm., but smaller and darker. Veins 4 and 5 of the hindwings are stalked.

3523 : 5.—SCYTHRIS ERMINEA, sp. n.

Antennae brownish white. Palpi white. Head white, with a black spot in front. Thorax white, with a black spot posteriorly. Forewings white, thickly be-strewed with elongate jet-black spots, of which the outlines are not hard nor clearly defined, some of them being partially joined together by intermediate black scales;
none of these spots actually touch the costa, although three or four assume the form of length-streaks parallel to it; others are ranged obliquely across the middle of the wing, nearly to the flexus, others again parallel to the termen, which is itself also narrowly black-scaled; costal cilia white, apical cilia smoky, dorsal cilia pale brownish cinereous. Exp. al., 10—12 mm. Hindwings pale brownish grey; cilia pale brownish cinereous. Abdomen pale grey. Legs whitish, the tarsi smeared with smoky grey.

**Type,♂ (96518); ♀ (96336).** Mus. Hls.m.

**Hab. : ALGERIA—Biskra, 6.IV.1894 (Eaton), 31.III—30.IV. 1903 (Hls.m.); Hammam-es-Salahin, 16–18.IV.1903 (Hls.m.); El-Kantara, 22.IV—25.V.1903 (Hls.m.). Thirty-two specimens.**

3523 : 6. — SCYTHRIS CAMELELLA, *sp. n.*

**Antennae** greyish, basal joint pale brownish ochreous. **Palpi, Head,** and **Thorax** pale brownish ochreous. **Forewings** pale brownish ochreous, mottled with black, of which there is a conspicuous oblique spot, on the middle of the dorsum, diffused upward and outward in a smoky shade containing two darker streaks, one on the cell, the other below the costa beyond its middle, a similar shade occurs below the costa before the middle; there is also a conspicuous black spot below the fold at one-fourth from the base; cilia at the apex pale brownish ochreous, below it dark smoky grey, appearing almost blackish in some lights. Exp. al., 9—11 mm. Hindwings pale leaden grey; cilia rather smoky, dark brownish ochreous. Abdomen pale leaden grey. Legs pale brownish ochreous, terminal joints of the tarsi smoky.

**Type,♂ (89974); ♀ (89972).** Mus. Hls.m.

**Hab. : ALGERIA—Biskra, excl. 8.IV.1895 (Eaton), 7—19.IV. 1903 (Hls.m.). Five specimens.**

The species appears to be somewhat scarce, as I met with very few examples, and can at present say nothing about its habits. It is distinct from anything with which I am acquainted. Mr. Eaton bred a single specimen from "a cocoon which was found in the angle of a string-course of one of the pillars of the colonnade of an hotel" at Biskra.

3538 : 1. — SCYTHRIS COMPSIAS, *sp. n.*

**Antennae** brownish grey, the basal joint white. **Palpi** porrect, slender, white, tipped with brownish grey. **Head** dirty white, with a yellowish brown tinge. **Thorax** dirty white, mottled with pale brownish grey. **Forewings** white, speckled and smeared with brownish grey, shading to greyish fuscous in an outwardly angulated transverse fascia before the middle, and in an irregularly scattered oblique band of spots beyond the middle, with a few scales of the same dark colour about the apex; cilia brownish grey, with some white scales overlapping their base. Exp. al., 9—10 mm. Hindwings shining, iridescent rosy grey; cilia bronzy grey. Abdomen greyish; ♀ with conspicuous, long, recurved anal claspers. Legs greyish white, with small darker tarsal spots.
Type, ♂ (96519); ♀ (96201). Mus. Wism.


Flying freely at dusk over a small annual *Mesembryanthemum* on a low hill near the cemetery.

Most nearly allied to *acanthella*, Gd., but much smaller and quite distinct. In the forewings vein 4 is subobsolete; and in the hindwings there are only 7 veins, 4 and 5 being coincident, and the discoidal obsolete between 3 and 5.

3538 : 2.—*Scythris pura*, sp. n.

*Antennae* cream-white. *Palpi*, *Head*, and *Thorax* cream-white. *Forewings* and cilia rather shining, cream-white, with a slight brownish tinge toward the apex; underside slightly tinged with ochreous. *Exp. al.*, 12 mm. *Hindwings* very pale bluish grey; cilia brownish white. *Abdomen* and *Legs* white.

Type, ♀ (96539); ♂ (97188). Mus. Wism.


A small pure white species, quite distinct from anything with which I am acquainted.

*(To be continued).*

**DESCRIPTION OF A PEST TO THE BAMBOO IN INDIA.**

**BY W. L. DISTANT.**

Mr. Charles B. Antrim, Entomologist to the Indian Tea Association, has forwarded me some specimens which Dr. H. H. Mann had found attacking bamboos at Darjiling. They represent an undescribed species of *Fulgoridae*, belonging to the subfamily *Delphacinae*, and constitute a second described member of the genus *Purohita*, which I founded on a Ceylonese form, *P. cervina* (Faun. B. I., Rynch., 111, p. 470).

**Purohita arundinacea**, sp. n.

Body and legs ochraceous; *antennae* fuscous; face carmine-red to posterior margin of eyes, thence cretaceous-white to elypons; lateral margins of prothorax carmine-red, inwardly margined with cretaceous-white; anterior and intermediate legs striped with black, apices to tarsi black; the carinations to vertex, pro- and mesonota greyish, as is also the apical area of the latter, which has a dark apical spot; abdomen above with the three posterior segments purplish-red with the margins ochraceous; tegmina creamy-white, all the veins spotted with black, the marginal spots largest, and commencing at end of radial area, terminating at apex
of claval area; wings hyaline, the venation pale fusceous; vertex strongly ridged at lateral margins, and with a faint central pale carination; pronotum angularly emarginate at posterior margin; face strongly tricarinate; clypeus medially and laterally carinate; first joint of antennae long and broad, broadly centrally ridged on each side, second joint more than half the length of first; apical spine to posterior tibiae long and robust; tegminal veins more or less granulose.

Long, excl. tegm., 4 to 5 mm.; exp. tegm., 11 to 14 mm.

Hab: Darjiling, 3100 feet. Found attacking Bamboos.

Steene House, Selhurst Road, South Norwood, S.E.

December 6th, 1906.

A NEW BRITISH FLEA.

BY THE HON. N. CHARLES ROTHSCILD, M.A., F.L.S.

Ceratophyllus borealis, sp. nov.

A pale species. The rostrum reaches to the apex of the fore coxa. The mesonotum has numerous small hairs between the base and the post-median row of bristles. The mesothoracic epimerum bears four bristles (2, 2), the metathoracic epimerum having five (2, 2, 1), a small hair in addition standing at the stigma.

The first abdominal tergite, like the metanotum, has three rows of bristles, and anterior of them there are a few more hairs.

The other abdominal tergites bear three rows of bristles on each side, the anterior one consisting of four or five bristles only, on each side, there being anteriorly of it one or two more hairs representing a fourth row.

The sternites of segments 3 to 5 bear a row of three or four bristles and a row of a few small hairs. The sternite of the sixth segment has a row of five bristles. The hind femur bears a lateral row of three or four bristles on the inside, besides the subapical bristle.

The principal differences between this species and its allies are in the shape of the seventh sternite (fig. VII st.). This is truncate, with the upper angle produced into a lobe.

We have one female specimen of this species, for which we are indebted to Mr. Norman H. Joy. It was taken on the Island of St. Kilda in July of this year, and probably came from the nest of a gannet (Sula bassana).

Tring Park, Tring:

December, 1906.
Records of Coleoptera for Herefordshire and Shropshire wanted.—I should be very much obliged if Entomologists who have collected Coleoptera in Herefordshire or Shropshire would send me any records (of common or uncommon species) during January for the Victoria County History. The late Mr. Blatch and Mr. Horner took a good many interesting species in Shropshire, and Stephens recorded many rare ones; but Herefordshire appears to have been practically unworked, although it is probably exceedingly rich in this Order.—W. W. Fowler, Earley Vicarage, Reading: December 18th, 1906.

A new locality for Panagaeus cruz-major, L.—It may interest your readers to know that Mr. F. Palin took a specimen of Panagaeus cruz-major at the village of Ashton, near Oundle, on November 10th last.—N. Charles Rothschild, Tring: December 18th, 1906.

Hereditary and Sexual dimorphism in Abraxas grossulariata, var. varleyala.—At the end of June last year I was fortunate enough to obtain a pairing from fine specimens of the variety varleyala of Abraxas grossulariata, and was of course extremely interested to see what the result in the progeny would be. Exceptional care was taken of the brood of larvae, and consequently the losses from deaths during the winter were very few. All the moths (a considerable brood) emerged during June of this year, and every specimen, without a single exception, was of the extreme form of varleyala. I had of course never anticipated such a result, for it was altogether contrary to my previous somewhat extensive experience in breeding melanic forms of other species. As a rule, in captivity, it has taken three generations to produce an almost entirely melanic race, and even then there have almost always been a few reversions to the type. But in the case of varleyala, although the parents were bred from wild larvae collected from gardens in this neighbourhood, the assumed first generation produced a brood as absolutely uniform as could occur in the most constant of true species. I have written “assumed first generation” because the variety is so excessively rare in a wild state that it is highly improbable that both the parents of my last year’s moths were of the variety, and possibly neither of them were.

Another interesting fact revealed by the brood was that the variety is sexually dimorphic. Probably none of us had expected such a thing in Abraxas grossulariata, and even when the first dozen or fourteen moths emerged, all males, and possessing more or less of the white rays on the hind-wings, it did not occur to me that the rays were a male characteristic. But when the females began to emerge, and showed no trace of any white rays, the fact was of course apparent, and was at once confirmed by an examination of the seven specimens in my cabinet series of the moth, the three males being rayed, and the four females without rays. These white rays give a very pretty effect to the males, and are generally present on the hind-wings only, and usually varying in number from two to five, although I possess two specimens in which there is only one, and then merely a white spot; and one single male only out of the entire brood shows no trace of a white ray. Occasionally the white rays extend to the fore-wings, but usually not more than two on each wing, though I have one very beautiful example, bred in 1905 from a wild larva, which has six rays on each fore-wing, and seven and six respectively on the hind-wings.—Geo. T. Porritt, Edgerton, Huddersfield: December 11th, 1906.
Occurrence of \textit{Xanthia ocellaris}, Rkh., in Norfolk. — Mr. R. S. Smith, Jun., of Downham Market, has recently submitted a Noctuid to me for identification. I saw at a glance that it might be \textit{Xanthia ocellaris}, and a reference to Barrett's "\textit{Lepidoptera}" convinced me that I was right. This specimen is a ♂, and in very fine condition. Mr. Smith tells me that he captured it in West Norfolk the first week in September of this year; he also states that he has another specimen, not in such fine condition, which was taken by himself in the same district two years ago. I am aware that this rare species has been taken in Suffolk, but I believe this is the first record of its occurrence in Norfolk; it will, therefore, be a very welcome addition to our county list.—E. A. Atmore, King's Lynn, Norfolk: November, 1906.

\textit{Stenoptilia graphodactyla}, Treitschke, a new British "Plume."—While collecting in East Dorset during the past summer I had the good fortune to discover the larvae of this pretty little moth feeding in the flowers of the Marsh Gentian (\textit{Gentiana pneumonanthe}), and several of the perfect insects were bred. I also beat one or two of them from amongst mixed herbage, but they seem to be sluggish in their habits, and only fly for a short distance after having been disturbed. It occurred in boggy places on heaths, and unless the larvae feed on other plants it is never likely to be very numerous, as the Marsh Gentian appears to be local. This form of \textit{graphodactyla} is near to var. \textit{pneumonanthes}, Schleich. — Gervase F. Mathew, Dovercourt, Sussex: November 22nd, 1906.

\textit{Noma}ria spargani reared from the egg.—Though other Entomologists have frequently reared this species from larvae, I am not aware that it has been bred in captivity through all its stages before. This was done in a glass tank during the past summer. The eggs were laid by bred moths in August, 1905, as described in a previous notice (see \textit{Ent. Mo. Mag.}, vol. xiii, p. 67). The beautifully concealed eggs passed the winter, hatching as before May 10th—12th, 1906, the perfect insect emerging end of August. Though the ♀ moth was watched depositing her eggs on the edge of Iris leaves, I regret not being able to satisfy myself exactly how it was accomplished. The eggs were laid after dark, so the moths had to be observed through the glass by the aid of a lamp, and it was not very easy to see how the parent moth managed to gum the margin of the leaf down in this marvellous manner. This is a point which requires further elucidation in the life-history of the insect.—W. R. Jeffrey, Ashford: November 13th, 1906.

Habit of \textit{Hematoobia irritans}, L.—On July 25th I met some cows coming home from the common called Coe Fen, and I at once noticed that at least one had a band of flies round the base of each horn. Then and also subsequently on August 20th I had difficulty in catching specimens from the horn. But I have no doubt that they were specimens of \textit{H. irritans}, which were plentiful about the cows. I do not know whether this peculiar habit has been noticed in England; but Dr. Sharp at once gave me a reference to Riley, \textit{Insect Life}, II (1880), p. 101. In America, it seems, it is known as the "Horn Fly." I found them again common on September 9th in the cow sheds of a friend, and was told they have often been noticed to form a dense ring on the horns.—F. Jenkinson, Southmead, Chaucer Road, Cambridge: November, 1906.
Nephrocerus floricornis, Zett., &c., at Cambridge.—On July 26th, about 6.30 p.m., I went to my brother-in-law's house at Newnham. The entrance faces the Newnham mill pool, beyond which is the rough grassy pasture called Sheep's Green, enclosed by the two branches of the river and intersected by old watercourses, dry in summer. The east wind blew from the pasture straight to the door of the house. There is a window on each side of the door. On these windows were three flies: Pachygastrus ater, P. leachii, and Nephrocerus floricornis. This last was a fine female. I at once carried it off to show to my friend Dr. Sharp, who beheld it with surprise and delight. It sat in the pill-box very much like the male I took in the New Forest in June, 1903 (Ent. Mo Mag., vol. xxxix, p. 227). The head was close to the surface on which the insect rested, the body was curved (the back concave) and sloped up at something like an angle of 45°. On July 16th, at 3 p.m., the sun being hot, I found Mallota cimbiciformis asleep in my greenhouse, where Xylomyia marginata and Stegana coleoptrata again occurred. On September 6th my garden was visited by Cynomyia mortuorum. On the 27th of the same month I moved to my present address.—In.

Xylomyia marginata, Mg., at Cambridge.—Dr. Sharp asks me to mention that about July 24th he began to find Xylomyia marginata, Mg. (females), commonly at Newnham among Lombardy poplars and sanded walnut trees. He has obtained larvae from the latter, which have since been cleared away.—In.

[With reference to Mr. Jenkinson's note I may add that all the specimens of Xylomyia marginata captured by me—about 50—were of the female sex. Moreover, those found subsequently by Mr. Verrall in the same way were also all females. This is of some importance as regards the habits of the species of the genus; for X. macleota, the allied form, is not very rare in the larval state in the New Forest, and yet, so far as I know, but one specimen of the imago (and that one a female) has been captured there. These facts seem to indicate that the imago has some peculiar habit, perhaps that of ascending the trees immediately after emergence, so that only females, which descend for the purpose of oviposition, are met with by the Entomologist.—D. Sharp.]

Piezostethus flavipes, Rent., at Carmarthen.—While on a visit to the town of Carmarthen last August I had the opportunity of looking over a corn mill and warehouse, and amongst some of the usual granary Coleoptera I found a living brachypterous specimen of the Hemipteron, Piezostethus flavipes, Rent., a species not hitherto recorded from this country. I learn from the proprietors of the warehouse that they receive grain from abroad, and amongst other places from the Black Sea Ports. The insect is therefore probably an importation from those regions. This is not however its first occurrence in England, as I find that Mr. Edward Saunders has a specimen quite similar to mine, which is labelled "in Persian wheat from Bussorah, found living in a warehouse in England." Nothing more definite is known as to the locality of this specimen.

It would of course be premature to claim this as an addition to our British fauna, as there can be no doubt that it is an introduced species, and the evidence is not yet sufficient as to its naturalization. But I am publishing this note in the hope
that other collectors who have an opportunity of searching corn warehouses may be
on the look out for the insect, and so determine whether it is merely a casual im-
portation or has succeeded in establishing itself amongst us.

Piezostethus flavipes is a small species 1½ mm. in length, of a light pitchy
colour, with recumbent pale pubescence. The hemielytra, together with the an-
tennae and legs, are wholly flavous. The pronotum is shining and narrowed in front, and
the abdomen is widest behind the middle. In the brachypterous form the
hemielytra reach the base of the third segment of the abdomen. Reuter (Monogr.
Anthocorid. orb. terr.) gives this species as the only representative of the subgenus.
Arrostus, which differs from Piezostethus proper, inter alia, in the absence of ex-
serted setae at the end of the abdomen. This character, together with the above
colour distinctions and the narrower pronotum, will easily distinguish it from P.
cursitans. In its macropterus form it is said to be most like P. formicetorum. It
is recorded by Reuter from France (Ronen, in navibus), and from North Italy.
According to Dodero it lives on Sesamum — E. A. Butler, 53, Tollington Park, N.:
November 7th, 1906.

A correction.—In Ent. Mo Mag., vol. xlii, p. 254 (November, 1906), line 19
from top, should read "Sympetrum flavicolum, L. Fa. Fr., No. 551."—Esben
Petersen, Silkeborg, Denmark : November 24th, 1906.

Reviews.

The Victoria History of the Counties of England: A History of

Devonshire, the third in size of the English counties, and one of the most
beautiful and interesting of them all, is not less fortunate than those already treated
of in the "Victoria History," in the number and ability of the Entomologists,
resident and otherwise, who have aided in compiling the list of its rich Insect
fauna. All the Orders are well worked out, and we would call attention to the section
on the Lepidoptera by our late esteemed colleague, Mr. C. G. Barrett, and that on
the Hymenoptera by Mr. G. C. Bignell, as especially well and fully executed; the
introduction to the list of the Parasitic Hymenoptera, by the last named veteran
Entomologist, is a masterly account of the life-history of that deeply interesting
group. In the list of the Coleoptera, due in great measure to the energetic work
of Mr. J. H. Keys in the Plymouth district, just over 1700 species are enumerated,
a number which is sure to be largely augmented by the more complete exploration
of many parts of the county as yet almost unworked. In the list are included the
interesting records in this Order by Dr. Leach, made in the early part of the last
century, and of which many have only been confirmed quite lately; as well as the
important recent captures of Coleoptera in Lundy Island by Messrs. Joy and Tomlin
recorded in our pages. The list of the Diptera by Mr. E. E. Austen, though it
includes as yet only one-sixth of the total number of the known British forms, is
noteworthy for the fulness and precision of the data, mainly due to Col. Yerbury,
attached to each species, and may well serve as a model for future lists of the
same kind.

The present paper is in continuation of one noticed by us in vol. xli, p. 243, and like it is of very high biomic interest and value to the students of our "water-beetles." It embodies the further researches of the author in the rich district of the Norfolk Broads in the season of 1905, and is written on the same lines and the same thoroughness as its predecessor. A large amount of additional information as to the life-history and distribution of many species has been obtained, and the results of the writer's assiduous collecting and observation are presented graphically in two very interesting charts, in which the work of the two years covered by both papers may be compared at a glance.

Obituary.

William Christopher Boyd.—It is with deep regret that we heard of the death, on September 18th last, of Mr. W. C. Boyd, who was head of the firm of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd, Manchester Warehousemen, of Friday Street, London, E.C. He was elected to the Entomological Society of London as long ago as 1867, at which time he resided at Cheshunt, though for some years past The Grange, Waltham Cross, has been his home. Deeply interested in all the British Lepidoptera, including even the minutest of the sadly neglected Tineina, our friend made the most of his opportunities of studying them, and the notes from his pen that are scattered through many volumes of this Magazine testify to his keen powers of observation, and his consequent success as a collector; the earliest of these is to be found in vol. v (1868-9), and the latest in vol. xi (1904)! In proof of the valuable work for which we are indebted to him, it will be sufficient to mention that Coleophora potenteille (Boyd Ms., Stn.), was new to science when he discovered it, and that his additions to the British List include the extremely rare Ebula catalauanatis, and the very local Nepticula minasculella. Mr. Boyd was, in addition, an ardent sportsman, equally proficient with his gun and with the cricket ball, and his interest in philanthropic work is shown by the fact of his being one of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A most cheerful and pleasant companion, blessed with a strong vein of humour, he will be much missed by those of us who were privileged to enjoy his friendship.—Eustace R. Bankes.

William Chaney.—We regret to learn of the death of this veteran Entomologist, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 3rd, 1906, at the ripe age of 78 years. A native of Chatham, and employed in the Royal Dockyard there, he became interested in Entomology at an early age, and contributed many notes on the Lepidoptera of his neighbourhood to the "Entomologist's Weekly Intelligencer" and other periodicals. The knowledge which he acquired of the insect fauna of that beautiful and productive portion of the County of Kent was most thorough, and his "List of the Macro-Lepidoptera of the Rochester District," published in the quarterly "Rochester Naturalist" (1884—1889) is one of the most valuable and
interesting productions of its kind ever issued by a local Natural History Society. About 1869 he was transferred to the Admiralty, and shortly afterwards took a prominent part in the foundation of the South London Entomological Society, with which he retained his connection until his death. Latterly he took up the study of the Coleoptera and Hemiptera, and amassed good collections of these Orders, which he disposed of a few years ago, though to the latest he retained his interest in Entomology. Mr. Chaney was a man of fine physique and of wide and varied reading, and a genial and hearty companion in the field; and the writer of this notice, whose deceased friend was his earliest Entomological instructor, recalls many pleasant days spent with him among the insects of the woods and chalk-downs of the Chatham district.—J. J. W.

**Societies.**

**BIRMINGHAM ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: October 15th, 1906.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.**

Mr. J. T. Fountain showed living larvæ and imagines of Hadena unanimitis, Tr., found on the canal bank at Marston Green and also at Earlswood, at both of which places they were abundant. Mr. E. C. Rossiter remarked that he had recently come across two broods of Saperdithus populi, L., one of which occurred on common poplar, and the whole brood was of the dark variety of the larva; and the other brood was upon an aspen with whitish under-side to the leaves, and all the larvæ belonged to the light form, and it seemed as if the larvæ had followed the colour of the under-side of the leaves they happened to have lived upon. Mr. G. H. Kenrick, however, said that he had found both forms, the light and the dark, side by side upon the common poplar. Mr. G. H. Kenrick showed some Lepidoptera taken on the Cotswolds during a short visit paid to them early in August. They included Luecina corydon, Fab., Drepana cultraria, F., Boarmia abietaria, Hb., Batys hyalinalis, Hb., a nice series, &c.; also a number of Lycaenidae from Java and the Malay Archipelago. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, various Lepidoptera taken in Devonshire last July. Whilst there he had carefully observed Satyrus semele, L. ovipositing, with the result that he had discovered that its eggs were never laid upon the fresh green grass stems, but upon the broken stems of the previous season, near the top. Mr. Simkins, various Lepidoptera, including a fine series of Gastropacha quercifolia, L., bred from Surrey ova. Mr. W. Harrison, Cerura furcata, L., bred from larvæ obtained near Sandwell Park.—COLBRAN J. WAINWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The usual Monthly Meeting of this Society was held at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on Monday, November 19th, Mr. R. Wilding, Vice-President, in the Chair.**

A paper was communicated by Mr. J. Collins of Oxford embodying his observations upon the habits of Sitaris muralis, a beetle associated with the mason-bee Anthophora pilipes, with specimens of both taken near Oxford. Mr. Collins also sent for exhibition Apion astragalii, A. sanguineum, Panagaeus 4-pustulatus, and Lebia chlorocephala, as well as the Tortrix Stigmonota pallidifrontana from
Oxford. Mr. W. Mansbridge read a paper entitled "Notes on a melanic race of Agrotis ashworthii," and exhibited a long series of moths bred in 1905 in illustration of his remarks; a discussion ensued, and in further illustration Mr. F. N. Pierce, F.E.S., exhibited A. candelaevum, together with microscopic preparations of the genitalia of both insects, and Dr. Bell showed the preserved larva of A. ashworthii. Mr. Mansbridge reviewed the evidence for and against the view that ashworthii and candelaevum are the same species, and suggested the name substriata to distinguish the new form. The opinion of the meeting was to the effect that more evidence of identity was required, especially as regards early stages and structural detail of candelaevum. Other exhibitors were Mr. W. A. Tyerman, a box of Lepidoptera, including Pygorea nigra from Ireland, Eupithecia isogrammata and Plutia festiva from Lathorn; Noctua stigma ina and X. glaraosa, one of the latter a very rosy specimen from N. Wales; Acronycta leporina, var. meiacrocephala, Notodonta dromedarius and X. diotricoides from Kirby, Lancashire. Mr. W. Gilhning, species of the Coleoptera Amora authanis from the Liverpool district. Mr. E. J. B. Sopp, F.E.S., the scarce cockroach Epilampra barusvestri taken in the Manchester Docks and identified by Mr. R. Shelford; Panchlora vireescens from the Manchester Docks, Hoylake, and Warrington; Actinidia xaspera from Birkdale; also, on behalf of Mr. W. J. Lucas, the scarce Steathothome elegans from the New Forest, and, on behalf of Mr. W. E. Sharp a nymph of the cockroach Periplaneta australasici from Brockenhurst.—H. R. Sweeting and Wm. Mansbridge, Hon. Secs.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, November 8th, 1906.—Mr. R. Adkin, F.E.S., President, in the Chair.

Messrs. Harrison and Main exhibited bred and variable series of (1) Tethea sublata from Fermanagh, and (2) Numeria pulvina from various localities, and pointed out the characteristic forms prevailing in each. Mr. Newman (1) Anthrocera purpurealis (minos) from N. Wales; (2) a dwarf example of A. exulans; (3) a pale A. filipendula; and (4) a very variable series of Renicia phlages, the pick of some 3000 third brood specimens passed through the net at Bexley. Mr. Moore, a specimen of Aglaia urtice var. nearly approaching var. polaris. Mr. Goulton, a specimen of the rare Heliothis armiger taken at light at Sutton, and a series of Egeria myopaeformis from the same locality. Mr. Edwards, some large species of Coleoptera from Sierra Leone. Mr. Rayward, one of Strymon (Thecla) w-album found in situ on bark and twigs of wych elm. Mr. R. Adkin, a series of Scoparia dubitalis from Eastbourne, including some exceedingly pale forms, and also the very pale form from Mr. C. G. Barrett's collection, and read notes on this local race.

Thursday, November 22nd, the President in the Chair.

A Special Exhibition of Varieties. Mr. South exhibited the very large Chinese Vanessa urtice, var. chinensis, to compare with the very small V. urtice, ab. urticoides, bred from larva fed on hop. Mr. Lucas, for Messrs. F. W. and H. Campion, (1) a ? of the very rare dragonfly Sympetrum vulgatum; (2) a series of S. flavolun, including a ?; and (3) a series of Cordulia eoca. All were taken in Epping Forest. Messrs. Harrison and Main, (1) a brood of Pieris
brassicae, including examples of the female in which the two discal spots on both upper and under-sides were more or less united into a band; (2) series of Aplecta nebuloa from Delamere, Epping, and New Forests for comparison; (3) bred series of Tephras ps bisinulatia from the New Forest and from Delamere, the former light, the latter dark and intermediate; (4) bred examples of Dianthaexia cesia from the Isle of Man; and (5) Acronycta alni from the New Forest. Mr. Kaye, a captured specimen of Apatlata iris from the New Forest, measuring 3½ inches in expanse, much larger than any bred specimen. Mr. Dobson, four species of the genus Sympteta taken in one place in Surrey on September 3rd, S. striolatum, S. flaveolum, S. suainineum, and S. seicienta; he also showed series of sixteen species of Bees of the genus Bombus. Mr. G. B. Brown, his captures during a ten days' holiday at Deal, in late July, including Lithovia pygmaeola, Catania phragmitidis, Agrotis tritici, Eremonia ochrecens, Dianthaexia encumbil, &c. Mr. P. J. Barrand, a series of dark and intermediate forms of Xylophasia monoglypha from St. Bees', Cumberland. Mr. South, a short series of Dicera nampafla varidorsa from his garden, and read notes on its distinctness and occurrence. Mr. Tonge, the Lepidoptera taken by him on the Suffolk coast in July, including Aegeria apiforme, Mamestra oseleta, Lencania straminea, Senta maritima, Acidalia ematuria, &c., together with a series of admirable photographs of the natural resting positions of numerous species of butterflies and moths. Mr. Coulton, varied series of Opolaralia dilutata, Melanthia occulta, and Ypsolopeta sordidata (elutata) from Ranmore Common, the last comprising black-banded, green, wainscot, and other forms. Mr. Lucas, to illustrate Mr. Campion's exhibit, S. vulgatum $\xi$s from Richmond Park and from Denmark, and also drawings of the $\xi$ genitalia of S. striolatum and S. vulgatum, as well as photo-micrographs of the former $\xi$. Mr. Chittenden, melanic Larentia multistriatia from Yorkshire, dark Hadena adusta from Rannoch, dark Ypsolopeta implorriata from Arran, &c. Mr. Clark, the Ichneuman Opilion Inteum, taken on November 21st. Mr. R. Adkin, a series of Tortrix pronubana, reared from larve collected at Eastbourne from Eucosmos in September last, only two specimens having been obtained previously in this country; he also showed an asymmetrical specimen of Macroglossa stellaturn, the transverse lines of the left fore-wing uniting into an irregular path. Mr. Sich, two imagines with cases, of what he thought were Coleophora milvijnennis, and also German examples of Valeria olivagia, Catephila alechinista, &c. Dr. Chapman, (1) a long series of a recently described species of Cenonympha from Galicia, Spain, viz., C. matheni, Tutt, closely allied to C. dorus; (2) a series of Lycomia idas; (3) a series of L. vgo with red on the hind margin of the hind-wings; (4) a number of Erebio palatina, all three species from Galicia; and (5) a representative exhibit of Hastula hyperana and its forms from Hyères. Mr. T. W. Hall, white blotched varieties of Arctia villica and a Eupithecia, showing the characters of both E. minutata and E. assimilata. Dr. Hodson, (1) Agriades corydus with light outer margins; (2) Polyommatus icarus with large blotches of black replacing the orange on the under-side of the hind-wings; and (3) Aricia agetis with the markings along the outer margins conspicuously wedge-shaped. Mr. Garland, for Mr. Pickett, (1) a gynandrous Angerona primaria; (2) an Ematurgia atomaria with six wings; (3) a long series of Hemerophila abruptaria showing many melanic forms; (4) fine aberrations of
Agrionides corydon from Dover this year; (5) a light Melitaea cynthia; and
(6) a very pale Pararge egeria. Mr. West, Greenwich, cabinet drawers containing
his collection of British Chrysomelidae, Eudomychidae, Cocinellidae, &c. Mr. Gadge, a
wire arrangement to affix to flower-pots for breeding purposes, which could be
folded up when not in use. Mr. West, of Ashstead, under the microscope, the
curious Y-shaped scales of Pseudopontia paradoxa, received from Mr. Moore.—
Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

Entomological Society of London: Wednesday, November 21st, 1906.—
Mr. F. Merrifield, President, in the Chair.

The Secretary read a list of the Fellows nominated to serve as Officers and
other Members of the Council for the session of 1907-8.

Mr. Walter E. Collinge, 55, Newhall Street, Birmingham, and Mr. H. S. A.
Guinness, of Balliol College, Oxford, were elected Fellows of the Society.

Mr. H. W. Andrews exhibited specimens of Odontomyia angulata, Pz., from
the Norfolk Broads, a species of which few captures have been recorded of recent
years, and Icterica westermannii, Mg., a rare Trypetid, taken by him in the New
Forest. Dr. F. A. Dixey, specimens of South African Pierinae demonstrating that
the wet-season form of Teracolus regina, Trim., was in mimic association with an
undescribed species of Belenois, intermediate between B. calypso and B. thysa.
Mr. William John Lucas, on behalf of Messrs. H. and F. Campion, a male specimen
of Sympetrum vulgatum taken in Epping Forest on Sept. 4th last, of which species
only three other authentic British specimens are known. Mr. R. Atkin, a short
series of Tortrix prombana, Hbl., including both sexes, which he had reared from
larvae and pupae collected from Eoniums at Eastbourne in September last. The
only previous records for the species in Britain are single male examples captured
at Eastbourne and at Bognor respectively in the autumn of 1905. Dr. T. A.
Chapman, a long series of Cenonympha mathevi, Tutt, from an examination of
which he concluded that it must be regarded as a geographical or subspecific variety
of C. dorus and not as a fully established species. Professor E. B. Poulton, F.R.S.,
communicated "A Permanent Record of British Moths in their Natural Attitudes
of Rest," and "Further Notes on the Choice of a Resting Site by Pieris rapae," by
Mr. A. H. Hamm; Mr. R. Shelford, M.A., F.L.S., "Studies of the Blattidae"; the
Hon. N. Charles Rothschild, "Notes on the Life-History of Sesia andreniformis,
Lasp.," and Mr. Hubert W. Simmonds, "Notes on an Unusual Emergence of
Chrysopterus salusius in New Zealand."

Wednesday, December 5th.—The President in the Chair.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the Entomological correspondence of the
late Mr. A. H. Haliday had been presented to the Society by Dr. E. Percival
Wright, of Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr. H. C. Pratt, Government Entomologist, Federated Malay States, Kuala
Lumpur; Capt. H. J. Walton, M.B., F.R.C.S., Indian Medical Service; Mr. Arthur
Ernest Gibbs, F.L.S., Kitchener's Meads, St. Albans; Capt. James Bruce Gregorie-
Tulloch, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; Mr. John Ashburner Nix, Tilgate,
Sussex; Mr. Herbert W. Southcombe, J.P., 16, Stanford Avenue, Brighton; and
Mr. Roland E. Turner, 21, Emperor's Gate, N.W.; were elected Fellows of the
Society.
Mr. A. W. Bacot exhibited a specimen of Catocala nupta, taken at rest at Hackney, November 9th, 1906, remarkable for having two well developed tarsi on the left fore-leg; also three specimens of Lasiocampa quercus, L., bred from larvæ from Cornwall in 1906. One of these larvæ had been submitted to a pressure of from 10 to 30 atmospheres (105 to 450 lbs. per square inch) on two occasions; a pressure which had proved fatal at once to a frog, used as a control experiment. A discussion followed in which Dr. F. A. Dixey, Dr. Greenwood, and other Fellows joined. Dr. T. A. Chapman, a long series of Hestula hynerana, Mill., bred this year from larvæ collected at Hyères; and a diagrammatic map of the neighbourhood to explain the distribution of the species in that area. Dr. F. A. Dixey, specimens of Teracolum omphale, Godt., bred by Mr. G. A. K. Marshall. The exhibit showed that under arranged conditions of moisture and warmth the wet-season phase might be artificially induced. Mr. L. B. Prout read a paper entitled "Xanthorhoe ferrugata, Clerck, and the Mendelian Hypothesis." Dr. F. A. Dixey communicated a paper "On the Diaposematic Resemblance between Hyphina corea, Wallace, and Ixias baliensis, Frühst."—II. ROWLAND-BROWN, Hon. Sec.

HELP-NOTES TOWARDS THE DETERMINATION OF BRITISH TENTHRREDINID.E, &c. (17).

BY THE REV. F. D MORICE, M.A., F.E.S.

HOPLOCAMPIDES = PHYLLOTOMA, Fall., HEPTAMELUS, Hal., ERIOCAMPOIDES, Kow., HOPLOCAMPA, Htg.

The Hoplocampides, as defined by Konow, include four British Genera. One of these, Heptamobus, contains but a single species, H. ochroleucus, Haliday. I know it only from the specimens in the Cameron Coll. at S. Kensington; but any one fortunate enough to find it should be able to identify it at once, as it possesses the unique character of seven-jointed antennæ. A figure which, though un-coloured, gives a good idea of the insect's general appearance, will be found on Plate 13 of Mr. Cameron's Monograph (vol i). The other three Genera contain insects having some resemblance to certain small Nematids, and agreeing with that group in one important point—the situation and direction of the discoidal (= basal) n. in the fore-wings. They may be known from these, however, by combining three characters, which do not appear together in any Nematid, viz., (1) the radial cell is "divided," (2) the two medial nerves are received in different cells, (3) the humeral area in the fore-wing is not "peliolate," but either "contracted" (Hoplocampa) or "with oblique cross nervation" (Phyllotoma, Eriocampoides).

PHYLLOTOMA, Fall.

These are small and inconspicuous insects, not above 5 mm. long,
with a considerable expanse of wing, and long, very filiform antennae, which have always more than nine joints, and sometimes as many as fifteen. Thomson (followed in this by Mr. Cameron) sometimes gives "antennis 10-12-articulatis," "antennis 15-articulatis," &c., among the characters for distinguishing particular species; but personally I have more often found this character a snare than an assistance, and Herr Konow, to whom I referred my difficulties, tells me that he does not consider these differences in the number of joints to be specific. This was also Hartig's view, who says that in all the species the number of joints is normally from 12 to 14, but in particular specimens may fall as low as 10, or rise as high as 15. (It is well known that in multi-articulate structures there is usually much variability in the precise number of the joints).

Really satisfactory characters for distinguishing *Phyllotoma* spp. have still, it seems, to be discovered. Their coloration is far from constant, the antennal characters cannot (as we have seen) be trusted, nor—as Herr Konow assures me—those derived from the clearness or infuscatio of the wings. Still, properly prepared examples of such species as occur in this country can usually be named without much difficulty.

I possess British examples of four out of the five species described in the Monograph. Of the fifth (*ochropoda*, Thoms.), I have only seen the specimens in the Cameron Coll. at S. Kensington. The locality recorded for them is Worcester. I am glad not to have to propose any changes in our present names for the species belonging to this genus.

**SYNOPTIC TABLE OF BRITISH *PHYLLO TOMA* spp.**

1. Abdomen black, with or without white markings at the sides or on the venter.  
   Humeral cell in hind-wings complete (i.e., the humerus and brachius join before approaching the apex of the wing) ........................................... 2.
   — Abdomen entirely or in great part reddish. Humeral cell in hind-wings open at the apex (i.e., the humerus does not run into the brachius) ............ 4.

2. Pronotum and tegulae black; legs, "pale-yellow verging to testaceous" (Cam.) with black bases............................................. ochropoda, Thoms.
   — Pronotum and tegulae white (or partly so); ground colour of legs white... 3.

3. Abdomen with distinct white markings at the sides. Wings hyaline with (generally) a rather conspicuous fuscous streak below the stigma...
   nemorata, Fall.
   — Abdomen immaculate at sides. Wings darker than in nemorata (blackish), but not definitely streaked below the stigma ...................... ..........aceris, Kalt.
4. ♂ with breast and pleurae largely white; ♀ with the face broadly bordered with white along the eyes, and the apex* of the saw-sheath pilose or sub-pubescent. (Antennae, according to Thomson [but see above], ♀ 14-articulate, ♂ 15-articulate) ........................................ microcephala, Klug.
— ♂ with breast and pleurae black; ♀, generally at least, with the sides of the face black, apex of saw-sheath "nearly glabrous" (Thomson). Also, according to Thomson, the antennae in both sexes are shorter and have fewer joints (♀ 10—12, ♂ 11—12) ........................................ vagans, Fall.

**ERIOCAMPOIDES, Knw.**

The species forming this genus have been separated by Konow from *Eriocampa*, Htg., and removed to the *Hoplocampides*, because of the situation of their "discoidal" (= basal) nerve in the fore-wing. They are all very similar in general appearance—shining black insects, with short broad bodies, and heavy-looking antennae, which are much thicker in the middle than at the apices, and not, as in *Phyllotoma* and *Hoplocampa*, thin and filiform throughout.

All my own specimens of *Eriocampoides* (and, I believe, all that have reached me from other collectors) belong to one or other of the four species tabulated below. I subjoin to the Table some remarks as to the other species recorded as British in the Monograph, but, at present, more or less enigmatical to me for various reasons.

**SYNOPSIS TABLE OF BRITISH ERIOCAMPOIDES spp.**

1. Clypeus truncate; wings evenly (slightly) infuscated throughout; humeral area in hind-wing appendiculate—i.e., the humerus and brachius meet long before the areal nerve enters the latter ......................... ethiops, F. (= rose, C).
— Clypeus excised; wings unequally infuscated; humeral area in hind-wing not appendiculate, but receiving the areal nerve into itself at (or a little before) its apex ................................................................. 2.

2. Hind tibiae black, not ringed with white at the base; wings clear at base and apex, slightly clouded in the middle ....................... limacina, Retz.
— Hind tibiae broadly ringed with white at the base ........ 3.

3. Wings with only a fuscous streak under the stigma, clear at base and apex. The ♂ may be known at once by having hind-wings with "continuous external neuration." (See Ent. Mo. Mag., 1903, p. 53) .................... varipes, Kl.
— Wings with dusky bases, their apices only clear; ♂ with neuration of hind-wing normal ........................................ annulipes, Kl.

**Further remarks as to British Eriocampoides spp.**—Of the three remaining species described by Mr. Cameron under *Eriocampa* two, viz. cinxia, Klug, and testaceipes, C., are referred by Konow to the n. g. *Eriocampoides.*

* This character seems to be reliable, but it needs a good lens and a good light to see it satisfactorily.
I have examined two specimens called einxia, and one called testaceipes, in the Cameron Coll. at S. Kensington. Of the former one is carded, and its elypeus invisible. The other seems to me to have a truncate elypeus and tibiae ringed at the base with white. These are characters of einxia, Klug; but having no knowledge of that species, except from descriptions, I do not venture either to assert or deny that the S. Kensington specimens really belong to it. I have thought it safer accordingly to omit them from my Table. As to the testaceipes—specimen—which I suppose to be the author's "type"—I am in still greater uncertainty. It appears to be an Eriocampoides, though even as to that I dare not be quite positive; and it certainly differs from the species known to me in having entirely yellowish hind tibiae, and in other points. But there is obviously something abnormal and monstrous about this particular specimen. The abdomen is thoroughly deformed (so that neither Mr. Waterhouse nor I could make out whether it was a $\mathcal{G}$ or a $\mathcal{F}$), and appears to consist of at most five segments. Further, the specimen is "carded," which makes a thorough examination of it almost impossible. Accordingly, without further material, I prefer to express no opinion as to the validity or otherwise of the supposed species.

According to Thomson and Cameron the species with excised elypeus have generally* "two middle cellules" (i.e., the cubital n. is present) in the hind-wings, those with truncate elypeus "only one." This may be true as a rule; but I have thought it best not to include in my Tables a character which is admittedly inconstant, especially as specimens of Eriocampoides have not unfrequently occurred to me having the cubital n. present in one hind-wing, and absent from the other!

**Hoplocampa, Hartig**

The species of this genus are more elongate in form, and brighter in coloration than those of Eriocampoides. They are easily distinguished also, both from that genus and from Phyllotoma, by the "contracted" humeral area, and the filiform but 9-jointed antennae. Some of them (e.g., pectoralis and testudinea) might be hastily mistaken for Dineura spp., but the medial nn. in their fore-wings are not, as in that genus, "received in the same cell," nor is the humeral area "petiolate." I tabulate such species only as I know for certain to be British.

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* Thomson says "plerumque." From the expressions used in the "Monograph," vol. i, p. 219, it seems that Mr. Cameron has found it so always; but I certainly have not done so.
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A, supposed distribution of *H. hyerana*.
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SYNOPTIC TABLE OF BRITISH *HOPLOCAMPA* SPP.

1. Clypeus deeply emarginate or excised. Head never entirely black above, thorax with at least the pronotum pale, dorsum of abdomen black only at the base (except in *testudinea*)

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2. Clypeus scarcely emarginate. Head, thorax, and abdomen, except its extreme apex, black above

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3. The largest of the species (6—7 mm. long). Stigma black at base, pale at apex. Body pale fulvous-brown, with the vertex and the dorsal surface of the thorax and abdomen for the most part black and shining

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4. Smaller species (3—5 mm. long) stigma unicolorous or only a little darker at its base

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5. Stigma slightly darker at base; ♀ with a large mark on the breast and the apex of the saw-sheath black. (Above, the thorax is mostly black; the abdomen so only at the extreme base; the head testaceous in the ♂ with a black spot enclosing the occelli, blackish in the ♀ with two little yellow spots between the occelli and the antennae)

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6. Clypeus roundly excised. Head and mesonotum very shining, practically impunctate. (Colour above very variable—thus the thorax may be mostly black, or black at the sides and testaceous in the middle, or streaked with black on the side lobes only, or testaceous altogether)

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7. Clypeus angularly excised. Head and mesonotum dull, strongly and very densely punctured. (Thorax generally almost immaculate, sometimes, at any rate in the ♂, with black markings on the mesonotum)

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5. Abdomen testaceous beneath. Antennae, at least above, and stigma brownish.

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6. Abdomen black beneath, testaceous only at apex. Antennae distinctly reddish-yellow above and beneath. Stigma yellowish, rather darker at the base.

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Mr. Cameron records also as British species—*gallicola*, Cam., from Devonshire, *alpina*, Thoms., from various Scotch localities (and also from England, "in Mr. Marshall's collection"), and (in vol. ii, pp. 221-2) *plagiata*, Klug, from Weybridge. Of these, (1) *gallicola* is not represented in the South Kensington coll. Konow believes it to be identical with *pectoralis*, and to have been probably only a chance visitor in the galls from which Mr. Parfitt reared it: and in fact Mr. Cameron himself says that these galls were "undoubtedly
those of a *Nematus.*” (2) *Alpina*, Thom., is (*teste Konow in litt.*) a good species, differing from *crataegi* not only in its paler coloration but in certain points of structure. I have seen the specimens called *alpina* at South Kensington, and am not prepared to say that they do not belong to that species, with the description of which they certainly agree at least in colour. But as I have no first-hand knowledge of Thomson’s species, and have seen specimens of *crataegi* (determined as such by Konow), which, to the best of my recollection, were as pale as the South Kensington insects, and otherwise resembled them, I do not feel that I ought to tabulate *alpina* among the species positively known to me as British. (3) *Plagiata*, Klug, has long been familiar to me as a continental species (Austria, Switzerland, &c.), but I never saw a British specimen, and it is not recorded by Thomson from Scandinavia. Herr Konow tells me it is pretty widely distributed in Central Europe, but more particularly in its southern parts. In recording it from Weybridge, Mr. Cameron himself speaks doubtfully as to its distinctness from *crataegi*, from which he separates it only by small colour-characters, which are certainly quite unreliable. As I have myself taken specimens of *crataegi* in the Weybridge district, coloured in accordance with Mr. Cameron’s description of *plagiata*, I feel pretty sure that *plagiata*, C, is not Klug’s species. The real *plagiata* is to be identified, not so much by its colour, as by certain points of structure. The excision of its clypeus is more angular (less rounded) than that in *crataegi*, and it has a very deep and conspicuous fovea on its “frons” between the antennae, whereas in *crataegi*, though a corresponding fovea exists, it is much shallower and often hardly noticeable.

I may say that while *crataegi* in our southern counties is a very common and a very variable species, it seems to be rare in the North. (Only one specimen represents it in the Cameron Coll.). Hence it would not be surprising if some of its extreme aberrations should have been referred by Mr. Cameron to other species, owing to the absence in his district of the intermediate forms with which we are here (in Surrey, Hants, Sussex, &c.) so familiar.

*(To be continued).*
FURTHER NOTES ON THE COLEOPTERA. OF LUNDY ISLAND.

BY NORMAN H. JOY, M.R.C.S., F.E.S.,
AND

J. R. LE B. TOMLIN, M.A., F.E.S.

When we set sail from Instow on April 12th last year for Lundy, there were none of the usual misgivings, as to whether the sea was too rough for our small craft, but rather whether there was enough wind to take us across. Nor were they entirely without foundation, and eventually we had to set to and row for the last three or four miles, taking about seven hours for the journey of 21 miles. Consequently little collecting could be done that day, but we were afield early the next morning. Our cottage was beautifully situated on the edge of a sloping cliff over 400 feet high on the east side of the island, and commanded a splendid view of the landing place and of Rat Island, made familiar by the photographs in the illustrated papers in connection with the "Montagu" disaster.

Beetles were soon found in plenty, and we did not get further than 100 yards away from home the whole of that first morning. Examining moss and the roots of grasses, and turning over stones, was the chief work done both then and during the eight days we were on the island. In this period we found time to examine practically every part of Lundy, although some of it would no doubt have repaid further search. There were of course many more damp places than in August, 1905, and they produced a good many interesting species, but over the actual water-beetles we spent very little time. It was interesting to find several of the waterfall species. A few things such as *Hylastinus obscurus*, Marsh., were specially and successfully sought for, and the last morning was spent in examining rubbish from the cellar of the "General Stores"—the only shop on the island. Our mackintosh sheets monopolised the counter, and soon many of the islanders were enthusiastically pointing out such small fry as *Enicmus* or *Oligota*, and marvelling at their characters under a platyscopic lens! About eight species were thus added to the list, including *Ptinus fur*, L., and *Pentarthurum huttoni*, Woll.

Of the special local species, *Psylliodes luridipennis*, Kuts., was rather uncommon on the wild cabbage, but *Ceuthorhynchus contractus*, Marsh., swarmed on this plant, quite three-quarters of the specimens belonging to the var. *palliipes*, Crotch. The degree of redness in the legs and rostrum of this form is very variable.
After two or three days' search, *Melanophthalma distinguenda*, Com., was discovered in great abundance at the roots of a kind of coarse grass, and several colour varieties occurred (cf. Ent. Mo. Mag., 2nd series, xvi. p. 274). The capture of the new British *Cardiophorus*, erichsoni, Buys., has already been recorded (ibid., xvii, p. 156), as also has *Laccobius simnatus*, Mots. (ibid., xviii, p. 6). We took a great many examples of *Stenus ossium*, Steph., to ascertain whether they all belonged to the var. *insularis*, Joy, but curiously enough not a single one is quite as small and narrow as the two from which the variety was described; the series, however, shows a perfect gradation from the variety to the type form. One specimen of *Seydmenus* remains unidentified, and appears to be different from any on the British list.

On critically examining our captures, we find that we have added as many as 201 species to the list already published (ibid., xvii, p. 1). This brings the total up to 462, a surprising number for a small island of just over one thousand acres. Considering the number of species of which only single specimens occurred, and that there are 43 of Wollaston's and Smith's captures which we have not confirmed, it is fairly safe to assume that there are still a good many unrecorded species inhabiting the island.

The following is a list of beetles new to Lundy, and we have thought it convenient to mark those of special interest with a +.

Megacranus analis, Pk.; Mycelopus lepidus, Gr.; ♦ Heterothops previa, Er.,
H. dissimilis, Gr.; Quadus mesoleucus, Marsh.; Q. fuliginosus, Gr., Q. mole-
chius, Gr., Q. mauroratus, Gr., Q. attenuatus, Gyll.; Leistatrophus muriatus, L.;
Staphylinus erythropterus, L.; Philonthus splendidus, F., P. laniatus, Creutz.,
P. fimetarius, Gr. ♦ P. alichi, Gr., ♦ P. vernalis, Gr., P. nigrita, Nordm., P. nicolaus,
Gr.; Actobius cincrasus, Gr.; Xanthornus punctulatus, Pk., X. longiretreatis,
Heer; Othius fulipennis, F., O. melanopephalus, Gr.; Lathrohipnum elongatum, L.,
L. fulvipes, Gr., L. brunnipes, F.; Cryptobium glaberrimum, Hbst.; Stilicus
auffini, Er.; Medon brunneus, Er.; Sminus angustatus, Pk.; Poderus riparius, L.;
Eustethus scaber, Gr., E. ruficapillus, Lae.; ♦ Stenus gynemeneri, Duv., S. providis,
v. rogeri, Kr., S. buphthalmus, Gr., S. brunnipes, Steph., S. flavipes, Steph.,
S. nitidiusculus, Steph., S. pagenus, Er.; Oxytelus ruzens, F.; Tragophilus
elongatus, Er.; Lestota punctata, Er.; Philorimius sordidum, Steph.; Homalium
laevinseculum, Gyll., H. coicaudum, Marsh.; Proteius ovalis, Steph.; Megarthus
affinis, Müh., M. depes, Pk.; Philohipnum clupeatum, Müh.; Calypтомerus
dubius, Marsh.; Clatnus armadillo, De G.; ♦ Agathidium levigatum, Er.; ♦ Silpha
opaca, L., S. rugosa, L., S atrata, L.; Choleca agilis, Ill., C. fusca, Pz., C nigrita,
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tellarus, Müh., S. sp. ♦?; Pselaphus heisei, Hbst.; Tychus niger, Pk.; Bythinus
puncticollis, Den., B. balbiäfer, Reich.; Bryaxis juncoorum, Leach.; ♦ Eurectes
ambiguus, Reich.; Trichopteryx grandicollis, Mann., T. fascicularis, Hbst.; Pteni-
dium evanescens, Marsh.; Orthoperus atomus, Gyll.; Corydophus cassioides;
Marsh.; Olibrus particeps, Muls.; Stilbus testaceus, Pz.; Coccinella hieroglyphica,
L.; Coccinella rufa, Hbst.; Hister binaculatus, L.; Nitidula bipustulata, L.,
N. rufipes, L.; Onoeta discoides, F.; Meligethes vaneus, F.; Monotoma brevicollis,
Aub.; Cartodere ruficollis, Marsh.; Corticaria denticulata, Gyll., C. fulva, Com.,
Cryptophagus saginatus, Stm., C. cellaris, Scop., C. bicolor, Stm.; Atomaria
fuscata, Sch., A. rupecornis, Marsh.; Typheta famata, L.; Cytilus varius, F.;
Simplocaria semistriata, F.; Aphodius fimetarius, L., A. pusillus, Hbst.,
A. punctatosulcatus, Stm., A. laevus, L., and var. nigripes, F., A. depressus, Kug.;
Geotrupes mutator, Marsh.; ♦ Cardiophorus erichsoni, Buyss.; Athous hemorrhoi-
dalis, F.; Agriotes obscurus, L., A. pallidinatus, Ill.; Necrobia violacea, L.; Ptilus
fur, L.; Phytolepta olivaceae, Först.; Phodont cochlearie, F.; Lochnera saturalis,
Th.; Longitarus holstae, L., L. atricollis, L., L. membranaceus, Foudr.,
♦ L. gracilis, v. poweri, All.; Pseudapides cuprea, Koch.; ♦ Crypticus quisquillus,
L.; Opatrum sabulosum, L.; Apion immune, Kirh., A. lobi, Kirh.; Otiorrhynchus
scabrosus, Marsh., O. picipes, F., O. maeororum, Bris.; Trachyphillus scaber, L.;
♦ T. larocollis, Boh.; CAMopsis watsoni, Boh.; Sciapalus muriatus, F.; ♦ Sitones
cambricus, Steph., S. regensteinei, Hbst., ♦ S. lineolatus, Gyll., S. tibialis, Hbst.,
S. saturalis, Steph.; Hypopha variabilis, Hbst., H. trilineata, Marsh.; Liosoma
ovatulum, Clair.; Flagoria limosus, Gyll.; ♦ Gymnetron beccabunga, L.; Cionus
pulchellus, Hbst.; Acalles plinioides, Marsh., A. turatus, Boh.; Centturhynchus
pollinarius, Först.; Rhinoncus pericarpinus, L.; ♦ Pentarthrum huttoni, Woll.;
Caulotrype seneopiceus, Boh.; ♦ Hystanthus obscurus, Marsh.

January, 1907.
APHODIUS STURMI, Harold, NOT A BRITISH INSECT.

BY THE REV. W. W. FOWLER, D.Sc., M.A., V.P.L.S.

In the Entomologists' Record, xv, p. 92, Mr. Frank Bouskell records a specimen of an Aphodius taken near Plymouth by Mr. J. H. Keys, as A. sturmi, Harold, and says that Herr Reitter had confirmed its determination. Mr. Keys has kindly sent me the specimen for examination, and it is nothing, I feel sure, but a very small and somewhat immature example of A. nitidulus, F.; I have one in my own collection which is only a little larger. It is certainly not A. sturmi, which is narrower, more compact and parallel-sided and subcylindrical, and differs in punctuation, in the denticulation of the anterior tibiae and in the spurs at the apex of the intermediate tibiae. In all these respects Mr. Key's insect agrees with A. nitidulus, except that the punctuation of the thorax is rather more remote; in A. sturmi, however, it is closer than in typical A. nitidulus. A. sturmi, therefore, cannot claim a place in the British list.

I think that all Coleopterists interested in the British fauna will agree, firstly, that no species should be introduced on a single specimen, except under exceptional circumstances, and never in the case of closely allied species, where any doubt can possibly exist; and, secondly, that the determination of continental authorities should not be accepted as absolutely final, without being verified, as is too often the case.

While writing on this subject I should like to point out that Lathrobiurn laeipenne, Heer, has quite recently been introduced on a single female specimen, which has been confirmed by Herr Ganglbauer; the male characters of the species are very peculiar, and had it been a male, there might have been no need, perhaps, to wait for further captures, but any Coleopterist might be deceived by a single female specimen of the closely allied species of the first group of the genus Lathrobiurn, and, although the record may very likely be correct, still it would be well if it received further confirmation.

Earley Vicarage, Reading: January 14th, 1907.

[Since the above was written, I find that the male of Lathrobiurn laeipenne has been taken, and therefore the species is authenticated as British.

This does not, however, overthrow my point, that it was introduced as British on a single female specimen, and that we ought not to be so ready to take the ipse dixit of a single continental authority without verification; at any rate in the case of obscure and easily confused groups.]
PROGRESSIVE MELANISM:
FURTHER NOTES ON HASTULA HYERANA, MILL.

BY T. A. CHAPMAN, M.D., F.Z.S.

(Continued from Vol. XLII, p. 246).

PLATE I.

One of the interesting points that arise from my 1906 experience with Hastula hyerana concerns the larva. My observations on the larvae at Hyères in 1904 and in Sicily in 1905, went to show great differences in the larval economy in the two habitats. I correlated this with the very different habits of its food-plant at the two places. Therein, I believe, I was quite right. In 1906, however, I found that both the plant and the larva at Hyères were less markedly of the Hyères habit observed in 1904, and partook in some degree of the Sicilian peculiarities noted in 1905. It follows of course that I was wrong in supposing that the differences were racial as between the hyerana at Hyères and that in Sicily. The conclusion the 1906 facts point to is, that the larval habits are probably very nearly the same at both places, and are variable from year to year according to the luxuriance or otherwise of its food-plant.

It would seem that in 1904 I hit upon a year when the Asphodel grew very rankly at Hyères, and on precisely opposite conditions at Taormina in 1905. At Taormina the preceding winter had been unusually severe, there having been frost intense enough to grievously damage the lemon trees and in places to kill the Opuntias, so that, though I do not know what is the normal aspect of Asphodel at Taormina, its wretched condition in many places in 1905 may not have been an ordinary one, but due to the plants having made less growth than usual through the winter.

However this may be, the Asphodel was not so luxuriant at Hyères in 1906 as in 1904; large plants conspicuously damaged by the presence of ten to twenty larvae of H. hyerana were not seen, single larva were common, and three or four to a plant was a maximum rarely exceeded, and indeed infrequent.

When there was only one larva to a plant the effect was inconspicuous, although the presence of the larva was almost always evident on a careful look at the plant, and it was quite unnecessary to handle it. A majority of the plants flowered freely, and it was very common to find the solitary larva that the plant afforded burrowing in the flower-head, which consequently showed a good deal of deformity when sufficiently advanced.
In this respect the conditions of 1906 were much nearer than those of 1904 to those Millière describes; he found his larvae apparently altogether in the flowering stems.

These differences in the larval habits had one other very curious result. The parasites affecting the larvaæ in 1904 were confined to Xanthauldrus comtus. Of this fly I had more than a score against 56 imagines of H. hyerana. The Sicilian larvaæ produced Tachinid and Hymenopterous parasites and no X. comtus, though that fly existed there.

In 1906, instead of X. comtus being in number about one to three of the bred moths, only four or five larvaæ were met with, although several hundred moths were bred. The hyerana larvaæ were not sufficiently gregarious to attract, or if attracted to permit of the rearing of the fly. On the other hand several Tachinid flies emerged as well as two Hymenopterous parasites, all of common species of omnivorous habits.

That X. comtus could not thrive on more or less solitary larvaæ is obvious, but why should these be more readily found by Tachinids and Ichneumons? Possibly a plant capable of entertaining a number of larvaæ also enabled them to hide more deeply.

Without attaching much importance to, or expecting any serious result from, the procedure, it occurred to me to keep separate the larvaæ of H. hyerana collected from two localities at Hyères. These localities happen to be almost exactly three miles apart, and have between them in any moderately direct route a gap of at least a mile and a half absolutely without Asphodel. The result, however, was very remarkable, and is the first definite fact offering the possibility of a clue to the significance of melanism in the moth.

From the one locality the dark specimens were only 14 per cent. of the moths bred, in the other 48 per cent. There were a sufficient number of moths bred to make these figures thoroughly trustworthy. In the one case 169 moths with 23 dark specimens, and in the other 246 moths with 117 dark ones.

In the first set were five ab. marginula, in the second only one. If these be called dark ones, then the percentage would be 17 per cent. and 48 per cent. (in round figures).

The first locality with few dark specimens was "La Plage," the sea shore opposite Hyères; the second with many dark specimens was the "Maurettes," the low hills behind Hyères.

The interval separating the two localities, together with the
different constitution of the moths, suggests that there is some effective segregation of the two colonies from each other. By any direct route they are a mile and a half apart, by some long roundabout way they may be still further, but for all I know may be in more immediate relationship to each other. The picture I frame for myself of them is that the hill form desires to be entirely dark, the shore form to be entirely light, but that they are not separated from each other strictly enough to allow this tendency its full force, but the shore form affects that on the hills and keeps it more or less pale, whilst in return it affords material for producing the smaller proportion of dark forms that occur at La Plage. It is not, however, necessary to assume that the tendency at either place would, if undisturbed, produce a pure dark or light race. At the same time, I think the shore form left to itself would be light, but the hill form would not be entirely dark, not at any rate whilst the pale form is still probably entrenched in a vigorous heredity.

A tolerably coherent picture results from taking this view, in connection with my hypothesis of recent immigration, and combining therewith a careful analysis of Millière's report of how and where he found his larvae. The little detail given by Millière was passed over by me as a mere gossiping account of how he met with the larva; it may have been so meant by Millière himself. It is, however, very clear and lucid, and fits in admirably with the other facts to support the hypothesis of immigration. He says—

"In April, 1855, I pursued Entomology in the neighbourhood of Hyères. In exploring places near this town I was struck by the quantity of Asphodelus ramosus (= microcarpus) spread over all parts of the country, but chiefly on the stony hills when warmly exposed. This lily, whose appearance was a novelty to me, interested me in the most lively way. It exhibited tufts of leaves, long and slender and of a splendid green, from the middle of which rose a thin, branched stem, ending in a large spike of white and purple rayed flowers. Such was the Asphodel as I saw it under the beautiful skies of Provence, amongst a flora that seemed untouched by any winter. I suspected that some larvae ought to be found on this green, healthy and strong plant. I searched for many an hour without result."

This is the item which I think important. Having, though fifty years later approached the country round Hyères, in much the same spirit as did Millière himself, I entertain no doubt that the district in which he made this vain search was on the Maurettes, the low hills
behind the town; it is the nearest and most attractive ground, and one where the Asphodel would first attract attention. Here Millière could find no *H. hyerana*. I submit that the reason was that at that date it did not exist there. He proceeds:

"Yet, when I got to the top of a little hill lying between the town and the arm of the sea which separates the 'Iles d'Hyères' from the continent, I met, at a place called l'Ermitage, with a further large quantity of this elegant lily so pleasing to the sight. I quickly observed several stems pierced near their summits, &c."

As soon as he examined a locality where *hyerana* actually existed he found it at once. Knowing the ground and species as I do I cannot for a moment believe that Millière could have missed the insect on the Maurettes had it been there, and there is in my mind no doubt that the Maurettes was the district over which he failed to find it. It is difficult, indeed impossible, to suggest any other place where he could spend "the long hours" during which he says he searched in vain.

Now the Hermitage, better known now as Costebelle, is an outlier of the Plage (shore) area, and is separated from the Maurettes by nearly two miles.

My view is that *H. hyerana* had not very long before (10, 20, 30 years?) reached La Plage and was now well established there, but had not yet succeeded in crossing over to the Maurettes, which it did shortly after, either directly or by a route much longer, but possibly with shorter gaps, via Bormette and the Maures mountains. On reaching the Maurettes, or probably on reaching the Maures, if it came that way (it may, if so, have been on the way at Millière's date), melanism appeared, and was found so useful that it reached its present high percentage.

I am indebted to Mr. Raine and Mr. Powell for some detailed information about the distribution of Asphodel at Hyères, which extends my more limited knowledge, and entirely confirms the picture I had, on fewer data, formed of it.

I have made a rough map of the vicinity of Hyères, in order to show the relations to each other of the "La Plage" and "Les Maurettes" localities of *hyerana*, the position of Millière's locality "l'Ermitage," and their relation to the probable range of the insect at Hyères, which is very much the area of *Asphodelus microcarpus* there.
It shows A (upright lines) the supposed distribution of *H. hyerana* at Hyères; B (wide cross lines) the source of the "La Plage" specimens; C (close cross lines) the habitat of the "Les Maurettes" race. Except that I know that the insect occurs some miles further to the east, the facts represented by B and C are all that I can positively assert, but the blank portions of the map as uninhabitable by *H. hyerana*, except perchance by a stepping stone here and there, may be accepted as fairly trustworthy.

(To be continued).

NOTES ON THE *LEPIDOPTERA* OF AROSA AND THE SPLÜGEN AND SAN BERNARDINO PASSES.

BY A. H. JONES, F.E.S.

From what I can gather, Arosa, lying at an elevation of 5900 feet, has been little worked entomologically; from the evidence of a resident friend of mine that a butterfly net is seen on rare occasions, it may therefore be of interest to place on record the species of *Lepidoptera* I noticed during my stay between July 7th and 26th last. One great attraction to this district is the pine woods, intersected by various paths which lead up to the tree limit in one direction, and down to the river Plessur in another, giving an endless variety of localities to explore. The country somewhat reminds one of the Upper Engadine, from which, as the "crow flies," it is distant about 40 miles in a north-westerly direction. Arosa is reached from Coire by diligence and being a climb of 4000 ft. is a very tedious business and it is better to walk by the old road taking the diligence as far as Tschierschen, but to this route I will refer later.

Although the country is so truly beautiful, the mountains in the immediate vicinity are disappointing as the highest does not reach 10,000 feet; there are no glaciers and in the summer practically little snow, only here and there small patches on the mountain sides. Such was the appearance of Arosa when I reached it on July 8th, but in a few days how all was changed! Clouds for several days had been sweeping up and down the valley, the temperature fell on July 12th, and for two days the snow fell intermittently, covering the mountains, trees, and meadows, presenting the appearance of the depth of winter; although the snow lay six inches deep in the meadows, it had all disappeared in two days under the influence of the warm
sun: butterflies were then disporting themselves as usual and Arosa was again as I found it on my arrival.

The locality does not appear to be so rich in species as the Upper Engadine. *Erebius* were not plentiful and I saw but one specimen of *Parnassius*, probably *delius*. *Pieris napi*, var. *bryoniae*, was extremely numerous in one spot near the river Plessur where its food-plant, *Biscutella laevigata*, grew in great abundance; another butterfly, *Lycaena minima*, was to be seen in hundreds together, resting on the muddy roads. I have seen *L. argus* and *corydon* in countless numbers in the Alps under similar conditions but never *minima*.

On July 18th, a cloudless day, I walked over the Furkahöhe Pass (8020 ft.) to Davos Platz, which is 1000 ft. lower than Arosa. At the top of the Pass a dark form of *Erebia glacialis* was not uncommon flying over the screes and some of the specimens were distinctly v. *pluto*. The following day I returned by way of the Strela Pass (7800 ft.) and Langwies, but did not meet with anything of particular interest.

I returned to Coire by the old road already referred to. On reaching Tschertsetchen *Erebia* suddenly became very abundant and that local species *ama* was in great numbers, but I dared not linger, as storm-clouds were gathering in every direction and I reached the inn only just in time for shelter.

On July 28th I left Coire for Splügen, by way of Thusis. Having the day before me I collected along the Via Mala. Butterflies, such as *Argynnis paphia* and other species met with at a low elevation, were extremely numerous. At Splügen I stopped at the Bodenhaus and Post, a most comfortable hotel for a prolonged stay. Just beyond the village the road bifurcates—to the left over the Splügen Pass, and to the right over the San Bernardino Pass—I made excursions to the top of both passes, but did not meet with any particular species. The best collecting ground, during my short stay, I found to be on the Splügen Pass, just beyond the first tunnel. Here *Erebia eriphyle* was fairly common, and *Parnassus delius* in considerable numbers. I also took a specimen of *Plusia bractea* flying in the sunshine. I left Splügen on August 4th.

The following is a list of the *Lepidoptera* met with; I am indebted to Mr. Louis B. Prout for kindly naming the more obscure species.

On one or two nights at Arosa the electric light proved very
attractive, but the lamps being suspended out of reach of the net only a small portion of the specimens seen were captured.

Papilio machaon.—Arosa, occasional specimens.

Parnassius apollo.—Sufers, 4673 ft., near Splügen, common; delius, Splügen Pass, common.

Pieris brassicae.—Arosa; napi, ab. bryoniae.—This species was extremely common at one spot near the river Plessur. At first I could not account for its abundance, having hitherto only taken a few specimens in a day, but the mystery was solved by finding that the ground was carpeted with the plant Biscutella laevigata, upon which I detected the females depositing their ova. I collected about 100, which I forwarded to my friend, Mr. Charles Fenn, in England, and he has successfully obtained about 30 pupae. He states that the larvae fed freely on "Garden Rocket." The rapidity with which the larvae fed up seemed to be amazing, for they were all in pupae by the beginning of August. I may mention that no imagines have appeared this autumn.

Euchloë cardamines, occasionally, Arosa, July 8th to 15th.

Leptidia sinapis, occasionally, Arosa.

Colias palaeno, scarce, San Bernardino Pass; philomone, rather common, Splügen.

Gonepteryx rhamni, occasionally, Arosa and Splügen.

Limenitis sibylla, Via Mala.

Pyrameis cardui, very worn, Splügen, August 2nd.

Vanessa polychloros, one specimen, Arosa, 5500 ft.; io, urticae, fairly common, Arosa.

Melitaea parthenica, athalia, and dictyna (dark specimens), not uncommon, Arosa.

Argynnis selea, euphrosyne, a few, Arosa; pales, Splügen Pass, common, August 1st; ab. napa, several fine examples; thore, Arosa: a very beautiful series, including three females; this butterfly was very local, only occurring at one spot on the "Waldweg!" I was very anxious to find the food-plant of the larva, and I watched the females for some time, but failed to detect them depositing ova; amathasia, Arosa and Splügen, fairly common; lathonia, Sufers, Splügen, a few, August 3rd; paphia, very abundant, Via Mala; I took two ab. valezina: these differ from the New Forest specimens in that the ground colour is slightly lighter; aglaia, niobe, and adippe, fairly common, Splügen.

Melanargia galathea.—I took a very beautiful variety of the ♀, the markings on the under-side of the hind-wing being very pronounced and spreading over the wings.

Erebia epiphron, melampus, Arosa, a few; eriphyle, one or two at Arosa, fairly common on the Splügen Pass, mostly females; pharte, Splügen, not common; ome, very abundant, but local, Tschieritschen, 4430 ft., July 26th; stygna, Arosa, not very common; glacialis and ab. pluto, Furkahöhe, 8020 ft., Arosa, July 18th, not uncommon; gorge, Splügen Pass; athlops, Via Mala; euryale, Arosa, a few, but on the Splügen Pass they were simply in hundreds, arising in clouds from the muddy places in the road; ligea, Via Mala, common; lappona, common on the lower slopes of the Furkahöhe; tyndarus, Strela Pass, a few.
Pararge hiera, two fine; ucaea, occasionally, Arosa.

Coneymphpha pamphilus, Sufers, August 3rd; arcania, v. satyrion, Arosa.

Chrysophanus virgarae, Splügen; hippathoë, v. eurybia, San Bernardino Pass; dorillls, v. subalpina, Splügen.

Lycaena phoreres, Strela Pass, July 19th; astrarche, ab. allous, esos, icarus, Arosa; hyllas, Splügen; eurybion, Sufers; cumeodon, semiargus, fairly common; minima, very abundant, Arosa; orion, a very small form, Arosa, not common.

Hesperia aleveus, Arosa scarce.

Stilpnotia salisilia, Esp., electric light, Arosa.

Archoneta euphorbic, Hb., and myrice, Gu., several, electric light, Arosa.

Agrotis exclamationsis, Esp., electric light, Arosa.

Plusia bracteae, Hb., flying in the sunshine, Splügen Pass; this is the second time I have taken the species flying in the daytime; pulchrella (v. ancreum, Gu.), electric light, Arosa.

Cymatina nana (conspersa, S.V.), electric light, Arosa.

Miana strigilis, Esp., electric light, Arosa.

Dianthaeia nova, electric light, Arosa.

Gnophos ivyrtillata, Thnbg., rather common, Arosa; cselibraria, H.-S., Arosa.

Selenia lilianaria, Esp., electric light, Arosa.

Ematurga atomaria, L., a few, Arosa.

Diacrisia sansio (russula, Hb.), several, electric light, Arosa.

Hepialus humuli, L., Arosa.

Endrosis secrankiana, Hochenw., Arosa.

Pyrausta uliginosalis, Steph., Arosa.

Shrublands, Eltham:

November 19th, 1906.
ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF HYMENOPTERA-ACULEATA
OCcurring IN THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY.

By W. A. Luff, F.E.S.

In this Magazine for June and July, 1902, and October, 1903, Mr. Edward Saunders published a complete list of the Hymenoptera-Aculeata then known to occur in the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney. During the present year Mr. E. D. Marquand has devoted a great deal of time and energy to collecting the Guernsey species. The specimens captured have been submitted to Mr. E. Saunders for examination and naming, the result being that 26 species are additions to the list. The most interesting of these are Diodontus friehei, Kohl, a non-British species, which had, however, been previously taken in Jersey by Mr. Saunders, a species of Halictus of the subauratus group, but worn and difficult to determine for certain, and Coelioxys afra, Lep., which Mr. Saunders informs me is quite a southern species, common in Algeria, Spain, &c. In Guernsey they were flying in company with Megachile argentata, Fab.

The following are the additions to the Guernsey list:—


The following species taken by myself in Sark have not been recorded from any of the other Islands:—

Brock Road, Guernsey; November, 1906.

NOTE ON THE ABOVE.

The occurrence of Diodontus friesei, Kohl, in the Channel Islands is of great interest. I took a few in Jersey, but did not record it, as at the time I thought it was only minutus; the ♂ may be easily known from that species by the form of the intermediate metatarsi—in minutus these are much produced and widened towards the apex, in friesei they are bent but hardly widened; like minutus it has the mandibles yellow. Hitherto friesei has only been recorded as a South European and Mediterranean species.

The capture of Coelioxys afra is I think still more interesting. In this country I have sought in vain for any of the small red tailed Coelioxys associating with Megachile argenata. I was much pleased to find Coelioxys brevis with M. argenata in Jersey, and now C. afra turns up with it in Guernsey.

It is curious that in each island Megachile argenata should have a different species to associate with it; possibly, however, both of them may yet be found in the two islands. These little species belong to a group of which we have no exponents in Britain, and which is peculiar in having the white bands of the abdomen formed of scale-like hairs. They are both common in South Europe; C. brevis has occurred in Central Europe, but I have always looked upon C. afra as quite a southern form.—E. Saunders.

Halictus brevicornis, Schrank,
AN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF BRITISH HYMENOPTERA.

BY EDWARD SAUNDERS, F.R.S.

I met with both sexes of this insect some years ago somewhat plentifully in Jersey, and since then have kept a careful look out for brevicornis in this country. It was not, however, till last summer, when collecting at Southbourne, near Christchurch, Hants, that I succeeded in meeting with the species. On the wing it so closely resembles villosulus, K., in the ♂ sex (the only one I was able to get) that it might be very easily passed over, and I feel sure that had I not made it a rule, since my visit to Jersey, to examine suspected villosulus pretty carefully before rejecting it, I should have failed to recognise brevicornis.

The chief distinguishing character of the ♂ which appeals to one is the greyer
look of the insect. Further examination shows several other characters, but these are not recognisable in the net. In the first place the hairs of the thorax are paler than in villosulus and rather more abundant, and the punctuation is finer. The wings are unusually pellucid, and their nervures, especially the stigma, are very pale; the propodeum is rather longer and more rounded posteriorly, and its sculpture rather finer; the posterior margins of the abdominal segments are pale, and the abdomen is clothed at the sides and on the apical segments with greyish-white hairs; the whole insect appears to be less densely black than villosulus. The ♂ is quite distinct from villosulus, resembling more closely that of breviceps; it is, however, generally a trifle larger, its face is rather longer, and the joints of the flagellum are wider than long. The wings are pellucid and pale-veined as in the ♂.

Eight ♂ obtained after many hours’ collecting along the coast between Southbourne and Hengistbury Head on Hypochaeris radicata amongst numbers of villosulus, July, 1906. During the last few days, I have seen two or three females, sent to me by Major Nurse of Bury St. Edmund’s, taken at Eastbourne in August, 1906.

St. Ann’s, Woking:
January 5th, 1907.

A NEW BRITISH FLEA.

BY THE HON. N. CHARLES ROTHSCHILD, M.A., F.L.S.

Typhlopsylla isacanthus, sp. nov.

Allied to Typhlopsylla pentacanthus, but differs in the following characters:

The fifth genal spine, instead of being short and broad as in T. pentacanthus, is the same shape as the others, being about equal in length to the second. This fifth spine in isacanthus is not placed so far dorsally as it is in pentacanthus. The frontal notch of the head is more developed in the present species. In T. isacanthus the
caanthus; while the single long bristle situated on the side of the frontal portion of the head is nearer to the genal spines, and the pronotal comb consists of twenty-two teeth instead of fourteen, the most ventral spines being small in both species.

Only the ♀ of this species is known. A single specimen was taken from a Bank Vole (*Hypuidea glareolus*) at Lyndhurst in the New Forest by Mr. F. J. Cox, in December, 1906. Some years since another example (also a ♀) was taken from the same host by Mr. George Tate at Lyndhurst, but was unfortunately destroyed before it had been described.


*Meloe rugosus at Broadstairs and Margate.*—I have again met with this species both in spring and autumn—on the former occasion in a cutting in the cliff near Margate, in company with *M. cecatricornis*, and on the latter in the old locality on the road between Broadstairs and St. Peter's. I suppose there can be no doubt that it hibernates, as a rule, probably, without leaving the burrow of the bee in which it has passed the earlier stages of its existence.—Theodore Wood, The Vicarage, Lyford Road, Wandsworth Common: October 22nd, 1906.

*Scoparia dubitalis a moss or a root feeder?*—Until comparatively recently all the larva of this genus were supposed to feed on moss or lichens only, but thanks to Dr. Wood (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxv, p. 126) we now know that one of them (*cembra*) is entirely a root feeder. Little or nothing seems to be known about the larva of *dubitalis*, common as the imago is in many places. Mr. Bankes, to whom I recently wrote for information, tells me that he knows practically nothing of the larva or its habits. Some years ago he confined ♀ ♀ in pots containing sorrel roots, moss, &c., but all to no purpose. It is true that Lecce (*' British Pyralides'*), quoting Hartmann, says the larva feeds on moss and lichen growing on tree trunks in March and April, and Meyrick (*'Handbook,'* p. 423), says “larva on mosses, iii, iv.” Many years ago Machin (Entom., viii, 81) records the breeding of a specimen of the var. *ingratella* from sorrel roots dug up in Folkestone Warren when searching for *Trichium chrysidiforme* larva, and he again alludes to it in Ent. Mo. Mag., xxvi, 22. This larva of course may have crept into the roots to spin up, as probably it would be full fed at that period of the year. Now for my own experiences. In November, 1884, wishing to breed some *Eptilema trigeminana*, I dug up some roots of *Senecio Jacobow* near Brentwood, shaking out all the earth and débris collected round the base of the stems (which I cut off just above the root stocks), and replanted them in fresh clean earth in flower pots; the *trigeminana* duly appeared in June, 1885, and on the 14th of the same month two *dubitalis* (followed by another the next day) appeared! I am quite sure there was no moss for their larva to feed upon, and if moss feeders, it seems unlikely that they would have been full fed in November, knowing that the larva of those species which are known to us are not full fed until the spring; so, coupling Machin's experience with my own, it seems
quite feasible that it may be, like its relative *cembræ*, a root feeder. The image is usually much more common in rough open fields than in woods, and as Mr. Bankes suggests, the larva may perhaps feed on the ground mosses which usually grow in such places, just as I strongly suspect the larva of *palilda* does in its boggy haunts, but I have never been able to find it. If any reader could give me any information about the larva of either or both the above-named species I should be very grateful.

—A. THURNALL, Thornton Heath: January 10th, 1907.

*Psychodidae in Dumbartonshire in 1906.—*When the West of Scotland list of *Diplura* (B. A. Handbook) was published in 1901 there were only two species of *Psychodidae* included. As I was aware of the fact that there must be many more species in the district than these two, I resolved to do something towards obtaining a better idea of the number of species occurring at least in this locality during the past summer, and, thanks to the kindness of the Rev. A. E. Eaton in identifying my specimens, it is now possible to extend the list to twenty-one species, one of which is not included in the following list as it has not yet been described, although already known to Mr. Eaton. The species marked with an asterisk are those not included in previous list:—Pericoma *exquisita*, Etn., very common in many different places, but more especially in Murroch Glen; *P. fullax*, Etn., not uncommon; *P. blandula*, Etn., scarce; *P. mutua*, Etn., not uncommon on tree trunks at Bonhill; *P. cognata*, Etn., one specimen, Bonhill; *P. trivialis*, Etn., not uncommon, Bonhill; *Ulozygia fuliginosa*, Mg., common throughout the district; Pericoma *neglecta*, Etn., scarce, Bonhill; *Clytoerus* *ocellaris*, Mg., very common everywhere; *Pericoma* *trifasciata*, Mg., very common in one or two spots at Bonhill; *P. auriculata*, Curt., very common throughout the district; *P. notabilis*, Etn., fairly common in many marshy parts of the district; *P. caliginosa*, Etn., common in one part of Murroch Glen; *P. morulus*, Etn., two specimens, Bonhill; *P. sulcata*, Hal., common where it occurs, Bonhill; *P. adrena*, Etn., two specimens, Bonhill; *P. palustris*, Mg., common, Bonhill; *Psychoda* *phaeleoides*, L., common everywhere and all year round; *P. albiennis*, Zett., common; *Trichoziga* *arbica*, Curt., three specimens at Strathleven. The undescribed form is also common at Bonhill. As the species here enumerated are the result of only occasional collecting of the group, owing to the fact that each specimen requires a tube to itself, unless the tube is very large, to prevent the specimens destroying themselves, I believe that the list might easily be much enlarged by careful work.—J. R. MALLOCH, Bonhill, Dumbartonshire, N.B.: January, 1907.

**Societies.**

LANCASTHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on 17th inst., Mr. RICHARD WILDING, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Lieut. the Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman, R.N., of Salop, was elected a Member of the Society.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President,

After the formal business of the Meeting, the retiring Vice-President, Prof. T. Hudson Beare, B.Sc., F.E.S., of Edinburgh, communicated his address to the Society. The Professor, after detailing the chief scientific achievements of Entomologists during 1906, made a number of interesting and valuable suggestions for individual as well as collective furtherance of our studies, and instanced the remarkable work accomplished by such diligent investigators as Dr. Joy and Mr. H. St. J. K. Donisthorpe and others among the rarer or least known Coleoptera occurring in Great Britain. A vote of thanks to the author was proposed by Mr. Wilding, and seconded by Mr. E. J. B. Sopp, F.R.Met.S., and it was resolved to print the paper in the Society's proceedings.

The following exhibits were made by the Members:—Dr. Cotton, a long series of C. typhou, var. rothliebii, from Witherslack, a series of Lyceuma astrarche, var. salmacis, from N. Lancashire, and a series of Noetna glareosa from Delamere. By M. R. Sweeting, a number of Cynthia cardui from Eastbourne, a specimen of Deilephila livornica taken at light in Knowsley Park last June, Macaria liturata and its var. nigrofusata from Delamere, and Lyceuma iearus and L. corydon from Eastbourne. Mr. F. N. Pierce, F.E.S., a box of Lepidoptera from India. Mr. J. J. Richardson brought moths collected in the neighbourhood of Bidston, Cheshire, at ivy bloom:—A series of Himera penware, Cerastis vaccinii, Luperina testacea, the last from Wallasey, and Hyheenia defoliaria from Selton Park, Liverpool. Mr. W. Mansbridge showed Carpocapsa nimhama and Seiaphila communana from the London district, received from Mr. A. Thurnall of Croydon.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed the Society to be in a satisfactory position.—H. R. Sweeting and Wm. Mansbridge, Hon. Secs.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, December 13th, 1906.—Mr. Hugh Main, B.Sc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Messrs. Harrison and Main exhibited (1) series of Anticlea rubidata from N. Cornwall and from Devon, the former less red and generally greyer; and (2) a breed series of Chesias spartiata. Mr. Goulton, photographs of larvae in their feeding and resting positions. Mr. Garrett, series of Eucharid cardamines, Agriades corydon, Urbicola comma, Tryphonon simbria, and Limenitis sibylla, the last named from Arundel. Mr. Kaye, a number of Syntomid moths from British Guiana, which showed strong constriction, or colour simulating constriction, in the basal segments of the abdomen, thus much resembling species of Hymenoptera, of which many were also exhibited. Messrs. Rayward and Tonge, oria of Bithys (Thecla) querula in situ below the winter buds of oak; they were from Rammore Common. Mr.
Turner pointed out interesting cases of Coleophora latipennella on the same buds, all extremely small. Mr. Sich, specimens of Tinea pallescentella, and gave notes on its occurrence, exhibiting Gelechia pinguisella and Borkhausenia pseudospiretella, which much resemble it in general appearance. Mr. Newman, (1) a long bred series of Laphygma exigua with captured specimens for comparison, and a living Stauropus fagi, which emerged on December 9th. Mr. Jennings, a series of Oitarrhynchus blandus from the Isle of Man. Mr. Carpenter, (1) a Pieris brassicae, with the discal spot connected with the apical patch; (2) a bred series of Melitta athalia; and (3) a series of Plusia moneta bred from larvae found in his own garden.

Thursday, January 10th, 1907.—Mr. R. Adkin, F.E.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. John Alderson, of Balham; and Mr. B. Richard, of Rotherhithe, were elected members.

Messrs. Harrison and Main exhibited a long series of Cidaria maia, bred from New Forest ova, and showing much variation in tone and mottling. Mr. Newman, a large number of bred Notodonta chaoia, showing a good deal of variation in colour and banding. Mr. Dods, Lepidoptera from Africa, including Papilio demoleus, Deiopeia pulchella, Danais dorippus, &c. Mr. R. Adkin, a specimen of Epinephele janira, in which the usual tawny markings were of a straw colour and somewhat extended. Mr. Turner, a number of remarkable Hemiptera from S. America, including mimics of beetles, seeds, thorns, &c., and the interesting moth-like species, Parholoptera phalanoidea; he also showed a Cenonympha pamphilus from Chipstead, having pale patches on all four wings; and a series of Aglais urticae, showing restricted blue lunules in specimens from Engelberg and Lapland.

Reports of the various Field Meetings of the Society held during 1906 were read.

Mr. Adkin read a paper, entitled, "Further Notes on the Occurrence of Tortrix pronubana in England."—Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Secretary.

TEN YEARS' WORK AMONG VERTEBRATE CARRION.

BY CLAUDE MORLEY, F.E.S.

There is by no means a fixed idea in the minds of most British Coleopterists as to what may be regarded as a "carrion beetle," though the average Collector would say that the number was a very large one, including perhaps half the Brachelytra, a hundred species of Clavicornia, as well as such genera as Trox and Necrobia in the bones and some Teredilia upon the fur and feathers. This, at least, was my own conception till, looking through my diaries, I was astonished to find that, in the course of slightly over ten years' assiduous collecting (in winter, which is almost the best time for carrion beetles, as well as in summer), I had taken hardly more than a hundred species altogether. In this total is included everything
found among carrion, even to three Geodephaga, a pine-feeding Rhizophagus, some Cryptophagi and an Atomaria, whose presence in such a pabulum is surely accidental.

The actual figures are 113 species of Coleoptera, and these may be divided into four classes:— (1) Those who are simply sheltering beneath carrion, or have possibly been attracted to it in order to prey upon carrion-feeders—as the last mentioned kinds; (2) Those which will devour any decaying animal—and in some cases, as in Coreyon and Phalaenus, vegetable—matter; (3) Those occasionally found in this situation, though much more frequently in some others; and (4) The genuine burying-beetles and scavengers, whose eggs are protected by and larvae subsist upon decaying vertebrate animals.

1.—In the first class I place Calathus fusces, Bombidium obtusum and Cymindis axillaris, all of which have occurred to me in April, February and July respectively, beneath a crow, a rabbit and a gull; Chilopora longitarsis I have seen approaching a mole, though I have never taken it in carrion; three Quedii, impressus, fuliginosus and mesomelius, have each occurred to me once in a crow in March and April (the first-named also in pigeon in May and rabbit in September), but I incline to think, on account of their usually subterranean habits, that their presence was accidental, especially as Q. impressus is often abundant in sheep's dung. Trogophillus rivularis was certainly once found on a dog in April, but the latter was lying in a very swampy place, and the specimen was probably but a casual wanderer. Perhaps Rhizophagus depressus should be classed with the fur-and-feather species, but since this—seven specimens—were but once found (on a hung-up jay in April) in a fir wood where they are common in their natural habitat, they more probably belong here. Single specimens of Mononota pictipes in rook in May, Atomaria ruficornis in horse's skin in June, Rhinosimus planirostris in a "bird" in June, Cryptophagus dentatus in mouse in May, and C. tycoperdi (so named by Newbery) in crow in April—all these are certainly accidental, unless the first should prove to be a "bone species."

2.—The second class embraces sixteen of my species, and to it may certainly be referred the three Coreyons, analis, littoralis and unipunctatus, all found in a dog on the beach of a salt-water river in the middle of April; the second species was in hundreds and was also found in the same situation during the following March; the last was also taken on a cow's head in a ditch at Lyndhurst in August. On the same dog was Catus xantholoma, which appears pretty omnivorous if the food be but flavoured with sufficient salinity. Platystethus arenavarius in the cow's head at Lyndhurst, Oxytetes inustus in a pigeon in May, O. rugosus and O. sculpturus in dogs in April, have each only occurred upon one occasion; O. sculptus has twice turned up in rats in the middle of April, 1895 and 1904; and O. tetra-carinatus twice, in a crow and a pigeon in March and May. Lathrinomus and Homalium are found in such a variety of situations that they cannot be claimed as true carrion feeders, although L. unicolor and H. rivulare have both occurred upon four occasions, the former always in birds (crows in March and April, pigeon in
May) and the latter upon rabbits in May and November, crow in March and stoat in May; I have twice met with both $L$. atrocephalum on rabbit in February and crow in March, and $H$. oxycephantus in dog in March and horse in June. $Proteinus ovalis$ is sometimes abundant in these situations, though even commoner on vegetable refuse; it has occurred upon eight occasions:—in crow, dog and mole in March, dog, crow, and rabbits in April, and pigeon in May. A drowned dog in a reedy ditch produced seven specimens of $Phalacrus caricis$ on April 16th, and two more on May 1st, 1895.

3.—I am not of opinion that any $Homalota$ is exclusively found in carrion; certainly all those I have noted, with the possible single exception of $H$. dieisa, which has occurred thrice in rabbit, horse and lamb in May and June, are more usually met with elsewhere; those noticed are $H$. aquatica in rabbit in May, $H$. atramentaria in rat in April and pigeon in May, $H$. succicola twice in crows in March and April, $H$. fungi once in rabbit in April, $H$. fungicola upon six occasions in crows in March and April and in rabbits and rock and stoat in May, $H$. guatina once in rook in May, $H$. marcia$ in rabbit in February, $H$. nigricornis in jay in April and stoat in May, $H$. orbata in pigeon in May, $H$. trionotata thrice in crow and jay in April and stoat in May, $H$. vestita on dog in April, $H$. vicina on crow in March, and $H$. xanthoptera on rabbit in April. I am not perfectly sure that the $Oxypoda$ were actually taken in carrion, though I am of opinion that I found $O$. lividipennis in a pigeon in May, $O$. opaca on a crow in April together with $O$. umbrata; I am, however, quite sure that I beat Microglossa pulla from a hung-up stoat in the middle of May, 1901. Another of the occasional species is $Tachius marginellus$ in a dog in March, probably because all sheep’s dung was too wet for its habitation. Very few species of $Philonthus$ appear to constantly occur in dead animals, those least often met with being $P$. ebeinus once in hedgehog early in May, $P$. succicola in partridge in the middle of August, and $P$. saquinolentus in rabbit in middle of May; twice only I have met with $P$. simetarius in pigeon and crow in April and May, $P$. politus in mole and rat in June and July, 1893, $P$. varius in hedgehog on May 4th and 8th, $P$. varius in dog in April and rabbit in September, and lastly $P$. umbratilis in crow in April and crow at Lyndhurst in August. The only other kinds I consider occasional are the coprophagous genera $Aphodius$ and $Onthophagus$, all of which (with the exception of $O$. fracticornis in dog in April and partridge in August) have occurred but once:—$O$. ovatus in rabbit in August, $A$. tristis in a cod’s head in June, $A$. erraticus in rabbit in April, 1803, and $A$. inquinatus in rat in March.

4.—Among the genuine carrion beetles a few of the genera are, I believe, (a) never carnivorous, but act as final dissolutes to the ancient carcase. Of these $Troe$ sabulosus has appeared twice in crow and rabbit in April, and $T$. scaber once in a rabbit (though often seen flying) in early June. $Necrobia rubipes$ has only once turned up, in a scare crow early in August, though $N$. violacea has been taken on seven occasions in April, May, June, July and September in sheep, cat, owl, crab, calf, and in the New Forest in unidentified bones. The species of $Dermostes$ demolish the skin, and $D$. marinus is probably the most common of all the beetles noted, having been observed upon no fewer than twenty-one occasions (of which thirteen were in April, four in May, two in August, and one each in March and
April and in Berks. on kestrel; *D. fuliginosus* is much rarer and only four times observed, in August and September, in crows and a calf. The *Nitidula* and *Onosita*, too, prefer the feast when the carcase has become desiccated, when *N. bipustulata* is always common from March to May, though found in no other month; on seventeen occasions in rats, moles, crows, hedgehog, pigeon, jay and in Berks. on kestrel; *N. bipustulata* is rarer and seems to affect the seashore where it has occurred in fish and a gull in July, as well as inland in pigeon in June and calf in September; *N. rufipes* has only occurred to me singly in dog, sheep, fish, calf and stoat in March, May, July and September, except early in June, 1902, when it was common in a horse-skin. Of the second genus, *Onosita color* is slightly the commoner species (with twelve appearances against nine) and is found from April to August in moles, rats, rabbit, dogs, rook, owl, fish, horse and at Eastbourne in sheep's head; *O. discoidea* appears to extend from April only to June, in mole, rabbit, dogs, crows, hedgehog and horse. *Pitius fur* is the only hair-eating species I have seen actually on carrion; one ♀ and four ♂ were beaten from suspended weasels at the end of March, 1891.

The foregoing enumeration leaves but thirty-seven species of (♂) genuine flesh-eating burying beetles captured in the course of ten years. One is inclined to regret there is no comparative list of the same creatures in the old days of fat, sleek wolves and unharassed foxes, who only gutted half they killed; even a note on the subject by Mouffet in 1634 might have helped us to some comparative estimate of the destruction to these, our friends, wrought by remorseless civilization.

The seven kinds of *Aleochara* that have been found were certainly in their element in carrion, especially *A. fuscipes*, which was noted on sixteen occasions, usually in April and May, though it extends thence to September 28th; it occurred four times in rats, five in rabbits, thrice in moles, and once in sparrow-hawk, hedgehog, pigeon and fish. *A. lamaeina* put in but five appearances in March, thrice in April and in September, in rat, dog, rabbit and two crows; *A. nitida* has been slightly less common in crow in April, fish in July, "bird" in August and calf in September; while *A. suevicola* was thrice seen in owl in April, crow in August and rabbit in September. The three remaining species are much rarer both here and in other situations; one *A. bipustulata* was in a "bird" early in August; *A. lata* in hedgehog in May and rat in September; and *A. morion* once in a rook at the beginning of May. Some species of *Tachinus, Creophilus, Leistotrophus* and *Staphylion* must, I think, be regarded as true carrion feeders, though sometimes found in hotbeds, dung and decaying vegetable matter; at least *T. humeralis*, with three occurrences in rabbits, one in crow and one in pigeon in April and May, as well as *T. subterraneus* in mole, pigeon and two rabbits, should be placed here; the latter is found in February, April, June and September. *C. maxillosus* has six appearances, all in April and May, preferring larger animals, sheep and dog, though also sometimes in rats, rabbit and pigeon. *L. nurinus* was common in a foul at Brockenhurst in May, 1895; I have taken it from hedgehog in the same month. *S. stercorarius* has only occurred once, in a rabbit in the middle of September. Only three *Philonthi* are of frequent occurrence, and of these *P. sumus* has appeared a dozen times, *P. cephalotes* six and *P. marginatus* thrice; the first is abundant in March and April and twice in September, four times in rats, twice each
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in rabbit, dog, hedgehog, once in sheep and once in crow; the second species is abroad during the same months and in August, in cow, dog, rat, rabbit, pigeon and owl; the last kind is found in hedgehog, crow and pigeon in April, May and September.

Four kinds of Necrophorus have occurred in carrion, and it is still a mystery to me what N. respiñlo feeds upon; the commonest kind is N. humator with eight appearances, four in April and two each in August and September, in rabbits thrice, mole, weasel, sparrow-hawk, crow and pigeon, nearly always when suspended. N. mortuorum has also been noted eight times from April to September, in mole, rabbit, jay, sparrow-hawk, twice in pigeon and thrice in hedgehog, with no preference for the keeper’s trees. N. rupsator I have seen six times, but only from June 17th to September 23rd in rat, jay, sparrow-hawk, pigeon, gull and rabbit. N. vestigator is much more uncommon and has only occurred singly, four times in May, June and August in rat, mole, rabbit and “bird.” In Suffolk, Necrodes littoralis has not occurred since 1862; but I once took it abundantly in a foal of the New Forest ponies in May. None of the rare carrion Silpha have fallen to my lot; S. rugosa is our commonest species with nineteen appearances varying from March to September, four times in moles, four in rabbits, once in slow-worm, twice in rats, once each in sparrow-hawk, hedgehog, sheep, pigeon, fish and thrice in crows; S. sinuata and S. thoracica have been equally common with eleven appearances apiece; but as regards individuals the former is far more prevalent, in moles thrice, crow once, rabbits four times, hedgehog twice and fish once; S. thoracica has been found in rabbits twice, crows four times, mole once, sparrow-hawk once and hedgehog twice; both are commonest in April. Eight kinds of Cholera have been noted, though four of these, C. kirbyi in crow in April, C. fumata in pigeon in May, C. morio in dog in April and C. nigrita in rabbit in September, have only put in a single appearance; C. tristis, noted seventeen times, seems the commonest species, abounding in November, January and February (not noted in June or August), in eight rabbits, four crows, and single weasels, rats, pigeons, cats and “bird.” C. chrysomeloides is a good second, with thirteen appearances mainly in May, though a few were taken in November and February, in nine rabbits, two pigeons, a rat and a cat. C. grandicollis I have thrice seen, always in rabbits, in May and June and September. There are seven records of C. watsoni, in two rabbits, a rat, two pigeons, a crow and a “bird.” Equally common is Ptomaphagus sericeus, from March to May only, in three rabbits, a mole, two crows and on April 29th, 1895, investigating a dead earth worm.

The “mimic” beetles, Hister and Saprinus, are the last of the group; they are often seen abundantly, indeed, H. cadaverinus has put in thirteen appearances from April to August, in six rats, three rabbits, a hedgehog cat, sparrow-hawk and fish; the only other Hister noted (four times) is H. succicola, from April to June, in rabbit, mole, pigeon and crow. S. xenus was thrice common in rabbits and a cod’s head in May, June and August, and S. rugifrons once turned up in a hedgehog in the middle of May, though S. nitidulus is by far the most abundant of the genus, being always common, on four occasions in rabbits in May and September and once in a hedgehog.
Turning to the other Orders of insects, four kinds of Heteroptera have been secured:—Tropicoris rasipes on a suspended sparrow-hawk in the middle of August, Acanthosoma hemorrhoideale and A. interstitiaste in a crow’s head towards the end of April, and Derephysia foliacea in a rabbit early in August. Lepidoptera are represented by a single Tinea tapetzella, beaten from a suspended mole, whose fur perhaps it fancied, towards the end of September. The only Neuropteron is Cecilius pedicularius in plenty from a calf in the same month (cf. Ent. Mo. Mag., 1899, p. 273). Diptera are far less commonly noticed than the mass of their larvæ in the carrion will warrant; I have only taken one Borborus nitidus in a crow in March, a dead Hyetodesia sp. in dog in April, one Borborus pedestris in the skeleton of another in April; an undetermined species of Osciniis commonly on a dog in June, and two more of the same genus on a suspended jay in April; a pair of Blepharoptera ruficunda in cop. in a suspended jay in the middle of April and three others (all dead) in a suspended hawk during the same month, together with Themira patris, ?, and two small Ephrydridae. Of those flies whose larvæ so beneficially consume carrion, I have taken a single Calliphora erythrocephala and Hydrotexa irritans, ?, on a pigeon early in May; and once at Lyndhurst found a Psychoda swarming about a cow’s head in a ditch. Few Hymenoptera are found in carrion; the commonest is a Braconid, Alydia manducator, which is parasitic upon both the Dipterous and Coleopterous larvæ (cf. Marshall, Bracon. d’Europ., ii, 377); I first took it on a foal at Brockenhurst in May and subsequently on a rabbit in June, also on a horse’s shin bone and a cow’s head in the same month. An Ichneumonid, Fuctodes bicolor, which may be hyperparasitic on the last species (cf. Morley, Ichn. Brit., i, 291 et ii) was taken in a rabbit in September, 1895, in a cow’s head at Lyndhurst in August and in a mole in June; its cousin, A. gilvipes, was once found in a rabbit early in June, 1903. A second kind of Braconid (? Rhogas sp.) was taken in the same kind of animal at the end of September, 1899; and a third, Meteorus filator, in a rabbit in November. I have once or twice noticed wasps (Vespa vulgaris) attracted to fish, and upon one occasion took four specimens of some Proctotrypid from a rabbit early in November.

All the above insects were taken, unless otherwise stated, in Suffolk, and it would be interesting to put upon record similar experiences of collectors in other parts of the country; in fact, one’s own observations are far too meagre to form the basis of many facts, though it will, I think, be seen from the following table that the various classes into which I have divided the beetles are pretty evenly distributed, and the fourth of them by being bisected will show approximately the condition in which the carrion was found. Moreover it will be seen from what I have said that no beetle appears to have the least preference for any particular carrion, though the birds seem rather more attractive than the mammals (compare crow and rat in the table). It is necessary to add that I have paid not the least especial attention to the subject, though, like every collector, I never pass carrion without at least a casual investigation of its tenants.
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Monks' Soham House, Suffolk:

November 13th, 1906.
APION (EXAPION) KIESENWETTERI, Desbr., A BRITISH INSECT.

BY G. C. CHAMPION, F.Z.S.

A few months ago Mr. W. Holland, of Oxford, sent me for examination a single specimen of an Apion, taken by himself at Sandown, Isle of Wight, on August 4th, 1906, and suggested that it was probably a species new to the British list. As this insect agreed perfectly with two others from Chattenden, standing as A. fuscirostr, ♂, in my cabinet, I paid no further attention to the matter at the time. Subsequently, however, on seeing various others from the same Kentish locality, including both sexes, in Commander Walker's collection, I re-examined the whole of them, and soon found that they were perfectly distinct from A. fuscirostr. Herr J. Schilsky has now given me his opinion on the insect, and pronounces it to be A. kiesenwetteri, Desbr., a species new to our list and apparently rare on the continent, Bavaria and Hungary being the only recorded localities for it. [cf. Schilsky, in Küster's "Die Käfer Europas," xxxix, Heft 11 (1902)].

The following diagnosis of the species is taken from this work:

A. nigrum, opocum, supra grisco pubescens, pedore lateribus densius albo-pubescentem, pede elytron aequali, antenae postcebasi posttestaceis, his genibus, tibiis apice barisque nigris, capite valde transverso, crebre punctato, oculis magnis modice proniulatis, rostro subrecto, thoracis longitudine, basi fortiter dilatato-dentato, deinde cylindrico, tenui, nitido, antennis basi satis, apicem versus nigricantibus, thorace subtransverso, lateribus rotundato-ampliato, confertim profunde punctato, basi stria brevi insculpta, elytris ellipticis, striato-punctatis, interstiliis planis, subtiliter punctatis.—Long. 2'1—2'6 mm.

Mas.: oculis magnis, elytris subparallelis, tarsorum posticorum articulo 1° intus dentiforme produceto; funiculi articulis 3°—7° transversis.

Fem.: fronte latero, elytris ovaris, funiculi articulis 2°—5° hanc transversis, graciliobus.

A. kiesenwetteri is of about the same size and shape as A. semicillatum, except that the prothorax is more rounded at the sides, and the rostrum is more slender and dentate on each side near the base. Compared with A. fuscirostr (as noted, in part, by Desbrochers in his original description*), it is smaller and less elongate; the rostrum is shorter; the prothorax is rounded at the sides, and more transverse; the elytra are not compressed at the sides; the fine vestiture of the upper surface (soon abraded) is closer, more uniformly distributed, and wholly white, and condensed into a short oblong

patch at the base of the suture (the oblique streak running down from the shoulder being altogether absent), &c. From *A. genistae* it may be known by the stronger rostral tooth, the more dilated prothorax, &c. *A. monticola*, Schilsky (for specimens of which I am indebted to Herr J. Schilsky and Dr. J. Daniel), and *A. difficile*, Herbst, are still more closely related forms, but as they are not found in England, it is not necessary to call further attention to them.

The present species is not uncommon at Chattenden, Kent, on *Genista tinctoria*. It was first taken there by myself on September 15th, 1872, and by Mr. Walker in the following year. He found it in numbers at the same locality on July 7th, 1894.* Four members of the genus have previously been recorded as attached to the same plant, viz., *genistae, elongatum, flavofemoratum,* and *difficile* (cf. Schilsky, *op. cit.,* xliii, p. cii).

Horsell, Woking:

*February 18th, 1907.*

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**OXYPODA METATARSALIS, THOMS., AS A NEW BRITISH SPECIES.**

**BY THE REV. H. S. GORHAM, F.Z.S.**

While examining some siftings from a mole's nest at Mathon with Mr. Tomlin on January 21st last, I was struck by a few *Oxypoda* which had very much the appearance of *O. vittata*, but seemed rather fine examples if they were that species.

These are *O. metatarsalis*, Thomson (Skand. Col., ix, p. 247), an addition to the British List, unless they should prove to be identical with an example taken in Scotland by Dr. Sharp, and recorded by him as *O. longipes*. Considering the difference in locality and the peculiar habitat, this seems very doubtful.

*O. metatarsalis* is distinguished at once from both *O. vittata* and all the large species at the head of the genus by the structure of the tarsi, especially the hind tarsi. These in *O. metatarsalis* appear much longer than in the preceding species, owing to their second joint being not much shorter than the first; whereas in these species the first joint is three times longer than the second. Other differences exist: the antennae are longer and thinner, the legs are more infuscate (in *O. vittata* they are clear yellow), the abdomen is quite black, except

* Recorded in *Ent. Mo. Mag.,* xxx, p. 208, as *A. fasciostre.*
at the tip. The colour of the elytra is more sharply defined, the vitta not being so oblique and of a deeper yellow tint (at least it is so in the few examples I have yet taken).

The parish of Mathon, at any rate the part of it where the moles' nests occurred, lies just in Herefordshire near West Malvern. The moles' runs were very abundant there, and this insect occurred in company with *Heterothops nigra* (quadripunctula, Brit. Cat.), of which several were found.

Highcroft, Malvern:
February 6th, 1907.

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**DESCRIPTION OF A SPECIES OF LACCBIUS APPARENTLY NEW TO SCIENCE.**

BY THE REV. H. S. GORHAM, F.Z.S.

_Laccobius oblongus, n. sp._

_Oblongo-ovatus, niger; elytris testaceis, parum griseo-variegatis, confertim irregulariter striatis punctatis; capite prothoraceque crebre punctatis, hand alutaceis, hoc lateribus late testaceis; pedibus pallidis, basi, praesertim anteriorum, infuscatis._

Long., 4 mm.

Closely allied to _L. nigriceps_, Thomps., from which it appears to differ in being more oblong and a little less convex, and by the series of punctures on the elytra being less irregular. In _L. nigriceps_, Th., these series often run into a constellation of punctures and are lost as a row, whereas in _L. oblongus_ they usually maintain their integrity. The head is wholly black. Three or four specimens were captured by myself in Bottisham Fen, near Cambridge.

Dr. Joy, to whom I sent my specimens, informed me they were identical with the insect taken by him and Mr. Tomlin in Lundy Island, and which he has recorded as being the _sinuatus_ of Motschulsky (following continental authors). It is to be observed, however, that Dr. Joy does not allude to Dr. Sharp's determination of _L. sinuatus_, and of the other species of this genus, in his note in the Ent. Mo. Mag. for 1884, p. 85, in which Dr. Sharp remarks that the determination of _L. sinuatus_, Mots., as synonymous with _L. nigriceps_ of Thomson "is pretty certainly correct." For my own part I think the identification of either of these species with _sinuatus_, Mots., is problematical, and quite useless, as the characters of these nearly allied forms are not brought out by a reference to his description, which was probably drawn from a medley.

With regard to the _male_ characters, I admit I cannot quite follow
the distinction given by Ganglbauer; in my series (of over thirty specimens of all species) the dilatation of the front tarsi seems to me very slight, and confined to the first joint; and the "bristles" on the femora to be represented by a short golden pubescence, to be seen, though in a less degree, in what I take to be the female examples. The punctuation of the elytra appears to me to be the most easily seen character. I have lately, by Mr. G. Lewis' kind permission, studied the types of the Japanese species of this genus described by Dr. Sharp. They are of the L. minutus type, i. c., the punctures are strong, in distinct regular rows; there are none of the alutaceus type from that country. Indeed, L. minutus (auct.) seems to be the universally distributed form; the others to be more or less local in the Palaearctic region.

It is scarcely correct to say that the sinuatus of Motschulsky has long been identified with this species on "the continent," as the species itself has not long been discriminated. It must not be forgotten that Stephens (Ill., Mand. ii, 133) attempted to differentiate the species of Laccobius (Hydrobius) twenty years before Motschulsky, but relied too much on colour. Thomson, by his names, indicates the character he thought most striking or easily seized, as I have done for L. oblongus, but though the blackness of the head is a very true and usual character of L. nigriceps, it must not alone be depended upon. In examples I have there is a tendency to paleness on each side immediately in front of the eye, which in L. minutus (auct.) becomes a yellow line. The result appears to be that the punctuation of the upper surface combined with the form of the insect, and secondarily its colour, are the characters to be relied upon, if they are indeed to be distinguished as species (cf. Mulsant, Palp., p. 129, 1844; Thoms., Skand. Col., ii, 93; x, 310, 313; Sharp, Ent. Mo. Mag., xxi, p. 85).

Highcroft, Malvern:
February 10th, 1907.

ALGERIAN MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

BY THE RT. HON. LORD WALSINGHAM, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &c.

(Continued from page 10).

3539: 1.—SCYTHRIS MARIONELLA, sp. n.

Antennae minutely ciliate in the $\delta$, with moderate basal pecten; whitish ochreous at the base, glaucous beyond. Palpi pale ochreous; smooth, the terminal joint equal to the median; basal joint with projecting ochreous scales. Haustellum very long, scaled with ochreous at the base, naked, fuscous beyond. Head smooth,
bright pale ochreous. *Thorax* and tegulae cream-white. Forewings cream-white, a few glaucous scales before the apex; a small glaucous spot at the end of the long median cell and some glaucous scales in the outer half of the apical cilia; terminal cilia bright ochreous. *Exp. al. 25 mm.* Hindwings with a conspicuous elongate fenestrum below the base of the cell; shining, tawny grey, with paler tawny grey cilia. *Abdomen* ochreous, tawny grey at the base; underside pale ochreous. Legs whitish ochreous, the hind tarsi suffused with tawny grey.

**Type, ♂ (S8703).** Mus. Wlsm.

**Hab.: ALGERIA—El-Kantara, 10.V.1903. Unique.**

A single ♂ of this very distinct and conspicuous species taken at El-Kantara on May 10th by Mrs. Gwytherne-Williams, after whom I have named it in acknowledgment of the assistance she has frequently given me in entomological excursions. The species appears to be allied to *inertella, Z.*, but the absence of the distinct spots, and the differently coloured cilia at once distinguish it. It must be very similar to *monochreella*, Rgt., but this is a much smaller species (*Exp. al. 16 mm.*).

384: 1. —ERIGETHES, gn. n.

(ἐρίγεθες = very joyful).

**Type, ♂ ?; Erigethes strobilacei, Wlsm.**

*Antennae* (♂) shortly biciliate; basal joint with strong pecten. *Ocelli* absent. *Haustellum* long, scaled at the base. *Maxillary Palpi* short, porrect. *Labial Palpi* recurved, terminal joint not longer than median, smooth, acuminate, reaching about as high as the base of the antennae; median with a few rough scales beneath at its apex. *Head* clothed with long scales, ranging forward and covering the face. *Thorax* smooth. Forewings elongate, lanceolate, rather acute, the apex slightly bent down and subfuscate: *Neuration* 11 veins, 7 and 8 coincident, to costa; 6 and (7 + 8) stalked; rest separate, 3 subobsolete; 1 furcate at base. Hindwings narrower than the forewings, acutely lanceolate, apex slightly depressed: *Neuration* 8 veins, all separate; 5 about midway between 4 and 6, but slightly approximated basally to 4; at about half the length of the cell the radius bends up to the subcosta, becoming anastomosed with it for about half the remaining length of the cell, thence descending to the discoidal; media weak, furcate to 5 and 6 between which the discoidal is subobsolete. *Abdomen* moderate. Legs: hind tibiae slightly hairy above.

Allied to *Apostibes*, Wlsm., and *Scytheris*, Hb., but differing from both and from any genus of the *Tineina* with which I am acquainted in the anastomosis at about half the cell-length of the radius and subcosta of the hindwings, in which respect it shows a tendency to approach the type of neuration of the *Pyralidina*, although certainly not related to them. A somewhat analogous character is found in the ♂ of *Pammene*, Hb. (*Olethreutinae*).
3539: 1.—Erigethes strobilacei, sp. n.

*Antennae* yellowish white, annulate with pale olive-grey. *Palpi* whitish, shaded with olive-grey. *Head* whitish. *Thorax* dull yellowish white, mottled with pale olive-grey. *Forewings* yellowish white, speckled and mottled with olive-grey, becoming darker or more fuscous in certain spots; these are indistinctly separable from the profuse speckling which commences a little beyond the base, three are placed on the line of the fold at equal distances, the outer one being a little beyond the middle of the wing; there is also a small spot about the flexus, another beyond the end of the cell, and the speckling about the end of the termen is somewhat grouped, with intermediate pale spaces at and below the apex, it is also partly distributed through the pale whitish cinereous cilia. *Exp. al. 10—13 mm. Hindwings* very pale bronzy grey; cilia shining, pale bronzy cinereous. *Abdomen* olivaceous fuscous, anal tuft shining pale cinereous. *Legs* whitish, faintly banded with olive-grey.

*Type, ♀ (96499); ♂ (96500). Mus. Wlsn.*


The species is extremely abundant toward the latter end of March and in the beginning of April amongst Halocnemon strobilaceum, on which the larva feeds.

The larva was not described at the time, and having since failed to breed other specimens, I cannot be sure that larvae found abundantly in 1904 on the same plant belong truly to this species.

381: 2.—APOSTIBES, gu. n.

(*) *Apostibes* griseolineata, Wlsn.

*Type, ♀, Apostibes griseolineata, Wlsn.*

*Antennae* (♀) ♀ shortly biciliate; basal joint enlarged and thickly clothed, with a well-developed pecten. *Ocelli* absent. *Hautstallum* moderate, sealed. *Maxillary Palpi* short. *Labial Palpi* slender, smooth; terminal joint erect, shorter than median. *Head* and *Thorax* smooth. *Forewings* lanceolate, evenly tapering to an acute apex: *Neuration* 11 veins, 7 and 8 coincident, to costa; 6 and (7 + 8) stalked; the rest separate; 1 furcate at base. *Hindwings* (♀) evenly attenuated to a somewhat less produced apex than in the forewings: *Neuration* 8 veins, all separate; 5 straight, midway between 4 and 6; discoidal angulated inward to media between 5 and 6, nearly obsolete between 6 and 7. *Abdomen* smooth. *Legs*: hind tibiae hairy.

Allied to Scythris, Hb., but differing in the veins of the hindwings being all separate, thus agreeing with the Australian species which Meyrick refers to Scythris.

It is possible that Scythris may present such variation of neruration within the same species, but until this has been ascertained it
seems better to eliminate species that can be separated by structure rather than to extend the generic definition to include species which differ from the type. The genera belonging to the Elachistid group of the *Hyponomemtidae* are in a plastic condition, and one of the difficulties in appreciating what the variation really means is, that such descriptions as "4 and 5 sometimes stalked or coincident" (Meyr. HB. Br. Lp., 685) do not inform us whether this variation occurs in the same species, or whether different species included in the genus differ in these respects. If the former, the generic description must obviously be extended, if the latter, the variation is, if not actually generic, tending to become so. It is really important that the actual nature of such variation should be exactly indicated in each case.

3539: 2.—Apostibes griseolineata, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* bone-grey, the basal joint paler. *Palpi* bone-whitish. *Head and Thorax* bone-grey. *Forewings* pale bone-whitish, shading to bone-grey towards the dorsum, this colour cut longitudinally by slender pale bone lines following the nervation to the apex and termen; there is also a line along the middle of the cell, which, together with those coming from the base along its upper and lower margins, gives to the wing-surface an appearance of indistinct radiating and diverging lines running through a shady ground-colour which fades out along the costa; *cilia* bone-grey, with a slight brownish tinge. *Exp. al.* 14—17 mm. *Hindwings* rather rosy grey; *cilia* pale brownish cinereous. *Abdomen* bone-grey. *Legs* bone-whitish.

*Type,* ♂ (96485); ♀ (5832). Mus. Wlsm.


(To be continued).

THE GROUSE-FLY, *ORNITHOMYIA LAGOPODIS*, *sp. n.*

By D. Sharp, M.A., F.R.S.

I have always supposed that the grouse-fly was the same as the common bird-fly that one meets with occasionally in various parts of the country; but I have never till recently received specimens that I knew to come from the grouse. I was, therefore, very glad to take advantage of an offer made to us by Mrs. L. Duff Dunbar (by the intermediary of Dr. Jenkinson) to send us specimens from the grouse. On receiving a good series sent by her from Caithness, I was very much surprised to find them the same as a specimen I had myself
captured in Inverness-shire, and had considered to be a new species, and not *Ornithomyia avicularia*, the common bird-fly. Very soon after the reception of the Caithness specimens Mr. Shipley returned from Blair Atholl, in North Perthshire, where he had been making some investigations in connection with the grouse disease, and he handed over to me a small series of grouse-fly, which proved to be the same as those sent by Mrs. Duff Dunbar.

On investigation of the literature I find no record of the occurrence of any species of *Ornithomyia* on grouse other than *O. avicularia*, and I have, therefore, no hesitation in giving a name to the form that occurs in the northern parts of Scotland in connection with the peculiar bird, *Lagopus scoticus*.

**Ornithomyia lagopodis**, sp. n.

*Supra nigricans, subitus pallide testacea, pedibus fusco-testaceis; pectore utriusque fusco-nigro-biplagiato. Long. corp., 5 mm.; expans. alarum, 11½ mm., long. alae sing., 5 mm.*

Hab. Scotia.

Smaller than *O. avicularia*, distinguished by its peculiar lurid blackish colour, without any trace of green even on the feet or legs; the rostrum is black, and the hairs of the body and appendages are shorter than in the better known form; on each side of the thoracic pleuron, between the front and middle legs, there is a very large dark patch extending as far towards the middle as the base of the front coxa, and divided into two parts by an oblique pallid line. The head is considerably smaller and narrower than that of *O. avicularia*, and has beneath a very large area of smoky colour on each side.

♂♂. Mr. Collin has pointed out to me that the segments, or abscissæ, of the costa afford a good character; the relative lengths of the outer two being in *O. lagopodis* as 9—8, and in *C. avicularia* about 12 or 12½—8. The bristles on the scutellum are usually more numerous, as well as larger, in *O. avicularia*.

There is very little information as to the variation of *O. avicularia* in connection with the birds it dwells on, and great difference of opinion exists as to the value of species that have been proposed, but scarcely established. This subject has recently been discussed by Dr. Speiser, and I need not refer to it further than to say that Bezzi, in the recent catalogue of Palaearctic Diptera, recognises *O. fringilina*, Curtis, as a distinct species, so that with *O. lagopodis* we have now in Britain three forms that can be fairly well discriminated. Mr. G. H. Verrall tells me that he thinks we have even a greater variety than this, but that he has not been able to progress with their discrimination for want of series of specimens and of information about them.
I do not know whether other Ornithomyias may be found in connection with Lagopus scoticus, though the point is of some interest. I believe, however, that O. lagopodis is not confined to the species (or race) Lagopus scoticus, but will be found to occur in Scandinavia on the willow grouse, L. albus; there being specimens in the British Museum of Natural History found on the willow grouse in Norway that are, I believe, O. lagopodis.

Mrs. Duff Dunbar informs me that the Ornithomyia lagopodis may be found freely in larders where freshly-killed grouse has been placed, and that after a short time they leave the birds and may be found on the windows. This fly will bite human beings.

All the British specimens of O. lagopodis I have seen come from the northern half of Scotland, and the fly occurs there apparently from June to October; the following being, however, all the records I can give:—

Nethy Bridge, end of June, 1906, by sweeping, one specimen, D. S.; Boat o'Garten, 28.VII.1902, Miss A. Allard, and 30.VII.1902, Dr. Jenkinson, one specimen each; Caithness, Mrs. L. Duff Dunbar, freely in September, rarely in October, 1906; Blair Atholl, in August and September, 1906, A. E. Shipley. In all, 26 specimens; the males in this series being much fewer than the females.

Cambridge: February 9th, 1907.

ON A REMARKABLE NEW EARWIG (DERMATOPTERA) FROM PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA.

BY MALCOLM BURR, B.A., F.L.S., F.E.S.

Dacnodes, nov. gen.

*In familia Pygidicranidarum locandum; antenne 35-segmentata, segmentis cylindriceis; caput depressum; pronotum planum; elytra alaeque desunt; mesonotum amplum, planum, humeris haud carinatis; metanotum amplum; pedes compressi; tarsi compressi, segmento primo elongato, secundo brevi, cylindrico; forcipis bracchia robusta, valida.*

Superficially closely resembles certain Pygidicrana in form, size, and uniform, but differs in the total absence of any rudiments of organs of flight. It is perhaps related to Karschiella and Bormansia, but lacks many of the remarkable characters of those genera, including the thickened antennae.

Dacnodes wellmani, sp. n.

*Statura magna, robusta; colore (in speciminibus siccis) testaceo, atro-
variegato; antennæ graciles, 35-segmentate, cylindrace; pronotum subquadratum, angulis rotundatis; mesonotum amplissimum; metanotum magnum, postice sinuatum; pedes compressi; abdomen valatum, here; segmentum ultimum dorsale magnum, quadratum; forcipis bracchia $basí contigua, valida, triquetra, hæd dentata, margine interno prope basin crenato, apicem versus attenuata, mucronata. $.

Long. corporis $…………………………23.5—28$ mm.

$forcipis 3mm. 4—4.5$ mm.

Large and powerful, almost smooth, excessively finely punctulate, shining, with a dense yellowish pubescence and numerous bristles.

Antennæ with 35 segments, all cylindrical; the first is long, the second quite short; the third about twice as long as the second; from 4 to 10 are short, and the rest longer; reddish-brown.

Head broad and flat; smooth, the sutures not very distinct; testaceous above, with a black border all round, and a black median stripe in the anterior part, and a small black spot just inside the eyes, which are large and black; under-surface of the head shining reddish.

Pronotum flat, subquadrate, but somewhat longer than broad, the angles all rounded; pro- and metazona scarcely differentiated; testaceous, with two very irregular black bands and black humeral markings.

Mesonotum very ample, a little longer and distinctly broader than the pronotum, the shoulders bent down over the pleura like elytra, but not keeled there and scarcely folded; testaceous, with black irregular markings, of which the main pattern is a pair of black bands, remote anteriorly, converging posteriorly, nearly meeting, and then suddenly diverging near the posterior margin.

Metanotum formed and coloured like the mesonotum, but posteriorly strongly sinuate.

Elytra and wings entirely absent.

Prosternum distinctly narrowed posteriorly.

Sternal plates and first few ventral plates all shining reddish-testaceous.

Femora and tibiae compressed, testaceous, sometimes marbled with black.

Abdomen smooth, broadening gently towards the apex; first four segments yellowish, marked with black; then gradually darker, till the apical segments are all black.

Last dorsal segment large, square, very finely punctulate, with a median longitudinal sulcus; posterior border obtusely convex, depressed over the insertion of the forcips, and the outside angles produced to form a small angular projection.

Penultimate ventral segment very large, smooth, and shining; strongly convex in outline, and rounded apically, just showing a corner of the last ventral segment at the angles.

Pygidium not visible.

Forcips with the branches very stout, triquetrous, contiguous and broad at the base, not toothed, but strongly crenate on the inner margin near the base; about half way down attenuated, the apices fine and hooked, the right branch bent over the left.

$♀♀$ unknown.
Hab.: Portuguese West Africa: Ochileso (about 250 miles to the interior of Benguella) at about 5000 feet.

Three males of this remarkable insect were very kindly sent to me for identification by Dr. F. C. Wellman, of Benguella, who forwarded them with the accompanying note:—“My attention was called to them by the fact that the blacks fear them and scramble out of their way in the same manner they avoid scorpions, centipedes, &c. They state that the creature ‘bites at both ends’ and is very poisonous.” Mr. Wellman adds that he did not personally see any one bitten by one of them.

The specimens arrived in alcohol, but even then the contrast between the deep black and the pale testaceous made them very striking in appearance; probably when fresh the bleached testaceous is a bright yellow. Superficially, in size, form and pattern, they resemble some of the larger Asiatic Pygidicranus, but a glance shows the entire absence of even rudiments of any organs of flight. They lack the thick antennae of the Kurschiellidae, and do not resemble Bormansia in any respect except their winglessness; I have therefore felt obliged to erect a new genus for them.

Royal Societies’ Club:
February 4th, 1907.

"Heredity and Sexual Dimorphism in Abraxas grossulariata, var. variegata;" a correction.—As is obvious from the wording of the note (Ent. Mo. Mag., January, 1907, p. 12), the first word of the heading should be "Heredity," not "Hereditary." The word was written rightly in the MS., and was also distinctly corrected in the proof copy, but for some reason the printer insisted on giving the wrong word.—G. T. Porritt, Huddersfield: February, 1907.

Onthophilus sulcatus, F., in a mole’s nest—Since the publication of Dr. Joy’s paper on the species of Coleoptera found by him inhabiting the nests of moles (Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xiii, p. 198) I have investigated some of the numerous nests on the Downs in my immediate vicinity. The most interesting species I have yet met with (in addition to Heterothops nigra, Kr., and Quedius vexans, Epp., which occur in almost every nest) are Onthophilus sulcatus, F., and Aleochara spadicea, Er.; of the former seven specimens occurred in the foulest nest I have yet unearthed, and three more in another close by. My experience of Aleochara spadicea, Er., differs from that of Dr. Joy as regards the number of specimens in a nest; he remarks that he has "never taken more than two in one nest," whereas my tally at present stands 1, 3, 7, 4, 1, and 3. All the nests in this locality appear to be made entirely of grass.—E. C. Bedwell, Coulsdon, Surrey: February 6th, 1907.

* Cf. Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xii, p. 223 (1903), to the dread with which the white inhabitants of the Illawarra district near Sydney, N.S.W., regard the large earwig Anisolabis ebulus, Dohrn.—J. J. W.
Coleoptera in moles' nests in Surrey.—Acting on Dr. Joy's hint (Ent. Mo. Mag., xlii., pp. 198–202), my sons have recently dug up a number of moles' nests, both at Woking and Guildford, in search of Coleoptera. Altogether thirty nests have been opened: the first on January 21st and the last to-day, most of which contained Coleoptera, as well as many Hystriochus talpis. All the species enumerated by Dr. Joy under his Class A have been met with, and some others in addition. The following is a list of the beetles taken:—_Allochares spadicus_, Er., fairly numerous in both localities, the largest number found in one nest being 13 (Woking). _Hemalota paradoxa_, Rey, one specimen only, Guildford, January 30th; _H. anatis_, Grav., Woking. _Heterothops nigra_, Kr., the commonest species in the nests in both localities. _Quadius nigrocarnatus_, Rey, two specimens only, Woking, February 2nd; _Q. vexans_, Epp., and _Q. longicornis_, Kr., in both localities, not rare, the last-mentioned being the commoner of the two at Guildford, as many as six occurring in one nest there; all three species were found in one nest at Woking on February 2nd. _Medon propinquus_, Bris., and _Oxytelus sculpturatus_, Grav., frequent in both localities, and evidently at home in the nests. _Leptus testaceus_, Müll., sparingly, Woking. _Choleva augustata_, F., rarely, in both localities; _C. nigrita_, Er., one specimen, Guildford. _Lathredias nodifer_, Westw., Woking. As most of this collecting has been done during hard frosty weather, additions to the list may be expected during the coming spring.* The nests examined so far have been in marshy ground, and, with one or two exceptions, made of grass.—G. C. CHAMPION, Horsell, Woking: February 9th, 1907.

Coleoptera in Cumberland in 1906.—I did less collecting than usual during the past season, but was fortunate enough to meet with several species of interest, some few being now recorded for the first time from the county, such being indicated by an asterisk.

_Agabus affinis_, Pk.,* can now be definitely recorded as occurring in Cumberland; I took it in a boggy pond near Carlisle, from whence a number have been obtained in former seasons, but erroneously referred to _unguicularis_, Th. I have lately examined other undoubted _affinis_ from various parts of the county, and have, as yet, failed to find a single specimen of _unguicularis_. _Hydroporus angustatus_, Sturm,* abounded in some fresh water pools on the fringe of Newton Regay Moss. On the sandy banks of the Irthing _Helophorus arenarius_, Muls., was also to be had in plenty, with a few _Hydroporus septentrionalis_, Gyll., in the shallow back waters of the stream. On the few occasions when I tried for water beetles, they seemed to be abundant. In a cow-shed, early in the year, _Mieroglossa sutoralis_, Sahb., was very common, while in a similar shed on the same day _Heterothops praxia_, Er.,* was in just sufficient numbers to yield a nice series. Under bark occurred _Homalota eusepida_, Er., _H. immersa_, Er., _Coryphium anusticole_, Stepn., and _Phalacorhisis subtilissima_, Mann. In moss I met with _Calodera riparia_, Er.,* _Homalota exilis_, Er.,* _Philothus nicaeus_, Gr., _P. nigrita_, Nordm., _P. umbratilis_, Gr., and _P. corvinus_, Er., a single _P. nigricentris_, Th., occurring in carrion. A few hours' steady work among ants' nests near Keswick in April met with a fair measure of success. No fewer than seven species of _Staphylinidae_ were added to the county list, viz.: _Nototheca anceps_, Er.,* _N. flaviipes_, Er., _Thiasophila angu-

* Five species of _Hister marginatus_, Er., have since been taken, on February 23rd, out of two nests near Woking.—G. C. C.
lata, Er.*, Oxypoda formicetica, Märk.*, Homalota parallelia, Mann.*, Dinarda nährkeli, Kies.*, and Leptaciaus formicetorum, Märk.*. Two additional Clariceons also occurred, viz.: Monotoma conicollis, Aubl* (fairly common), and H. formicetorum, Th.* (one only). Homalota analis, Gr., was very common in these nests, H. circellaris, Gr., less so. The only nest which produced Myrmedonia humeralis, Gr., was a discarded one, but a year or two ago I took a number in this locality in moss on the ground some short distance from active nests. On the sides of streams and ponds I took amongst others Callicerus rigidicornis, Er., Homalota hepatica, Er., Mylitta infuscata, Math., Sthenus pusillus, Er., Lathrobium quadratum, Pk., Trogophila fusigiosa, Gr., and Hyronoma dimidiata, Gr. Among the débris under haystacks, and in hay sheafs, I met with Monotoma longicollis, Gyll., Mycelia hirta, Marsh., Cryptophagus bicolor, Sturm., Atomaria munda, Er.*, A. nigripennis, Pk.*, and Cartodere rugicollis, Marsh. Atomaria umbra, Gyll., and A. badia, Er.*, were swept, the latter beneath the trees. I beat a single Corticaria fenestratis, L.*, from birch. A few Alexia pilifera, Müll., were found in moss in a fir wood, also Agathidium convecum, Shp. A. seminulum, L.*, which I took some years ago but overlooked, is worth mentioning, as it does not appear to have been recorded hitherto from the north of England. At the roots of coarse grass a good find was Neuraphes angulatus, Mull.*, which also is apparently new to the north of England. In rotting wood I secured Euplectus piceus, Mots.*, Bibloporus bicolor, Denny, and Pteryx salturalis, Heer. I noticed a few Coryphites pectinicornis, L., in the summer, also Sericofusus brunneus, L., and Atanis vitatus, F., and Haplocenus impressus, Marsh., was found under bark on a fallen oak.

The most interesting Longiceons to occur were Acanthocinus edulis, L., probably introduced in timber, Saperda scalaris, L., and Callidium violaceum, L., of which I captured what is probably the second Cumberland example, the first being recorded from Eskdale by Canon Fowler (Ent. Mo. Mag., 1893, p. 292).

Amongst the weevils Lithodaetia levogaster, Marsh.*, Enbyuchis relatus, Beck.*, and Phytobius canaliculatus, Fahr.*, were taken at Edenhall among aquatic plants washed up on the margins of a large pond. The last named species was very abundant. Bagous clandestus, Boh.*, occurred sparingly in the same way, B. glabrirostris, var. nigritarisis, Th.*, being swept on Newton Moss. Several Apion's were unusually common. I never went out without coming across A. specieei, Kirb., and A. ebenium, Kirb., as well as, of course, other more generally common species of the genus. I swept a single A. cerdo, Gerst., from a rough hedge bank. Sweeping also produced Hypera variabilis, Hbst., Tropiphorus obtusus, Bonsd., &c. A good series of Salpingus varius, Muls., was obtained by beating some partially burnt and blackened hawthorn and birch bushes. This species is, I believe, usually found under bark and in dead twigs. It is likely, however, that the bushes here mentioned were dead before being burnt, and the beetles already in possession. Later in the year I took a single specimen in another part of the county by evening sweeping.—F. H. DAY, 151, Goodwin Terrace, Carlisle: February 1st, 1907.

Notes on Edemera virescens, Liân., and Malachius barnevillei, Puton.—The fact that these two species of beetles are at present only known as British from their occurrence, each in one locality in Norfolk, has made me anxious to further investi-
gate them in their respective haunts. This I have done during last summer with some amount of success.

*Edemera virescens* was originally taken by Mr. James Edwards and myself in a damp wood a few miles from Norwich on June 2nd, 1881, but at the time was passed over as *E. lurida*, Marsh., a species which appears to be almost absent from this part of Norfolk. It was not until 1903 (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxix, p. 61) that Mr. Edwards was able to record it as a species new to Britain. Since that year I have paid several visits to the wood from which the beetles were originally obtained about the date they were originally taken, but a most careful search failed to reveal the insect. It was therefore with particular pleasure that on June 5th last I again met with it in the old locality. It appeared to be extremely local, and was found in one corner of the wood only. Even here it was not plentiful, and several hours’ search produced twelve specimens only, nine ♂s and three ♀s. It occurred exclusively in the flowers of *Stellaria holostea*, in the bright sunshine. I did not find it in any other flowers, nor could I obtain any specimens by general sweeping.

*Malachins barnevillei* was originally taken by myself on June 21st, 1899, on the sandhills in the neighbourhood of Hunstanton. I did not again go to the district until June 28th last, when I paid a special visit to look for this insect. The weather was most favourable, and I met with the species on the exact spot I had taken it seven years before. This beetle was also extremely local, and all my captures were made on a strip of sandhill not twenty yards long. In this one spot it was not uncommon, and I took a good series, and could without difficulty have obtained more; but the colony was so restricted in its range that I feared to collect them too closely. Most of the specimens occurred in the flowers of *Convolutus arvensis*, but a few were swept from the grass and rough herbage. When in the flowers they were generally found clasping the stamens, &c., showing the striped under-side of their bodies, under which circumstances they were not so easily seen as one would expect in the case of comparatively large and brilliant insects. Unlike most of the species of the genus the sexes are very difficult to distinguish, and it was not until I examined them at home that I found to my disappointment that almost the whole of the specimens were females. Perhaps I was a little late for the males, but when I took them in 1899 the females also predominated.

I can scarcely think but that these two species occur in other places, and I have little doubt that if suitable localities were investigated at the times and under the circumstances I have indicated that further captures of these most interesting species would be made. — H. J. Thouless, Corfe, College Road, Norwich: January 11th, 1907.

Occurrence of *Xanthia ocellaris*, Bkh., at Norwich.—The capture by Mr. R. S. Smith of *X. ocellaris* in Norfolk (recorded by Mr. E. A. Atmore on p. 13 of this month’s Ent. Mo. Mag.) reminded me of a *Xanthia* which I took in a garden at Norwich in September, 1903, and which at the time I was unable to determine, and put on one side for further investigation. This has now been done with the help of the Rev. A. Miles Moss, and I am pleased to be able to record that it is without doubt *Xanthia ocellaris*.—E. A. Atmore, King’s Lynn, Norfolk: January, 1907.
Occurrence in Britain of the typical form of Aristotelia stipella, Hb.—Of the typical form of Aristotelia stipella, Hb., which has a broad yellow fascia towards the base, a large triangular yellow spot on the dorsum just beyond the middle, and a still larger yellow costal spot rather before the apex of the fore-wing, Stainton [Ent. Mo. Mag., xxiii, 101 (1886)] wrote,—"I do not seem to possess any British representative," whilst in Meyrick's H.B. Brit. Lep., 574 (1895), we read,—"Only the variety nuxviferella . . . . occurs in Britain; the typical stipella, which has the yellow markings much more largely developed, is South European." The object of this note is to call attention to the facts that the typical stipella, Hb., has since been proved to occur in Britain, and that the idea of its being confined to Southern Europe is, consequently, no longer tenable. In July, 1898, Mr. W. H. B. Fletcher took the type form commonly, together with a few examples of var. nuxviferella, Dnp., amongst Atriplex portulacoides in Hayling Island, and, from larvae subsequently found there, mining in the leaves of this plant, he bred a beautiful series, including both the type and the variety, in the following year, many of the specimens agreeing precisely with Hübner's figure 138 ("stipella"). Mr. Fletcher's interesting discovery has already been briefly recorded in the List of Hampshire Lepidoptera published, in 1900, in the Victoria History of Hampshire (where the locality happens to be entered as "near Havant"), but since the Lists of the Insecta cannot be obtained separately, and the Volume containing them is probably in the hands of but very few Lepidopterists, it seems advisable to make it more generally known.—Eustace R. Bankes, Norden, Corfe Castle: February 12th, 1907.

Steganopterycha rufimitrana, H.-S., bred from Euphorbia amygdaloides, L.—My friend, Mr. W. H. B. Fletcher, has kindly given me permission to put on record the following interesting, yet startling, facts. On August 2nd and 9th, 1884, he collected in Folkestone Warren, near the entrance, some larvae of Polycheirus euphorbiaceae, Frr., on Euphorbia amygdaloides, and from the shoots of this plant then obtained he bred, in the course of that same month, two moths, which appear to him, to Lord Walsingham, and to myself, absolutely inseparable from Steganopterycha rufimitrana, H.-S., and each re-examination of them has only strengthened my previous conviction that they are genuine representatives of this very variable Tortrix, which is only known to feed upon certain species of Pinus, and has an extremely limited distribution in Britain. The posterior margin of the basal patch is, in the specimens in question, not acutely angulated near the middle, but experience in breeding S. rufimitrana has proved that individuals, precisely identical with these in this and in every other respect, occur by no means infrequently. It is certain that the two imagines bred by Mr. Fletcher must have been collected as pupae, spun up on Euphorbia amygdaloides, and it is equally certain that there was no species of fir or pine growing anywhere near the spot. Presumably, therefore, the larva had fed upon this Euphorbia, for the only alternative is to suppose that two larva of S. rufimitrana, when full-fed, had wandered from some neighbouring plant: nothing else growing there, however, would appear any more likely to have afforded this species sustenance.—Id.

Hymenoptera Aculeata at Porthcawl, 1906.—During last season Col. Yerbury spent some time at Porthcawl, and amongst his numerous captures which with his
usual generosity he has handed over to me are the following, which are of interest either for their rarity or for the sake of the locality:—Tiphiia minuta, V. de L., δ and Ψ; Pompilius rufulipes, L., Ψ; Salinis parvulus, Dllb., Ψ; Tachytes unicolor, Pz., Ψ; Psen biceolaris, Fab., δ; Psenulas pallipes, Pz., δ 2; Crabro vagus, L., δ; C. libialis, Fab., Ψ; C. claripes, L., δ; C. styrians, Kohl., Ψ, Ψ, I was very pleased to see more specimens of this species, Odnerus trifasciatus, Oliv., δ; Colletes marginata, Sm., δ; Prosopis confusa, Nyl., δ; P. brevicornis, Nyl., Ψ; Andrena cineraria, L., Ψ; A. nitida, Fonce., Ψ; A. angustior, K., Ψ; A. humilis, Nyl., δ, δ, Calioxyx mandibularis, Nyl., δ, Ψ, nice specimens of this rarity; Megachile circumsicnta, Lep., δ; Osmia leaiana, K., δ; Bombus sylvarum, L., Ψ. Of these the most noteworthy are Tiphia minuta, which is more or less rare in most places, Crabro styrians, which at present has only been found in a few localities, and was taken by Col. Yerbury at Portlitchell also in 1904, and Calioxyx mandibularis, δ; this sex has only occurred twice in this country, Mr. G. Arnold having also taken it on the Walney sandhills. The female has been taken several times on the coast of Wales, Lancashire, and Cheshire.—Edward Saunders, St. Ann's, Woking. February, 1907.

Hymenoptera Aculeata in West Suffolk and at Eastbourne.—Lieut.-Col. Nurse, of Timworth Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, who has collected Hymenoptera assiduously in West Suffolk, has asked me to prepare a list of those of his captures which I think should be recorded. Many of the species met with are of considerable rarity, and three are not mentioned in Mr. Morley's list of Suffolk Hymenoptera, but of these, one, Halietus fulvicornis, K., has probably been recorded under the old name of subfasciatus, which is now removed from our list, having been split up into fulvicornis, K., and freyguesser, Aflk. The others, Prosopis coruna, Smith, and Andrena niveata, Friese, are new to the list. The following are the rarer and more interesting among his captures:—Pompilus minutilus, Dllb., 1 δ, Tuddenham, vi. Agena hircana, Fab., Tuddenham, Timworth, and Livermee, vi, vii. Axtalus stigma, Pz., Tuddenham and West Stow, vi, vii. Gorytes campestris, L., 1 Ψ, Timworth, vii. Oxycneta mandibularis, Dllb., 1 δ, Elvedon, vii. O. macronatus, Fab., 1 δ, Tuddenham, vii. Crabro pubescens, Shuck., δ, Ψ, Ampton, vii. C. podagricus, V. d. L., Timworth, vii and viii. C. palmarius, Schreb., very common on Bramble at Livermee, vii, Timworth, viii. Odynerus antilope, Pz., Ψ, Ingham, vi. Prosopis coruna, Sm., 1 Ψ, Timworth, vii. Halietus fulvicornis, K., Timworth and Cavenham, vii. H. praecox, Sm., 1 Ψ, Tuddenham, vii. Andrena binaeckata, K., Ampton and Timworth, iv. A. ambita, Perk. 1 Ψ, Tuddenham, vi. A. celli, Schr., 2 Ψ, Cavenham, vii.05, and vii.06. A. niveata, Friese, Timworth, Tuddenham, and Ingham, vi to viii. At Eastbourne Col. Nurse had the good fortune to meet with Halietus brevicornis, Schk., finding it just about the same time as I found mine at Southbourne; he also took several of H. punctatissimum, E. Saund. (Mor.?), a new locality for this rare from common species.—1d.: January 27th, 1907.

Occurrence of Chrysopa dorsalis, Burm., in Norfolk.—Early last year I sent some Neuroptera to Dr. Cassal for determination, and some of these specimens were forwarded by him to Mr. K. J. Morton. Amongst them was one specimen of Chrysopa dorsalis, which I took near King's Lynn in June, 1904. Recognising the
species as one which I believed I had repeatedly seen during the last twenty years or more in a very restricted area near this town, I worked specially for it in June and July last year, and was fortunate enough to obtain a good series. Many of these specimens have since been submitted to Dr. Cassal and Mr. Morton, and have been returned by them as C. dorsalis. In the one restricted locality in which I obtained nearly all my specimens by beating Scotch fir trees, I did not find a single specimen of C. perla. In another promising locality some six or seven miles distant, I obtained two C. dorsalis (both, I believe, from Scotch fir), whereas C. perla simply swarmed in the old sallows and birches. A description of C. dorsalis is given by McLachlan in the Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xxxvii, p. 39, when the species was added by him to the British list on the strength of a single specimen taken in 1900 at Oxshott, Surrey, by Mr. Beaumont. C. dorsalis is much like C. perla, as McLachlan states, and is liable to be confounded therewith, and at first I had some difficulty in separating the two species, but on further examination of a long series of both species, I now find little or no trouble. The black sub-costa and the broad unbroken black margin on either side of the pronotum of C. dorsalis, with other differences given by McLachlan in his description, will, I think, enable any one to distinguish between these two closely allied species. My thanks are due to Mr. Morton and Dr. Cassal for the assistance they have so kindly given me by determining this and other Neuroptera sent to them.—E. A. Atmore, King’s Lynn, Norfolk: January 16th, 1907.

Note on Notochrysa capitata, F.—I had the good fortune to take a single specimen of this somewhat scarce insect in West Norfolk on June 8th, 1904, and another on June 7th, 1906. The first was obtained from Scotch, and the second from Spruce fir. It is strange that this conspicuous species should continue to be so uncommon with us. I have been on the look out for it for some years; indeed, ever since Mr. C. G. Barrett captured two specimens here some years ago, but I have never met with more than the two specimens which I now record.—Id.

Review.


In this able and deeply interesting discourse, Prof. Poulton has done good service in reviving the almost forgotten memory of a man who was not only “one of the most learned and accomplished travellers of any age or country,” but also an Entomological observer of a very high order. William John Burchell was born at Fulham in or about the year 1782, and was already an assiduous collector of British insects when he left England for St. Helena in 1805. In this remote oceanic island, made classic ground in later years by the researches of Wollaston, he found solace in his troubles in forming collections of the endemic plants and insects. The original example of the fine and very remarkable Carabid beetle, Hoplothorax burchelli,
Wat., taken by him, still exists in perfect condition in the Oxford University Museum. Proceeding to Cape Town at the end of 1810 the next two years were occupied in his great and adventurous journey of 4500 miles in the wilds of South Africa, far beyond the limits of civilization in Cape Colony. The narrative of this expedition, "Travels in the Interior of South Africa" (2 vols 4to, Longmans, 1822 and 1824), is one of the classics of English travel, and is eminently worthy, in these days of cheap re-issues, of being made more accessible to the general reader. Many Natural History Notes of the highest value are embodied in this great work, and among them Prof. Poulton draws attention to one of singular interest to the student of "protective resemblance;" a large and sluggish Acridian grasshopper, Metthone andersoni, Stal, was observed by Burchell associated with a small species of the genus of succulent plants, Mesembryanthemum, both plant and insect bearing a striking superficial resemblance to the small pebbles among which they were found. In those of his note books that still exist are numerous entries testifying to Burchell's exceptional powers of observation; among these, the notes on the close superficial resemblance of the Longicorn, Amphidesmus analis, to the Lycid beetles in company with which it was found, and that of Promees viridis, another beetle of the same group, to a Fossorial wasp, are perhaps the earliest allusions to the now vast subject of Mimicry in Nature. In 1825, soon after the completion of his book, Burchell once more left England for South America, and after staying more than a year in Rio de Janeiro, set out on his second great expedition through the heart of Brazil, from Santos to Goyaz (being the first Englishman to visit the last named city), and down the great river Tocantins to Pará. It is much to be regretted that no narrative of this journey was ever published, but Burchell's remaining Brazilian note books, like those of his former travels, are full of valuable observations on the Natural History of this prolific region. As a single instance bearing on our Science we may cite his notes on the stridulation of Passalid and Prionid beetles, a habit until recently quite overlooked; and his observation of the same habit in a scorpion, of which no American species was known to have the power of making a noise, led to the discovery by Mr. Pocock in 1904 of an entirely new sound-producing organ in the group. After his return to England in 1830 Burchell lived in retirement at Fulham, occupied with the arrangement of his vast collections, until his sad death by his own hand in 1863, in his eighty-second year. His entomological collections, which even now are unapproached in the fulness and accuracy of the data attached to every specimen, form one of the chief treasures of the Hope Department of the Oxford University Museum, where they were deposited in 1865. An excellent reproduction of a rare etched portrait of the great traveller and naturalist forms an appropriate frontispiece to this valuable paper.

Obituary.

John Linnell, Jun.—The death of John Linnell in May last year has removed an Entomologist who for many years was a very active collector in the neighbourhood of Reigate and Redhill. The writer of this notice has often accompanied him on excursions in search of Coleoptera, and especially of the species which occur in sandpits, in which the locality is rich. The species of Hyobates, Lamprinus, Calli-
cerus rigidicornis, Tachinons elongatusus, and other rare species, often rewarding our endeavors. His list of the species of Coleoptera taken in the Reigate district was published by the Holmesdale Natural History Society; the last part as far as the Staphylinidae, was published in 1899. The carefulness of his work delayed the publication considerably, but the result is most complete and reliable. John Linnell was a good artist, taking after the genius of his celebrated father, and as a teacher he was most patient and painstaking. His collections are now in the hands of his nephew, Mr. A. H. Palmer, of Carn Towan, Sennen, Cornwall.—E. S.

Societies.

BIRMINGHAM ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: November 19th, 1906.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

Mr. L. Doneaster, of the University, Birmingham, and Mr. Hubert Langley, Marlborough House, Leamington, were elected Members of the Society.

Mr. E. C. Rossiter exhibited a box of Lepidoptera taken by himself at Brading, Isle of Wight, last August. The most interesting species was Pyrausta flavalis, Schiff., which occurred in hundreds; there were also Acridia luctuosa, Esp., Agrotis vestigialis, Rott., Selidosemaericetaria, Vill., Acidalia marginipunctata, Goze, &c. Mr. J. T. Fountain, a nice series of Lyceina arion, L. from Cornwall. Mr. G. H. Kenrick, four species of Ergeninae from New Guinea, and pointed out the great difference which existed in general appearance between them and the more familiar American representatives of the family. Mr. W. Harrison, various Noctuid breed from dug pupa, including Agrotis plecta, L., which species, he said, had emerged in his breeding cages without any forcing. Mr. W. B. Collinge, living unnamed Hymenopterous parasites, some breed from larvae of Agrotis segetum, Schiff., and others from the ova of Smerinthus ocellatus, L. Mr. A. H. Martinson, the galls made by the gall-fly Xestophanes potentinelle on Potentilla reptans. He said that they were only known in Devonshire so far as this country was concerned, and there he had found them in abundance. Mr. Hubert Langley, Chrysoelista lineella, Cl., from Leamington, where he had found it on the limes in the greatest abundance. So numerous were the moths, that on one occasion he counted fifty-seven on one tree trunk. He also showed Zygaena lonicerv, Esp., which is common at Southam, near Warwick.—Colbran J. Wainwright, Hou. See.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON: Wednesday, January 23rd, 1907.

At the Annual Meeting of this Society it was announced that the following Offices and other Members of the Council had been elected for the Session 1907-8. President, Mr. C. O. Waterhouse; Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Jones; Secretaries, Mr. H. Rowland-Brown, M.A., and Commander J. J. Walker, M.A., R.N.; Librarian, Mr. G. C. Champion, F.Z.S. Mr. G. J. Arrow, Mr. A. J. Chitty, M.A., Dr. T. A. Chapman, M.D., Mr. W. J. Kaye, Dr. G. B. Longstaff, M.D., Professor Raphael Meldola, F.R.S, Mr. F. Merrifield, Mr. G. A. K. Marshall, Mr. L. B. Prout, Mr. E. Saunders, F.R.S., Mr. R. Shelford, M.A., and Mr. G. H. Verrall.
The outgoing President, Mr. F. Merrifield, then delivered his address, in which he discussed some of the causes of the persistent abundance or scarcity, generally or locally, of species and varieties of insects, and the relative importance of the consumption of their food, and the attacks of their enemies. Reference was made to striking characters, that seemed of no biological importance, to habits and activities not directly concerned with nutrition or reproduction, and the manner in which they are affected by external conditions; and to structure and fixed habits indicating their ancestral history and affecting their present capabilities. — H. Rowland-Brown, Hon. Secretary.

PROGRESSIVE MELANISM:
FURTHER NOTES ON HASTULA HYERANA, MILL.
BY T. A. CHAPMAN, M.D., F.Z.S.

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PLATE II.

If we assume that Melanism is provided by Les Maurettes and presented by La Plage, and that the difficulty of intercrossing between the two localities is considerable, it seems that the proportions of melanic specimens in the two places is hardly so different as one would expect. It is probable, therefore, that the hyerana form is still not much less adapted to the Maurettes than marginata. As regards La Plage it must be remembered that the Costebelle locality is fairly extensive, and is nearly, if not quite, continuous with the La Plage locality, yet its conditions are very nearly the same as those of the Maurettes, and differ from those of La Plage proper in much the same way as do the Maurettes themselves; therefore, as regards the question of La Plage getting rid of the melanic marginata, the existence of a powerful traitor in the camp must be taken into account.

A census of moths at Costebelle would be very useful in further elucidating this, but it is not available.

Whether the different tendency as regards producing melanism in H. hyerana, between La Plage and the Maurettes, be as great as I suspect, or be merely moderate, it unquestionably exists. Some condition is found in the Maurettes that is absent, or, at any rate, much weaker at La Plage.

To reach this conclusion is a distinct advance in our knowledge. At present, I think, we can go very little further, but it may be well to survey the ground in front and make some sort of working hypothesis, if possible.
The typical habitat for *H. hyerana* is a more or less dry hill slope, which is pretty well burnt up when the moth emerges in August and September. The Asphodel itself, and most herbaceous material, is represented by dry and dead stems and leaves, and it is at once evident that the dominant influence on the colour of the moth will be very similar to that exercised by dead reeds on our "Wainscots" and other marsh insects; *H. hyerana*, as regards colour, might very well be one of these. At La Plage the habitat is not the actual shore, but open spaces amongst wooded sandhills, intervening between the beach and a marshy country within. This would afford very fair "Wainscot" coloration. The hill country at Costebelle and the Maurettes is different, the plants here also affect open spaces, but the open spaces are well grown up with a shrubby undergrowth of cistus, heath, lentisk, &c. I suggest, therefore, that here the moth finds a resting place on stems of various shrubs or amongst their leaves, most of them being evergreens, largely to the exclusion of the dead and dry grassy and herbaceous material, which it finds abundantly enough at La Plage, and almost exclusively at most of the habitats at Taormina, Capri, &c., where I have found it. At Capri, where the palest form occurs, there are no trees or shrubs anywhere near the locality in which I took the larva, and where the moths probably rest on dead Asphodel leaves, grass, &c., of the palest hay-colour.

I have asked Mr. Raine and Mr. Powell whether there is any recognised difference of climate between La Plage and the Maurettes. One would expect that there should be some of the nature one usually finds between the actual coast and hills five miles or so inland. Mr. Raine tells me that there is no "recognised difference in the climate of La Plage and Hyères, except that the air near the sea is said to be more exciting than that of Hyères. * * * I think it is always cooler along the sea-shore than inland." Mr. Powell (Nov. 8th) says: "The Maurettes get a little more rain than La Plage, and rather more cloud; I cannot find any weather and temperature records of La Plage, but I have frequently known rain to fall over Hyères and the mountains behind, when none or very little has fallen at La Plage; at this time of year (the rainy season) both places get about the same amount. It is particularly in late spring and early summer that there is a difference; then the storms that form nearly every day over the high mountains to the north and north-west often spread down in our direction, giving cloud and sometimes rain or hail, but they very rarely extend to the sea-coast, at any rate, the coast of the
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Hastula hyrana hyrana 3 from hill 1 and coast 4
Rade d'Hyères. In July and August rain is very rare anywhere down here. As a rule we get a heavy storm at the end of August, but this year no rain fell between July 6th and October 11th, except a slight shower about September 20th."

The weather seems to be a negligible factor. When the moth emerges, high summer reigns in both localities. The storms of the end of August, breaking up the long summer drought, do not appreciably differ at the two localities; they may, however, make the dark stems of shrubs, &c., in the Maurettes temporarily darker. So far as climate goes, then, it is always a little cooler at La Plage, this should make La Plage specimens darker; there is more rain at Hyères, but this does not affect the period when the moth is out; I wondered if the August storm made the later emergences darker. I think the few earlier emergences are generally pale.

A census of 48 consecutive dark specimens showed that 54 pale ones emerged against the first 24, and 71 against the second, so that here the results are the other way. The moths emerge at all hours, but the mass about 6—8 p.m.; there is a second maximum about 8 a.m. I tabulated these for a time and found that the morning emergence showed 34 light to 9 dark, the evening 92 light to 39 dark; the difference is considerable, but I do not see what conclusion we can derive from it.

Taking note of Mr. Powell's report that the weather at Hyères usually remains fine and dry during August, but is usually broken by a thunderstorm about the end of the month, I have tabulated all the emergences of lycaena from the Maurettes, with a view to learn if there is any tendency for the darker moths to be more frequent later in the season. It must of course be remembered that these dates refer to moths at Reigate, not at Hyères. The figures are—

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Taking the tabulation in another way, it appeared that of each form half had emerged at dates as below:

PALE...{3...Sept. 22...} Sept. 19.  DARK...{1...Sept. 19...} Sept. 18.
There is, therefore, no difference to note between the two forms, but so far as there is any, it is the dark that is the earlier. As regards both it appears that the females emerge a day or two earlier than the males. It may also be deduced that the emergences do not apparently take place freely, until nature has been refreshed by the downfall that marks the late summer.

The photograph of the moths bred presents at a glance the proportions of the two forms reared from the larvae from each of the localities. They show—

\[ H. hyerana hyerana \text{, marginata.} \]

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In the large number bred in 1906 there is of course a larger number of varieties (aberrations) than I have met with before. In the first place ab. \( \alpha \), Mill., is represented by 38 specimens in the shore and by 36 in the hill group, being in each case about half the total number of male specimens of the pale type. It is altogether a male aberration, as no female specimen shows any definite indication of it. Of these 70 odd specimens about seven show the dark dash more markedly on one side than the other, two at least being typical on the one side, ab. \( \alpha \) on the other. \( H. hyerana hyerana \) with more or less dark dotting and shading are represented by about 14 from La Plage and 20 from Les Maures amongst \( \delta \) specimens; these are often associated with the ab. \( \alpha \) marking, but not by any means always, the commonest form is a dark shading between the veins, with scattered dark scales over the whole of the wing, none are of the definitely spotted form \( nigro-punctata \) from Taormina.

Amongst the females about 18 from La Plage show definite dark shading, but none of this form in any decided degree occurs among the females from Les Maurettes. This is somewhat curious, the males varying in the contrary proportions. The row of black dots along the inner margin is more or less associated with this darkening, but occurs separately, and is a purely \( \delta \) variation.

As regards the dark males of type race, it is to be noted that the mass of the specimens had emerged at the end of October, but on November 23rd two males emerged, both these were very dark; on December 26th a \( \delta \) emerged, again very dark, a further specimen emerged on 27th, a \( \delta \) of an extremely dark form not previously met
with, the discal spot being a great broad dash reaching nearly to the base of the wing, with a broad black patch on the costa opposite it, much blackening of the wing beyond the discal spot, and a distinct black line on the fringe, where it occurs in marginata and marginula, a line however of black (not purple) scales. This line was also present in the specimen of the 26th. The only two specimens of the hyerana form in which I have met with it. These specimens were no doubt nearly two months in the pupa state owing to the colder weather, and to this more than anything else their extreme darkness may be due. Altogether 15 specimens emerged in November, December, and January, and of these 13 (10 hyerana and 3 marginata) were darker than any specimens among the whole 400 odd emerging up to end of October. One ♀ made a slight approach to being ab. alpha, as well as being very dark. There is one other remarkable specimen amongst the hyerana section, this is a ♂ specimen with rich orange tinting of no less than 26 mm. in expanse, the next largest I have (except one of 24 mm.) being under 23 mm., and the average less than 22 mm.; 26 mm. is about the expanse of the largest ♀ specimen, the average being well under 25 mm.

Turning to the marginata section. There is a remarkable difference between the hill and shore sections. I have classified 23 specimens from La Plage as marginata and 5 others as marginula, but in the Les Maures series 128 as marginata and 1 only as marginula. There is a much larger proportion of golden-orange forms amongst the marginata than was the case two years ago, but less perhaps than amongst those bred from eggs laid by them. There are all gradations between the orange and purple specimens, so that a strictly accurate census is impossible; but drawing the line as well as I can I should tabulate the marginata as under:

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The discal spot is usually invisible in marginata, but it can be made out in some of the most orange specimens, and two of these are distinctly Millière's var. alpha so far as the spot is concerned.
EXPLANATION OF PLATE II.

To exhibit graphically the proportion of light (hyerana) and dark (marginata) specimens occurring at each of the two stations (hill and coast).

1. *H. hyerana hyerana* from hill.
2. *H. hyerana marginata* from hill.
3. *H. hyerana hyerana* from coast.
4. *H. hyerana marginata* from coast.

The one separate specimen in 2 and the 5 in 4 are *hyerana marginata* ab. marginula.

Betula, Reigate:
January, 1907.

HELP-NOTES TOWARDS THE DETERMINATION OF BRITISH TENTHREDINIDAE, &c. (18).

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**BLENNOCAMPIDES** = **MESONEURA** TO **PAREOPHORA**.

After the *Hoplocampides* we come, following Konow's arrangement, to the *Blennocampides*. And at this point it will be well to refer to my Table of Generie Characters (Ent. Mo. Mag., August, 1903) in order to correct certain errors and misprints, which might otherwise become troublesome as we proceed.

Page 191 (line 17).—After the words "in different cells," read (to meet the ease of the Dolerides) "or else the humeral area is not petiolate."

Same page (lines 30 and 32).—For "gradually tapers to a point at apex," read "cultriform, broad at base and short, constricting rapidly to a sharp point at apex;" and for "suddenly acuminated at apex," read "elongate, tapering gradually towards the pointed apex." (I seem to have said just the reverse of what I intended!)

Same page, last line.—Here is an important omission, a genus having been overlooked. The line should be altered as follows:—

"— Præsterna not defined (a) H. w. with a medial n....Monophadnus.
(b) H w. without a medial n. ......... 51."

Page 193, line 21.—"Tarsal" is a misprint for "dorsal."

The *Blennocampides* are divided by Konow into almost as many genera as the *Nematides*; few, however, of these genera contain any considerable number of British species, and several no more than one.

In all *Blennocampides* the humeral area of the fore-wing is "petiolate," and this character separates them from all other tribes.
of the Sub-family Tenthredinini, except the Nematides. From most genera of this latter tribe they may be distinguished at a glance by the radial cell, which is always "divided." Some Nematides, however (Dineura, &c.), have also a "divided" radial cell; and from such we cannot separate the Blennocampides by characters of the fore-wings only, but by the absence of some other point essential to the definition of a true Nematid, e.g., well-developed genæ, complete neuration in the hind-wing (humerus, cubital n. and medial n. all present), &c., for which see Ent. Mo. Mag., August, 1904, p. 176. Two of Konow's Blennocampid genera consist of insects which were formerly reckoned among the Nematides, and which still stand in our British lists as Dineura, spp. These are Mesoneura and Pseudodineura. The rest of the tribe is made up of species classed hitherto under three genera only (Blennocampa, Fenusa, and Fenella), but now broken up into no less than fourteen.

The coloration of Blennocampids is generally sombre, black or (very rarely) black and red, never green, nor ochreous, nor conspicuously variegated with yellow or white. Their form is usually stout and clumsy looking, and their movements in life rather slow and sluggish. When alarmed they often feign death, dropping to the ground or to the bottom of a collector's net and remaining motionless. While fresh their bodies are soft and plump; but after death they shrivel up and lose shape greatly, so that they seldom form attractive objects in a collection, either by their colours or their shapes. Their average length of body may be stated at from 4 to 6 mill., a few species reach to a length of 9 mill., and some are not above 2 mill. long, or even less. Naturally with old and shrivelled specimens it is difficult to take more than approximate measurements. The wings are broad, but weak, and liable to creasings and crumplings, which make a careful examination of their neuration rather troublesome work. Still, there is seldom much difficulty, after a little practice, in ascertaining the specific identity of a Blennocampid; provided it be so prepared as to be accessible all over to a lens. Carded specimens, of Tomostethus especially, are sometimes excessively troublesome, because their chief characters lie in those parts of the head and thorax which are rendered invisible by that mode of preparation.

By way of clearing the ground, before we attempt to tabulate the longer genera, it may be well to dispose of some containing only a single British species each, which ought therefore to be determin-
able by my Table of Generic Characters* alone, but as to which, notwithstanding, a few additional remarks may be of service to beginners.

Mesoneura, Htg.

Our only species is *opace*, F. (= Dineura verne, C.). This insect, when once known, is easily recognised. It is fairly large for a Blennocampid, about 6—7 mm. long; black, with dull reddish-orange markings of variable extent—usually the pronotum, the side lobes of the mesonotum, the scutellum, a mark on the pleurae, and more or less of at least the ventral surface of the abdomen, are of the latter colour. The neuration is peculiar in several ways. In the fore-wing the nerve dividing the radial cell is nearly or quite interstitial with the second cubital n., and that again with the second medial (or "recurrent") n., so that the three form roughly a single nerve at right angles to the axis of the wing. Also the discoidal or basal n. strikes the subcosta not (as is usual in the Blennocampids) at or near the origin of the cubitus, but far before it. Again, whereas most of the tribe have at most one "closed cellule" (medial) in the hind-wing, and many have none at all, Mesoneura has two (cubital and medial). These latter characters are among those which have led authors since Hartig to treat the insect as a Nematid. But they belong also to the Hoplocampides; and the position of the eyes (almost touching the mandibles), and the form of the mandibles, associate our species much better with that group than with the Nematides. On the whole, therefore, Konow considers it to be an aberrant member of the Blennocampid tribe, linking the latter more or less to Hoplocampa,† and through that to Selandria, &c., with which we shall deal later.

Phymatoceros, Dbb.

Konow has changed the last syllable of Dahlbom's generic name from -a to -os. The genus is very distinct, though containing only one species—the well-known aterrima, Klug. Alone of all Blennocampids this insect has the 3rd antennal joint distinctly shorter than the 4th, the antennae are long, filiform, and ciliated—very unlike those of any other member of the tribe. It is about the largest of the Blennocampides (9 mm. long or so), deep black and shining, with

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* See Ent. Mo. Mag., August, 1903, t. c.
† In p. 187 of his vol. iv Mr. Cameron gives what I think is a mistaken account of Konow's reasons for removing Mesoneura from the Nematides to the Blennocampidae. The position of the tr. basal n. in its fore-wing would rather have induced him to leave it in the former tribe, of which, and not of the Blennocampidae, this neuration is characteristic. But finding that a similar neuration occurred in the Hoplocampidae, and that in other points of structure Mesoneura seemed nearer to those than to the Nematidae, Konow felt himself justified in allowing the latter consideration to outweigh the former, and removed Mesoneura into the Blennocampidae, not because of but in spite of its neuration.
very dusky wings. The structure of the antennae readily distinguishes it from anything with which it might otherwise be possible to confuse it.

**Rhadinoceraea,** Klw.

Our only species is *micans*, Kl. (not to be confounded with the *Blennocampa micans* of Cam., vol. i, which the author states in vol. iv to be a *Tomostethus*). It is superficially very like *P. aterrima*, having nearly the same size and quite the same funereal appearance (black body, dusky wings, &c.), but the antennae are not ciliated, and their 3rd, 4th, and 5th joints are approximately equal. It differs also from *aterrima*, and from other similarly coloured Blennocampid spp. (e.g., *Tomostethus nigritus*, &c.) by having the eyes distinctly, though not very widely, remote from the bases of the mandibles.

I first found British specimens of this insect in Mr. McLachlan’s collection, and afterwards one in my own (mixed with *aterrima*). The latter was taken here, *i. e.*, at Woking.

**Pareophora,** Klw.

In this genus the eyes are very remote from the mandibles, and the claws are quite simple, not bifid or toothed, as in nearly all the Blennocampides. Our only species is *nigripes*, Kl. It is brightly coloured for a Blennocampid, and of slenderer build than is usual in that tribe, measuring about 5 mm. in length, and hardly more than 1 m. in breadth. The head and thorax are black, the abdomen pale red, and there is a closed (medial) cellule in the hind-wings. Superficially it resembles a much commoner British Blennocampid, viz., *B. affinis*, Fall. (*assimilis*, C.). But in *affinis* the eyes are close to the mandibles, and the hind-wings have no closed medial cellule, so that the two insects ought not to be confounded; and we have no other British Blennocampid for which *nigripes* could possibly be mistaken.

*(To be continued).*

**HYDRENABA BRITTENI,** sp. nov., A NEW BRITISH BEETLE.

BY NORMAN H. JOY, M.R.C.S., F.E.S.

Some months ago Mr. Britten sent me several specimens of a *Hydrena* which he told me were regarded by the north country Coleopterists as *H. nigrita*, Germ., but they appeared to him to differ in several respects from the south country form of this species. At the time I only had in my collection specimens of this north country
form given to me by Dr. Chaster in 1902, but later I took the other form in South Devon, and on examining them saw at once that Mr. Britten was right in supposing that they were distinct species.

There can be no doubt that the southern one is the true *H. nigrita*, Germ. With regard to the other I have been at some pains in trying to find out to which of the European species it might belong, Herr Ganglbauer among others being unable to identify it for me, and I have come to the conclusion it has not yet been described. I have much pleasure in naming it after Mr. Britten, to whom the whole of the credit of its discovery is due, although he was not the first to capture it.

The following is a description of the species:—

Rather elongate, pitchy or reddish-brown, with head pitchy-black; head shining, somewhat diffusely and strongly punctured; antennae reddish-testaceous; club darker; maxillary palpi reddish-testaceous, tip of the last joint black, differing in the sexes: in the ♂ the first and second joints are swollen at the apex, the third areuate, gradually broader for three-quarters of its length and then abruptly cone-shaped to the tip, having a small smooth tubercle on the inner or convex side at the junction of these two parts; in the ♀ all the joints are simple, the last rather short, narrow, and broadest in the middle; thorax transverse, somewhat obsoletely impressed at sides and base, disc shining and diffusely punctured, punctuation thick near the margins; sides of thorax dilated in middle in a rounded obtuse angle, contracted in a straight line to base, post angles distinct, but obtuse, opposite 8th or 9th row of punctures on elytra; elytra sub-parallel, not dilated behind, broadest about middle, with nine or ten rows of closely set square punctures between the suture and humeral angle, sutural angles separately rounded; legs reddish-testaceous.

*H. britteni* is most closely allied to *H. riparia*, Kug., but differs from it in being smaller and not quite so parallel-sided, in the shape of the thorax, and in the structure of the maxillary palpi of the ♂. In *H. riparia* the thorax is more strongly and evenly punctured throughout, the sides are more distinctly angled in the middle and more strongly contracted behind, being slightly sinuate just before the hind angles, which are very sharp and exactly right angles, and are opposite the 7th row of punctures on the elytra. The first two joints of the maxillary palpi in the ♂ *H. riparia* are simple, the last joint is not curved, but is gradually dilated for just over half its length and from thence gradually narrowed to the apex; in the ♀ the last joint is proportionally longer than in *H. britteni*, and is broadest nearer the apex than the base.

From *H. nigrita*, which it resembles in size, *H. britteni* may be distinguished by its distinctly more parallel form, lighter colour, less strongly and more diffusely punctured thorax, which is much less
strongly contracted behind. In *H. nigrata* the posterior angles of the thorax are right angles, and the last joint of the maxillary palpi is simple in both sexes. The curved last joint of the maxillary palpi in the ♀ *H. britteni* distinguishes this species from all the allied European members of the genus.

The specimens Mr. Britten has sent me are labelled Newton Moss, 30-5-05, Eadenhall, 13-5-05, Ballycastle (Tomlin). I believe it has been taken in several localities in the north of England and Ireland.

Bradfield, near Reading:
February 3rd, 1907.

Since writing the above Herr Ganglbauer has very kindly sent me specimens of *H. morio*, Kiesw. (a species taken no nearer here than Dalmatia), and suggests that *H. britteni* may be identical with this species. *H. morio* has the last joint of the maxillary palpi slightly curved in the ♀, but not to the same extent as in *H. britteni*, and the small tubercle on the inner side of this joint is further from the apex. The thorax is punctured as in *H. britteni*, but is more strongly narrowed behind, and the posterior angles are right angles. It is apparently a rather larger species.

*H. britteni* does not seem confined to the North of England and Ireland, as Mr. Champion has a specimen taken at Ranworth.

As the shape of the last joint of the maxillary palpi is so hard to describe accurately, I have thought it best to give a sketch of this joint in the males of the four species named above.

March 8th, 1907.

_Hypocyptus ovulum*, Heer, and _H. leviiscusulus*, Mann.—Having two specimens of *Hypocyptus* with dark antennæ, obviously belonging to two distinct species, and yet answering equally well to Fowler’s description of *H. ovulum*, Heer, I sent them to Mons. Fauvel, together with several other specimens with dark antennæ, kindly lent me by friends, which they also had regarded as *H. ovulum*; he has identified all but one of the specimens sent as *H. leviiscusulus*, Mann., the exception being a specimen I took in a wine cellar here, as recorded in Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xlii, p. 40.
It is evident, therefore, that the majority of specimens of *H. ovulum* recorded from Britain are really *H. lavinsculus*. The mistake seems to have arisen from the fact that Fowler describes *H. lavinsculus* as being rather a light coloured species, whereas in colour it appears to only differ from *H. ovulum* in having the elytra pitchy-black instead of quite black. I have not the original descriptions of the two species before me, but think it worth while giving the points of distinction I notice between the two species from the specimens kindly identified for me by Mons. Fauvel. In both the antennae are dark-pitchy black, but in *H. ovulum* the club is much narrower and longer, the last joint being particularly thin and long. In *H. lavinsculus* the thorax is distinctly but diffusely punctured, in *H. ovulum* it is almost impunctate. The elytra in *H. lavinsculus* are obviously longer than the thorax, and are rather thickly and distinctly punctured and pubescent; in *H. ovulum* they are only as long as the thorax, very finely and diffusely punctured and more shining.—Norman H. Joy, Bradfield, near Reading: January 10th, 1907.

Further captures of *Carpophilus sexpustulatus*, F., and other beetles near Doncaster.—On the afternoon of February 28th, the weather being warm and genial, Dr. Corbett, his son, and myself, paid a visit to Wheatley Wood. Some much-weathered carcases of hooded crows which had fallen from a "keeper's tree" attracted the attention of Dr. Corbett, and a little beating over a sheet of paper produced four specimens of the above-named rare insect; further assiduous beating by his son and myself resulting in our each obtaining two specimens more. The species has thus been taken in three localities near Doncaster, this latest locality being very near to Sandal Beat Wood, where Dr. Corbett took his first specimen in 1904, as noted in Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xlii, p. 179. Apparently the occurrence of *C. sexpustulatus* in carcases has not been recorded, although its congener, *C. hemipterus*, L., has been found in such carcases.

Amongst other species noted either on the move or in hibernation the following may be mentioned:—*Deramaestes bardarius*, L., *D. marinus*, L., *Nitidula bipustulata*, L., *Necrobia violacea*, L., *Onosota discoidea*, F., in carcases; *Silpha atrata*, L., and *Phyllothreta nemorum*, L., hibernating in rotten wood; *Tetratoma fana- gorum*, F., in profusion in fungi on an old birch tree; and *Rhizophagus bipustulatus*, F., under bark.—E. G. Bayford, 2, Rockingham Street, Barnsley: Mar., 1907.

*Medon castaneus*, Grav., and other Coleoptera in moles' nests near Oxford.—Dr. Joy's very valuable notes on the Coleoptera associated with the mole, at p. 198 of our last volume, have induced me to devote some time (and no small amount of labour) to the investigation of the numerous moles' nests in the neighbourhood of this city. To the growing list of beetles already recorded from them, I have much pleasure in adding *Medon castaneus*, Grav. Of this rare species, already met with at large in the district (Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xli, p. 135), I found two specimens on March 2nd, in a nest made chiefly of beech leaves in very sandy soil on the summit of Shotover Hill, in company with a couple of *Hister marginitus*, Er.—another very welcome "find." My friend Mr. A. H. Hamm also took *Medon castaneus* on the same day, on sandy ground near Cowley, where, on the 9th, Mr. A. J. Chitty and I again succeeded in finding it, apparently quite "at home" in the nests. The
other mole's nest beetles taken here by Mr. Hann, Mr. J. Collins, and myself, include Aleochara spadicea, Kr., widely distributed and not rare, varying greatly in size and development; Oxypoda metatarsalis, Thoms., and Homalota paradoxa, Rey, as yet rarely; Quedius vexans, Epp., fairly common, and Q. longicornis, Kr., more sparingly; Oxytelus fairmairei, Pand., taken not rarely by Mr. Collins; and Heterothops nigra, Kr., as usual the most abundant species in the nests—a large proportion of which, however, are here entirely untenanted by beetles. The giant flea, Hystrichopsylla talpor, until recently so rarely met with, turns up constantly, often to the number of a dozen or more in a single nest, but it is by no means active, and is easily secured when wanted, or as easily avoided.—James J. Walker, Aorangi, Lonsdale Road, Summertown, Oxford: March 18th, 1907.

Aleochara maculata, Bris., near Oxford, and in Berkshire.—On March 16th I turned a bright and distinct-looking Aleochara out of a tuft of grass at the side of Hen Wood, about three miles from Oxford. This I at once suspected to be A. maculata, Bris., a suspicion which was confirmed on reaching home, when it was found to agree exactly with an unrecorded example of this rare species in my collection, taken by sweeping in a beech wood near Streatley, on May 6th, 1905.—Id.

Oxylotus variolosus, Duf., at Darenth Wood.—A specimen of this species, captured by myself at Darenth Wood, Kent, on August 2nd, 1903, has been overlooked till recently, when Mr. Champion detected it amongst some Coleoptera he was looking over for me.—W. West, Lewisham: March 18th, 1907.

Noteworthy captures of Lepidoptera in North Sussex.—Among various Lepidoptera taken at East Grinstead, Sussex, during the last two seasons, by Miss A. D. Edwards, for whom I have had the pleasure of identifying them, the following rare or local species seem worthy of special mention:—Sarrothrips revayana, Sc. (undulana, Hb.), one, in 1906; Scoparia basistrialis, Knaggs, the only individual met with was an example, caught in 1905, of a handsome melanic aberration that is occasionally found with the typical form in other localities, and to which I hope to refer again shortly in a note on the variation of this species; Ephesia semirufa (Hw.?), Stn., a single specimen was captured in 1906; Dichelia groliana, F., one, in 1905; Cnephasia chrysanthewa, Dup., three were secured in 1905, and a similar number last year; Cn. communana, H.-S., one, in 1905; Ephyppiphora signata, Dgl., a solitary specimen was found among the captures made in 1905; Tinea corticella, Crt. (emortaella, Z.), one was taken in 1906; and Eidoophasia messingiella, F. K., of which an example occurred in 1906.

Of the above, neither E. semirufa nor Cn. communana is included in the List of Sussex Lepidoptera published last year in the Victoria History of Sussex.

As regards E. semirufa, it seems impossible, without a sight of Haworth's type specimen, which I have failed to trace, to decide for certain whether his "semirufa," described in Lep. Brit., 496 (1812), was merely a variety of clatella, Hb., or whether it was the unquestionably distinct but little-known species, captured by Miss Edwards, to which Stainton (Man., ii, 168) applied the name semirufa, and in which the more oblique first line reaches the dorsum markedly further from the base
of the fore-wing than in *elutella*. The special characteristics of *semirufa*, Stn., which is extremely local, usually rare, and apparently confined to England, have been pointed out with more or less detail (though with some minor discrepancies, which are probably due, in great measure, to differences in the condition of the specimens examined) by Stinton (*l. c.*), by Barrett [*Ent. Mo. Mag.*, xi, 270 (1875)], by Ragonot [*Ent. Mo. Mag.*, xxii, 24 (1885)], and, most fully and reliably, by Dr. J. H. Wood [*Ent. Mo. Mag.*, xxiv, 250–2 (1888)], who bred the insect from the egg, and contributed some valuable notes on its life-history. In spite of such an accumulation of evidence, this thoroughly distinct species is omitted from Meyrick's *Handbook* Brit. Lep. (1895), in which *semirufa*, Hw., is entered (whether correctly or incorrectly seems uncertain) as unquestionably identical with *elutella*, Hb.

It seems advisable to mention that the *Cuephasia* referred to above as communana is the excessively local species, with long and peculiarly narrow grey fore-wings, to which Barrett and Ragonot used to apply the name [*vide* *Ent. Mo. Mag.*, xx, 243 (1884)]. I agree with them in this application of it, for the insect in question, which was the subject of an interesting note by Mr. A. Thurnall in *Ent. Mo. Mag.*, ser. 2, xvi, 260 (1905), is probably the one from which Herrich-Schäffer’s figure "111" was made, and we must assume that his figure "113," also named "communana" on the Plate, likewise represents this species, for the shape of the wings supports this idea, although I have never yet seen a specimen of it nearly so dark as that shown in the figure, in which the ground-colour is fusaceous, and the grey hue is reduced to two costal and two dorsal, nearly opposite, spots. Such a form may, however, exist, in spite of the only pronounced melanie tendency, known to me, in British examples of communana being shown by the markings and not by the ground-colour; and although the posterior margin of the basal patch is strongly and acutely angulated in fig. 113, whereas the corresponding margin is hardly angulated in fig. 114, this by no means militates against the assumption that the figures represent the same insect under different forms, for this is a detail in which our communana, in common with various other *Cuephasia*, shows great individual variation. In Staudinger and Rebel's "Catalog," part ii, p. 92 (1901), communana, H.-S., is sunk as a synonym of wahlbomiana, L., but the *Cuephasia* in question, which we believe to be communana, H.-S., is certainly distinct from wahlbomiana, L. (unless every interpretation that I have seen of Linne's conception* is quite erroneous), and from some, and probably from every one, of the various other forms included by Rebel under the all-embracing term "waldhonianna." Like *E. semirufa*, Stn., it is, unfortunately, omitted from Meyrick's "Handbook," where "communana, H.-S.," is merely entered as a doubtful synonym of conspersana, Dgl., which latter species, however, although extremely variable, is abundantly distinct in all its forms from the one under notice. Moreover, whereas conspersana appears in July and August, communana, of which both larva and food-plant seem to be unknown, should be sought for, as pointed out by Mr. Thurnall (*l. c.*), in the end of May and the beginning of June. The following characteristics of communana together render it so unlike all its British congeners that there is but little chance of its being confused with any of them: — (1) the shape of the fore-wing, which is remarkably narrow in comparison with its length, in both sexes, and has a very oblique termen; the largest of the thirteen ♀♂ before

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* I have not as yet been able to consult the original notice of *waldhonianna*, L., which was published in the tenth edition of Linne's "Systema Naturae."—E. R. B.
me show an al. exp. of 22 mm., but the greatest breadth of any fore-wing, which, by itself, measures 10'12 mm. in length, is only 4 mm., while the smallest expand 19 mm., with a greatest breadth of 3'3 mm.; the four ? ? in my collection expand 18-19 mm.; (2) the uniform tone, in all ordinary specimens, of the medium grey ground-colour; (3) the narrowness of the fascie, which are also more or less clearly defined.—EUSTACE R. BANKES, Norden, Corfe Castle: February 18th, 1907.

Pupating habits of Aristotelia palustrella, Dgl.—In Ent. Mo Mag., ser. 2, xlv, 145 (1906), I stated, with reference to my experience when rearing Aristotelia palustrella, Dgl., that in every instance the cocoon was made, not in the crown of the root where it is said, in Mr. Barrett’s note in Ent. Mo Mag., ser. 2, xv, 278 (1904), to be found as a rule, but in a chamber formed among the young leaves and stems that had sprouted therefrom after the shoot had been cut off, and had then died away. For “in every instance” I should have written “in every instance that has come under notice,” and the statement, as it stands, requires modification. It correctly embodies the results of the original search that was made for the cocoons, which were by no means easy to find, but a recent and more thorough one, while clearly establishing the fact that the great majority of larvae, out of about fifteen that spun up, had selected the site I mentioned, revealed the following exceptions. Two cocoons were ensconced in chambers formed inside the thickened bases of stems springing from the rootstocks of the food-plant, while two others were situated in the centres of the basal portions of small shoot-stems. Besides these, a single example was detected in a chamber hollowed out just beneath the bark of a Rumex stem, at 2½ inches from its base. The material so much utilized by my larvae, when preparing for pupation, would never exist in normal wild plants, and it may well be that their desertion of the rootstocks, when full-fed, was largely due to these having become somewhat dry, and consequently tough for excavation.—Ib.: March 11th.

Occurrence in Britain of the typical form of Aristotelia stipella, Hb.—Mr. Bankes’ interesting note (p. 66, ante) has made me look at my series of this species, as I felt sure that I had bred the typical form commonly here from Atriplex portulacoides. I find that I have six well-marked specimens of the typical stipella, bred in June, 1891, from this plant on the shore of the Fleet Backwater here, and two labelled “bred apparently from Althaea palustris” (but doubtless from Atriplex gathered with it, or from individuals pupating in it) from the Fleet shore at Langton Herring, about three miles off, also in June, 1891. I have also one, slightly less clearly marked, taken here May 27th, 1887, and two of the nesiferella form taken here and at Weymouth in 1889 and 1891, besides some from other localities.

To the best of my recollection the stipella form was the commonest amongst those which I bred from this neighbourhood.—NELSON M. RICHARDSON, Montevedio, Chickerell, near Weymouth: March 12th, 1907.

Hymenoptera Parasitica in West Suffolk and at Eastbourne.—In continuation of Mr. Saunders’ Note (Ent. Mo Mag., 1907, p. 87), I may say that Lieut.-Col. Nurse has been so good as to send me for determination some very interesting parasitic Hymenoptera from the districts there mentioned. The Ichneumonide
comprised Microcypthus labialis, Gr., a ☞ at Timworth, viii; Acanthoecryptus flagitator, Gr., one ♀ from Fornham, 22.ix; ♀ ♂ of Glyphecmenis vagabunda, Gr., at Eastbourne, viii; a fine ♀ of the local Atritris carinifer, Gr., from Tuddenham (where I have taken it sparingly myself), 18.vi.1906; two Cryptus obscurus, Gr., from Timworth; one Pimpla sexaenea, Vill., 17.iv, doubtless after hibernation; a couple of ♀ ♂ P. turionella, Linn., from Ampton and Timworth in iv; a ☞ P. examiner, Fab., from Timworth; both sexes of the abundant Callirhia calcitrator, Gr., from Ampton, 30.v; a single ♀ of the uncommon Mesoleius virgutorum, Holmgr., from Ingham, 2.vi.06; a ☞ Polyblassus pinguis, Gr., from Tuddenham, 22.vi.06; ♀ ♂ of Bassus lictarius, Fab., and Prometheus sulcatus, Gr., from Timworth; a ☞ Exestastes gullatorius, Gr., at Eastbourne, viii, with Henicospilus merdarius, Gr.; a ☞ Paniceus testaceus, Gr., at Bury St. Edmunds, vi; two ♀ ♂ Anilasta (Limneria) rufinotata, Linn., “from larvae of H. diptasea from Tuddenham, 2.viii.06,” and from larvae of D. irregularis from Tuddenham, emerged 3.viii.06”; a ☞ Meloboris (Limneria) crassicorneus, Holmgr., from Timworth, viii.05. Among the Braconidae were Bracon minnulator, Fab., from Timworth, viii.05; Microgaster globatus, Linn., from Eastbourne, viii; M. libialis, Nees, from Timworth; four ☞ ♂ of Microplitis sordipes, Nees, “from larvae of D. irregularis, Tuddenham, 8 and 16.vii.06”; two ☞ ♂ of Microdes tumidulus, Nees, from Eastbourne, vii.00, and Timworth, viii.05; one ☞ Macrocentrus marginator, Nees, from Timworth; and Alaysia manducator, Panz., from the same locality. Chalcids were represented by the uncommon Chalcis minuta, Linn., from Tuddenham, 26.vii.06; and the Eutichidae by the curious and common ♀ ♂ of Gasteruption jenulztor, Linn.

Reverting to Mr. Saunders’ Note (i.e.), it is well to put on record that Andreaea niveata, Friese, was taken in Suffolk even before it was first recorded as British; since Mr. R. C. L. Perkins captured it at Brandon in May, 1899, and thought there was little doubt of its local frequency there. All the specimens recorded as Halictus subfasciatus, Nyl., in my “Hymenoptera of Suffolk” are referable to H. fulvicornis, Kirby.—CLAUDE MORLEY, Monks’ Soham House, Suffolk: March 1st, 1907.

Diptera in Dumbartonshire in 1906.—The year 1906 proved to be a good one for Diptera here, although other Orders were for the most part conspicuous by their absence. During the earlier months some good species were turned up, including Blepharoptera modesta, Mg., and Helomyza florifrons, Ztt., both of which are new to the Clyde list. Among other additions to our list the following are perhaps the most notable: Pulex gonioccephalus, Taschb., seven specimens from dead rabbits; Trichopsylla gallinae, Schrk., from starlings’ nests; T. nevestandi, Rothschild, from nests of grey wagtail; Typhlopsylla agyrtes, Heller, from nest of field mouse; Lasioptera rubi, Schrk., two specimens; Scirra thomae, L., common in Murroch Glen, &c.; Mycetophila lineola, Mg., common; Scelionia nigra, Mg., two specimens, in December; Zygoanis notata, Stan., scarce; Allocotocera pulchella, Curt., one specimen at Bonhill; Glaphyroptera fascipennis, Mg., common; Empheria compressa, Wlk., rare; Tetragonura sylvestris, Curt., scarce; Scioptila marginata, Mg., not uncommon; Platyrura atrata, F., one specimen, evidently belonging to this species; Bolitophila cinerea, Mg., one specimen, at Bonhill, in November; Scatops flavicollis, Mg., common; S. albittarss, Ztt., rare; S. halterata, Mg., common; S. brevicornis, Mg., common; Orphnephi/a testacea, Ruthc., not uncommon
on the hills; Chrysonotus bipunctatus, Scop., one specimen, at Bonhill, in July; Rhynchosoma gibba, Fln., common; Empis lucida, Ztt., common on late sallows on the hills; Eldalia stagnatella, Ztt., one specimen, at Bonhill; E. holmgrenii, Ztt., common; Hemerodromia oratoria, Fln., scarce; Thamnodromia vocatoria, Fln., scarce; Chersodromia curtisana, Ztt., not rare on the shore at Cardross; Dolichopus phauros, Hal., two specimens identified as this by Mr. Verrall were taken in 1905 at Bonhill; D. planitarsis, Fln., one male taken on the hill above Murroch Glen in May; Hypophyllus crisipes, several in Murroch Glen in June; Hercestoma germanus, W., not rare; Syntomenta pumilas, Mg., locally common; S. monilis, Wik., occurring along with the last named; Xiphandrum fasciatum, Mg., one male; X. brevicorne, Curt., scarce; Symphyces uneicosa, Mg., not uncommon; Aphrosyne ferax, Hal., not uncommon at Cardross; Platypasa furcata, Fln., abundant on the under-sides of a large tree-growing fungus at Strathleven; Chilosia proxima, Ztt., not scarce; Hydodesia pallida, F., not rare on tree trunks; H. dispers, Fln., one @ at Bonhill; Mydrea nigrita, Ztt., possibly not uncommon, but easily overlooked; Spilogaster trignalis, Mg., not scarce; S. quadrans, F., common; Trichoptiens pulcher, Md., rare; Hydrophoria anthomyia, Rd., scarce; Mycophaga faungorum, Dcg., scarce; Chortophila curriculanda, Ztt., not uncommon on the hill in early summer; C. sepia, Mg., not rare; C. biltbergi, Ztt., scarce; Phorbia ciliicera, Rd., scarce; Pegonyia bete, Curt., one @, Bonhill; Chilosia albitalis, Ztt., one @, Bonhill; Azelia triquetra, W., common; A. aterrima, Mg., one @ on fungi in autumn; Ceratostoma ostorum, Fln., common at Cardross; Colopala pilipes, Hal., Cardross; Allophyla atricornis, W., on fungi in August; Eccoctomera longiseta, one specimen at Bonhill; Blepharoptera inscripta, Mg., common; Heteromyza ocultata, Fln., scarce; H. atricornis, Mg., scarce; Tephrochlamys flavipes, Ztt., one specimen at Bonhill; Aedoparea buccata, Fln., Cardross; Seioniya glabrata, Fln., one specimen in Murroch Glen; S. scutellaris, two specimens at Strathleven; Supromyzza longiseta, scarce; S. impulina, F., one specimen at Cardross; Lencopus griscola, Fln.; Spheroerca monilis, Hal., two specimens, S. subsulcata, F., common; Linozina nivalis, Hal., one specimen on fungi in December; Conicera attr, scarce; Phora leugbris, Mg., P. thoracica, Mg., scarce; P. carinifrons, Ztt., P. lutca, Mg., and P. raipes, Mg., common. This list gives only a selection of the more interesting species met with, and only includes a few of those species that have not previously been recorded from the West of Scotland. Where no locality is mentioned, Bonhill is the place of capture. I have to thank the Hon. N. C. Rothschild for naming the Pulicidae, and also Mr. J. E. Collin for examining several of the Acalypterate Muscidae in the list given.—J. R. Malloch, Bonhill, Dumbartonshire: February, 1907.

Review.


The special importance that all blood-sucking flies have acquired owing to the recent discoveries of their association with the causation and dissemination of
diseases, induced the Trustees of the British Museum to have prepared for exhibition in the North Hall of the Museum coloured drawings of many of the British blood-sucking species, and Professor Ray Lunkester rightly considered that the sphere of usefulness of these drawings would be very materially increased if they were published in a convenient form. The result is a volume of 34 plates reproduced by the three-colour process from the drawings, carefully prepared by Mr. A. J. Engel Terzi, and 74 pages of letter-press, by E. E. Austen, Assistant in the Department of Zoology.

The drawings, more especially of the larger Tabani, T. borinns, sudetens, and autunnalis, and some of the Papipara, do great credit to the artist and to Messrs. Witherby and Co., the colour printers; but in several cases the predominance of a greenish tinge in the plate (a fault in the reproduction) spoils an otherwise excellent figure. It is a pity that in some cases the species should have been figured with the wings at rest overlapping the body, because it prevents a comparison of the abdominal and wing markings with allied species. As the introduction states that it is only intended to give a popular account of the insects, one does not look for or expect details of the characters by which the genera and species are recognised; but the more important characters are mentioned, and the distribution and date of appearance are given in considerable detail. The impression left upon one by an examination of the work is, that by its aid, very little difficulty should be experienced in naming the majority of the species, with the exception of those belonging to the genera Ceratopogon, Culex, and Simulium.

Obituary.

John Emmerson Robson.—It is with great regret we record the death, on February 28th last, at the ripe age of 74, of Mr. John E. Robson, of Hartlepool. For a very long period Mr. Robson has been known in the North of England as an ardent and successful Lepidopterist, and since his connection with the "Young Naturalist" (afterwards the "British Naturalist"), equally so throughout the country. Mr. Robson edited the "Young Naturalist" and "British Naturalist" for the fourteen years from 1879 to 1893, the first several years in connection with Mr. S. L. Mosley. The journal was very popular and did much: good, and will long be remembered on account of the lively, but thoroughly good natured discussions between prominent Lepidopterists of the time on various Entomological problems. Mr. Robson also issued "A List of British Lepidoptera and their named Varieties"; and at the time of his death was engaged in the concluding part of "The Lepidoptera of Northumberland, Durham, and Newcastle-on-Tyne." He had been engaged on this work for some years, and three parts had already been issued, completing it to the end of the Tortrices, thus leaving only the Tineina and Pterophorina to be dealt with. Mr. Robson was an enthusiastic and genial companion, as we know from experience, and a charming correspondent. He had been a Fellow of the Entomological Society of London since 1860. Besides his business, and Entomological pursuits, Mr. Robson took great interest in Public work, especially Educational, and was formerly on the old School Board, and more recently on the Education Committee at Hartlepool. He was, too, until his death
a member of the Borough Council; and as illustrating the interest of his family in such matters, it may be mentioned that his father was Mayor of Hartlepool so long ago as 1855.—G. T. P.

**Societies.**

**Birmingham Entomological Society:** January 21st, 1907.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. T. Fountain showed a beautifully varied series of *Hybernia defoliaria*, Cl. It included specimens, almost unicolorous, of a dark umber colour; others with the same dark umber colour as a ground colour with dark bands or bars, in some cases broad, dark, nearly black and sharply defined; then there were the usual light brown ones; the usual ones with light ground colour and cross-bars of various widths and intensity, including some the bars on which were nearly black, broad, and sharply defined. Mr. Hubert Langley, various *Lepidoptera* from near Leamington, including *Lymantria monacha*, L., which is not uncommon in one or two woods, *Bormia roboraria*, Schiff., *Myelois cribrella*, Hbst. Mr. L. Doncaster made an appeal for help in connection with the Royal Society’s enquiry into progressive melanism. Mr. W. E. Collinge showed an unknown Diptera larva supposed to have caused damage to currant bushes, but which he believed to be carnivorous, and only accidentally associated with the currants; it had been seen by Mr. G. H. Verrall and Dr. Sharp, but seemed to them to belong to a previously unknown type of larva. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, a beautiful series of *Pieridae* belonging to the genus *Delias* from New Guinea and Australia, and including several new species.

February 28th, 1907.—Annual Meeting. The President in the Chair.

Mr. J. T. Fountain showed living *Pieris rapae*, L., and *Larentia multistrigaria*, Haw., the former captured on the wing on February 15th, the latter bred. Mr. H. Willoughby Ellis, the following *Coleoptera*—*Barusnotus schönkerri*, Zett., from Knowle, a species new to the Midland list; *Anchomenus puellus*, Dej., a species which he had taken several times in frozen reeds near Birmingham, but could get in no other way; and two or three specimens of a form of *Olisthopus rotundatus*, Pk., he had taken at Bewdley, which differed from the normal form in the much lesser proportional width of the thorax in relation to the elytra and also the more slender build of the whole insect—it looked quite a different species. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, a box of gorgeous moths from New Guinea, chiefly belonging to the Geometrid genus *Milionia*, though others belonged to the *Agaristidae*. They included several new species.—**COLBRAN J. WAINWRIGHT**, Hon. Sec.

**Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society:** The usual Monthly Meeting of this Society was held in the Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, on Monday, January 21st, 1907, Mr. W. Mansbridge, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. A. J. Wightman, of Reigate, was elected a Member of the Society.

A paper was read by Mr. F. N. Pierce, entitled “Notes on the Structure
of *Malacosoma* hybrid *schaufussi* (*M. castresias* × *M. neustria*). The paper was admirably illustrated by microscope preparations of the insects named, as well as of *M. francenica*, shown by the aid of the micro-lantern. The author pointed out that, unlike the usual mixture of male and female genitalia obtaining in the case of hybrids, the sexes of *schaufussi* possessed unmixted organs proper to the respective sexes. From a consideration of the details of the structure of the hybrid moths they are seen to combine the distinguishing features of each of the parent species, though perhaps leaning more towards *neustria*. The scales also showed modifications, being intermediate in form and size between those of the parents from the same part of the wing. Mr. Fred. Birch gave a most interesting address upon his experiences in Trinidad when in quest of tropical *Lepidoptera*, with original observations upon the habits and peculiarities of the butterflies of the island. The following exhibits were made, viz.: by Mr. Oulton Harrison, an album of photographs of *Lepidoptera* in their various stages, taken by Mr. Hugh Main, of London; also on behalf of the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, of Horbury, melanic *Agrotis agathina* from the West Riding, *Bunomia repandata* from Horbury, and its variety *conversaria* from Barmouth. The Hon. Secretary showed, on behalf of Mr. R. Hancock, of Birmingham, a number of photographs of *Lepidoptera*, and read a letter relating to the exhibit. By Mr. W. Mansbridge, a short series of *Tripheva cones*, var. *curtisi*, from Aberdeen, and a series of the chocolate form of *Hemecophilia abruparia* from the London area, together with examples of the type for comparison; also melanic specimens of *A. agathina* from Delamere for comparison with Mr. Eddrup’s, more smoky in ground colour than the West Riding specimens. Mr. Oscar Whitaker, lantern slides of the exotic cockroaches *Blaberia gigantea* and *B. marmorata* from the collection of Mr. E. J. B. Sopp.

February 18th, 1907.—Mr. W. Mansbridge, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Chairman communicated a paper entitled “Micro-*Lepidoptera* captured in Lancashire and Cheshire during 1906,” and illustrated his remarks by specimens of all the moths referred to; there were no rare species among them, but about thirty additions to recent records were mentioned. In illustration of the Tortrices of North Lancashire, Mr. C. H. Forsyth, of Lancaster, sent a box of some ninety species, collected mainly in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, including *Sciaphila penziana* from Aronside, *Conchylyis alternana*, *Aphelia ossea*, *Grapholitha penkleriana*, and *Diceroramphus sulfurana* from Lancaster. This exhibit proved a very useful contribution to our records for the northern part of the county. Mr. Robert Adkin, of London, sent for exhibition a pair of the Tortricid moth, *Tortrix pronubana*, one of the most recent additions to the British list. Other exhibits were a series of beautiful water-colour drawings, illustrating protective coloration in butterflies and moths, by Mr. Newall, of New Brighton; and by Mr. Richardson, several cases of insects for educational purposes.—H. R. Sweeting and Wm. Mansbridge, Hon. Secs.
the Society was satisfactory financially. The Council's report of the position and progress of the Society was then read, and showed that its position of usefulness was still maintained. The President then read his Annual Address, including in it remarks on the progress of Entomology generally during the past year. Votes of Thanks were unanimously passed to the retiring Officers and Council. The following is a list of those gentlemen elected to serve as Officers and Council for the ensuing year:—President R. Adkin, F.E.S. Vice-Presidents, W. J. Kaye, F.E.S., and H. Main, B.Sc., F.E.S. Treasurer, T. W. Hall, F.E.S. Librarian, A. W. Dods. Curator, W. West (Greenwich). Hon. Secretaries, Stanley Edwards, F.L.S., and Hy. J. Turner, F.E.S. Council, F. B. Carr, T. A. Chapman, M.D., F.Z.S., A. Harrison, F.L.S., A. L. Rayward, F.E.S., A. Sieh, F.E.S., R. South, F.E.S., and E. Step, F.L.S.

Ordinary Meeting: Miss Margaret Fountaine, F.E.S., of West Hampstead, was elected a Member.

Messrs. Harrison and Main exhibited a series of Boarmia repandata, mainly from Isle of Man parents, with series from Cornwall, Delamere, and Isle of Lewis, and contributed notes on their occurrence and variation. The captured Isle of Man specimens were taken settling on rocks. Mr. Main, a living larva of Charaxes jasius, received from the South of France, and called attention to its wonderful coloration, shape, and to the fact that the curious mask of the head is shed as a whole.

Thursday, February 11th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. Goulton exhibited a series of Hybernia defoliaria, bred from Ranmore Common larvae, most of the imagines being dark and more or less uniform. Mr. Newman, pupae of Asteroscopus vulpeculosa of a transparent green colour, just like pupae when first changed, and also spun-together tufts of reeds containing pupae of Meliana flammea. Mr. Rayward, a young living larva of Strymon w-album, which he had cut out of an egg in mid-January; it was still alive, although normally perfectly quiescent. Mr. Tutt noted that the species hibernated as a larva within the egg shell. Dr. Chapman, a large very brown Callophrys rubi from the Riviera, with antennæ brown beneath, and two examples of the same species set to show position of "tails" of the wings when resting. Mr. Adkin, a series of Eudolia cervinata reared from Eastbourne larvae, and stated that the larvae could only be found at night. Mr. Kaye, a long series of Heliconius hydara, sub sp. columbina, with a pair of H. amaryllis, sub sp. rosina, from Colombia to show the extraordinary colour resemblance of the two species. Mr. Harrison, for Mr. Mansbridge, a long series of Agrolis asworthiii, bred from North Wales larvae, and read notes on the breeding, habits of the larvae, and variation of the resultant imagines, of which about 24 % were very dark. Mr. Hy. J. Turner read a paper entitled, "Our Authorities. An Introduction to Entomological Literature," illustrating his remarks by a number of volumes issued previously to 1800, exhibited by Messrs. Adkin, Edwards, Sieh, and himself. Miss Fountaine exhibited (1) the very local form of the summer brood of Pieris napi, var. flaveccens, from Mödling, near Vienna; (2) P. doptidice, var. belloidice, from Aix-en-Provence, and ab. raphani from Algeria; (3) P. chloridice from Asia Minor; (4) Anthocaris cardamines and its allies, A. grneri from Greece, A. damone from Syria, A. euphenoides from South France, A. eupheno from
Thursday, February 28th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. H. W. Barter and Mr. F. D. Coote, of Camberwell, were elected Members.

Dr. Chapman exhibited (1) a pupa of *Hastula hyerana* showing the jaws; (2) a specimen of *Capina alba* with a triple tarsus to the right hind leg; (3) a short series of *Leioptilus carphodactylus*, a plume new to Britain, taken at Folkestone by Mr. Purdey; and (4) some fine varieties of *Peronea cristata*. Mr. South, an extremely pallid specimen of *Satyrus semole* taken near Canterbury. Mr. Lucas, specimens of *Hyberia leucophearia* from Oxshott. Mr. Rayward, ova of a "thorn" laid in a row on a twig of blackthorn. Mr. Newman, cocoons of *Dieramnura bicuspis* on birch bark overgrown with lichen from Tilgate Forest. Mr. Turner, Coleoptera from Waroona, West Australia. Mr. Adkin, long varied series of *Dianthoecia carpophaga* from the South Downs, and gave notes on them. A large number of lantern slides were exhibited by Messrs. Lucas, Main, West (Ashtead), Dennis and Tonge, illustrating life-histories, protective resemblance, egg capsules of *Blatta*, spp., ova of *Lepidoptera*, &c.—H. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON: Wednesday, February 6th, 1907.—Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

The President announced that he had nominated Mr. Frederick Merrifield, Mr. Edward Saunders, F.R.S., F.L.S., and Mr. George Henry Verral to be Vice-Presidents for the Session 1907-8.

Mr. Charles Kimberlin Brain, of 23, Burnside Road, Tamboers Kloof, Cape Colony; Mrs. Catherine Maria Moore, of Holmefield, Oakholme Road, Sheffield; and Mr. Alfred Ernest Tonge, of Ainerof, Reigate; were elected Fellows of the Society.

Mr. E. A. Cockayne brought for exhibition a collection of *Lepidoptera* made by him at Tongue, North Sutherlandshire, between June 30th and July 13th, 1906, comprising many species not hitherto reported from the county. It was noticeable that the several species showed little tendency to melanism. Dr. T. A. Chapman exhibited fifteen specimens of *Hastula hyerana*, Mill., to demonstrate how it may vary under the circumstances of late emergence. The majority of those he had last year emerged in August, September and October, to the number of over 400 specimens, in the pale (*hyerana*) and the dark (*marinata*) form. In November four pale and three dark specimens emerged; these are very decidedly darker than the darkest of the earlier emergences. Four specimens came out in December, all of them *hyerana*. Three of these were males, and were remarkably dark forms, like nothing amongst the preceding specimens. The effect of cold, he said, is to produce darkening as it appears to be the case in a majority of temperature experiments. Miss M. E. Fountaine, a number of Anthocharid and Melitaeid butterflies from various localities in Europe, Asia Minor, and North Africa, showing a wide range of variation. The President, a female example of the genus *Dorylus*, sent to the
Museum from Mengo in Uganda. There were with it in the same tube one small and two large Workers, which he thought would probably be the means of identifying the species at some future time. The Workers closely resembled specimens in the Museum named D. arcuus, which is said to be the same as nigricans. The Rev. F. E. Lowe, various aberrant forms of Swiss butterflies, including Melanargia galatea, ab. fulvata, Lowe, from Martigny; Lycena arion, ab., from Pontresina, with the black spots on the under-side of the wings almost entirely absent, save one very large kidney-shaped, slightly tinged with white at the centre of each wing; and a pair of Pieris napi, var. bryoniae, taken in cop. at Caux, the ♂ not only suffused as in bryoniae, but also having the ♀ markings. Colonel Charles T. Bingham, the pupa of a Tineid moth, probably of the genus Binsitta, from Upper Burmah, presenting with its surroundings a remarkable mimetic resemblance to the head and body of a small snake; and a case illustrating the curious habits of butterflies of the genera Gerydus and Allotius, which join with ants in attending Aphidæ for the sake of their sweet excretions. The Rev. F. D. Morice, a very remarkable gynandromorphous specimen from Silchester of the common fern-visiting Saw-fly, which, originally described by Fabricius as Hylotoma cingulata, was generally known afterwards as Tenthredo cingulata, and is now called—the generic name being Dahlbom's—Strongylozaster cingulatus, T., the dividing line between the ♂ and ♀ portions running longitudinally, not transversely, from end to end of the creature; a form stated by the President to be unique. Mr. Percy I. Lathy communicated "Notes on the Indo-Australian Papilionidae," and Mr. Ernest A. Elliott and Mr. Claude Morley "On the Hymenopterous Parasites of Coleoptera."

—H. ROWLAND-BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

SOME NOTES ON THE LEPIDOPTERA
OF THE "DALE COLLECTION" OF BRITISH INSECTS, NOW IN THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM.

BY JAMES J. WALKER, M.A., R.N., F.L.S.

I.—RHOPALOCERA.

In the history of British Entomology during the second quarter of the nineteenth century, three names—those of James Francis Stephens, John Curtis, and James Charles Dale—stand pre-eminent; and the great collections of all Orders of our indigenous insects, formed by these pioneers of our Science, fortunately still exist in their entirety. One of these, that of John Curtis, is now at the Antipodes, and thus no longer within our reach, but Stephens's insects have long formed a valuable item in our National Collection; and within the last few months, the extensive collections commenced by the elder Dale in the opening years of the last century, and since his decease in 1872, continued and augmented by his son, have through the munificence of the last-named Entomologist, found a final and per-
manent resting-place, in which they will be accessible for study and examination by all workers who may desire to consult them. Under the will of the late Charles William Dale, the whole of the collections, as well as the entomological diaries and other records made by his father and himself, are bequeathed to the Delegates of the University Museum at Oxford, subject to the condition that they shall be permanently kept separate under the name of the "Dale Collections."

The value of this generous bequest can scarcely be overestimated, as besides the personal and historical interest attached to very many of the specimens, some of which have been handed down from Haworth's and other classic collections, and the number of rare and now extinct British species, and of fine and remarkable varieties which they include, these collections formed the source whence Curtis derived a great part of the material used in his splendidly illustrated "British Entomology." They thus contain many of Curtis's "types;" and others of his species, which may be more or less open to doubt, may be verified by reference to the Dalean collections. The journals and records, which are continuously carried on from 1808—the first definite date in J. C. Dale's "Entomological Calendar," May 2nd, 1808, recording the capture of "Pontia cardamines" at Enborne, Berks—nearly up to the time of C. W. Dale's death early last year, form an entomological narrative of very great interest and value. The above-named MS. volume, indeed, takes us even further back in time, as Dale's "Calendar" is preceded by one on the same lines compiled by him from the notes of the Rev. Charles Abbot, D.D., F.L.S., one of the Masters of Bedford Grammar School, in which the earliest entry bears date May 8th, 1798. Thus we have considerably over a hundred years of continuous entomological records embodied in these volumes, in which the date and other particulars of the capture, &c., of nearly every specimen in the collections has been entered, and the exact history, of at least every important insect, could be traced by its original possessors. It is, however, much to be regretted that, at any rate in the case of *Macro-Lepidoptera*, a large number of specimens bear no label of any kind, and thus they cannot be connected with the records with any degree of certainty.

Complete summaries of the species represented in the collections were drawn up by C. W. Dale after the death of his father, a separate volume being devoted to each of the larger Orders; the particulars relating to the *Lepidoptera* being entered in a copy of "The Lepi-
dopterist's Register, compiled by T. J. Carrington." This has proved of
great service to me in preparing the following notes on the
Macro-Lepidoptera, a task which I have undertaken at the suggestion
of my friend Prof. E. B. Poulton, F.R.S., who now has the Dale
Collections under his care. I have also found the two works by
C. W. Dale "The History of Glanvilles Wootton, including its
Zoology and Botany" (London, 1878) and "The History of our
British Butterflies" (London, John Kempster and Co., 1900) of con-
siderable assistance.

In these notes I have adhered to the nomenclature and sequence
under which the insects now stand in the collection, and under which
they will remain; but these names, if perhaps hardly "up to date,"
will at any rate be familiar to Entomologists. The abbreviations
"J. C. D." and "C. W. D." refer to the labels attached to the speci-
mens, in the handwriting of James Charles Dale and Charles William
Dale respectively, though it must be said that in the case of the latter
the MS. is not always very legible.

The Rhopalocera, as finally arranged by C. W. Dale, are repre-
sented by 1944 specimens, occupying 16 drawers in a 24-drawer
cabinet of modern make, and include:—

*Papilio podalirius*, L.—One specimen in somewhat poor condition, without
antenne, but with the tails perfect. The label attached to the insect is as follows:
(J. C. D.). This corresponds with the entry in Dr. Abbot's "Entomological
Calendar" as to the capture of this very doubtful British species in that locality.

*P. machaon*, L.—A series of 21 specimens, including specimens labelled,
"Whittlesea Mere, Hunts., Aug. 7, 1820. B. Standish." "Larva found at Bar-
dolph Fen, Norfolk, July 28th, 1819, turned to fly July 4, 1820, J. C. Dale."
"Whittlesea Mere, Hunts., July 24, 1819, J. C. Dale." A fine, large, rather light-
coloured ♀ is labelled, "Newlands Common, Glanvilles Wootton, Dorset, Aug. 17,
1815, J. C. Dale," and appears to be the last specimen taken in that locality, where
it had previously occurred not rarely. Two examples, "Whittlesea Mere, 1821"
(C. W. D.). A curious variety of the ♀, normal, except the right fore-wing, which
is much bleached, the ground colour being of a pale dull ochreous tint, and the
usual black markings replaced by light brownish-grey. "Bred by Mr. S. Fortescue,
of Worcester Park, 1839. Larva from Wicken Fen." (J. C. D.). Three examples
in moderate to poor condition, in two of which the yellow colour is greatly darkened,
apparently by age, while the third and best may possibly be a dark variety. This
has a label, "1893, Cooke, E. Coll., Pritchard, Reigate;" and another, "The whole
3 are specimens given me by C. R. Briggs" (C. W. D.).

*Aporia crataegi*, L.—A series of eleven good specimens, the first, on an enor-
mos common pin, is labelled at side, "May, 1808, Glanvilles Wootton" (C. W. D.),
another, "June 18, 1815, Glanvilles Wootton." There are also specimens from
Herne Bay (one very small), the New Forest, Hereford, and Bridgend.
Pieris brassicae, L.—Nine examples of the var. charicea, Steph.

P. rapa, L.—2 ?'s, exceedingly small; 3 ?'s nearly immaculate, one entirely so; several very deeply cream-coloured ?'s, and one ? (Glanvilles Wootton, Oct., 1870) very broadly suffused with dark grey at the base of all the wings.

P. napi, L.—A varied series, including some fine dark Irish and Scotch specimens; 2 ?'s with all the markings exceedingly faint, and one small and well-marked ?, with the left fore-wing rounded at the apex, so as to give the hind-margin a regularly semicircular outline.

P. daplidice, L.—Thirteen specimens stand under this name, of which, however, the first two are unquestionably ? examples of the South European Enchloë belia, F. The first of these, on a modern English gilt pin, has no label; the second is labelled "From J. G. Ross collection 1882, Brighton" (C. W. D.). A very aged and shabby-looking € example of P. daplidice is of peculiar interest, as it is possibly the oldest specimen extant of this, or of any British butterfly. The label, in C. W. Dale's handwriting, reads on one side "Given to Rev. Henry Burney by J. C. Dale, bought at his sale 1803 by C. W. Dale." On the other side "Bought of Latham, one of Petiver's, probably taken at Gamlingay." At the side is a printed label "1702, Cambridge". (Petiver's folio work "Papilionum Britannicæ Ionen, Nomina, &c.," in which P. daplidice is figured, bears date 1717, and he died in the following year, so if the specimen be really one of his, the date is probably correct). A faded ? under-side, is labelled "Mus. Dr. Abbot, White Wood, Gamlingay, Camb. June 1803, Dr. Abbot" (J. C. D.), and another very aged-looking ? example "From R. Hinde of York. Taken at Dover." Five other examples hail from Dover, among them one fine ? (under-side) "Bred at Dover, Aug. 2, 1835," and another "Dover, Aug. 1835, A. Leplaiastier," one from Folkestone, one "Taken by a poor boy at Margate in 1859," and one ? "Taken at St. Leonards in 1859, brought to Kent by the bird-stuffer from whom obtained."

Athetacharis cardamines, L.—Several very small ?; one or two of this sex with the central black spot in the fore-wing evanescent, and one in which it is quite absent. One remarkable ?; with an orange dash along the costa, and another in the dark apex of the right fore-wing. This is labelled "G. Baker, Burton-on-Trent," and was obtained by Mr. C. W. Dale in 1905 at the dispersal of the collection of the late Dr. P. B. Mason.

Leucophasis sinapis, L.—The series includes several specimens from Glanvilles Wootton, three quite immaculate examples from the New Forest, labelled at side "v. ? erysimi, Bdr.," and three labelled "v. dinicis, Boisd."

Gonepteryx rhana, L.—Some deeply coloured ?'s, and one example apparently of this sex, broadly and irregularly suffused with orange-red at the margins of the fore-wings, and of the left hind-wings. This has, however, an unconvincing appearance, and suggests a "cyanide bottle" variety. It is labelled at the side "Wareham, 1902."

Colius edusa, L.—A very fine series of the ordinary form, and of var. helice, with three fine intermediate lemon-coloured forms. One of the helice has the dark border immaculate "From J. G. Ross coll., 1879" (C. W. D.). Three dwarf examples (2 ?, 1 ?), the latter with very dark border, resembling specimens of the late autumn brood which sometimes occurs here, are labelled "Chrysathema, Stph., Dover," and agree well with the figure of that form in Ill. Haust. I, pl. II, figs. 1, 2.
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Satyrus semel, L.—A fine and varied series of 42 examples, including one ♂ with no trace of the usual ocelli on either side, except a minute black dot at the apex of the fore-wings beneath; four very brightly-marked specimens, one ♀ especially so, approaching the S. European form aristas, Bon., “Derry, 1889, Curzoii.” Some pale but well-marked examples from Rannoch, and several under-sides from Cornwall (Bude and the Lizard), very like the finely-marked form found in the West of Ireland.

Satyrus sgeria, L.—One ♂ with the dark brown ground colour replaced by a rather pale sepia shade; one ♂ in poor condition, almost without markings above, “Goodman Sale, Stevens, 25 Nov., 1890” (C. W. D.), and a nearly similar ♂ example, but in better condition, “P. Bouchard, 1860” (C. W. D.).

Satyrus megera, L.—Some very pale ♀ specimens, one from “Rev. F. O. Morris, Charmouth, July, 1831,” and another labelled at side “var. lyssa, Bdv.” (C. W. D.), and bearing a label “near Sandsfoot Castle, Aug., 1836, A. Pretor.” This remarkable variety is above almost exactly like a small ♀ of Pararge megera var. adrosta, Hb; the under-side is that of rather pale but otherwise typical megera.

Satyrus hyperanthus, L.—Six fine examples of the ab. arete, O., one of these from “Glanvilles Wootton, July, 1895” (C. W. D.), and two of the fine ♀ variety with the ocelli beneath enlarged and elongated (var. lanceolata, Shipp), labelled “Middlemarsh, Aug. 5th, 1816” (C. W. D.). Mr. C. W. Dale's register shows this specimen to have been taken by his father.

Satyrus jamira, L.—An exceptionally fine series of varieties and aberrations, of which the following may be noted:

One ♂, almost uniform pale warm brown above, the sexual brand on fore-wings slightly darker, and the apical ocellus indicated on both sides by a white-pupilled light greyish-brown spot; the under-side of hind-wings pale fawn-colour. Labelled
“Newport, 1861.” One ♂, similar to the preceding, but brighter and richer in colour, clear fawn or cinnamon-brown on both sides, with slightly darker sexual brand and apical ocellus. “Glanvilles Wootton, C. W. Dale, 1861” (C. W. D.), and at side “June 22, 1861.” An old specimen of this form from Dover. Two fine ♂ ♂, rather pale brown above, with large symmetrical whitish blotches in fore and hind-wings, one having a dark transverse bar in the pale centre of the left fore-wing; this is labelled “Glanvilles Wootton, C. W. Dale, 1861” (C. W. D.), and dated June 2nd, 1861. Four ♂ ♂, unsymmetrically blotched with whitish-brown or bone-colour, and a ♂ from the Isle of Harris, having the fore-wings almost entirely dark-brown beneath. A ♀ from the same locality is very dark and rich-looking, the fulvous suffusion in fore-wings being singularly deep in tone. Of this sex, the finest variety is one entirely pale fawn-colour above, with the central fulvous blotch nearly normal. “C. Blomer, 1857” (C. W. D.), and at side, “Dartmoor.” Another ♀ is normal except the right fore-wing, which is entirely pale whitish-brown or bone-colour, the apical ocellus just visible as a faintly darker shade, “Glanvilles Wootton, C. W. Dale, 1871”; and one “From Briggs coll., 1896 (C. W. D.), has in each fore-wing a large suffused pale fulvous blotch enclosing an elongate whitish spot below the cell, and the hind-wings largely and symmetrically suffused with whitish-brown above and below. Nearly all these fine varieties are in good condition.

Satyrus tithonus, L.—Two of each sex, with well-marked supplementary black spots in fore-wings, and in one, “Teignmouth,” the lowermost spot is white-centred. A ♂ with the left fore-wing completely bleached except at the base, and a very fine ♀ aberration, in which the fulvous colour is replaced by bone-white, “From Rev. H. Burney’s coll., 1893” (C. W. D.).

Chortobius pamphilus, L.—One ♂ strongly tinged with purplish-brown, and a beautiful example of the same sex, with the ground-colour clear pale ochreous-yellow without any fulvous tint, the margins cool grey, and the apical spot very dark and conspicuous. Labelled at side, “Langport.” Two or three specimens with the ground-colour partially bleached, and others with the dark margins obsolete.

Erebia medea, W. V.—A fine series, but only one marked aberration, a very light-coloured ♀, “Forres, Salvage, 1890” (C. W. D.).

Erebia epiphron, Knoch.—Also well represented by series from Westmoreland and Perthshire, and including a very fine variety of the ♂, deep sooty orumber-brown on both surfaces, with no trace of fulvous anywhere, but with the ocelli of the fore-wings represented by black spots in elliptical pale greyish rings. “J. G. Ross, 1880” (C. W. D.).

Chortobius danae, F.—A very fine series of 66 examples, exhibiting the great range of variation for which this species is so remarkable, and including examples from North Wales, Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Newcastle, Cumberland, Killarney, Armagh, and Orkney.

Apatura iris, L.—A series of 23 specimens, some of which were taken by J. C. Dale at Enborne, Berks, in the early years of last century. A very fine ♂ var. iole, Schiff, in which, however, the right hind-wing is somewhat abbreviated. “From J. G. Ross coll., 1879” (C. W. D.), and a ♀ in fine order, in which the ground-colour is quite a light sepia-brown.
*Limenitis sibylla*, L.—A very fine example, with the usual white bands faintly indicated by a few suffused grey blotches, "J. G. Ross coll., 1879" (C. W. D.), and another under-side of the same form, not so fine, "N. Forest, 1897." Both these are labelled at side "v. oblitera."

*Vanessa cardui*, L.—An exceedingly fine variety, in markings corresponding almost exactly with the lower figure "Painted Lady, var. 1," on page 64 of Newman’s "British Butterflies"; indeed, the specimen may well be the identical one, formerly belonging to Mr. Ingall, from which the figure was drawn. It is on a rather ancient pin, but is in excellent condition, and is labelled "S. Stevens coll. 1900" (C. W. D.), and at the side, "New Forest."

*Vanessa huntera*, F.—A small and dull-looking specimen, in rather poor condition, of this well-known North American insect. It is labelled "Pembroke, Capt. Blomer" (J. C. D.), and at the side, "Haverfordwest." The capture of this specimen is recorded by J. C. Dale in "London's Magazine of Natural History," vol. III, p. 332 (1830) as follows: "I beg to announce (should not Captain Blomer have previously given you the particulars) for the first time the capture of *Vanessa huntera* in Britain, by Captain Blomer, at Withybush, near Haverfordwest, South Wales (about ten miles from a seaport) in July or August, 1828; which was, till very lately, considered by him as a small and odd variety of *V. cardui* (or Painted Lady Butterfly), and which he has very handsomely added to my cabinet. Dr. Turton describes it as a native of North America (alone, I believe), from which place it might have been imported, but that remains to be proved, as I never yet heard of the importation of a *Papilio* in this way. . . ."

*Vanessa antiopa*, L.—Nine examples; one "From Latham, who had several brought to him about 1793—taken nr. London" (J. C. D.), also labelled at side, "Camberwell." This and a second specimen apparently from the same source, but with no label, are in good condition, considering their age. Two, rather old and faded, but still fairly good, "Kirkman's sale, 1847" (C. W. D.), and two "from J. G. Ross coll., 1882" (C. W. D.). Two old and much-faded specimens, one labelled "Barnsley" (C. W. D.), the second bearing a small triangular label with "Coley, sen." on one side, and "known to Weston, Yorks" on the other. The best example was "Caught by A. C. Jarman Frith at Lichfield, Aug. 30, 94."

*Vanessa io*, L.—Two examples (labelled at side "var. Belisarius, Obth.) with the ocellus on the hind-wings represented only by a large pale brown blotch. One of these bears a label "From Mr. Young of Hull, Feby., 1837" (J. C. D.) and on the other side, in different handwriting, "Took this, 1836, at Cottingham." Two with the rich chocolate-red ground-colour replaced by a peculiar madder-purple tint with a shade of grey, otherwise nearly normal; one of these is labelled "Bought of Pratt, sen., Brighton, 1872" (J. C. D.). A large but much faded specimen "Enborne, 1868" (J. C. D.).

*Vanessa urticea*, L.—Two very fine examples of the var. ichnusoides, De Selys; the first, which is unlabelled, is practically a black insect with a broad, somewhat triangular streak of orange-red occupying the centre of the fore-wings, and with only traces of the red band towards the inner margin of the hind-wings. The second, labelled "Mr. Ross, 1880, Cardiff" (C. W. D.), has all three costal black spots on
fore-wings fused into a long black blotch, and the black dorsal blotch much elongated towards the hind-margin, which is broadly dark, the submarginal blue spots being entirely absent; the hind-wings, except for a narrow pale hind-margin, are quite black. A very pale example, "Budleigh Salterton, May, 1863, E. R. Dale," and another, very old and in worn condition, with pale ochreous-brown ground-colour, "From Rev. H. Burney coll., 1893" (C. W. D.). One with the ground-colour pale madder-brown, the usual yellow costal spots of the same tint, "Newport, 1900."

*Vanessa c-album, L.—* A very fine variety, quite parallel with var. ichneumoides of *V. urticae*, having the two outer costal spots of fore-wing enlarged and confluent, the discal spots absent, and the hind-wings much suffused with black. This appears to have been taken by the Rev. F. O. Morris in 1810 at Retford, Notts. A ♀ is as pale above and beneath as the S. European *V. egea*, Cr. One specimen is labelled "Glanvilles Wootton, Oct., 1816," and another, a ♀, "I of W., 1860."

*Vanessa polychloros, L.—* One ♀, much suffused and irrorated with brownish, giving the insect a rather dull appearance, and with the usual black spots of the fore-wings replaced by dark brown. "From J. G. Ross coll." (C. W. D.).

*Argynnis paphia, L.—* Two ♀♂ from the New Forest, with pale blotches in the centre of all the wings; one ♀♂, rather crippled, much suffused with blackish towards the hind-margins. A very fine ♀ aberration, having the black markings (with the exception of the one nearest the base) in the cell, and the whole of the central spots of the fore-wings suffused into a large irregular black blotch. This butterfly, which is in wonderfully good preservation considering its age of over a century, bears two labels, "From Donovan’s Colln., taken in 1804"; and "S. Stevens coll., 1000" (C. W. D.). An extraordinary aberration, recorded by the late Mr. J. Jenner Weir as having been taken in the New Forest by Charles Gulliver in 1850 (Entom., vol. xiii., p. 206). In this specimen both gynandro-morphism and dimorphism are combined, the left side being quite normal ♀♂, the right side ♀, with both wings, especially the fore-wing, a little crippled and reduced in size. The ground-colour of the fore-wing is rather pale olive-brown (as in some of the lighter examples of *valezina*), with a bright fulvous dash along the costa for about one-third of its length from the base. The hind-wing is longitudinally divided through the cell and along the fourth nervure into two sharply defined areas, the costal area being of the bright fulvous colour of the ♀♂, the inner marginal area being of normal *valezina* colour. The under-side, though exhibiting the corresponding sexual differences as above, otherwise departs but little from the normal type. Labelled "From J. G. Ross collection" (C. W. D.).

*Argynnis adippe, L.—* Two examples of the var. cleodosa, Oehs., one old, on very old pin, but in good condition, without label; the other, "e mus. Dr. Abbot," (J. C. D.), and labelled also "Bedford" at side. Dr. Abbot’s insects were purchased by J. C. Dale in 1817 (cf. London’s Magazine of Natural History, vol. 111, p. 333).

*Argynnis aglaia, L.—* One ♀ with the spots in cell enlarged, and the central area of fore-wings rather strongly suffused with black; labelled at side, "n. Bedford," and probably one of Dr. Abbot’s specimens. A curious small, suffused-looking ♀♂, in rather poor condition, "Arg. charlotta, var. Blackpool, Aug., 1843,
J. G. E." It is not, however, of that distinct variety, of which there are two specimens in the collection, a fine ♀ under-side, "Mus. Dr. Abbot" (J. C. D.), and at side, "Bedford," and another not so well marked, "Peterborough." Perhaps the most singular variety in the entire collection, indeed, of any butterfly that I have ever seen, is a ♀ of full size and well-developed, but with the body much bloated, and presenting generally a diseased appearance. On the upper-side the whole of the black markings and suffusion are replaced by a very peculiar tint, difficult to describe exactly, but perhaps best expressed by the term, "pale leaden-fuscous"; the fulvous ground-colour being slightly paler than in the ordinary form, and the distribution of the two colours is normal. On the under-side, the fore-wings are nearly as above, and the hind-wings are pale uniform leaden-brown, with no trace whatever of green; the usual silver spots being present and normal, but rather dull. There is not a trace of black pigment in any part of the insect, which is in good condition, but a little damaged at the anal angle of both hind-wings. It is labelled "Dover, Leplaistrier" (J. C. D.), and is thus referred to by the Rev. W. T. Brooke in London's Mag. Nat. History, vol. V (1832), p. 334, footnote ✿:—

"A singular variety (of A. aglaiá), pale buff-coloured, and with the black spots and markings very faint. It was taken, as I am informed, in a remarkably wet season. The specimen reminds me almost of some plant which, having grown in the dark, has in consequence produced its flowers nearly colourless."

_Argynnis lathonia._ L.—A series of 14 specimens; a ♀, "Mus. Dr. Abbot, White Wood, Gamlingay, Camb., June, 1803, Dr. Abbot" (J. C. D.), is fairly good; a rather poor specimen, "Halvergate, Norf., A. H. Haworth G. S.,” is dated at side, "1818,” and two good under-sides, “Birch Wood, B. Standish," bear the same date. A ♀ is “From Mr. Curtis," and two very good under-sides “Dover, Leplaistrier”; a better ♀, “Gray, Junior, Dover, 1880;” others are “Dover, 1826,” “Kirkman’s sale, 1817,” and "From J. G. Ross" (C. W. D.).

_Argynnis euphrasme._ L.—A varied series, among them an old specimen with the basal black spots enlarged and confluent, and the marginal silver spots on the hind-wings beneath absent, "n. Bedford," probably one of Dr. Abbot's specimens. One with hind-wings and apex of fore-wings deeply suffused with oliv-brown, "G. King, July 20/59." Two exceedingly fine dark varieties, "Taken near Colchester.” The first is almost entirely dark rich brown on both sides, the black spots scarcely visible except on the hind-wings, in which each spot of the sub-marginal row stands in a dark fulvous ring. The silver spots on the under-side are normal, and stand out very brilliantly against the dark ground-colour. The second is even more singular, being above somewhat similar to the preceding, but more suffused with fulvous; on the under-side, the black basal spots on the right fore-wing are much enlarged and confluent. The basal half of the hind-wings is pale yellow, the marginal half red-brown; there is a large silvery longitudinal costal dash, and the central and marginal silvery spots are much enlarged, and the latter elongated towards the base of the wings.

_(To be continued)."
EXALEOCHARA: A GENUS OF COLEOPTERA NEW TO SCIENCE.

BY JAMES H. KEYS, F.E.S.

While recently examining some examples of the small Staphylinid, Aleochara morion, Grav. (Baryodma morion, Muls. et Rey), I was much surprised to find that their anterior tarsi were four-jointed only. To make sure on all points I forwarded a specimen to Mons. A. Fauvel, and asked his opinion on the matter. He has been good enough to reply to me as follows:—"Je suis de votre avis. Cet insecte n'a que 4 articles aux tarses antérieurs et ne peut rester dans le genre Aleochara. Il faudra sans doute en faire le type d'un nouveau genre."

From its tarsal formula (4-5-5) it is evident that the insect should not be classed with the Aleocharina, which are 5-jointed in all tarsi, whilst the minute accessory joint of the palpi renders its removal to the Myrmedoniniina equally undesirable. It is apparently an intermediate form connecting the two tribes, and is therefore on that account extremely interesting. It would perhaps be better to allow the insect to rest for the time in its present position in our list, but to provide it with a new generic name. I propose Exaleochara as an appropriate word for that purpose, as it would be suggestive of the location of the insect; and, if the synoptical table including the genus be provided with an explanatory note, there should be no great difficulty to a student in working out the species.

"Morwell," Lipson Road, Plymouth:
April 15th, 1907.

ALEOCHARA DISCIPENNIS, Muls. and Rey: A BRITISH INSECT.

BY G. C. CHAMPION, F.Z.S.

Some two years ago, at Mr. E. Saunders's request, I examined the Staphylinidae in Dr. Capron's collection, and amongst other interesting species (Aleochara maculata*, Homalota rustifasciata, Quedius longicornis, &c.) noted two specimens of an Aleochara strange to me as British. One of these was subsequently submitted to M. Fauvel, who pronounced it to be a small example of A. discipennis, Muls. and Rey. Dr. Capron's insects were mostly captured in the neighbourhood of Shiere, Surrey, but as no locality was attached to his specimens, it seemed inadvisable to record this particular species till further evidence

* A specimen of this species was captured on the wing at Guildford by my son on March 27th, whence I have previously recorded it.
could be adduced of a definite British habitat. This want has now been supplied by Mr. J. J. Walker, who found a somewhat immature example in sheep dung at Queendown Warren, near Chatham, on August 20th last.

*A. discipennis* may be briefly described as a small *A. fusci2)es,* with the antennae formed very much as in *A. lanuginosa.* The elytra are shorter than the prothorax, rufescent, with the sutural region and the sides infuscate, much as in *Oxyopa lividipennis* and its allies. The hind body is somewhat densely punctured towards the base and more sparsely so towards the apex, a character separating *A. discipennis* from all the forms of *A. succicola.* The elytral punctuation is finer and denser than in *A. lanuginosa.* *A. discipennis* is found in France, the Alps, Pyrenees, Tyrol, &c., and is apparently not rare. I have recorded it from Moneayo, North Spain.*

Horsell, Woking:
April, 1907.

*ENICOMUS FUNGICOLA,* Thoms., A SPECIES OF COLEOPTERA NEW TO BRITAIN.

BY E. A. NEWBERY.

The above interesting addition to the list is owing to the exertions of Mr. H. Britten, who has done so much good work among the beetles of Cumberland. Its nearest allies are *E. rugosus,* Herbst, and *E. testaceus,* Steph., from these it may be separated as follows:—

I. Metasternum and 1st abdominal segment punctured more strongly on the sides.

a. Body and elytra black; a longitudinal line impressed on the 1st ventral segment; average size smaller .......................... *E. rugosus,* Herbst.

aa. Elytra reddish-testaceous, with the body black; without impressed line on 1st ventral segment; average size larger ...... *E. fungicola,* Thoms.

II. Metasternum and 1st abdominal segment impunctate, but sometimes with very fine longitudinal wrinkles; upper surface entirely lighter or darker testaceous .......................................................... *E. testaceus,* Steph.

Some of the above distinctions are invisible in specimens carded in our usual manner, but as a rule the colour of the upper side is sufficient to separate them, *E. rugosus* being entirely black, *E. testaceus* entirely reddish, and *E. fungicola* black with reddish elytra. I have

not thought it necessary to include _E. transversus_, Ol., in the above table, the shape of the thorax being quite different; while _E. minutus_, L., comes in another subgenus (_Conithassa_, Thoms.).

We have now as British all the European species in the subgenus _Enicmus, i. sp._, except two from the Caucasus (_i. e. dubius_, Mann., and _mannerheimi_, Kolen.). Those who desire a detailed description of _E. fungicola_ cannot do better than refer to _M. Belon's "Lathridiens"_ (Lyons ed., p. 332). The insect has hitherto only been recorded from Scandinavia, Moravia, Silesia, and Transylvania.

Mr. Britten took the species in some small numbers in dry fungi on a tree at Edenhall, Cumberland, May 13th, 1906.

12, Churchill Road, Dartmouth Park, N.W.:
_April 12th, 1907._

[The insect recorded by me from Aviemore (Ent. Mo. Mag., xi, p. 64) under the name _Lathridius regosus_ must be referred to _E. fungicola_. Mr. Tomlin has also taken it at Cannock Chase.—G. C. C.].

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**EXARTEMA LATIFASCIANA, Hw., ab. VINEANA, n. ab.**

BY EUSTACE R. BANKES, M.A., F.E.S.

Of this exceedingly local and usually scarce Tortrix, more generally known in Britain as _Sericoris latifasciana_, Mr. A. C. Vine, some years ago, met with an interesting recurrent aberration which seems certainly worthy of a special name, and with which it affords me great pleasure to associate his own. It occurred, though very rarely, in Abbotts' Wood, Sussex, where the three examples that Mr. Vine generously gave me were taken by him in 1890 and 1891 from a single ash tree, which yielded him three or four others, together with the whole of the lengthy series of typical specimens that he then secured. This aberration differs from the type in that the conspicuous yellow fascia and the yellow markings of the fore-wing are obsolete, though the leaden-grey lines that accompany them remain, and are, except for a few pale flecks on the costa, the only markings on the deep fuscous ground-colour.

Two of my specimens have the cilia of the fore-wing uniformly dark fuscous, but in the third they are ochreous, blotched with dark fuscous, as in the type, with which, however, all three agree in having the palpi white and the crown of the head yellow. Whereas some authors, _e. g._, Wilkinson, Stainton, and Meyrick, have described the fore-wings of _latifasciana_ as yellow with fuscous markings, it seems
to me preferable, as the above diagnosis will show, to regard them as fuscous with yellow markings, but it is merely "a distinction without a difference." I have not at hand Haworth's original description of *latifasciana*, published in Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., i, 337 (1810), but have little doubt that he took the latter view, and that the broad fascia that suggested the name is the yellow one: in any case, this was obviously so when he gave the name *aurofasciana* to this same species in Lep. Brit., 468 (1812), for it must be remembered that his *latifasciana* of Lep. Brit., 114, is not the *Tortrix* under notice, but *Aculla schalleriana*, L.

I learn from Mr. Vine that the latter half of July is the best time for the imagines of *E. latifasciana*, which fly, rather high, from about 4 to about 7 p.m. He used to watch for them as they approached the ash tree with a spinning flight and alighted on the bunches of old seeds, from which they were then beaten out and netted, but he failed to ascertain whence they came, and says that they certainly do not roost among the ash seeds, and that a large supply of these, collected in the hope of breeding the insect therefrom, only yielded *Argyrotozoa cowayana*, Fb., in abundance. On the Continent the larva is found, in the spring, in galleries amongst moss on tree-trunks, but Mr. Vine tells me that there was very little moss on the trunk, and none at all on the exposed roots, of his extraordinarily productive ash tree.

Norden, Corfe Castle:

_April 16th, 1907._

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**THE MIGRATION OF AQUATIC HEMIPTERA.**

**BY N. M. RICHARDSON, B.A.**

On September 26th, 1904, Mrs. Richardson was standing by a small pond in one of our fields at about 11 a.m., when she noticed that there was something unusual going on amongst its inhabitants and called me to see it. The pond is a shallow one, never dry, like many of these field ponds, about seven or eight yards in diameter, and there is a similar slightly larger one on the other side of the hedge. It is a good deal shaded by trees, and the margin of it is soft mud. Numbers of "water-boatmen" (*Corixa geoffroyi*, Leach) were coming up out of the water to the edge of the pond, parts of the shore being often lined with a rank two or three deep. They mostly remained for a short time in the water, on the surface, within an inch or two of the shore, and as soon as the sun came out, which it did
at frequent intervals, began to fly away. Those which came on shore either crawled back or rose with difficulty. They generally took one or two turns in the air before they finally departed, and at times it looked as if a swarm of bees was flying about, their flight being not unlike that of bees, but rather slower. They finally flew off, rising to a considerable height, all in an easterly direction towards the Weymouth Backwater, about 1½ miles distant, but whether that was their destination (it is brackish water) or not, it is impossible to say. The number that left the pond must have been very large, for the exodus lasted for certainly two hours and probably longer; it had quite ceased by 2.30 p.m., and I estimated the rate of departure as being often as many as from one to two hundred in a minute when the sun shone brightly. Some thousands must have left the pond altogether, far more than I should have imagined it contained. A great many fell a prey to the starlings which were hawking about in an unusual manner in considerable numbers at a little distance, in the line of flight of the insects. A few (perhaps 20 or 30) large water beetles (*Acilius sulcatus*, Linn.) came to the edge of the water and sat on sticks, &c., which projected above its surface, and some crawled up the mud, but we only saw four actually fly away, so that the migratory impulse did not seem to be so strong upon them as on the boatmen. I did not see any other insects migrating, unless it were one or two small beetles, but I am not sure about these.

Nothing unusual appeared to be going on in the adjacent pond to the west, which is generally well populated and also a permanent pond. There was hardly any wind, none at all being perceptible on the pond, but what there was came from the west, and it was a rather warm day for the season. Under ordinary circumstances one sees a few of the water-boatmen occasionally in the pond, but they never seem to be particularly numerous.

No further migration from this pond was observed until October 11th, when, between 11 and 12 in the morning, the day being warm and sunny, another smaller species of "water-boatman" (*Corixa fabricii*, Fieb.) was seen to be migrating in considerable numbers, though not to the same extent as the larger species in September. They continued until about 2 p.m., when the flight ceased. They did not swim to the edge of the pond like *Corixa geoffroyi*, but seemed to rise straight from the bottom and fly up from the surface of the water. They then circled round higher and higher until they were lost among the branches of the surrounding trees; but some, after taking a turn or two over the water, flew straight
away down the field in an easterly direction, the same as that taken by the larger species. Whilst the flight was going on a few of them paddled about on the surface in a sort of dance, but these did not seem to fly away like those which came straight up from the bottom of the pond. No migration of any sort was going on in other ponds in adjacent fields.

I have always understood that these small ponds were believed to be stocked with water-beetles (and I suppose any other winged water insects such as water-boatmen) by immigrants flying from other pieces of water, but I have not come across any account of a migration such as the present one, though it must surely be of not infrequent occurrence, and likely to be observed by those who keep their eyes open for such things.

Montevideo, Chickereell, near Weymouth:

April, 1907.

THE BRITISH PLECOPTERA (PERLIDÆ).

BY K. J. MORTON, F.R.S.

The following short sketch of our knowledge of the British Plecoptera has been suggested by some enquiries that have reached me, reminding me that a good deal of recent information concerning our species has never been noticed in any of the British Entomological publications. In the genus Nemoura, in particular, several changes and additions have to be recorded; but it may be of use to run over all the genera.

Dicyopteryx.—Two species appear in McLaehlan’s Catalogue of 1870: microcephala and rectangula. The latter, according to examples named for me by him, seems to be quite the same as what he called microcephala, the individuals referred to having merely a somewhat simpler neuration than is usual, and as far as I can say with certainty at present, only one species of Dicyopteryx (in the restricted sense) occurs in Britain. All these British insects were at one time considered by Klapálek as rectangula and different from microcephala; but he now regards a South European insect as the true rectangula, and he has recently described our species as new under the name of
May, 1908

D. mortoni. The same form has been found in Germany. The form to which the name microcephala was applied has now been determined as dispar, Rambur, while microcephala, Pict., is the name reserved for a form in which the ♀ is full-winged.

The other British species included by Klapálek in Dictyopteryx is quite different, and has been placed by him in a separate sub-genus, Dictyopterygella. The species is D. recta, Kempny, which has been in British collections for the last forty years as a form of Isogenus nubecula. It is a most abundant insect at many Highland lakes, and is well known to most British Neuropterists.

Isogenus nubecula, Newm. — Common at some of the great European rivers, but I have never been able to obtain it from this country, although McLachlan had no doubt about its occurrence.

Perla.—This genus remains represented by three species: maxima, marginata, and cephalotes. Some doubt has been thrown on the existence of the second named species. McLachlan, however, knew it well, and was satisfied that he had seen it from Britain. It has never come my way.

Chloroperla.—Perhaps this genus is not yet thoroughly understood. But in the meantime grammatica is the only species that can be spoken of with certainty. There is no evidence that C. rivulorum occurs with us.

Isopteryx.—I. burmeisteri and apicalis as understood by Continental authors have not come before me from this country, and they are very doubtfully British. The two species that can be included with certainty are tripunctata, Scop., and torrentium, Pict.

Capnia holds C. nigra, Pict., and atra, Morton. A species recently described by Klapálek as Capnia vidua has the wings rather shortened in the ♀, and he has suggested that the Braemar specimens referred to by me (Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., 1896, p. 59) may belong to vidua. This subject requires further investigation; but the material is not now accessible, and it would be also necessary to examine males.

Temiopteryx.—The species are nebulosa, Linn., trifasciata, Pict., and risi, Morton. It is necessary to mention that our trifasciata is somewhat different from the Continental species called by that name by Klapálek, who also refers nebulosa to a separate genus, Nephelopteryx.
Nemoura.—This genus has been divided by Kempny and Ris into several sub-genera, and the species are as follows:—

Sub-genus Protonemura, Kempny.

praeox, Morton.
meyeri, Pict.

Sub-genus Amphinemura, Ris.
cinerea (Oliv., Pict.), Morton.
*stundfussi, Ris. Distinguished from cinerea especially by a remarkable arrangement of dark spines on the appendages. Taken by me in Scotland many years ago, but I have not seen it recently.

Sub-genus Nemura, sens. str.

variegata, Oliv. et Auct.
*marginata (Pict.). Klap. = lateralis, Mort., Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., 1894, p. 564. I now agree that Klapálek’s view is likely to be the more correct, and I have adopted it, as has also Dr. Ris in his valuable paper (Die Schweizerischen Arten der Perliden-Gattung Nemura. Mitt. Schweiz. Entom. Gess., Bd. 10, Heft 9). Occurs in Devon and Scotland, and probably elsewhere.

cambrica (Steph.), Mort.
avicularis, Mort.

Sub-genus Nemurella, Kempny.

inconspicua (Pict.), Mort. This name has been adopted by Ris, but not by Klapálek, who has called the species pictetii.

Leuctra.—I have already given notes on the British species. See vol. xxxviii, pp. 255–6. They are:—

geniculata, Steph.
klapálek, Kempny.
*fusceventris, Steph. ?
albida, Kempny.
hipposus, Kempny.
handlirschi, Kempny.
race or var. inermis, Kempny.
nigra (Oliv.), Klap.

13, Blackford Road, Edinburgh:

December 10th, 1906.

* Now formally recorded as British, I think, for the first time.
Steans niveus, Faur., at Chobham.—Amongst a few Coleoptera found in Sphagnum at Chobham on April 1st, the following are worth noting: — Steans niveus, Faur., Homalota cremata, Rye, and H. fallaciosa, Sharp. The Steans was also found by me last year at the same locality, but was omitted from my note in the Ent. Mo. Mag., xlii. pp. 136, 137. It is evidently a perfectly good species, and occurs in some numbers in the Sphagnum, unaccompanied by S. pallitarsis, Steph. H. cremata, of which two specimens where taken, has not hitherto been recorded from so far south, though a familiar insect on the Scotch mountains. — G. C. CHAMPION, Horsell, Woking: April 15th, 1907.

Steganopterycha pygmaeana in Surrey.—Although the late Mr. Weston, writing 27 years ago in the “Entomologist” (vol. xiii, 160), says, “It has, I believe, occurred sparingly in Surrey,” I have not seen any allusion to its capture in this county since, nor does its name appear in the Victoria History of Surrey, published only five years ago; it may be of interest, then, to state that I met with it in some numbers in April last year flying round spruce firs in the bright sunshine. In two short visits I netted upwards of fifty specimens. I have not looked for it this month, owing to the low temperature and lack of sun up to the present, and a bright sunny day is absolutely necessary; no sun, no pygmaeana! I hope to find the larva in July. — A. THURNALL, Thornton Heath: April 11th, 1907.

Xanthia occellaris at Norwich: a correction.—The record of the occurrence of Xanthia occellaris at Norwich, on page 65 of the current volume of this Magazine, has by mistake been attributed to Mr. E. A. Atmore, of King’s Lynn, instead of to myself. — II. J. THOULESS, Corfe, College Road, Norwich: April 17th, 1907.

Psamotis palerealis, Hb., in Sussex.—I took a specimen of this Pyralid on a street lamp in Bognor, Sussex, on August 8th last year; the insect has been kindly identified for me by Mr. W. H. B. Fletcher. Strangely enough from the situation of its capture, it is a female. — II. L. F. GUERMONEPPE, Dalkeith, Bognor: April 12th, 1907.

Nabis boops, Schiödte, in Sussex.—A specimen of this rare Hemipteron was swept up by me at Slindon on August 14th, 1905. — Id.

Notes on Diptera in Scotland, 1906. — My collecting last year was confined to districts which I had already worked, but a number of new species were obtained. In the following list those marked with an asterisk are new records from the Forth district.

At Polton, on June 2nd, I found Homalongia armata,* Mg., ♀, Pipiza luteitaris,* Ztt., ♀ (former records, as far as I can make out, are all from the South of England), and Loxoeca sylvatica,* Mg., ♀; on June 9th, Pipunculus confusus,* Verr., 3 ♀ ♂; on August 6th, Macrocera lutea, Mg., both sexes, Ptychoptera laevistris,* Mg., ♀, Beris geniculata, Curt., ♀, Tachydromia pectoralis,* Fin., ♀, Argyra atriceps,* Lw., several of both sexes, Azelia triquetra,* W., ♂, Sapromyza
From Musselburgh the following species may be recorded: *Oreogeton flavipes,* Mg., in coitid, 30.VII.06, Tachydrornia ensitata,* F., and *Sapromyza rosea,* Flu., 24.VII.06, Dolichopus pennatus,* Mg., 30.VII.06, and on the same day *D. longicornis,* Stan., in some numbers, also *Xanthochloris ornata,* Hal., *A. zetterstedtii,* and was common on *Umbellifer,* 24.VII.06, and several examples of *Scotophenge maculipes,* Ztt., and *Calobata cibaria,* L., were taken, 5.VIII.06. On my window I got *Lasiosoma hirtum,* Mg., 2 3 1, 1.VIII.06, *Bolitophila cinerea,* Mg., 28.X.06; and I may also mention *Culx pipiens,* L., 2 3, 19.XII.06, surely a late date. A fine specimen of *Syphrus guttatus,* Flu., 3, occurred, 24.VI.06, and *Porphyrops riparia,* Mg., was common along the river banks; it was also common at Polton.

I re-visited Aberfoyle on August 2th, and remained till September 3rd. The weather was good, but flies were not quite up to the average as regards numbers, though my list of species is longer than on any previous visit. During the first week of our stay *Bibio pomone,* F., was in swarms. For miles over the hills they were to be seen in crowds flying over the bracken and heather, or clinging to the rocks, while every pool had its quota of dead or drowning individuals. During the previous summer a good sized plantation, chiefly oak, had been cut down, and on stumps remaining I found many flies, such as: *Micropalpus vulgaris,* Flu., common, *Trixa astraidea,* Desv., and *Pallopfera nuda,* Mg., 2 3, 28.VIII.06. Sweeping on leaves I got *Chilosis longula,* Ztt., 25.VIII.06, *Syphrus cinctellus,* Ztt., several, *S. cinctes,* Flu., 4 3, 23.VIII.06, *Xylota flavipes,* F., 3.1.X.06, *Pyrophena rosarum,* F., 3, *Canopus flavipes,* L., 3, 23.VIII.06, and *Lacocera albisetata,* Schrk., 3, 1.X.06. *Pipunculus was in some numbers, and on August 23rd I took in a very short time 18 3 and 1 3 of *campestris,* Ltr., and a beautiful 3 of *xanthopus,* Thoms. On the same day occurred also *Arcotiphila musitans,* F., 3, *Ichyroyhrus glaucius,* L., 5 3, 3, *Hylemyia flavipes,* Flu., 3, and *Morelia simplex,* Lw., both sexes. On August 25th I took two fine 3 3 of *Pachyrhina imperialis,* Mg., and on the 28th, while near the top of Craigmore three Tabanids settled on my coat, but I caught only one, which proved to be a rather worn example of *Tabanus sudeticus,* Ztr., 3. A number of *Hydrophorus borealis,* Lw., were found at a small pool on August 27th, but as they never left the surface of the water they were difficult to catch, the net being soaked at each attempt. However, I managed to get about twenty specimens, including both sexes. Other *Dolichopodidae taken included Argyra leucocephala,* Mg., 2 3, 24.VIII.06, *Gymnopterus wrons,* Flu., a common species, *Hypophyllus obscurus,* F., 3, 23.VIII.06, *Dolichopus signatus,* Mg., 1 3, 2 3, 23.VIII.06, *D. vitripennis,* Mg., 3, 2, 1.X.06, and *D. discifer,* Stan., 3, 24.VIII.06. On previous visits I have taken this species, earlier in the season, in some plenty. General sweeping produced *Elydica lineata,* Flu., 3, 29.VIII.06, *Allophyla atricornis,* Lw., 3, 21.VIII.06, *Lepidomyia melanocephala,* F., 3. 21.VIII.06 (I am
indebted to Mr. Grimshaw for this identification). *Glaeaphyroptera fascipennis,* Mg., 9, 1.1X.06, and *Erioptera flavescens,* Mg., both sexes common.—A. E. J. CARTER, 4, West Holmes Gardens, Musselburgh: March 19th, 1907.

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**Reviews.**


It is just fifty years since the late Mr. Stainton, at pp. 60-71 of his well-known "Manual," deplored our lack of knowledge of the life-history of many of our native butterflies—indeed, one might well say of nearly all, except the commonest and most familiar of our species. Following a suggestive list of questions as to our acquaintance with this subject, he goes on to say, "When these questions can be answered with reference to each species of our butterflies, we may then admit that their natural history is known; and it would then become practicable to write a good monograph of the group."

The vast amount of work devoted, since the above was written, to the study and investigation of the Palearctic *Rhopalocera* from all points of view, has placed us in a position to answer Mr. Stainton's questions with regard to our relatively few species of butterflies in a manner far more complete and thorough than even he could at the time have foreseen: and the first portion of such a monograph as he contemplated is now presented to us as one of the volumes of Mr. Tutt's great work on the British *Lepidoptera*.

The writer of the volume now under review has long held a chief place among Entomological writers abroad as well as at home, and every advanced student of the Order is deeply sensible of his indebtedness to Mr. Tutt for the most complete and detailed, as well as the most scientific, treatise on the *Lepidoptera* of our islands that has appeared up to the present time. It is perhaps not necessary to state, in view of the careful and exhaustive method pursued by Mr. Tutt in dealing with his subject which is now so well known, that in the present volume, the first of several to be devoted to the consideration of our Butterflies, the amount of information relating to each species is almost overwhelming. Every available source, from the beginnings of Entomological literature to the current periodicals, has been ransacked for data and observations, and the assistance of a large and representative body of our leading workers in the Order *Lepidoptera* is gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Tutt.

The first eighty pages of the volume, which is uniform with its predecessors in the author's "British Lepidoptera," and of the same high quality as regards printing and general get-up, are devoted to a general consideration of the earlier stages of the group, so far as the ovum and larva are concerned. The author negates the idea, still popular in some quarters, that the differences between "Butterflies" and "Moths" are of an essential and deep-seated character, and he treats the former as comprising two of the super-families of the "upright-egged
stirps” of the Lepidoptera, their closest relatives being found in such “moths” as the Castniids, Notodontids, Noctuids, &c. The chapters on the photographing of the eggs of butterflies, contributed by Mr. A. E. Tonge, and those on the methods to be employed in finding and obtaining the ova themselves, as well as the larvae, are taken from Mr. Tutt’s well-known “Practical Hints for the Field Lepidopterist,” and will be read again in this connection with renewed interest. Even more valuable and suggestive are the two chapters (IX and X) entitled “The Association of Ants with Butterfly Larvae,” and “Carnivorous Habits of Butterfly Larvae.” Most of the known instances of ants attending on, protecting, and deriving nutrition from (one might almost say “milking”) the larvae of Lycaenid butterflies relate to exotic, and especially to Oriental and Australian species; but a full account of the association of our little ant, Formica flava, with the long-sought larva of Lycaena arion, quite recently observed by Mr. F. W. Frohawk (Entom., vol. XXXVI, pp. 58-64), is given on pp. 36, 37. Chapters XII, “On the Silk-spinning Habit of Butterfly Larvae,” and XIII, “On the Coloration of Butterfly Larvae,” in which the subject is regarded from the standpoints of “cryptic” and “warning” coloration, are also of very great interest, especially from the evolutionary point of view. The external and internal structure of the butterfly larva is fully detailed in chapters VII and VIII, the interesting subjects of the estivation and hibernation of the larva being postponed to a succeeding volume.

Turning now to the butterflies dealt with in this volume, the large scale on which the work is carried out admits of only ten species being included, namely, our eight “Urbicolides” or so-called “skippers” (Mr. Tutt omits all mention of the reported occurrence of Hesperia olivens, Hüb., in Norfolk) and our two “Copers,” Rumicic (Chrysophanus) phlebas, L., and the long-extinct Chrysophanus dispar, Haw. The general consideration of the superfamily “Ruralides,” to which the two last-mentioned species, and our familiar “Hairstreaks” and “Blues,” as well as our solitary representative of the great Erycoid group, Hamearis (Nemeobius) lucina, L., are now referred, and the historical summary of their arrangement by successive systematists from Linné onwards, occupies sixteen pages (295-311); while to Rumicic phlebas itself no fewer than eighty-four (330-411), many of them in small type, are devoted. The treatment of this species may be taken as a fair sample of the thorough manner in which the whole work is to be executed; and while it seems to us that a comprehensive scheme of tabulation of such details as the times of appearance, distribution at home and abroad, &c., would have facilitated reference in the case of this and the other species comprised in the volume, Lepidopterists, one and all, will be grateful to Mr. Tutt for having brought together so great a mass of interesting information on one of our most familiar and beautiful butterflies. The variation—climatic, seasonal, and geographical—of Rumicic phlebas, as of all the other species, is most fully worked out, and a large number of varieties and aberrations, more or less marked, are for the first time indicated and described. The minute and carefully arranged account of the various stages of the life-history (pp. 380-396) will be read with great interest, as will the very full summary of the history of Chrysophanus dispar as a British butterfly, and the story of its extinction (pp. 420-428). The life-history of this species has been for the first time completed by the study of the metamorphoses of the Continental form, rutilas, Wern.; and
those of *Thymelicus acteon* and *Urbiola comma* have also received their finishing details. Enough, however, has been said to show the value of this first instalment of Mr. Tutt's great work, which is indispensable to every serious student of the Order *Lepidoptera*. We would add that the twenty plates with which the volume is illustrated are reproduced in excellent style from first-rate photographs, and would especially call attention to the beautiful and life-like figures of *Hesperia atalax* in its natural attitudes, from photographs taken by Mr. Hugh Main, on plate XIX. A volume dealing with the remainder of the "Ruralides" is, we understand, well advanced in preparation, and will be published probably within the next twelve months, and this we shall be heartily glad to welcome.—J. J. W.


Students of Palaeartic *Coleoptera* will be pleased to see the new and revised edition of this very useful list. A comparison of the two editions shows the vast number of additions that have been made during the past fifteen years, and also that our knowledge of the European *Coleoptera* is by means exhausted. An innovation in the present list is the separate pagination of the two columns on every page, and the much larger size of the pages themselves. The system of classification adopted is also new, and one that will probably not commend itself to the purely British Coleopterist. The species are arranged under nine main groups:—(1) *Adephaga*, for the families usually included under that name, plus the *Rhyssididae* and *Pomphagidae*; (2) *Polyphaga*, for the *Staphylinidae* (arranged in the reverse order, commencing with the *Piestini*), and several of the families belonging to the Clavicorina series; (3) *Palpicornia*; (4) *Cantharodea*, for the Malacostraca, *Bythidae*, *Ostomidae*, *Spharidiidae*, *Niptidae*, *Cucujidae*, *Cryptophagidae*, *Erotylidae*, *Phalacridae*, *Thoridiidae*, *Lathridiidae*, *Myelophagidae*, *Sphindidae*, *Cissidae*, *Colydiidae*, *Endomychidae*, *Coccinellidae*, &c.; (5) *Dascilloidea*, for the *Helodidae*, *Dryopidae*, *Georyssidæ*, *Heteroceridae*, *Dermestidae*, *Nosodendridae*, *Byrrhidæ*, *Dascillidæ*, and most of the *Serricornia* series; (6) *Heteromera*, commencing with the *Oedemeridae*, and ending with the *Tenebrionidae*; (7) *Phytophaga*, for the *Cerambycidae*, *Chrysolinae*, and *Laridae* (*Bruchidae*); (8) *Rynchophora*, commencing with the *Anthribidae*; (9) *Lamellicornia*. This arrangement, it may be noted, is somewhat similar to that proposed by Dr. Sharp, in the Cambridge Natural History, vol. ii (1899), who divided the *Coleoptera* into six sections: (1) *Lamellicornia*; (2) *Adephaga*; (3) *Polyphaga*; (4) *Heteromera*; (5) *Phytophaga*; (6) *Rynchophora*. Most of the species and varieties described by British authors seem to be noted, including such recent additions as *Enplectus tomlini* and *Daese fowlerii*, Joy, though at least one omission is obvious, viz., *Canthorhynchus contractus*, Marsh., var. *palipes*, Crotch (described in Fowler's *Coleoptera* of the British Islands), from Lundy Island. Two pre-occupied generic names are retained, viz., *Diglossa* and *Hylophilus*, though in each case there is another one available.

**Preliminary List of Coleoptera observed in the neighbourhood of Oxford from 1819 to 1907**: compiled for the Ashmolean Natural History Society

This list of beetles includes all those observed by the author during his residence at Oxford since the early part of 1904, supplemented by the captures of Messrs. W. Holland, A. H. Hamm, and J. Collins, of the Hope Department of the Oxford Museum. About 150 species noted by the Rev. F. W. Hope, between 1819 and 1822, while he was an undergraduate at Christ Church, have been traced (including detailed records of the capture of such doubtfull British forms as Necrophorus germanicus and Platyergus caraboides) and the captures of Prof. Westwood (including Claviger testaceus in 1838) have not been overlooked. The area covered is a radius of seven miles from the centre of the city, and altogether 1399 species are enumerated, about 42.5 per cent. of the total number known from the British Islands. The list can be compared with that of the Rochester district, six miles radius, published in 1899, by the same writer, in which 1615 species are recorded. For an inland midland district, Oxford, therefore, compares very favourably, and even there a certain number of forms usually associated with the coast have been found, Harpalus anxius, for instance, being a common insect at Tubney. In a supplementary note at the end of the list various species found in "mole's nests" are added, showing that this method of searching, first tried with success by Dr. Joy, is everywhere profitable.—G. C. C.


The section of the "Victoria History" relating to the Entomology of Yorkshire has been entrusted to the editorship of our colleague, Mr. G. T. Porritt. It is thus needless to say that the work has been well executed, especially as regards the Lepidoptera, Neuroptera, and Orthoptera, the orders that chiefly occupy his attention. The list of Lepidoptera in particular, with the full enumeration of localities, and the interesting annotations to nearly every species, appears to us to be quite the best that has yet appeared in the "History," and it is preceded by a concise but lucid and valuable account of the remarkable spread of melanism in Yorkshire moths, which has of late attracted so much attention. In all, 1,384 species, or 64.4 per cent. of our entire Lepidopterous fauna, are enumerated as having occurred in Yorkshire; a number probably greater than in any other county of England, and no doubt due not so much to its extent and varied character as to the fact that, from the commencement of the study of our insects, it has always possessed a large and efficient band of hardworking collectors and observers. In the remaining Orders, the Coleoptera, by Messrs. E. G. Bayford and M. Lawson Thompson, shows a good total of 1,707 species, or 52 per cent. of the British beetle-fauna; the water-beetles of the far-famed Askham Bog, and the wonderful captures by Messrs. Lawson and Wilkinson near Scarborough a generation ago, adding largely to the list of rarities. The lists of the Hymenoptera and Diptera are, on the other hand, very meagre, barely one-seventh of the total number of British species being enumerated in the former Order, and only two species of the
large group of Chalcididae are recorded from Yorkshire; while the Hemiptera are altogether omitted. The chief value of these "County Lists" of insects lies in the fact that they form an "up-to-date" summary of our knowledge (or our want of it) of the fauna of the districts dealt with, and that they indicate clearly the amount of work remaining to be done to make such knowledge complete; and in both these respects the present list is one of the most important that has yet appeared.

CATALOGUE OF BRITISH ORTHOPTERA, NEUROPTERA, AND TRICHOPTERA: by the late C. W. Dale, F.E.S. Revised and corrected. W. H. Harwood and Son, Colchester.

Mr. Harwood has been well advised in issuing this Catalogue, for such an one has been urgently wanted for many years. Although based on a series of Lists prepared by the late Mr. C. W. Dale, there is, we fancy, in some Orders, but little of the author's original lists left, for the arrangement and nomenclature of these insects have quite recently been so much altered, Mr. Harwood found it necessary to obtain the co-operation of specialists in the various Orders; and so the Lists stand largely as the work of Messrs. Malcolm Burr, F.L.S. (the Orthoptera); W. J. Lucas, F.E.S. (the Odonata); H. L. F. Guermonprez (the Capeognatha); and Kenneth J. Morton, F.E.S. (the remainder of the Neuroptera and the Trichoptera). No more competent authorities could have been selected, and in themselves they form a guarantee of the accuracy and completeness of the compilations. So recent are some of the names which have supplanted those more familiar to us, they sound quite strange to British ears, but there is no doubt they are correct, and will have to be generally adopted. We are glad to find that, as we have contended for many years it should, Hemerobius quadrifasciatus, is at last to rank as a distinct species. We notice one or two errors in the names given as the authors of species; and the genus Aridium is printed Aridium; but there is little else to which we cannot give the heartiest praise.—G. T. P.

Societies.

BIRMINGHAM ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: March 18th, 1907.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

The Rev. C. Thornewill showed several interesting Lepidoptera: Agrotis neglecta, Hb., from Burnt Wood, N. Staffs., a specimen of the so-called yellow variety discovered there by Mr. F. C. Woodforde; Cosmia paleacea, Esp. (fulvago, Hb.), which emerged unlooked for in his breeding cage from amongst some N. Shropshire larvae, and which he believed to be new to the County; a fine var. of Helotropha leucostigma, Hb. (fibrosa), which was taken at sugar in his own orchard at Whitechurch, Salop, and had been illustrated by Barrett; Ephyra pendularia, Ol., var. subroseata, from Burnt Wood; and Ortholitha cervinata, Schiff., a remarkable var. bred with others from N. Shropshire. Mr. G. H. Kenrick, a series of Pyralidae chiefly from New Guinea, and side by side with them a series of moths belonging to
other families to which they bore a striking and unmistakable resemblance. The other moths were very various, both in relationship and pattern, and they were very conspicuous species, so that the resemblance was a striking fact, and pointed to either Batesian or Müllerian mimicry of a decided character. Mr. J. T. Fountain, a very fine exhibition case, which he had made and filed with an excellent representative series of Lepidoptera, with the idea of lending it to the Council Schools in order to interest the children in Entomology. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, a long series of Lycaena arion, L., from many localities and in all its forms, and pointed out how dark many of the high Alpine forms were, and also that Cornish specimens were the brightest coloured of all. Mr. A. H. Martineau read a letter from the Rev. E. N. Bloomfield referring to his (Mr. Martineau's) exhibit of Xestophanes potentilla on November 19th last, and pointing out that he was not quite correct in saying that it occurred in Devonshire only, as he had taken it at Battle, and near Guestling, in Sussex.—Colbran J. Wainwright, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASTRIE AND CHESHIRE ENTOVIOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The usual Monthly Meeting of this Society was held in the Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, March 18th, Mr. W. Mansbridge, F.E.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Members heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Robson, of Hartlepool, an Honorary Member of the Society, and one who had taken considerable interest in its welfare.

Dr. W. Bell, J.P., gave a most interesting demonstration of his methods of larva preserving, and exhibited numerous beautiful examples of the art, some species being mounted upon preserved plants, others upon artificial foliage, many of the larve being accompanied by their respective imagines set in their characteristic resting attitudes. He also exhibited a specimen of Plusia aurifera, one of three captured in Cornwall by Mr. Moore; the insects remained unrecognised until recently; there are only two other records of this rare insect in Britain, viz., one now in the British Museum collection, and another in a Liverpool collection, formed by the late Mr. Robertson, of Limehouse, which is still in the possession of his family. Other exhibits were:—Fine varieties of Arctia caja by Mr. B. H. Crabtree, (1) with yellow hind-wings, (2) a chocolate form with nearly unicolorous fore-wings, (3) had all the dark markings of a dull ochreous buff colour, (4) a specimen with white fringes to the fore-wings, and reduced dark markings. Mr. Sopp, the cockroach, Phoraspis leucomogramma, Perty, taken in the Liverpool docks, this being a Brazilian species not previously recorded as having occurred in Europe. Mr. W. A. Tyerman, a long and variable series of Tseniocampa opima, bred from Wallasey ova; some very dark forms were included. Mr. W. Mansbridge showed a short series of Zygaena minos from Argyllshire, together with the Welsh form for comparison. A paper, by Mr. Robert Newstead, on the genus Glossina (Tsetse flies) and Stomozyg, was announced for the next meeting on April 15th.—H. R. Sweeting and Wm. Mansbridge, Hon. Secs.
Mr. South exhibited the various named forms of *Nonagria geminiapuncta*. Mr. Tonge, photographs of a *Hybernia marginaria*, and a *Phialia pedaria*, both at rest on trunks, the former most inconspicuous, the latter very conspicuous; also the former insect set on the bark as taken. Mr. Newman, bred series of *Plesia bractea* from Aberdeen, and an example from Fermangh. Mr. R. Adkin, series of *Hadena pronea* from Rannoch and South England, the former specimens being less green and much brighter. Mr. Turner, the named forms of *Pararge morea* from various continental localities, and read a note on the direction which the variation takes in this species, pointing out an extreme form of var. *adrasta* taken by him in the Pyrenees. Mr. Harrison, a series of the same species from Meiringen, including a very fine var. *triops*. Mr. Turner, a number of species taken in Switzerland by Mr. Harrison in 1906, including *Boletobia fuliginaria*, *Gnophos glaucinaria*, *G. pullata*, *Psilos quadrifaria*, *P. alpinata*, &c. Dr. Chapman, living specimens of *Thais polyxena* from the south of France. Mr. B. Adkin, specimens of the following species, being transition forms between the typical form and the named varieties: *Bournia repandata*, *B. abietaria*, *Eupithecia venosata*, and *E. patchellata*. Mr. Fremlin, a large number of specimens bred by him, during a series of experiments to show the effects of Physical and Chemical Agencies on Papae, and read a paper giving a summary of the results obtained.—By J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

Entomological Society of London: Wednesday, March 6th, 1907.—
Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

Mr. John C. Moulton, of The Hall, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.; Mr. W. Schmassman, of 2, Kinnouil Villas, Freezywater, Waltham Cross; and Mr. R. J. Tillyard, B.A., The Grammar School, Sydney, New South Wales; were elected Fellows of the Society.

The President proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Prof. E. B. Poulton, D.Sc., F.R.S., &c., and carried unanimously:—"That this Society, being informed that a proposal has been made that children in our schools be instructed to collect objects of Natural History for the purpose of exchanging them for similar objects collected by school-children in our Colonies, deprecates the adoption of any such system."

Prof. E. B. Poulton exhibited male specimens of the Daneine butterflies, *Amauris egidaea*, Cram., and *Linnaea chrysippus*, L., collected at Ibadan, near Lagos. Mr. H. S. Gladstone, specimens showing that the scent-producing patch near the anal angle of the hind-wing had been eaten out on both sides—very cleanly and neatly in the case of *Amauris*—although only a minute portion of any other part of the wing-surface had been attacked. The facts appeared to tell strongly against the view that specially protective (aposematic) substances are, as some have supposed, concentrated in the male scent-glands. Prof. Poulton, on behalf of Mr. G. F. Leigh, of Durban, a blown specimen of the larva of *Spiramiopsis comma*, Hampson, showing the two pairs of remarkable processes as well as the two eye-like
spots, one situated in front of the base of each posterior process. Dr. T. A. Chapman, several specimens sent for exhibition by Mr. W. Purdey, including Leioptilus carphodactylus taken by him near Folkestone, a species new to the British list; also some good varieties of Acalla cristana and a very dark L. tephrodactylus, looking at first sight very like L. scarodactylus. Dr. F. A. Dixey, specimens of Taracolus achine, Cram., and Belenois severina, Cram., bred and captured at Salisbury, Mashonaland. The exhibit showed that in both species the appearance of the wet season phase could be induced under artificial conditions in a broad that should normally have belonged to the dry season form. The specimens of B. severina also exemplified the effect of moisture alone as contrasted with moisture and heat. Mr. Selwyn Image, an aberration of Odezia altrata, Linn., taken by Dr. G. B. Longstaff at Mortehoe, N. Devon, on June 26th, 1906, displaying a general tendency to albinism. Mr. W. E. Sharp showed a small collection of Coleoptera, to illustrate the tendency of some species to micromorphism, and gave an account of the causes of which these small forms were the result. Mr. H. St. John Donisthorpe, a number of similarly stunted specimens, in further illustration of this characteristic. Mr. W. J. Kaye, a series of the genus Heliconius, arranged to show (1) how Herr Riffarth, in a paper published in 1901, entitled "Die Gattung Heliconius," divided the genus into two main divisions by a secondary sexual character, viz.: Group I, in which the inner margin of fore-wing of ♂ on under-side is composed of smooth scales reaching the median nervure, and Group II, in which the smooth scales do not reach the median nervure by about a millimetre. The remarkable result of the application of these characters revealed the fact that in several instances what we had hitherto called one species was in reality two species, one belonging to Group I, the other to Group II. Thus, Heliconius hydara was found to embrace a sub-species of H. amoynilis in euryades, Riff., H. xenoclea included H. batesi, Riff., and H. phyllis included H. nanna. Mr. Hamilton Druce, a case of butterflies, illustrating the interesting Lyceenid genus Mimacrea, including two groups, the one mimicking the Danae, the other the Acreine butterflies.


Wednesday, March 20th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.

Dr. Ernest Edward Octavius Croft, of 28, Hyde Terrace, Leeds; Mr. Felix M. Dames, of 12, Landgrafenstrasse, Berlin, W.; Mr. Thomas Frank Partridge Hoar, of Quex Lodge, West End Lane, Hampstead, N.W.; Professor Dr. A. Jacobi, Director of Zoology and Anthropology in the Ethnographical Museum of Dresden; and Mr. Harold J. White, of 42, Nevern Square, Kensington, S.W.; were elected Fellows of the Society.
It was announced that the Rev. F. D. Morice, M.A., and Professor E. B. Poulton, D.Sc., M.A., F.R.S., would represent the Society at the forthcoming celebrations at Upsala and Stockholm.

Dr. F. A. Dixey exhibited several species of *Phrissura* and *Mylothris*, illustrating the remarkable parallelism between different forms of the two genera, a correspondence believed by the exhibitor to have a mimetic significance, the mimicry being probably of the Mullerian kind.


*Wednesday, April 10th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.*

Mr. Sydney R. Ashby, of 119, Greenvale Road, Eltham Park, Kent; Mr. Arthur Bulleid, F.S.A., of the Old Vicarage, Midsomer Norton, Somerset; Mr. Bernard H. D. Harrison, of Claremont, Ashleigh Road, Barnstaple; and Mr. Charles Fielding Johnson, of Mayfield, Binnington Crescent, Stockport; were elected Fellows of the Society.

The decease was announced of Mr. John Emmerson Robson.

Dr. F. A. Dixey exhibited specimens of *Pierinae* belonging to the genera *Terecalus* and *Hyphinae*. The exhibit was intended to illustrate the fact that in species of which the wet-season phases were very distinct from each other, the corresponding dry-season phases often could only be discriminated with difficulty. Mr. G. C. Champion, on behalf of Mr. J. Edwards, a few forms of the genus *Osphya*, together with certain other species occurring at the same time and place, and which, having regard to gait and appearance, resemble them more or less closely. It was not suggested that these resemblances were protective. Attention was also drawn to one important function of the hind-legs of the male, namely, to secure him in position at the time of pairing. Mr. H. J. Carter, a microscopic slide prepared to demonstrate that the antennae in certain species of the genus *Trachyscelis* have eleven joints, and not ten as hitherto described.

The following papers were communicated:—“*Odonata* collected by Lieut.-Col. Nurse, chiefly in North-Western India,” by Mr. Kenneth J. Morton. “The Life History of *Cylindom (Urania) leiata*,” by L. Guppy, Jun., communicated by Mr. W. J. Kaye, which was followed by a discussion on the migration, habits, and classification of the species.—H. Rowland-Browns, Hon. Secretary.
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ON THE ELATERID GENERA *HYPNOIDUS*, STEPH.,
AND *CRYPTO/HYPNUS*, ESCH.

BY C. J. GAHAN, M.A., F.E.S.

The species of *Elateridae* that were included in the genus *Hypnoi dus* in the first edition of Reitter’s “Catalogus Coleopterorum Europæ” are, in the last edition, rightly ranged under two different genera. These genera are easily distinguishable by an important difference in the structure of the acetabula of the middle coxae. In one, the mesothoracic epimera extend to the acetabula and take part in their external boundary; in the other genus they are completely shut off from the acetabula, owing to the meeting together of the lateral parts of the meso- and meta-sternum. This distinguishing character was first used by C. G. Thomson, then by Schiöölte, and its value has since been recognised by Champion, Horn, Reitter and others. But what I wish more particularly to point out is that, with the single exception of Schiöölte, these authors have applied the generic names *Hypnoi dus* and *Cryptohypnus* in a way almost exactly the reverse of that in which they were used by Stephens, who in this matter holds priority.

When Stephens founded the genus *Hypnoi dus* (III. Brit. Ent., Mand. iii, p. 260, 1830) he arranged the species in two sections. In the first section he placed *H. riparius*, Fab.; the second section including agricola, Zett., quadripustulatus, Fab., dermestoides, Herbst, and pulchellus, Linn. *H. riparius*, Fab., ought therefore to be regarded as the type of *Hypnoi dus*, Steph. Any doubt as to this should be removed by a consideration of Stephens’ subsequent procedure. In his “Manual of British Coleoptera,” p. 180 (1839), he raised his two sections to the rank of genera, characterising the first under the name of *Hypolithus*, Esch., and the second as *Cryptohypnus*, Esch.; so that here, for the first time, the two genera are separated and the name *Cryptohypnus* is given a definite application, being restricted to those species which Stephens placed in his second section. It is evident also that he dropped *Hypnoi dus* as a synonym of the earlier described *Hypolithus*, Esch., not knowing that the latter name was pre-occupied and could not be used. Schiöölte adopted the same names as Stephens for these two genera; and, except that *Hypnoi dus* must replace *Hypolithus*, this is the course which, in my opinion, ought to be followed.

In accordance with this view, the two genera and the British species may be arranged as follows:—
Acetabula of middle coxae not extending to epimera. Genus Cryptorhynus, Esch.
Acetabula of middle coxae extending to epinera ... Hypnoidus, Steph.

Genus Cryptorhynus, Esch.

A. Pronotum punctulate and glossy, never granulate or rugulose.
   a. Antennae longer than half the body; elytra micaceous, black.
      1. maritimus, Curtis.

   a'. Antennae shorter than half the body; elytra usually having four yellow spots
      2. quadripustulatus, Fab.

B. Pronotum rugulose or granulate, in greater part dull.
   b. Pronotum as broad at least as long, less strongly granulate behind than in front
      3. dermestoides, Fab.

   b'. Pronotum longer than broad; wholly rugulose except sometimes along a median raised line.
   c. Size smaller; hind angles of pronotum more or less distinctly divergent
      4. pulchellus, L.

   c'. Size larger; hind angles of pronotum convergent...5. sabulicola, Boh.

Genus Hypnoidus, Steph.

Only one British species known ...1. riparius, Fab.

I have omitted C. meridionalis, Lap., from the above list, since its record as a British species (Ent. Mo. Mag., 1898, p. 207) is dependent on a single specimen taken at Pegwell Bay, which, as Dr. Champion suggested, may have been accidentally introduced. It is to be noticed also that I treat C. sabulicola, Boh., as a species distinct from pulchellus, Linn., notwithstanding that M. H. du Buysson (Faune Gallo-Rhenane, Elatérides, p. 236) and Herr Reitter (Cat. Col. Europe, &c., 2nd edit.) consider them to be the same, believing apparently that sabulicola was founded upon female examples of pulchellus. Until an opportunity was afforded me of seeing and examining a series of those specimens of sabulicola that were taken by Dr. Sharp at Thornhill in Dumfriesshire (cide Ent. Mo. Mag. 1868, p. 100) I had accepted M. du Buysson's view, and had arranged the British Museum specimens accordingly. I found, however, that the distinguishing characters for sabulicola given by Thomson and Sharp are as clearly marked in the male as in the female; all the specimens agree in having the hind angles of the pronotum slightly convergent. Through the kindness of Mr. J. E. Black and Prof. T. Hudson Beare I have seen several of the specimens of C. pulchellus taken by them in Inverness-shire (cide Ent. Mo. Mag., 1906, p. 155). These specimens, which undoubtedly belong to the true C. pulchellus, Linn., are distinctly smaller on the average than those of sabulicola, and in all of them the hind angles of the pronotum are divergent. The difference in the shape of the hind angles of the pronotum appears to me, therefore, to be not sexual but specific. There is certainly no sexual difference in the form of the hind angles in
sabulicola, and such slight variation as may be noticed in pulchellus seems to me to be individual and not sexual. Assuming that sabulicola, Boh., is a distinct species, it will be found that this insect is not confined to the Northern countries of Europe, but extends even to the South of France, and has been confused with pulchellus by Candèze and other authors.

I ought to mention that M. du Buysson (Faune Gallo-Rhenane, Elatérides) treats Cryptohypnus, Esch., as a section only of the genus Hypnoidus, Steph., but he appears to have adopted this course through what is certainly a wrong interpretation of the structure of the middle coxal cavities in Arctopila, Cand., which he treats also as a section intermediate between Hypnoidus and Cryptohypnus.

British Museum, Cromwell Road, S.W.: May, 1907.

ON MELANOTUS RUFIPES, Herrst, AND M. CASTANIPES, Payk. 

BY E. A. NEWBERY.

Melanotus castanipes was first brought forward as new to Britain by Mr. E. W. Janson (Ent. Ann., 1856, 85: Cratonychus castanipes, Payk.) on the strength of specimens taken by Mr. Foxcroft at Rannoch. The same insect was subsequently recorded by Mr. E. C. Rye and other collectors from this locality.

Having long had my doubts as to the specific value of these two so-called species, and Mr. O. E. Janson having very kindly placed at my disposal some of Foxcroft's and Rye's original examples, I sent them to M. Bedel for his opinion, together with the common M. rufipes taken at Highgate, and a very short parallel sided female belonging to Mr. Kidson-Taylor. M. Bedel's opinion is short but conclusive; he says: "On réunit actuellement castanipes à rufipes, mais il y a 2 formes; la vôtre me parait bien castanipes." The last edition (1906) of the European Catalogue confirms this synonymy.

When we consider that the common insect known to us as rufipes is called castanipes on the continent, and that probably specimens of the Rannoch insect sent for confirmation were returned as castanipes, it is not difficult to imagine how the error first arose.

M. rufipes is very variable in size, and the male is more elongate and less parallel than the female. It may also be remarked that when the insect is taken by sweeping it is much darker in colour than those dug out of stumps, which have never been exposed to the light.

12, Churchill Road, Dartmouth Park, N.W.: May 2nd, 1907.
AREN A O C T A V I I, Faun., ON DAWLISH WARREN.

BY PHILIP DE LA GARDE, R.N., F.E.S.

In the course of setting some Phylosus balticus taken on Dawlish Warren on April 10th, I came across an insect which at once struck me as being a stranger, and, on account of its similarity to P. balticus, probably Arena octavii. Mr. E. A. Newbery, who has kindly examined the specimen for me, is able to pronounce it as undoubtedly that species.

On this particular day scarcely any beetles were to be found among the ordinary dead seaweed at high-tide mark, and I had gradually worked up the beach to the line of an abnormal spring-tide of ten days past before meeting with the usual number—possibly some heavy rain during the previous night had driven them to the caked scum and refuse as providing better shelter—but the nature of the then habitat was more or less on a par with the Ilfracombe record of 1891 for Arena "in a dead gull on the shore." (Ent. Mag., xxviii, 160).

Prior to this 1891 capture by Mr. Tait, one specimen was taken on Chesil Beach by Mr. Blutch in 1883, and now Mr. Attle reports (Ent. Rec., xix, 91) having taken one at Llanbedr, Merioneth, in September last.

As I believe no description of this species has ever appeared in English, it may be opportune to give the chief points of distinction from P. balticus in tabular form:

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<th>Arena octavii, Faur.</th>
<th>Phylosus balticus, Kr.</th>
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<td>Head with distinct shallow punctures which are obsolete on a central space.</td>
<td>Head with very indistinct punctures, which are sometimes obsolete.</td>
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<td>Antennae—third joint pear-shaped, half as long as second.</td>
<td>Antennae—third joint almost globular, one-third or one-fourth length of second.</td>
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<td>Maxillary palpi—somewhat strongly enlarged from base to apex.</td>
<td>Maxillary palpi—much more elongate and linear.</td>
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<td>Thorax—transverse, only a little narrowed behind.</td>
<td>Thorax—as broad as long, distinctly narrowed behind.</td>
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<td>Elytra—very little shorter than thorax; insect winged.</td>
<td>Elytra—much shorter than thorax; wings scale-like, rudimentary.</td>
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<td>Abdomen—black, except apex; scarcely dilated; shiny.</td>
<td>Abdomen—always red at base; dilated at apex; dull, at least, at apex.</td>
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<td>Anterior tibiae with long, outstanding bristly hairs, which are scarcely spines.</td>
<td>Anterior tibiae with spines for digging.</td>
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<td>Average size—shorter.</td>
<td>Average size—longer.</td>
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"Teignview," Christow, near Exeter: May 4th, 1907.
ALGERIAN MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

BY THE RT. HON. LORD WALSINGHAM, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &c.

(Continued from page 58).

COLEOPHORA, Hb.

3679: 1.—Coleophora argenticiferiata, sp. n.

Antennae whitish, bronzy at the base. Palpi smooth, porrect; whitish. Head shining bronzy. Thorax coppery bronze. Forewings bright, shining, coppery bronze; costal cilia pale silvery bronze, the dorsal and terminal cilia bronzy grey. Exp. al. 15—16 mm. Hindwings pale leaden grey; cilia bronzy grey. Abdomen dark leaden grey. Legs bronzy grey.

Type, ♂ (S303); ♀ (97590). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab.: ALGERIA—Hammam-es-Salahin, 18.III.1895 (Eaton); 25.III.1903, 1—1.IV.1904 (Wlsm.). Forty-one specimens.

Two specimens were taken by Mr. Eaton "in a dry torrent bed, a little to the right and just beyond the reed-encircled pond about one kilometre S.W. of Hammam-es-Salahin," and I searched for the species very diligently in the same locality but only succeeded in taking one much worn ♂ at light in 1903. In 1901 I found it the commonest insect in the place, and set thirty-eight specimens,—cases subsequently collected on Trifolium sp. must undoubtedly belong to this species, although unfortunately I did not breed it.

3700: 1.—Coleophora subcastanea, sp. n.

Antennae steel-grey, yellowish ochreous towards the base; without tuft. Palpi long, porrect, extending nearly twice the length of the head beyond it, closely clothed with hair-like scales to the apex; ochreous. Head and Thorax light yellow-ochreous. Forewings light yellow-ochreous, blending toward the apex with pale chestnut, by which the neuration is indistinctly marked on the outer half of the wing; cilia brownish ochreous. Exp. al. 14—17 mm. Hindwings pale grey; cilia pale brownish grey. Abdomen greyish fuscous. Legs pale ochreous.

Type, ♂ (96521); ♀ (96524). Mus. Wlsm.


A few specimens taken near the race-course, on recently cultivated land, now run to waste, among low herbaceous growth. Larva not discovered. Quite a distinct species, perhaps most nearly allied to stefanii, Joann.

3712: 1.—Coleophora microxantha, sp. n.

Antennae snow-white; not tufted, but slightly thickened at the base. Palpi smooth, without projecting scales beneath; white. Head white. Thorax pale lemon-yellow; tegulae white. Forewings narrow, pointed; lemon-yellow, with two
silvery white streaks, one along the fold reaching to one-third, one along the outer half of the cell, the costa very narrowly white throughout; costal cilia white, apical cilia with a short black streak running through them, beneath which they are silvery white, changing to brownish grey along the dorsum. Exp. al. 7–8 mm. Hindwings very pale brownish grey; cilia still paler. Abdomen silvery, with a greyish tinge. Legs white.

*Type,* ♂ (96528); ♀ (96968). Mus. Wlsrn.


This pretty little species, which is perhaps most nearly allied to *albicosta,* Dp., though quite distinct, seems to be somewhat widely distributed, but occurs only in patches. It evidently takes shelter in various plants, but I have found it only by smoking the almost bare ground near the dry Oueds.

3715: 1.—*Coleophora eupreta,* sp. n.

*Antennae* white; with a short arched basal tuft. *Palpi, Head* and *Thorax* white. *Forewings* pale bronzv brown, a narrow silvery white streak running along the costa and including the costal cilia to the apex; a rather broader silvery white streak from the base, following the upper edge of the fold and running through the cilia below the apex, but not actually touching the dorsum, slightly attenuated from near the end of the fold outward; a shorter white streak from the base follows the dorsum to nearly half the wing-length; cilia very pale brownish ochreous. Exp. al. 13–14 mm. Hindwings rosry grey; cilia very pale brownish ochreous. *Abdo-
men* yellowish. Legs white.

*Type,* ♂ (96526). Mus. Wlsrn.


A slender, distinctly marked species in which the silver streaks are clearly defined by the gradually widening band of the pale brownish ground-colour, which becomes slightly attenuated to the apex on the outer fourth of the wing, the lower band of the same colour gradually narrowing to the dorsum from near the base.

It is allied to *helianthemella,* Mill. (3689), and *bilineella,* H.-S. (3715), but the median silvery streak is uniformly wider than in my specimens of those species, and the dark ground-colour is very de-
cidedly paler than in either of them. It is of the size of *helianthe-
mella,* therefore somewhat larger than *bilineella,* but I am not aware that these species have ever been critically compared. I have bred the former from *Cistus monspeliensis,* and Millière recorded it from *Helianthemum tuberaria,* neither of which plants occur at Biskra.
Heinemann omitted to give the food-plant of *bilinrella*, but Ragonot made a MS. note in his copy of Staudinger and Woëcke's Catalog that it fed on *Helianthemum vulgare*. There are at least two species of *Helianthemum* at, or near, Biskra on which I have had occasion to search very persistently for other larvae, and had there been a *Coleophora* case upon them I could not have failed to observe it.

3721: I. — *Coleophora hippodromica*, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* white, with distinct black annulations; a short hoary grey tuft on the basal joint. *Palpi* short, dependent; hoary whitish. *Head* greyish white. *Thorax* olivaceous fawn, with a narrow white streak along the outer edge of the tegulae. *Forewings* olivaceous ochreous, fading to greyish ochreous along the dorsum, with a line of a few indistinct fuscos scales above the outer end of the fold; the costa from the base is narrowly pure white to about two-fifths, where the white band is rather abruptly dilated to twice its width and so continued to above the apex; the cilia at the apex are fawn-grey, a short slender white streak running through them immediately below the apex, dorsal cilia pale brownish grey. *Exs. al*. 11—12 mm. *Hindwings* shining, pale steel-grey; cilia pale brownish grey. *Abdomen* dusky cinereous. *Legs* whitish.

*Type, ♀ (96525); ? (97578). Mus. Wism.*


The somewhat abrupt dilatation outwardly of the white costal band renders this species distinct; it is nearest to *trientella*, Chr. (3721), which however is easily separable by the dense clothing of the antennae toward the base, and by the more uniform tint of the darker portion of the wing-surface, which in *hippodromica* is distinctly paler dorsally. The type was taken on a very windy day on the hills overlooking the Hippodrome, or new race-course, at Biskra, but the bred specimen is from Hammam-es-Salahim. I bred this species from a very obscure-looking case on *Astragalus gombo*, apparently formed from the end of a young leaf. It was accidently taken among leaves gathered to feed other larvae and observed only when crawling up the bottle. Further search among the same plants (which grow on the plains but not on the hillsides) was quite fruitless, and even when the moth was bred I had the utmost difficulty in recovering the case from among the leaves to which it had become attached.

3776: I. — *Coleophora acanthyllidis*, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* white; basal joint with a long tuft of yellowish scales. *Palpi* white, with a few projecting scales at the end of the median joint. *Head* and *Thorax* white. *Forewings* yellowish, with a rather wide silvery white band along the costa
from about one-third, tapering to a point in the cilia above the apex; a second silvery white streak from the base running along the fold and rather suddenly attenuated beyond its middle; a third, much shorter streak, between the points of the other two, running to the termen below the apex, there is also a silvery spot at the flexus; a greyish brown streak follows the lower edge of the silvery costal band, attenuated to an acute point from the apex inward toward the base—this is dusted with a scattered overflow of yellowish scales from the space below it; cilia at the apex brownish, below it yellowish, along the termen pale brownish grey. Exp. al. 14—16 mm. Hindwings iridescent, shining, dark grey; cilia brownish cinereous. Abdomen yellowish white. Legs white.

_Type, ♀ (96602); ♂ (14032). Mus. Wlsm.

_Hab.:_ ALGERIA—Biskra, Larva _Acanthyllis tragaenanthis_, 24.XII.1896, excl. 1897 (Eaton); Hammam-es-Salahim. Larva 19.1.V., excl. 25.VI.1903 (Wlsm.); 11.IV.1904 (Wlsm.). Three specimens.

Allied to _echinella_, Stgr. (3776), and _cartilaginella_, Chr. (3767), but the white costal streak shows no yellow intermediate space between itself and the costa as in _cartilaginella_. It is of a yellow colour (less yellow-ochre than _echinella_), and the short intermediate silvery streak is straight, not bent as in _echinella_ and _cartilaginella_, moreover, the silvery white dorsal streak does not extend beyond the flexus.

The case carries two lateral, semitransparent, thin, shell-like shields at the apex in which two dark spots are visible, giving the appearance of eyes in a swelled head; with this exception the case is brownish ochreous, smooth, polished, and very slightly wavy, sometimes widening upward from a scarcely oblique mouth with the apex recurved, or hook-like, when the shields which conceal it are removed.

3820: 1.—_Coleophora argenteonivea_, sp. _n._

_Antennae_ silvery white; with a long projecting white tuft at the base. _Pulpi_ short, slender, smooth, porrect; white. _Head_ and _Thorax_ silvery white. _Forewings_ shining silvery white, without markings; cilia the same; underside dull reddish grey, the costa, apex, and cilia white. _Exp. al._ 20 mm. _Hindwings_ pale brownish grey, distinctly white along the middle and on the basal half of the dorsum; cilia white; underside white, shaded with reddish grey towards the base. _Abdomen_ yellowish white, with a double row of blackish spots on the four median segments. _Legs_ shining white.

_Type, ♂ (8630). Mus. Wlsm.

_Hab.:_ ALGERIA—Le Tarf, 2.VII.1896 (Eaton). Two specimens, taken on "rough pasture near the school; after sunset till 7 p.m., among _Cynara cardunculus_" (Etn.).

The rather streaky whitened appearance of the upper side of the
hindwings, as well as the colouring of both wings on the underside, enables this to be somewhat easily distinguished from other unicolorous white species.

3866: 1.—Coleophora praecipua, sp. n.

Antennae white, very faintly annulate; with a rather short brownish white tuft on the basal joint. Palpi white, with slightly projecting scales at the end of the median joint beneath. Head brownish white. Thorax white, with a brownish streak along the middle posteriorly. Forewings with the costa pure white throughout, this white band gradually widening outward from the base to the apex, its lower edge clearly defined by a dark chocolate-brown streak from near the base, gradually narrowing outward, its outer extremity broken into scattered scales before and at the apex of the wing; below this streak the wing-surface may be described as ashy grey, with a slight brownish tinge above the fold but not below it, a line of black scales, more or less separated from each other, running from the base below the fold as far as its outer extremity on the dorsum; cilia on the costa white, below the apex pale brownish cinereous. Exp. al. 18—20 mm. Hindwings shining, pale slaty grey; cilia brownish cinereous. Abdomen shining greyish. Legs very pale greyish, unspotted.

Type, ♂ (96529); ♀ (96530). Mus. Wlsm.


Perhaps most nearly allied to directella, Z. (3866), but at once distinguished by the conspicuous dark chocolate-brown streak below the white costal band. A conspicuous and most distinct species of which unfortunately I could only secure four specimens.

3904: 1.—Coleophora poecilella, sp. n.

Antennae and Palpi dull white. Head dull white, slightly stained with ochreous above. Thorax pale fawn-ochreous. Forewings pale fawn-ochreous to two-thirds of their width from the dorsum; dull white along the costa, minutely dusted throughout with blackish scales; cilia pale fawn-ochreous. Exp. al. 13—14 mm. Hindwings pale grey; cilia very pale ochreous. Abdomen and Legs dull whitish.

Type, ♂ (96495); ♀ (96498). Mus. Wlsm.


Bred from larvae feeding in an elongate, cylindrical, brownish, or grey, case on Suaeda vermiculata; these emerged during April and May, but a single belated specimen was bred on the 28th October, 1903. Two specimens were captured in 1904. Most nearly allied to laripennella, Zett. (3904).

(To be continued).
SOME NOTES ON THE LEPIDOPTERA
OF THE “DALE COLLECTION” OF BRITISH INSECTS, NOW IN THE
OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM.

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Argynnis dio, L.—One under-side (apparently δ) in fairly good order, but
slightly worn; it is set low down on a rather old English pin. The label on one
side is “Kirkman’s side, 1817,” and on the other side is a note in C. W. Dale’s
handwriting, nearly illegible, but the name “Weaver” can be traced; a label at the
side, “Warwickshire.” This is probably one of the specimens reputed to have been
taken by Richard Weaver at Sutton Park, near Birmingham, about 1830, which
were recorded and figured by the Rev. W. T. Bree in “London’s Mag. Nat. Hist.,”
vol. V, pp. 750–1 (1832). C. W. Dale also records Weaver’s captures of J. dio in
“The Naturalist,” vol. I, p. 115 (Groombridge, 1838), and gives on Plate IV a
fairly good coloured figure of the under-side.

Argynnis selene, L.—A fine variety, in which the usual fulvous tint on both
sides is entirely replaced by clear ochreous-white or bone-colour. “From J. G.
Ross, 1879.” (C. W. D.).

Melitaea athalia, Bark.—A very varied series, including the beautiful example
of the var. pyronia, Hub. (cos. Haw.), which is figured on Plate IV, fig. 1, 2, of
Stephen’s “Illustrations.” It is still in excellent preservation, and is labelled “Eos,
Mr. Howard,” and in C. W. Dale’s handwriting “Taken in 1802, Haworth Coll.,
Stevens Coll.,” and at side “1803, Surrey.” Another closely similar specimen
(under-side) is rather more sharply marked above, and paler on the under-surface,
“S. Stevens Coll. 1900” (C. W. D.), and at side “Eos, Haw. var.” Other examples
from the collection of the late Mr. S. Stevens have the hind-wings greatly darkened,
and one has a broad central dark band on fore-wings; and an extremely fine variety,
from the same source, is almost uniformly dark brown above, the submarginal row
of fulvous spots, and a few faint indications of the basal spots of fore-wing, alone
remaining. A large pale example is labelled “Dictyna, Haw.,” and another
curious-looking light form (very old) is labelled “From T. Cooke, Feb. or Mar.,
1861” (J. C. D.), and at side “tessellata, Pet., var.”; it agrees with the insect
thus named, figured in III. Haust., plate V, fig. 1, 2.

Melitaea eunxia, L.—Another good and variable series; a large specimen with
very pale ground-colour labelled “Folkstone” at side.

Melitaea arctmis, Fab.—The series of this species includes examples from
Glanvilles Wooton, Malvern, Penarth, Carlisle, Ramnoch, Pitcapele, Aberdeen,
Westmeath, Galway, &c.; there are four specimens of the var. previa, and seven
of the var. hibernica, Birchall. A nice variety with the base of hind-wings broadly
black is labelled “G. King, July 29, 50” (J. C. D.). The two finest varieties are
described by Mr. J. C. Dale, with good woodcut figures of the upper and under-
sides, in London’s Mag. Nat. Hist., vol. vi, p. 378 (1833). The first (fig. 47a, 18a),
a ?, has the hind-wing black, with a large fulvous blotch at the base, and the
submarginal black spots in fulvous rings, the under-side being much suffused with
dusky; it is labelled “Enborne, Berks., June 15th, 1813, Mr. St. Mauz ?.”
The second (fig. 47b, 48b), also ♀, is suffused all over with dark brown, the submarginal band of the hind-wings only being clear; it is labelled at side "South Wales; var. signifera," and is stated by Mr. J. C. Dale (l. e.) to have been taken by Captain Blomer at Haverfordwest.

Thecla betulae, L.—A good series from Essex, Glanvilles Wootton, &c. T. pruni, L. Sixteen fine examples from Monk’s Wood. T. walhama, Hubn. One with the W mark at anal angle of hind-wings obliterated. T. queereus, L. Two examples with the ocellus at anal angle of hind-wings without central black dot.

Thecla rubi, L.—A ♀ in very fine condition, curiously bleached, the hind-margins of all the wings quite pale brown.

Chrysopaena chryseis, F.—Three examples of this reputed British species, one ♂ labelled "Woodside, Epping, from Stephens, fe. Dr. Leach" (J. C. D.).

Chrysopaena virgaverca, L.—Represented by eight examples, mostly in only fair condition. A rather worn ♀, on an old-fashioned English pin which has been cut off below the insect, is labelled "E. L. Cope-Cure on Crowen, Aug 26, 1878, see Entom., v. XIII, 45" (C. W. D.). Five ♂ specimens are labelled— "Mus. Blom." (J. C. D.) ; "From Stephens" (J. C. D.) ; "Huntingdonshire, from Dr. Leach," at side "Yaxley" ; "Griesbach Collection" (C. W. D.) ; "Haworth Sale 1821" (C. W. D.), the two latter being under-sides. Two ♀'s also bear the same label as the last mentioned, one having a label "Isle of Ely" at the side.

Chrysopaena hippothoe, L.—Four examples; one ♂ in very bad order, and one ♀, rather better, are labelled "from Latham" (J. C. D.). A ♀ has a large triangular label with "Hippothoe" on one side, and on the other "Mus. Haworth, Faversham, Kent" (C. W. D.), and a ♀ under-side, "Haworth's Sale, 1821" (C. W. D.).

Chrysopaena dispars, Haw.—The Dalean Collection contains one of the finest series extant of this now extinct British butterfly, numbering 26 specimens, 11 of which are ♀ and 15 ♀, one of the former and two of the latter sex being set to show the under-side. They are for the most part in excellent order, though a few antennae are broken. Unfortunately very few bear any data; a ♀ is labelled "Whittlesea Mere, July, 1819," another (under-side) "Whittlesea Mere, July 8, 1833," and a third "Breed on June 23, 1841" (C. W. D.). Variation in size is very considerable; the smallest ♀ (measured as set, with the wings only slightly sloping) expands only 31 mm., and another is only a little larger, while the finest ♀ is 52 mm. in expanse. The smallest ♀ is 35 mm., and the largest 52 mm. across the wings. Two ♀'s are much suffused with copper-red on the basal area of the hind-wings, and another is much irrorated with black scales, and has the black spots very large. The gen of the whole collection is an almost entirely black ♀, the central area of the fore-wings, to the end of the cell, suffused with copper-red, on which the two basal black spots show up distinctly; the transverse submarginal band of black spots being just visible, but almost lost in the black suffusion. The hind-wings and under-side of this magnificent aberration are nearly normal. It is labelled "From Simmonds" (J. C. D.).

Chrysopaena phleas, L.—A large and very varied series, including a very fine example of the silvery ab. schmidlii, Gerh., "From W. & D., 1898" (C. W. D.); a ♀ from Glanvilles Wootton has the right fore-wing, and a worn ♀ the left fore-
wing, of the "schmidtii" colour. A very fine variety with the usual black spots very faint, and the disc of fore-wings, and submarginal band of hind-wings, a peculiar pale buff colour with only a slight coppery tint. A fine ♂ has the ground dull copper, whitish towards the anal angle of fore-wings, and another of the same sex is light dull brown with hardly any metallic tinge, but the black spots large and clear. Two specimens have the submarginal copper band of hind-wings reduced to one or two elongate dashes, and a curious-looking ♂ lacks the submarginal black spots on fore-wings. Several approach the dark ab. cleas, F., and one is a very well marked example of that form.

**Polyommatus alcus**, L.—One or two from Dover, almost immaculate beneath.

**Lycena hactena**, L.—Two examples; a ♂ in fair condition, but badly set, "From J. G. Ross, 1852, who had it from boy who took it in Devonshire" (C. W. D.), "Dartmouth" at side. Another ♂, under-side, in fair condition, on a large common pin, "Elton, Trin. Coll., Camb."; "Andover" at side.

**Polyommatus acris**, W. V.—A very fine series of 19 specimens, including several from Glamouries Woottin. One ♂ "From J. G. Ross, 1878" (C. W. D.), is labelled at side "Cardiff." A fine ♂ has the ocelli on under-side very conspicuous, enlarged and somewhat elongated, and in another ♂ they are almost absent.

**Polyommatus arion**, L.—Fifteen specimens, chiefly from Barnwell Wold and Langport, Somerset. Two have the black spots on upper-side nearly obsolete, and in another way they are much enlarged and elongated.

"**Polyommatus aleon**, Steph., var."—Under this name is a specimen set to show the under-side, very old, but quite good, except that the abdomen is missing. On a triangular label is "Aleon, Hub., 263, W. J.," and at side "n. Bedford." The reference in C. W. Dale's "Register" is "var. aleon, Steph., from Mr. Haworth, H. Jones, Cieffden, Bucks." Whatever the origin of the specimen, it is almost certainly not a variety of arion, but agrees in every particular with specimens of Lycena aleon, F., in the Oxford Museum and in my own collection. Cf. Stephens, Ill. Haust., 1, p. 68.

**Lycena argiades**, Pall.—A pair in good order; the ♂ has a circular ticket, "Dr. Marsh, 1871, Whatley"; the ♂, "Whatley, Somerset," at side. These would appear to be the specimens recorded by the Rev. J. Seymour St. John, in "Entomologist," vol. xviii, p. 292 (1885).

**Polyommatus dorylas**, Hüb.,—One ♂, set to show the under-side, in fine condition, on a modern English pin leaning very much forward as is the practice with many English Lepidopterists. The label is very illegible, but appears to read 'Burney's Sale, 1803, from Cooke, Zoologist, S102' (C. W. D.). At p. 8402 of the "Zoologist" is a note from Henry Doubleday, dated January 12th, 1863, as follows:—"Mr. Cooke, of Oxford Street, recently detected two specimens of this species among a number of Adonis taken in England which he had purchased. One of these I have seen and it is certainly L. dorylas, and now that attention has been called to it, the insect will probably be met with in the coming summer." Mr. Dale's specimen is in all respects identical with Lycena hyales, Esp. (= dorylas, Hüb.), of which species a specimen, "caught at Dover on 7th September, 1902," was exhibited by Mr. Sloper at the meeting of the Entomological Society of London on October 15th of the same year (Proc. Ent. Soc., 1902, p. xxxii). The
butterfly, long ago well figured by Lewin ("The Insects of Great Britain . . . " tab. 37, fig. 5, 6; 4to; 1735), and noted by him as taken on a chalk hill at Dartford, Kent, is in my opinion certainly L. hylas, and not, as it has sometimes been considered, an aberration of L. hellogus (cf. also H. Doubleday, Zoologist, p. 8167).

It is just possible that, as in the case of Lampides bolica, stray examples of L. hylas sometimes find their way to this country.

**Polyommatus coriodyon**, L.—The exceedingly fine series of 88 specimens of this species includes 2 ♀♂ of a light leaden-grey tint above, with hardly a trace of blue; one ♀ with entirely light hind-margins (var. founderi, South, Entom., xxxiii, p. 101, plate III, fig. 4, 5), and another of the same sex, suffused above with black almost to the end of the cell. Two fine specimens of the ♀ ab. syngrapha, Bdv., one "from Meek, 1887" (C. W. D.), and the other "Newmarket." Several streaked under-sides of both sexes, and others with the ocelli on hind-wings more or less obsolete; but the finest is a ♀, normal above, but beneath of a pale and very peculiar clear greenish-white tint, slightly rayed along the nervures of the hind-wing with brown. All the usual ocelli are absent, except the discoidal lunule and the submarginal row of the fore-wings, and two costal spots near base of hind-wings; the marginal orange lunules are well marked on the hind-wings, are well marked and surmounted by faint black crescents, and the hind-margins of all the wings are brown, regularly interrupted by white spots between the nervures. This magnificent aberration is labelled "From J. G. Ross, 1890" (C. W. D.).

**Polyommatus adonis**, F.—Several examples with the ocelli of hind-wings beneath, except the discoidal lunule, obsolete or nearly so; and seven more or less blue ♀'s labelled at side "cerveus, Esp.," one very striking, but somewhat crippled.

**Polyommatus icarus**, Rott.—This species is represented by no fewer than 107 specimens from numerous localities, those from Sligo, Orkney, and Armagh being very fine and brilliant. Of aberrations, the most striking is a ♀, quite ordinary on the upper-side, but beneath modified much in the same manner as the remarkable P. coriodyon above described; the ground colour being clear whitish; slightly rayed with brown on the hind-wings, the discoidal lunules of the fore-wings, and the submarginal series of orange spots with their surmounting black lunules very clearly and distinctly marked, but otherwise almost immaculate. This fine form was taken by J. C. Dale in Dorsetshire, on August 5th, 1826, and is labelled at side "Aug., 1826, Buckland." Another ♀, in which the outer row of ocelli on the fore-wings is elongated into strong black streaks, is labelled "Harwood, Colchester, 1890" (C. W. D.). There is a fine ♀ of a beautiful pale lavender-purple tint above, labelled "G. King, 1859" (J. C. D.), and at side "Labienus, Jermy"; and a very handsome ♀, "Glanvilles Wootton, June, 1888" (C. W. D.), is very dark above, the outer third of the hind-wings light lavender-blue with submarginal black spots, the apex of the fore-wings also broadly blue.

**Polyommatus astrarche**, Bergstr.—Two of var. alloais, Hüb. (one from Castle Eden Dene), quite immaculate above; a ♀ from Langport, Somerset, with clear white black-centred spot in cell above, "taken by Edward Paul, Esq." is recorded by J. C. Dale in the "Naturalist," vol. i, p. 16. There are 21 examples of the var. salmacis, Steph., and 23 of var. artavexex, Fab.

**Polyommatus aegon**, Bork.—A very fine gynandromorphous example, the right
side being ♂ and the left side ♀, the sexual differences being equally well marked on the under-side, is "From J. G. Ross Coll." (C. W. D.). Two specimens are labelled "Dover," one a curious small pale lavender-blue ♂, the other, of the same sex, very pale beneath with all the markings obsolete. Another old ♀, probably from Haworth's Collection, taken near Holt, Norfolk, and labelled "marilinus" at side, is very dark beneath, with the ocelli of the fore-wings much elongated.

Neurobina leucon, L.—The series includes several examples from Glenvilles Woodton.

Syrichthos alcolus, Hüb. —There are no fewer than fifteen examples of the ab. torus, Meig. (also labelled "Laratex, Haw., var."), some of which are exceedingly fine. Three are labelled respectively "Meek, Standish Cabinet, 1830"; "Bedell Cabinet (J. C. D.)," and "Elton, Trim. Coll., Cam., 1803." A very dark example, with the white spots much reduced, "var. from J. G. Ross" (C. W. D.).

Stryges panicus, Fab.—A good series from Monk's Wood, Hunts., and "Castor Hanging, near Peterborough."

Pamphila commo, L.—One very light-coloured ♂, not labelled.

Pamphila linea, Fab.—A fine ♂ aberration, in which the fulvous ground-colour is entirely replaced by whitish-ochreous or hone-colour. "J. Williamson, Folkestone."

Pamphila lineola, O.—A fine series from Leigh, Essex.

Pamphila acteon, Rott.—This butterfly, discovered as a British species by J. C. Dale at Durdle Door, Dorsetshire, on August 15th, 1832 (C. W. Dale, "History of Our British Butterflies," p. 219), is represented by a good series from Swanage, Lulworth, and the "Burning Cliff," Dorsetshire.

Errata.—On page 96, lines 26 and 27 from top, for "brought to Kent by the birdstuffer," read, "brought to Kent, the birdstuffer." Page 97, line 17 from top, page 99, line 14 from top, page 100, line 5 from bottom, and page 101, line 16 from top, for "Loudon's," read "London's."

"Aorangi," Lonsdale Road,
Summertown, Oxford:
April 9th, 1907.

(To be continued).

Hydrea britteni, Joy, from Central France.—Immediately after the description of this insect was published (Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xliii, p. 79), I received a ♂ specimen of a Hydrea from Capt. Sainte Claire Deville, of Bouges, with a note suggesting that it answered perfectly to the diagnosis of H. britteni, and I am pleased to be able to confirm this identification. Capt. Deville has kindly sent me the following most interesting particulars of its capture. "The insects" (he possesses more ♂ ?) "were taken in April and July, 1905, in the bed of a small stream which is very cold, being at about 750 metres altitude, in the neighbourhood of Arlenf. This place is among the granite mountains of Morvan, 6 kilom. to the east of Château-Chinon. I have noticed that the mountain fauna of the centre of France is very similar to the British fauna, and as to that of our Western coasts, it is absolutely identical."—Norman H. Joy, Bradfield, near Reading: April 28th, 1907.
Ptilina britannica, Matth., and other rare Trichopterygidae.—I had for long been hoping to find time to visit the Natural History Museum and compare some interesting-looking Trichopterygidae with the types in the Matthews collection. These types I found in splendid condition, and I had no difficulty in identifying the following rare species in my collection:—

Ptilina britannica, Matth.—Matthews described this species from a single specimen, and, considering what a distinct form it is, he was quite justified in doing so. It has not been recorded from the British Isles since, but has occurred very rarely on the Continent. Matthews' specimen was taken on the back of a slug at Westen, in Oxfordshire. I possess only one example, which I took when carefully sifting a mole's nest from this neighbourhood in March last year. I have very little doubt that this was quite an accidental find in such a situation. I remember when digging up the nest that I tore off a piece of bark from an old root quite a foot beneath the surface of the ground; it was behind this that the beetle was most probably hiding. If this is its natural habitat its apparent great rarity is easily accounted for.

Eucryptilium saxonicum, Gillm.—In the Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xxxix, p. 253, I recorded Ptilina marginatum, Auth., as having been taken by myself in the New Forest by sweeping short grass in the evening. This specimen I now find is Eucryptilium saxonicum, Gillm., a species not recorded before from Hampshire, or, indeed, from England. Mr. Tomlin also took a specimen last year in Sherwood Forest.

Ptilina vagolusum, All., is the commonest member of its genus in this neighbourhood! I have taken it in abundance in hedge clippings, &c. I see in the catalogue of Heyden, Reitter and Weise (1891) this insect is regarded as a variety of P. kunzei, Heer. It is quite evident that these Coleopterists had not seen a specimen of the species, as it is very distinct from P. kunzei in shape, sculpture, and length and colour of antennae; it is more closely related to P. speciei, All.

Bwncrara variolosa, Muls.—I took one specimen of this rare and very distinct species on a window here in June last year. In.

Rhizophagus cornutipennis, Sabli., &c., at Woking.—The very fine hot weather during the past three days has brought out a number of Coleoptera, and various interesting species have again been taken on the wing towards sunset, several of which are new to the district. The following are noteworthy: Rhizophagus cornutipennis, Sabli.,* one specimen, captured with my bat, May 12th; Delecaster diceinum, Grav., not rare, on three successive evenings in the same spot; Ptilinas germanus, F., one male, May 10th; Stiliens fragilis, Grav., one specimen, May 12th; Tonmiis laricis, F., Hedobita impexalis, L., both in numbers, Hylesinus scitatus, F., and Xyleborus saxescui, Ratz.—G. C. CHAMPION, Horsell, Woking: May 13th, 1907.

Asemum striatum, L., at Chobham.—On April 1st the larva of Asemum striatum (recognised at once by the two spines at the anal extremity of the body,

*Mr. Bagnall has recently recorded the capture of a single specimen of this rare species at Gibside, and Dr. Sharp has, I believe, captured another in the New Forest.
as figured by Dr. Sharp in Trans. Ent. Soc., 1905, plate 9) was found at Chobham in various charred sappy pine stumps. The stumps were again examined on April 8th, and several pupae extracted and brought home. These pupae were placed in sections of bamboo-cane, and placed in a tin, and forgotten! But on opening the tin, about three weeks later, though the contents had suffered from mould, two crippled *Askenes* were found, sufficient to establish the identity of the insect, and its presence in this portion of Surrey. The same stumps harboured many specimens of *Ips a-guttata*, F., *I. a-punctata*, Herbst, and a single *Coniobius constrictus*, Gyll.—In.

*Hydrochus nitidicollis*, Malv., *in the River Teign.*—Amongst flood rubbish in the River Teign here a week ago I took one example of this species, which was recently added (Ent. Rec., xviii. 133) to the British list by Mr. Donisthorpe.—PHILIP DE LA GARDE, "Teignview," Christow, near Exeter: May 4th, 1907.

*Bembidium a-punctatum*, Dej., and *Platystelbus altucentus*, Th., *at Sittingbourne.*—In September last, while working the marshy ground at the back of Old Milton, Sittingbourne, I obtained three of the rare *B. a-punctatum*, and eight *P. altucentus*, which Mr. Newbery has very kindly identified for me.—In.

*Occurrence of Carlodere argus*, Reitt., *in Britain.*—A single living specimen of the above European beetle was taken a few years ago at a wholesale druggist's in London. Until recently it has done duty in my collection for *C. filiformis*, Gyll., but having seen the true *filiformis* it was evident that the two were different species. M. Bedel has been good enough to name the insect as above. The specimen in question is probably not indigenous, but as it may be mixed with *C. filiformis* in other collections, it appears worthy of notice. It can be readily separated from both *C. filiformis* and *C. flavus* by its large prominent eyes.—E. A. NEWBERY, 12, Churchill Road, Dartmouth Park, N.W.: May 2nd, 1907.

*Lathrobium livipenne*, Heer.—In view of Canon Fowler's reference to this species on page 30 of the current volume, it may be well to place on record that my collection contains two males, which have been authenticated by Mr. W. E. Sharp, who introduced the species to the British list. One of these is from Canmore Chase (ex coll. Blatch), and as Mr. Blatch had it labelled *L. livipenne*, Gyll., it seems probable that all his localities for the latter insect are referable to *L. livipenne*, Heer. I can vouch for the occurrence of *L. livipenne* at Lewisham, Gosfield, and in the Manchester district.—J. R. LE B. TOMLIN, Stowey, Reading: May, 1907.

*Cis punctulatus*, Gyll., *in England.*—Records of this *Cis* have, I believe, hitherto been exclusively Scotch. It will be of interest therefore to note its capture in Cumberland, the precise locality being Orton Woods to the west of Carlisle, where it has occurred in some abundance this spring. It was obtained under and in the chinks of bark on a fallen Scotch fir upon which a *Polyphorus* was growing.
freely. Associated with the *Cis* were a number of other hawk species, such as *Homalota cuspida*, *H. immensa*, *Platyopa reptans*, &c. — F. H. Day, 151, Gordon Terrace, Carlisle: **May, 1907.**

**Eucera fungicola**, Thoms.—With regard to this interesting species, introduced to our list by Mr. Newbery in last month’s *Ent. Mo. Mag.* (pp. 103-104), I should put on record the capture of a specimen by myself so long ago as May 19th, 1901, from a fungus growing on an ash tree near Langwithby, in the Eden valley. This locality is about two miles from Edenhall, where Mr. Britten met with his little colony in 1906. My specimen was accidentally overlooked until Mr. Britten gave me some of his a little while ago.—In.

**Cenorrhynchus pilosellus**, Gyll., &c., near Oxford.—On May 11th, I found a single example of the apparently very rare weevil, *Cenorrhynchus pilosellus*, Gyll., in a small sandpit at the edge of a wood near Tubney; at the time of capture I mistook it for the common *C. marginatus*, Payk., and did not realize my good fortune until my bottle was turned out at home. *Rhinozaer a telalaboides*, F., a species which is evidently extending its range southward, occurred singly by sweeping under some well-grown Scotch firs; and the capture, among many other local species already recorded from Tubney, of *Homalota testaceipes*, Heer, *Megacorus cingulatus*, Mann., *Trachys pumilia*, Ill., *Phyteum cylindrica*, L., *Longitarsus agilis*, Rye, *Brachypterus varius*, F., *Miares plantarum*, Germ. (not rare), *Cenorrhynchus chevralati*, Brs., *Hylosius obiernda*, F., &c., testifies to the excellence of the day as well as to that of the locality.—James J. Walker, Aorangi, Lonsdale Road, Summertown, Oxford: **May 16th, 1907.**

**Paltodora striatella**, Ill., in East Devon.—Among some Lepidoptera recently received for identification from Dr. A. Sharpin I was greatly interested to find two specimens of *Paltodora striatella*, Ill., which, together with a third, were secured by him in East Devon during August last. The distribution of this species in Britain, where it appears to be very local and decidedly scarce, is given in Meyrick’s *Handbook Brit. Lep.*, p. 572 (1895), as “Kent to Hants and Cambridge,” but it had been previously recorded from outside the area thus indicated, for, in *Lep. Dors.*, p. 54 (1866), the late Mr. C. W. Dale chronicled the capture by himself of “a couple” of examples—a correction of the “single specimen only” entered in his *Hist. Glen. Woot.*, p. 225 (1878)—at Glennies Wootton, Dorset, on August 3rd, 1870. But, to the best of my belief, *P. striatella*, of which the larva lives at first in the flower-heads, and afterwards in the stems, of tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*, L.), had never been found so far west as Devonshire until Dr. Sharpin took it there last summer, and his specimens are certainly the only modern ones among the few British individuals that have come under my notice. It will be seen from Standinger and Rebel’s “Catalog” that this species is the *tanacetella* of Schraneck, Rüssell, and von Heinemann, while the *striatella* of these last two authors, and of Herrich-Schäffer, is quite distinct from the subject of this note. The larva of *P. anthemidella*, Wek. (*striatella*, H.-S., Rüssel, Hein., has been recorded as feeding on *Anthemis cotula*, *A. tinctoria*, and *Chrysanthemum corymbosum*, on the continent, but the insect is not known to occur in this country.—Eustace R. Banks, Norden, Corfe Castle: **May 14th, 1907.**
Review.

Catalogue Coleopterorum Europæ, &c.: Editio Secunda.

In the review of this work, ante p. 114, a mistake was made that requires correction. The Coleoptera are placed under nine groups as stated, but group (2) should be named Staphylinoidæ, and the term Polyphaga made to include groups 2-9 inclusive, equivalent to the section Adephaga. The heading for the Adephaga is given an entire page, and families only are included under it, while that for the Polyphaga is given as a headline, and each of the eight groups placed under it are divided up into families as well. The want of uniformity in the system of arrangement is very apt to mislead at first sight, hence this explanatory note.—G. C. C.

Societies.

Birmingham Entomological Society: April 15th, 1907.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

Mr. E. C. Rossiter showed Tomiocampa bred from dung pupe from Wyre Forest, amongst them being specimens of invera, which approached stabilis so nearly that he was uncertain to which species to assign them. Mr. Hubert Langley, various Lepidoptera from the neighbourhood of Leamington, including Sarcothrips revagana, Sc., taken on sallow bloom and new to Warwickshire, and dark forms of Hybernia marginaria, Blech., H. leucopepharia, Schiff., and Chimabaceae flagella, F. Mr. J. T. Fountain, a large number of Lepidoptera taken this year, including live Biston strata, Hufn., taken the same day at Sutton, Panolis griseorarinigata, Goeze, fine specimens from Sutton; Vanessa polyehloros and Polygonia calhamb from Wyre Valley, &c. He remarked upon the extraordinary resemblance of the Panolis to tafts of fir cone, with which the ground was plentifully strewn, by birds or squirrels, and amongst which they were taken. Mr. L. Doncaster, the specimens of Augerona primaria, L., reared by him in the course of breeding experiments upon the species, the results of which he explained. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, a series of the magnificent butterflies belonging to the Morphine genus Tembris from New Guinea. Mr. Colbran J. Wainwright, Lepidoptera taken locally by Mr. W. H. Hardacre, and including Noctua castanea (neglecta) from Sutton; Hadena trifoli (chenopodii) from Handsworth, &c. Mr. G. H. Kenrich remarked that the castanea were neither of the southern grey form, nor the northern reddish form, but of an intermediate light brownish colour, and that he had taken similar specimens at Wyre Forest.—Colbran J. Wainwright, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society: This the concluding Meeting of the Session, was held at the Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, Monday, April 16th, Mr. W. Mansbridge, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Robert Newstead, Lecturer on Economic Entomology and Parasitology at the Liverpool University, delivered a lecture upon Stomory and the Ts-e-tsé flies (Glossina), among the latter being the insects which produce sleeping sickness. The lecturer described the history and development of these most interesting flies, giving particulars of their habits and distribution, as well as the structural characters available for classification.
The life-history of *Stomoxys* remained unknown until worked out by the lecturer partly upon captive specimens, verified by his discovery, at Rossett last year, of the fly in every stage. The flies were found laying their eggs upon heating grass mowings, and feeding upon the warm decomposing grass, were embryos in all stages of development.

The mouth parts, which form the biting organ, were very fully described and illustrated by blackboard drawings and microscopic preparations of these, in many respects, remarkable flies. Specimens of eight out of nine known species of the *Glossina* were exhibited by the lecturer, together with preserved larva and pupa.

Mr. Joseph Collins, of Oxford, sent for exhibition a box of Coleoptera and Diptera taken from moles' nests in the vicinity of Oxford, and contributed notes. Working on lines suggested by the researches of Dr. Joy, of Reading, Mr. Collins found the following species, all of which were shown, viz.: *Quedius vexans*, common; *Q. longicorius*, a short series, much rarer than *vexans*; *Alcesso echinicornis*, fairly common; *A. saccicola*; *Heterathaps nigra*, common; *Oxytelus spectabilis*, not common; *O. metatarsalis*, in two localities, a nice series; *Homalota paradomen*; *Oxytelus farinaceus*; *O. sculpturatus*; *Medon castaniss*; *M. propinquus*; Diptera: *Hystrichopsylla talpe*, the mole flea. Mr. W. A. Tyerman exhibited a long bred series of *Tanioecampa gothica*, which had fed on lice, and preserved larva of *Odontopera bidentata* showing protective resemblance to the lichen commonly found on birch bark. Mr. Oscar Whittaker, living examples of *Plea minutissima*.

H. R. Sweeting and Wm. Mansbridge, Hon. Secs.

**The South London Entomological and Natural History Society:**

**Saturday, March 23rd, 1907.**

A Meeting was held at the British Museum, Natural History. Dr. Bowdler Sharp conducted those present over that portion of the Museum devoted to the Study Collections of Birds and Birds' Eggs, showing and commenting on many choice and beautiful specimens. Subsequently other galleries were visited.

**Thursday, March 28th, 1907.—Mr. R. Adkin, President, in the Chair.**

Mr. Main exhibited specimens of the Mole Flea, *Hystrichopsylla talpe*. On behalf of Mr. Alderson, specimens of *Musca domestica*, bred from maggots expelled from the intestines of a child. This was said to be the first time that the species had been properly identified, although similar occurrences had been reported. Mr. Adkin, several series of *Anechocellis rubina* from various localities; those from Ramnoch being the most richly coloured. Mr. Montgomery reported *Pieris napi* as flying in mid-March, and Mr. Newman, *P. napi*, *P. rapae*, and *Vanessa atalanta* as being common in South Devonshire.

**Thursday, April 11th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.**

Mr. South exhibited preserved larvae at different instars of *Gastropacha quercifolia* and *Epifenopoda ilicifolia*, and discussed the orange markings present on the 2nd and 3rd segments; also a cocoon of the latter species and of *Lolita carinosa*. Mr. Tonge, photographs of the cocoons of *Dicerandra bicornis* among lichen, and of a larva of *Charaxes jasius* showing the peculiar formation of the head. Mr. West,
the rare Coleopteran, Oxyleus variolatus, from Darenth Wood, in August, 1903. The species is rare on the Continent. Mr. Newman, a long bred series of Polygonia e-aidara, representative of some 700 showing but trivial variation. Mr. B. Adkin, a bandless form of Amatia plagiata, a Eupithecia panachata with only two transverse lines, with nice forms of Cephaloepisarna biliwata and other species. Mr. Kaye, a bred series of Daphnis nerii from Dalmatia. Mr. Adkin, a series of Cynapophora duplaxis from Rannoch, and contributed notes on the two very distinct forms. Mr. Adkin made some remarks upon insects attacked by verdigris; a discussion ensued, Messrs. Montgomery, Kaye, South, and others taking part. Mr. Turner, the butterfly-like moth, Synecon parthenoides, the sexually dimorphic Heteronympha necrowe, and other insects from Western Australia. Mr. Rayward read notes on the curious relations he had observed between ants (Formica flavo) and the larva of Polygonumates iearns, and gave details of his experiments.

Thursday, April 25th, 1907.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. Newman exhibited a branch of birch, upon the twigs of which were about a thousand ova of Dimorpha versicolora, laid by females sleeved around it. Mr. Main, some small Scorpions, the larva of a Mantis, and an example of the large locust, Arcidian egyptium, L, all living, and sent him from Hyères by Dr. Chapman. Mr. Sich, the ova of Lithocletalis concomitella, a species closely allied to the more common L. pomifoliella.—Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

Entomological Society of London: Wednesday, May 1st, 1907.—

Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

M. Alexandre Bonnet, of 36bis, Boulevard Bineau, Neuilly-sur-Seine, Seine, France; Mr. Henry Murray Giles, of Perth, Western Australia; Mr. Arthur Leslie, Raywood, of Colebrooke, Park Lane, Wallington, Surrey; and Mr. Yeend Ducr, of Tokyo, Japan; were elected Fellows of the Society.

The decease was announced of the Rev. William Henry Hale, M.A.

Mr. O. E. Janson exhibited a small collection of Coleoptera made by him in Iceland in July, 1906, comprising thirty-nine species, of which some were previously unrecorded as inhabiting that island. Mr. J. A. Clark, living larva of Otiorrhynchus selevius feeding on the roots of ferns. Commander J. J. Walker, living specimens of Oxylhrya stictica, L., Epiconelis hirtella, L., and Anthaxia parallela, Lap., taken by Dr. T. A. Chapman at St. Maxime, S. France. Dr. F. A. Dixey, specimens of seven different forms of the variable female of Lenevronta argia, Fabr., showing that each form stood in mimetic relation with a separate model, also exhibited. The President, some Coleoptera collected in Pahang by Mr. H. C. Robinson and recently received at the Natural History Museum. The series contained some interesting cases of mimicry between beetles of widely separated groups. Dr. G. B. Longstaff, living specimens of the Elaterid Pyrophorus noctilucus, Linn., brought from Trinidad by Dr. F. L. J. M. de Verteuil, R.N. Mr. H. St. J. Donisthorpe, on behalf of Prof. T. Hudson Bcare and himself, specimens of Quedius riferis, Kell., and Trypodendron quercus, Eich., taken by them at Porlock, Somersetshire, on April 16th and 17th; also Hydrotonus elyptalis, Stmp., taken by them on April 11th, at Worle, near Weston-super-Mare. Mr. Donisthorpe
also showed the larva and pupa of a Dipteron of the genus *Microdon*, taken in a nest of *Formica fuscac* at Porlock last month. Mr. R. Sheliford, a specimen of the curious parasitic Orthopterous insect *Hemimerus talpoides*, Walk., from Portuguese Guinea; and read a note on “A Case of Homeotic Variation in a Cockroach.”—H. Rowland-Brown, Hon. Sec.

HELP-NOTES TOWARDS THE DETERMINATION OF BRITISH TENTREDINIDAE, &c. (19).

BY THE REV. F. D Morice, M.A., F.E.S.

BLENNOCAMPIDES (continued)—PERICLISTA TO BLENNOCAMPA.

In two more genera of the *Blennocampides*, as in those with which we have just been dealing (*Rhadinoceps*, &c.) the eyes are noticeably remote from the mandibles (“gena disticta”). These are *Periclista*, Knw., and *Ardis*, Knw., and of each we have (I believe) two British species

**Periclista**, Konow.

The ♂ ♀ of this genus are unmistakeable, being the only Blennocampids with “continuous external neuration” (Ent. Mo. Mag., March, 1903, p. 53). The ♀ ♀ do not possess this character, but they have another very distinctive one in the outline of the saw-sheath, viewed laterally, with its short but sharp triangular apex (Fig. 11, infra), and one of the two species can be recognised at once by its coloration.

Our two species are *melanocephala*, F., and *lineolata*, Kl. I do not remember to have personally met with the latter as a British insect; but it is no doubt Mr. Cameron’s *lineolata* (recorded from Worcester and Scotland), though it is strange that in giving the characters of the ♂ he says nothing about its peculiar neuration.

*Melanocephala* has the abdomen reddish in both sexes, in *lineolata* it is black. *Melanocephala* differs from all our other *Blennocampides* in having both the thorax and the abdomen mostly red above. In all other cases either both or one of them is black. *Melanocephala* ♂ follows the general rule, its red coloration being confined to the abdomen.

Both in *melanocephala* and in *lineolata* the body is a little longer and considerably broader than in *Pareophora*. I make its measurements average about 6 mill. × 2 mill. (in dried specimens).
Ardis, Konow.

In Ardis the genæ, though quite "distinct," are considerably shorter than in Perielista and Pareophora. The ♀ saw-sheath is produced into a long sharp "muero," which is very unlike the blunt apex of Pareophora or the triangular one of Perielista. (See Figure 11).

Our two species, bipunctata, Kl., and sulcata, Cam., are both black-bodied, and in both—but more conspicuously in sulcata—there is a peculiar impression or furrow on the head, following the posterior margin of each eye. The pronotum and tegulae are black in sulcata, partly pale in bipunctata. The latter has also much more white upon the legs, and the 2nd cubital seems to be (generally, at least) much longer and not so high as compared with the 3rd, a character noticed by Mr. Cameron in distinguishing bipunctata from P. lineolata. But whether it can always be relied upon to separate bipunctata from sulcata I cannot say without more material than lies before me.

There is a third species of Ardis on the Continent, viz., plana, Kl. (= sericans, Htg.), in which the head is not furrowed behind the eyes, and the body (especially on the ventral side and towards the apex of the abdomen) is clothed with a noticeable, though fine, pubescence. Mr. Cameron describes in Vol. I a Blennocampa sericans as British, and particularly mentions the latter character as distinguishing it. But in Vol. IV he states that his sericans is a Monophadusa, and identical with Klug's "elongata" (? elongatula, Kl.). Of the latter species I have only foreign specimens, which have, as Klug says, "abdomen apice sericeo-micante"; but the character is even more distinct in my specimens of "plana" (also foreigners). It is very likely that the true "plana = sericans" exists in this country; but in the absence of records I naturally cannot "list" it.

We come now to the short-cheeked Blennocampides, and I commence with the very distinct and uniform genus Tomostethus, Kuw., consisting of short and sturdy-looking species, with short stout antenna, whose 3rd joint occupies nearly a quarter of their entire length, and exhibiting very strongly the character of "praesterna discreta" (Ent. Mo. Mag., May, 1903, p. 115, Fig. 9), whence their generic name Tomostethus, i. e., "cloven-breasted." The furrow which thus separates the "praesterna" from the rest of the breast must not be confounded with the division between the pro- and mesosternum which is to be found in all genera. It lies behind the latter, and is a mere "depression," though a deep one, not a "fissure"
of the chitin. The front femora appear to fit into it, when the insect draws its legs together, as it usually does when captured. Hence there is sometimes a difficulty in seeing the character in specimens not prepared with a view to displaying it; but, if the front legs are pulled well out of the way, it is very noticeable indeed, when the insect is looked at upside-down. "Carding," naturally, altogether conceals it.

In all species of *Tomostethus* the wings are more or less dusky; the legs are mainly black in some species, in others they are more or less widely yellowish. But the most important characters are those which lie in the structure of the head, though unfortunately it is often very difficult to see them without special preparation of the specimens. In practice one has generally to rely on neuration, size, and colour-differences.

Konow enumerates in his papers on the European Blennocampids (Vienna, 1886) six species of *Tomostethus*, and I possess British specimens of all six. The following Table is founded on his; but I add certain characters which I have found helpful, and explain at greater length others which he states somewhat briefly, so that a beginner might not realize his meaning. I have also brought the nomenclature up to date by information received from his later writings on the subject, and mentioned in brackets the name given to certain species in Mr. Cameron's Monograph. (*Gayathinus* and *fanereus* do not seem to be mentioned in that work either under those names or others).

SYNOPTIC TABLE OF BRITISH *TOMOSTETHUS* **sp.**

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*fuliginosus*, Schr.

*fanereus*, Kl.

*gagathinus*, Kl.
— Tempora distinctly margined almost up to the vertex. Body (except in one variety) partly red


(a) Thorax mostly red .................. dubius, Gm. (typical form). (ephippium, C.).

(b) Thorax black............... .......... dubius, Gm., var. nigrans, Knw.

(? = brachycera, C., Vol. IV).

— Hind-wings with enclosed medial cell. Abdomen and legs for the most part red, thorax black. (A larger species than the last) ............. Inteviventris, Kl.

(= fuscipennis, C.).

I have already recorded British captures of T. funereus and T. gogathinus in the Ent. Mo. Mag. (Jan., 1901). The former I received from the late Mr. Beaumont, the latter from the Rev. A. Thornley. The variety of dubius with black thorax (nigrans, Knw.) has been sent to me by several correspondents, among them Mr. R. C. L. Perkins, and I have also examples taken by Dr. Capron. I notice that in all my specimens of this form, and likewise in those of the typical dubius, the horny spot which is usual, if not universal, in the 2nd cubital cell of other Tomostethus species is wanting; and as Mr. Cameron characterizes a Tomostethus which he formerly called micanus, but now brachycera, by the absence of this spot, it occurs to me that brachycera, C., and var. nigroanis, Knw., may perhaps be identical. But as I have not seen the type of brachycera, and do not know whether the presence or absence of such a spot can really be relied upon as a good specific character, I only throw this out as a suggestion.

Blennocampa, Htg.

Next to Tomostethus in his Catalogue Konow places the genus to which he restricts the name of Blennocampa—a name applied by previous authors to the whole of the present group. This genus, as he now defines it, consists of those Blennocampides which combine the following characters: short cheeks, no distinct praesterna, 3rd antennal joint longer than 4th, 1st cubital nerve in fore-wing distinct, discoidal n. and 1st basal n. sub-parallel, and no enclosed medial cell in the hind-wing. Of Blennocampa as thus defined, I know six British species, which appear to be all common insects, and which can be separated from one another without much difficulty as follows:
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   — Hind tibiae white .................................................... subcana, Zadd.

Assimilis is one of our prettiest and most common Blennocampid species. I have an impression, which I regret that I have not time to verify before this paper goes to press, that Konow now calls it by another name (? affinis, Fall.), but it is still called assimilis in his Catalogue of 1890, and I may be labouring under some misconception on the subject.

Geniculata, Steph., is not to be confounded with the geniculata of Mr. Cameron’s Monograph, to which we shall come later in discussing Monopliaenius.

Thomson and Cameron separate from subcana a form which they call subcervata, but Konow appears not to admit it as a distinct species, and I am not acquainted with it myself, even as a variety, so I cannot introduce it into my Table. (According to Mr. Cameron it differs from subcana in having the tegulae and edge of pronotum white, and from alchemillae [= tenuicornis] in the structure of its antennae).

Konow formerly included in his Blennocampa, for which he has now formed a new genus, Scolioneura, in consequence of a difference in the neuration of their fore-wings, the discoidal n. and 1st medial n. being not sub-parallel, but convergent. The genus has three British representatives; but I must defer consideration of them to another paper, in which I hope to deal with the remaining genera of the Blennocampidae.

(To be continued).
A NEW EUROPEAN SPECIES OF *PTEROPHORIDÆ*.

BY E. MEYRICK, B.A., F.R.S.

In August, 1900, I spent a fortnight at Saas-Fée, in the Valais, Switzerland, and in a former volume (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxviii, 217) I described a new Pterophorid then obtained, *Platyptilia leucorrhyncha*. I have now discovered that I possess another new species of *Pterophoridae* taken on the same occasion.

*Stenoptilia zalocrossa*, *n. sp.*

♂ ♀. 18—21 mm. Head and thorax light brownish-ochreous sprinkled with white, with a white line above eyes. Palpi pale brownish-ochreous, upper and lower edges white. Antennae grey. Abdomen pale brownish-ochreous, with a white line on each side of back, and two beneath. Legs pale brownish-ochreous externally, white internally. Fore-wings cleft from about ½, segments moderately broad, tolerably acute, termen straight, very oblique; light brownish-ochreous, paler along dorsum, more or less sprinkled with whitish, and strewn with blackish scales about fold and in disc posteriorly, tending to indicate longitudinal streaks; a small roundish spot of blackish irritation in disc at ½, and one at base of cleft; cilia light brownish-ochreous mixed with whitish towards base, white on costa towards middle of first segment, with a dark fuscous basal dot at apex of second segment, another less marked below it, and sometimes one at lower angle of both segments. Hind-wings cleft firstly from below middle, secondly from ½, first segment moderately dilated, pointed, second moderate, long-pointed, acute, third slender; grey, sprinkled with dark grey; cilia grey.

Saas-Fée, 6,000—7,000 feet, in August; four specimens, on an open mountain-slope, covered with various flowers; the species would probably be attached to a gentian or allied plant. Exceedingly similar to *S. bipunctidactyla*, but easily and certainly distinguished by the patch of white costal cilia; the apex of the first segment of fore-wings also appears more acutely pointed, the cilia more produced and longer at apex, and the costa of this segment obviously less arched. *S. zophodactyla* is distinguished from it by possessing three blackish dots at the base of the terminal cilia of the first segment of fore-wings (as well as three on the second segment); the central dot of these three is not possessed by any nearly allied species of the genus except *zophodactyla*, and is a reliable test for that species. *S. zalocrossa* is so like these two species that perhaps other Alpine collectors may find they have it mixed with one or other of them, but I have no doubt of its distinctness.

*S. zophodactyla* is a very widely distributed species, occurring in India and Australia as well as Europe; *canalis*, Walk., is a synonym of it, and *Doxosteres*, Meyr., founded on this species but based on
abnormality or error, is a synonym of *Stenoptilia*. I recently received a series from the Khasi Hills, Assam, and these led to my making the investigations which have resulted in the present note.

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ALGERIAN MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

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HYPOXOMEUTIDAE.

3722: 1.—Coleophora protecta, *sp. n.*

Antennae white, very distinctly annulated with black; clothed with yellowish white hair-scales at the base. Palpi projecting the length of the head beyond it; white. Head white. Thorax yellowish white. Forewings lemon-ochreous, gradually shading to bright yellowish brown above the fold, this colour intensified toward the apex; costa narrowly snow-white throughout, rather more widely along the costal cilia; cilia pale rosy grey. *Exp. al.*, 10—12 mm. Hindwings rosy grey; cilia pale brownish grey. *Abdomen* ochreous. *Legs* whitish.

*Type, ♂* (97706); ♀ (97660). Mus. Wlsm.


The case, formed of leaflets of *Acanthyllis tragacanthoides*, is yellowish white, and is fixed obliquely to the food-plant, which is somewhat irregular in shape, with successive layers of the leaf folded round it, and is conspicuous only when after feeding it attaches itself to the long naked thorns which protect the plant against all animals, including camels.

3765: 1.—Coleophora principiella, *sp. n.*

Antennae stone-white, faintly annulate with fuscous. Palpi porrect, divergent, stone-white; the median joint streaked externally with brownish ochreous, a scale-tuft projecting at its apex nearly as far as the end of the terminal. Head and Thorax pale stone-grey. Forewings rather bright brownish ochreous, the costa narrowly pale whitish ochreous throughout, a short streak of the same along the outer half of the cell, and another below the basal half of the fold, the dorsum also narrowly whitish ochreous; the dorsal streak is slightly furcate at its apex; cilia pale brownish ochraceous. *Exp. al.*, 11—12 mm. Hindwings dull reddish grey; cilia the same, but paler. *Abdomen* leaden grey above, stone-white beneath, laterally, and dividing the segments; anal tuft stone-white. *Legs* pale cinereous.
Type, ♂ (8536). Mus. Wlsm.


An inconspicuous species, but I am quite unable to identify it under any hitherto published description, it is perhaps most nearly allied to congeriella, Stgr.

3815: 1.—Coleophora aegyptiaca, sp. n.

Antennae dull whitish, faintly barred with fawn-grey; the basal joint with a very long tuft. Palpi slender, prorect, stretching half the length of the head beyond it; whitish. Head and Thorax stone-whitish. Forewings dull stone-whitish, with fawn-grey lines following the neuration and somewhat clearly indicating the margins of the cell; costal and apical cilia stone-white, tornal cilia fawn-greyish. Exp. al., 10–11 mm. Hindwings pale grey; cilia pale brownish grey. Abdomen stone-white, with a double series of elongate fuscous spots down the middle. Legs stone-white.

Type, ♂ (97702). Mus. Wlsm.


I have long been acquainted with this inconspicuous species in its larval state. My attention was first called to it by Mr. Eaton, but I had great difficulty in rearing it. The case is formed of a single long leaflet of the food-plant, mined and hollowed-out for the reception of the larva. It retains the form of the leaf, the anterior opening being scarcely oblique, the corrugated edges of the long pale brown case being more conspicuous toward the top than along the middle, the pale mid-rib of the leaf being visible throughout. I took eight specimens on April 21st, together with several cases from which the type emerged the same day.

3886: 1.—Coleophora gymnocarpella, sp. n.

Antennae whitish cinereous, annulate with fuscous. Palpi short, scarcely projecting beyond the head; whitish cinereous. Head and Thorax whitish cinereous, sprinkled with fuscous. Forewings whitish cinereous, sparsely sprinkled with fuscous scales, and with a slight greyish fuscous suffusion at the base, gradually diluted outward, leaving the costa narrowly free and of the pale ground-colour throughout; cilia pale brownish grey, whitish cinereous on the costa and at the apex. Exp. al., 8–9 mm. Hindwings slightly shining, pale greyish; cilia pale brownish grey. Abdomen greyish fuscous. Legs pale greyish.

Type, ♂ (97707). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab. : ALGERIA—Biskra, 12.II–7.III.1894 (Eaton); 12.III,

A single specimen was bred from a larva found feeding on leaves of Gymnocarpon fruticosum at Hammam-es-Salahin on April 17th, 1904. The case is short, cylindrical, and thickly covered with minute grains of sand; the mouth is slightly oblique, the opposite end being pinched up in a triangular form, which is however concealed by the sand-grains. The only bred specimen emerged on April 28th; it is a small, obscure species, and the cases are very difficult to observe.

ERETMOCERA, Z.

3403 : 1.—Eretmocera microbarbara, sp. n.

Antennae fuscous. Palpi dirty whitish. Head fuscous. Thorax bronzy brownish-fuscous. Forewings brownish-fuscous, sprinkled and mottled with pale greyish ochreous, which has a tendency to form an irregular fascia before the middle and an oblique transverse band before the apex, more distinctly visible on the costa than below it; a few long greyish ochreous scales project into the brownish fuscous cilia, but the amount of such scaling there and on the wing-surface is variable. Exp. al., 10 mm. Hindwings slightly paler than the forewings, pale brownish fuscous, with darker brownish fuscous cilia. Abdomen pinkish ochreous, slightly shaded with fuscous; the anal tuft blackish. Legs blackish, with white annulations.

Type, ♀ (S323). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab.: ALGERIA—Biskra, "borders of Oued Biskra, in the neighbourhood of railway kilomètre 199. Beaten from flowers of Tamarix brachystylos, 10—11.30 a.m.," 9.V.1895 (Eaton); "by the Route de Tourgout, opposite the Jardin Landon, on Ammi visnaga," 15.V.1897 (Eaton); "by the Aqueduct, near Fort St. Germaine and the brick-kiln, on Ammi visnaga umbels. Common," 19.V.1897 (Eaton). Seven specimens.

A much smaller species than medinella, Stgr., which is its only near ally in the genus. It may be distinguished by its more ochreous, less reddish abdomen, and by the somewhat less distinct pale markings on the forewings, but the general colouring is extremely similar.

3403 : 2.—Eretmocera nomadica, sp. n.

Antennae black. Palpi lead-grey, with blackish scales along the terminal joint beneath. Head bronzy brownish, with a few reddish scales round the neck. Thorax black, sprinkled with brown-grey scales. Forewings black, sprinkled with brown-grey scales, a pale pinkish ochreous spot on the costa at three-fourths from the base; cilia brownish grey; underside shining, rosy grey, the rosy tinge more especially visible along the costa; cilia dark brownish grey, contrasting strongly with the pale, shining, wing-surface. Exp. al., 12 mm. Hindwings shining,
pale grey, with a slight rosy tinge outwardly; cilia brown-grey; underside shining, pale rosy grey; cilia pale brownish grey, rosy-tinged at their base, except at the wing-apex. Abdomen red, shaded with black across the base, with a black band on the antepenultimate segment; anal tuft ochreous; underside throughout, shining, deep purplish black, an ochreous spot on either side below the middle. Legs deep purplish black, the hind tarsi with three or four whitish bands, one at the base of each of the anterior joints.

_Type, _♀_ (97701). _Mus. Wlsm._


The species is separable from _medianella_, Stgr., by the black band on the underside of the fore-wings at the base of the cilia: it is larger than _microbarbara_, and more distinctly coloured.

A single male was beaten from some low plants of _Limoniumstrum_ and _Suaeda_, growing on sandy ground, on a very windy day, and the most persistent search did not enable me to secure another specimen.

405.— _STAGMATOPHORA._

3613 : 3. _— STAGMATOPHORA THAUMATELLA, _sp. n._

_Antennae_ white, annulate with dark bronzy fusceans. _Palpi_ slender, smooth; white. _Head_ and face yellowish white. _Thorax_ dark, shining, bronzy fusceans. _Forewings_ dark, shining, bronzy fusceans, blending to brighter copper-colour toward the dorsum, with three conspicuous yellowish white costal patches, one near the base, one in the middle and a larger one before the apex: of these the first reaches nearly to the fold where it is abruptly cut off; the second is shorter and somewhat triangular, the third elongate and extending through the costal cilia: contingent to each of these and extending nearly to the dorsum are patches of golden metallic scales, the first two tending outward from the lower extremity of the corresponding costal patch, the third directed inward to the dorsum; there are also a few golden scales at the extreme apex; cilia pale brassy grey. _Exp. al._, 19—15 mm. _Hind-wings_ very pale bluish grey; cilia pale brassy ochreous. _Abdomen_ bronzy fusceans. _Legs_ white, with two bronzy bands outside the tibiae.

_Type, _♀_ (88960) : _♀_ (88956). _Mus. Wlsm._


Not uncommon at light during the month of April.

This species greatly resembles _simpluosella_, Ld., in the size and distribution of its markings, but it is rather smaller, and can be immediately distinguished by its much paler hind wings, and equally by their pale cilia.

**TORTRICIDAE.**

265.— _ANCYLIS_, Hb.

2280 : 1. _— ANCYLIS SOPHRONIELLA, _sp. n._

_Antennae_ smoky fusceans above, except at the base; dirty whitish at the base and beneath. _Palpi_ short, brushy; white. _Head_ brownish white. _Thorax_
smoky grey; tegulae white. Forewings creamy white, with a series of short, oblique, black costal streaks lengthening outward and alternating on the outer half of the wing with about five pairs of slender, white, geminated streaks, beyond the last of which is a white costal spot above the black falcate apex, whose shape is emphasised by the cilia beneath it being clear white, while those at the extreme apex are black; from the base a dark fuscous patch runs along the dorsum, rising above the fold and thus occupying more than half the wing-width, it reaches to half the length of the wing, and has there a tendency to become diffused and drawn out into lines of scales along the veins, blending with the leader grey colouring which continues thence to the termen and around the apex, hiding also the points of the white costal geminations; about the end of the cell are other lines of fuscous scaling, one of which is angulated downward, forming a continuous pattern with those below it, and assisting the gradual blending of the white ground-colour with the leader grey shading; terminal cilia white. Exp. al., 23 mm. Hindwings and cilia rather shining, pale brownish-grey, a narrow shade-line running through the cilia near their base. Abdomen pale brownish-grey. Legs white, with black tarsal annulations.

Type, ♂ (97704); ♀ (97705). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab. : ALGERIA—Hammam-es-Salahin, 15.IV.1904; Constantine, 5.V.1904. Two specimens.

Hindwings with 3 and 4 stalked, and therefore agreeing with lactana, F. (the type of the genus Ancylis), to which species it is most nearly allied.

Ancylotera, Stph. (= § Epicharis, Hb.; =† Ancyhlopera, Stph.), type lundana, F., should be used for Meyrick's Section A, of Ancylis "3 and 4 of Hindwings coincident," and to it should be referred 2262 sparulana, Stgr.; 2263 derasana, Hb.; 2264 lundana, F.; 2265 paludana, Brt.; 2265:1 mandarina, Wlsm.; 2266 myrtillana, Tr.; 2267 siculana, Hb.; 2267:1 argenticilana, Wlsm.; and the American species 5240 unbeculana, Clms.; 5241 subaequana, Z.; 5242 discigerana, Wkr.; 5243 semiovana, Z.; 5246 spirefoliana, Clms.; 5247 luciniana, Z.; 5248 burgessiana, Z.; 5249 dubiana, Clms.; 5253 angulifasciana, Z.; and 5254 platiana, Clms.

I am unable to refer to 5244 murtfeldiana, Riley; 5257 cornifoliana, Riley; 5264 cometana, Wlsm.; 5265 loricana, Gtr.; and 5267 kincaidianna, Frnd., but the remaining species enumerated in Dyar's List and in Staudinger and Rebel's Catalog belong truly to Ancylis, Hb., as also 2272:1 latipennis, Wlsm.; and 2278:1 pulchra, Btl.

TINEIDAE.

GRACILARIA, Hw.

4047:1.—Gracilaria coruscans, sp. n.

Antennae yellowish, dotted above with fuscous; with a reddish brown pecten at the base. Palpi yellowish, smeared with reddish brown. Maxillaries porrect,
half as long as the labials. **Head** and face yellow, reddish-brown at the sides. **Thorax** reddish brown with purplish iridescence. **Forewings** reddish brown, with a yellowish triangular blotch on the middle of the costa, its apex obtusely truncate above the fold, the whole wing shining in certain lights with very bright purple iridescence; the cilia around the apex reddish brown corresponding to the wing colour, those along the dorsum inclining to greyish ochreous. *Exp. *al., 11—13 mm. **Hindwings** dark grey; cilia rosy grey. **Abdomen** dark grey. **Legs** greyish, the two anterior pairs with dark purplish brown femora.

*Type*, ♂ (SS786). **Mus Wlsn.**


The cocoons made by the larvae were found in March and April, the moths emerging at the end of that month, the specimen described was bred April 24th, 1903.

Allied to *fringerensis*, Fritzche, and *bracketella*, Stgr.

474.—**MYRMECOZELA**, Z.

4642 : 1.—**MYRMECOZELA diaconia**, sp. n.

**Antennae** pale fawn-ochreous. **Palpi** roughly clothed beneath, with short projecting terminal joint, scarcely extending beyond the head; brownish ochreous. **Head** pale ochreous. **Thorax** smooth, whitish ochreous. **Forewings** elongate, narrow, rounded at the apex; pale whitish ochreous, the neuration more or less clearly marked out with lines of fawn-brown, some disconnected dots of black scaling along the central portion of the fold, and sometimes a few black scales on the upper edge of the cell near the base, with small spots of the same around the apex and termen at the base of the cilia which are pale fawn on their basal half, becoming fawn-white specked with brown on their outer half. *Exp. *al. 22—33 mm. **Hindwings** broader than the forewings, with depressed, obtusely rounded apex; shining, pale pearly grey; cilia pearly whitish. **Abdomen** dark grey, anal tuft pale fawn-ochreous. **Legs** pale fawn-ochreous.

*Type*, ♀ (SS929); ♂ (SS946). **Mus. Wlsn.**


The majority of these specimens, taken at light at Biskra and Hammam-es-Salahin in March and April, are ♀ ♀, and have the habit, even when apparently dead on the setting boards, of ejecting a considerable mass of most delicate fluff from the body—this is so fine that it has been found impossible to preserve it in connection with any specimen. It is obviously a covering for the eggs sometimes found deposited within it, but at present I know nothing of the larva or its habits. The species came freely to light in the town of Biskra as well as in the desert at Hammam-es-Salahin, but the first specimen
received was sent me by the Rev. A. E. Eaton in 1895. It seems remarkable that so distinct and conspicuous a species should not have been previously observed or described.

479. — NEMATOIS, Hb.

4693: 1. — NEMATOIS ALGERIENSIS, sp. n.

Antennae dark purplish on the basal third, white beyond. Palpi black, with a loose brush of golden yellow hairs projecting below and in front. Head & blackish in front of the eyes, with a bright golden yellow fringe behind them; ♀ head and face bright orange-yellow. Thorax dark purplish, tegulae shining golden bronzy. Forewings & shining golden bronzy, shaded with cupreous beyond the middle; a creamy white patch on the costa before the outer fourth, with a smaller one on the dorsum a little before it, a patch of golden bronzy scales lying at the outer and lower edge of the outer patch where the wing is otherwise cupreous; cilia golden bronzy along their base, shining pale golden yellowish beyond. Elytra 21–22 mm. Hindwings & deep purple; cilia yellowish white, with a dark bronzy line along their base; ♀ cilia rich cupreous at their base, dark bronzy beyond it. Abdomen ♀ black; ♀ pale golden yellow. Legs & hind tibiae with long blackish hairs at their base, becoming pale yellowish posteriorly; hind tarsi pale yellowish, smears with blackish; ♀ pale golden yellow.

Type, ♀ (96517); ♀ (5892). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab. : ALGERIA—El-Guerrah, 27.V.1903 (Wlsm.) ; Constantine, 7.VI.1895, 11.VI.1894 (Eaton). Seven specimens.

I first received this species from Mr. Eaton from Constantine, taken in June, 1894, and was at once struck by the difference in the colour of the hindwings in the ♀ and by the yellow abdomen in the ♀, which give it a very distinct appearance from that of latreillellus, F. I met with it myself on May 27th when waiting for a train at El-Guerrah (the junction for Biskra and Algiers) a little to the south of Constantine.

Mr. Eaton met with this species commonly on M'cid and on the top of Mansourah, at the edge of the forest, on Scabiosa maritima, L., and made the following notes:—"Oviposition observed on the 14th June, 1894, about 2 p.m. The moth when laying eggs stands usually on the outside of the capitule sideways or head upwards (but sometimes on the top of the capitule) and thrusts the nude part of the ovipositor cautiously between the involucels of the florets. The egg is usually placed outside the floret, at the summit of one of the furrows between the hairy ridges on the base of the fruit: but one egg was found inside a floret, lodged securely between the involucel and the sheath of the calyx. Larvae as well as eggs were found in the capitules examined,—some of them being plentifully
stocked with them. Egg 0.27 by 0.13 inch, smooth and whitish; the pyriform egg figured, newly laid, was identified by comparison with one that was hatching, and the larva issuing from the latter agreed with older larvae in the capitules having the form characteristic in the family to the best of my recollection of figures."  (Eaton, 5893: 1894).

**PROTOLEPIDOPTERA.**

**MICROPTERYGINA.**

**MICROPTERYX, Hb.**

4765 : 1.—Micropteryx cyanoeochrysa, sp. n.

_Antennae_ and _Palpi_ black. _Head_ bright golden yellow. _Thorax_ purple. _Forewings_ rich shining bluish purple, with transverse bands of bright golden yellow; there is a blue-purple patch at the base of the costa, another at the base below the fold; thence a broad golden yellow band reaches to about one-third, broader on the dorsum than on the costa, its outer edge somewhat indented below the costa; the succeeding space is shining bright blue, with the purple ground showing through it, its outer edge clearly defined by the straight median band of golden yellow which succeeds it; thence again comes a broad triangular blue patch, broad on the costa and gradually narrowed to the dorsum; the third golden band beyond it being placed obliquely inward from the costa before the purple apex and termen; _cilia_ bronzy grey. _Exp. al. 8 mm. Hindwings_ fuscous, with purplish reflections, more strongly tinged with purple towards the apex; _cilia_ dark bronzy grey. _Abdomen_ blackish. _Legs_ very dark bronzy grey.

_Type, ♀  (96512).  Mus. Wasm._

_Hab. : ALGERIA—El-Kantara, 11.V.1903.  Unique._

A very distinct and beautiful species.

_(To be continued)._
historical interest, is very large. The rare Sphinxes in particular are exceptionally well represented, and among these are what are without doubt the first authentically recorded British examples of Char axeampa nerii and C. celerio.

**Sphinxina.**

_Zygona exclans_, Hoch.—A fine series from Braemar. _Z. meliloli_, Esp.—Also well represented, and including a fine confluent form.

_Z. luniceca_, Esp.—One example of the var. _charaei_, Prest, from Castle Eden; three fine varieties with the crimson spots on fore-wings confluent into a large blotch, one of them labelled “Warwick, from H. D., /58” (J. C. D.).

_Z. trifolii_, Esp.—One fine yellow aberration (labelled _luniceps_, Tutt), “Mr. Christy, Emsworth, Hants, 1835” (C. W. D.); several very fine examples with confluent spots, and one, labelled at side “orbi, Hubn.,” with the central crimson spots of fore-wings much reduced in size, “W. Head, Scarborough, 1906” (C. W. D.).

_Z. filipendulae_, L.—Of this abundant species there is a large and varied series including two fine yellow forms (_cerinus_, Robson) from “Winchester, C. Goddard, 1875”; two fine confluent aberrations with the basal and central crimson spots fused into a large blotch, the finest from “W. Head, Scarborough, 1904” (C. W. D.); and another with the same data, in which the crimson colour is replaced by pale orange-red. A magnificent melanic form (_var. chrysanthemi_, Esp.), obtained by C. W. Dale at the sale of Dr. Mason’s collection in 1905, and bearing a type-written label “Bewdley, T. Novers” (“acule “Novers”). In this beautiful aberration the whole of the usual crimson colour is replaced by very dark madder-brown, the spots distinctly visible on the lustrous blackish-green ground colour of the fore-wings. An even more remarkable aberration is of full size and well developed, but the whole of the dark-green scales of the fore-wings are absent, these wings being transparent horn-colour with narrow blackish costal margin; the usual dark border of hind-wings, and all the fringes are pale grey; all the crimson markings, and the body, being normal, and the under-side being modified nearly as above. This specimen was taken by Dr. R. C. R. Jordan, and is labelled “Cliffs, Teignmo, June 12/44,” presumably in his handwriting.

_Socrates_ _ocellatus_, L.—The series includes an example of the hybrid between this species and _S. populi_ (labelled var. _hybridus_, Westw.). The characters of this insect are decidedly _ξ_, and in general appearance it much more closely approximates to _ocellatus_ than to _populi_. It was obtained by J. C. Dale from Mr. H. House, of Bristol, in 1840. (Cf. Trans. Ent. Soc., vol. III, pp. 193-202 (1842).

_S. populi_, L.—A curious small _ξ_, almost micolorous pale brown, the usual red blotch on hind-wings absent. “From B. Standish, Walworth, Kent” (C. W. D.).

_S. tilici_, L.—A varied series, including several specimens with the central band on fore-wings reduced, in one _♀_ hardly traceable, the insect being of a nearly micolorous pale red-brown tint; “Meek, 1880” (C. W. D.). Another rather striking _♀_ specimen is nearly uniform light olive-brown, with the central band well marked, and of a full orange-brown colour; labelled at side “Donecaster.”

_Acherontia atropos_, L., and _Sphinx convolvuli_, L.—Full series of both species, but none of special interest, historical or otherwise.
Sphinx pinastri, L.—Eight examples; a ♂ in very fair condition, "From Dr. Lench, F.R.S., taken near Edinburgh" (J. C. D.), and at side, "Rivelston Wood, near Edinburgh, Mr. Wilson, 1818." (Cf. Stephens, Ill., Haust. I, p. 122.) Two ♀'s, both worn, "Bought at Stevens's, 1888, Rev. H. Burney's collection" (C. W. D.); another ♂, in fair condition but badly set, "Honble. Miss Lushington, Surrey" (C. W. D.), and a better specimen of the same sex, "Aldeburgh, 1884, 21 March (?)" (C. W. D.); while a ♂ in excellent condition is labelled "Aldeburgh, Suffolk (illegible) from Mr. Ross' coll., 1888" (C. W. D.).

Deilephila enphorbas, L.—Also represented by eight examples, six of which are from the old locality of Braunton Burrows, North Devon. These include a ♂, "Devon, Barnacle, Mr. Raddon" (J. C. D.); another ♂, very strongly tinged with rose-colour, "Bred by Raddon, Braunton Burrows, F. Standish bt." (C. W. D.); two ♀, "Bred by the late Mr. Raddon. The larvae taken on the sandhills at Braunton near Barnstaple"; a ♀, "Rev. Windsor Hambrough collection. Given to him by Mr. A. R. Raddon the son"; and another ♂, in rather poor order and apparently worn from flying, "Barnstable, Mr. Raddon," and at side, "1815." Of more recent specimens, a very good ♀ is labelled "Taken in the Isle of Man, sitting on dead sea weed, July 15th, 1888, by Chas. S. Dewhirst"; and another ♀, from the collection of the Rev. J. Seymour St. John, bears a printed label evidently cut out of a sale catalogue, "D. enphorbas bred from larvae taken at New Quay in 1889, with cocoon and pupa case (Ent. vols. xxi, 18, 319, and xxxi, 311)."

D. galii, W. V.—Nine specimens; two rather small ♂ from "J. G. Ross' coll., 1888" (C. W. D.); a fine large example of the same sex, "From Rev. H. Burney's collection, 1893" (C. W. D.), "Birkenhead" at side. A ♀ with printed label, "bred by Mr. Leather, Liskeard," and another, "Birkenhead, J. T. Carrington, 1873" (C. W. D.). Two ♀'s, "Mus. Spry," "Middlesex" at side, and "Dr. Knapse's coll., bred by Syme." A finely coloured ♀, "bought of Mr. Rende, Doncaster, 1837" (J. C. D.), and a very large but worn example of this sex, expanding as set 3 inches 3 lines (= 82 mm.), "Deal from J. G. Ross' coll., 1888" (C. W. D.).

D. lineata, Fab. (leuconica, Esp.).—Eight examples; a ♂ labelled "Mus. Dr. Abbot." is in very good condition considering its great age. (Cf. Stephens, Ill., Haust. I, p. 127.) Two rather worn examples, both ♀, "From collection of Mr. Edmonds of Worcester" (C. W. D.). A very good ♂, on a large ordinary pin, "From J. B. Hodgkinson, Deer, 1869. Taken at Workington by B. Martin"; another ♂, somewhat worn, "Thornford, Mr. Sherborne, Mar. 25, 1862." A very good ♀, "Taken in Devonshire at Plympton. Capture recorded in Science Gossip for 1830." Respecting this specimen the captor, Mr. F. A. Ramsey, writes (Science Gossip, March, 1858, p. 65): "Suspecting one of my two specimens (taken last season) to be a female, I kept it alive some time; it laid a small number of eggs, and died. I think about thirteen of the eggs hatched; I placed them on a growing vine in an airy box; some of them grew to about ¾ inch in length, but all ultimately died." Two other ♀'s in good order, one Feb, 2nd, 1861, near Torquay, Geo. King, in Intell., p. 155." (Ent. Weekly Intelligencer, vol. 1X), and one, very fine, "Taken by E. R. Dale, Gl. Wootton, Dorset, Aug. 22, 1870."

Chironompa nerii, L.—The collection contains five examples of this rare
visitor to our islands. Of these, the most interesting is a ♂, a little faded in
colour, but otherwise in good condition with the exception of a small piece out of
the apex of each fore-wing, and the top of the head rubbed bare. It is labelled
“Taken at Dover by Mr. Leplastrier” (l. c. D.), with a printed label at side,
“Dover, Mr. Le Plaistrier, Sept., 1828.” The latter date is almost certainly
correct as regards the year, as the first record of the capture of the imago of
C. nerii in our islands appears in the “Entomological Magazine” for 1833 (vol. I,
p. 525) as follows:—“Discovery of Sphinx Nerii in England. Sir.—Another
addition has been made to our visiting Sphinxidae by the capture of the splendid
Teiulephila (may I call it?) Nerii at Dover about ten days since. From the state
of the specimen, which I have this day examined, it must have been very recently
disclosed, the tips of its wings and the top of its head alone being slightly injured
by its captor, a lady residing in the above town. * * * J. F. Stephens,
Sept. 16th, 1833.” The specimen now under consideration is slightly damaged in
precisely the same manner as above described. It seems also reasonable to suppose
that it was from this example that the beautiful figure in Curtis’ “British
Entomology,” plate 626, was drawn. Curtis (l. c. fol. 626, p 1) at the time this
plate was published (January, 1837) apparently knew of only two British-taken
C. nerii, one of which was in the cabinet of his fellow-worker, J. C. Dale, and was
presumably lent to him for the purpose of being figured. This figure, although
more fully and richly coloured than the moth is now after the lapse of nearly
three-quarters of a century, agrees with it in a remarkable and convincing manner
in all the minute details of the markings; and though Curtis states (l. c. fol. 626,
p. 2), “The fine specimen of the moth, which is a female, Mr. Leplastrier informed
me was taken by a poor man the latter end of September, 1834, near the pier at
Dover, and was brought to him alive,” the antennae in the figure, which are very
faithfully represented, are obviously those of a ♂. It therefore appears to me that
these two somewhat discrepant records refer to the capture at Dover of a single
specimen of C. nerii which came into the hands of the well-known collector
Mr. Leplastrier, and from him passed to J. C. Dale; and that this, the first
example of this beautiful moth known to have been taken in Britain, has thus been
dropped down to our time.

The other four specimens of C. nerii in the collection are labelled as follows:—
One ♂, old but perfect, “Honble. Miss Lushington, Sussex” (C. W. D.); a ♂, in
very good order, has two labels in C. W. Dale’s handwriting, “Taken at Eastbourne
by a small boy from Bayswater, about 9.30 in the evening circling round a very
brilliant light. From the Bayswater Chronicle of Sept. 27th, 1881,” and “R. Alfred,
Eastbourne, Sept. 21th, 1884, Cat. n. 17—333.” One ♂, very richly coloured, but
slightly rubbed on the thorax and with one antenna missing, the body being not
very neatly stuffed with cotton-wool, “From the collec. of late Dr. Hunter, died
1892,” at side “Hartlepool”; and a very fine ♂ on a modern black pin, “Chore-
campa nerii, captured at Poplar, 20th Sept., 1888.”

C. celerio, L.—Seven examples; of these a ♂, in surprisingly good condition,
considering its evident age, is without doubt the first recorded British specimen.
Its label, in the same style and handwriting as those on many other insects
originally in A. H. Haworth’s collection, and presumably written by him, is
“Celerio, Bunhill Fields, Fén.” Stephens (Ill., Haust. I, p. 128) says, “The first
recorded specimen of the perfect insect was taken flying in Bunhill-fields burying-ground so long ago as July, 1779; and the specimen now exists in a high state of preservation in Mr. Haworth's cabinet, having been purchased by him at the dispersion of that of Mr. Francillon." A rather worn ♀, "Taken at St. Leonards, Sussex, 1866," and another ♀, slightly rubbed, "Taken by a woman at Glanvilles Wootton on Sept. 12th, 1885" (C. W. D.). A very old specimen of the same sex is labelled "Celeria, Brighton, J. G. Children, Esq." A ♂ in capital order, "Taken by a boy at Teignmouth, 1880, had from Mrs. Vernon Wollaston" (C. W. D.), and another ♀, not so good, "Taken by P. C. Lloyd at Bognor, Sussex, August, 1887."

*C.elpenor, L.—A curious ♀, in which the usual rose-colour is entirely replaced by olive-brown, "G. Wootton, C. W. Dale, bred 1871" (C. W. D.).

*Sessia asiliformis, W. V.—Seven examples; one ♀, "Ashford, Kent, from Dr. Harper's coll. Briggs coll., 1891" (C. W. D.); one ♀, "Epping Forest, Mus. M. & M., 1840"; one ♀, "Hanson's Sale at Puttick, &c., 22 Novr., 1883," and another of the same sex, much damaged by verdigris, "From J. F. Stephens" (C. W. D.), and at side, "Colney Hatch, Middlesex."

*S. chrysidiformis, Esp., and S. muscosiformis, View.—Good series of both species, from Folkestone and Cornwall respectively.

*S. bulantiformis, Newm.—Of this "Clearwing," until very lately so rare in our collections there were seven specimens. A ♀ in good order, "Greenhithe, Kent, Meek, 1878, for £1 10s., taken by James Briant" (C. W. D.); a ♀, "Briggs coll., '96, from Sandish cabinet" (C. W. D.). A very nice ♀, "G. Wootton, Aug. 23, 1902" (C. W. D.), recorded in Entom., vol xxx, p. 286; in which note Mr. C. W. Dale withdraws his record (Entom., vol. xxvii, p. 215) of S. conopiformis as a British species, this having been introduced on a ♀ specimen labelled "Brockenbur, C. Gulliver, July 13, 1894." A very good ♀, "J. G. Ross coll., 1900"; another ♀, "Swanscombe, T. Sivey, 1877, Briggs sale, 1896, for £3" (C. W. D.), and a small example of the same sex, "N. E., Gulliver, 1902" (C. W. D.).

*S. caliciformis, L.—Two orange-banded examples, labelled at side, "v. Thynninaformis, Zell.," one of them "From Davis, Dartford" (C. W. D.).

*S. spheciformis, Schiff.—A good series from Tilgate Forest.

*S. volviformis, Hubn.—Four examples from Ramnoch, and four from Langollen; one of the latter labelled "N. Cooke, July 13, 1862."

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*Rhizophagus corneipennis, Sahib., in Deron.—A single specimen of this rarity occurred in flood rubbish from the River Teign at Christow on May 4th. Fortunately the insect happened to be lying "right side up" among the débris or in all probability I should have passed it over as an out.—Philip de la Gardette, "Teignview," Christow, near Exeter: June 4th, 1907.

*Plasia moneta, Fab., in the Oxford district.—This very beautiful moth is evidently now well established in the neighbourhood of Oxford. Several specimens of the
image were taken last year at light, &c., in the city, and in June I reared a very fine example from a larva casually taken in my own garden; unfortunately I did not look for the larva until it was too late, but several empty cocoons were found there in the autumn. During May this year at least two dozen young larva were met with on a couple of plants of monkshood (Aconitum napellus), planted in my garden when I first came to Oxford in the hope of attracting the Plaxis; and about the middle of the month, almost any number, nearly all of quite small size, might have been taken in a bed of the same plant, in a nursery garden to which I have access. They had caused a good deal of damage by feeding in the crowns of the plants, and thereby destroying the young spikes of flowers; some of the species of Delphinium in the same garden were also attacked, but only in one or two instances. Cocoons of P. monata are still to be found by diligent search among these plants, despite the fact that they have been "raided" by several of the Oxford Lepidopterists. I have also noticed the larva on Aconitum in cottage gardens at Bletchington, about seven miles from Oxford.—James J. Walker, "Aorangi," Lonsdale Road, Summertown, Oxford: June 15th, 1907.

Hymenoptera at Redhill in 1906.—The following are a few notes of captures at Redhill last season. Prenolepis longicaulis, Ltr., this active introduced species was common about several shops at Linkfield Corner; Myrmodes melaneophthalus, F., Redhill Common and Reigate Heath; Tiphia femorata, F., ? (two), burrowing in a sandy bank, Redhill Common; Gorgylus bicinctus, Rossi (two),summing on raspberry leaves, July 23rd and 24th; Nysson diminutus, Tur., among grass in sandy places, Redhill Common; Odysceus trimarginatus, Zett., ?, on raspberry; Andrewina bimaculata, K., five ?, two ?, one ? entering burrow with pollen, July 8th, Redhill Common; A. fusipes, K., common on Erica; A. cingulata, F., ? (two), Reigate; A. wilkella, K., Redhill; Cilissa hemorrhoidalis, F., fairly common, females about burrows, males in harebells; Paenurus calcarius, Scop., common; Chelostoma campanulatum, K., in harebells and Canterbury bells; Megachile maritima, F., abundant on Redhill Common, visiting Rubus, Erica, and Lotus corniculatus; M. circumcisae, Lep., sparingly; M. argentea, F., a small colony on Redhill Common, visiting Lotus; Osmia spinulosa, K., common, Reigate Hills; Anthidium manicatum, L., on Ballota nigra and Stachys sylvatica; Anthophora furcata, Pz. (three), and Soroepoda bimaculata, Pz. (three), both sparingly on Ballota nigra.—G. E. Frisby, 47, Windmill Street, Gravesend: June, 1907.

A few Irish Ichneumonidae.—So little attention has been paid to the parasitic Hymenoptera of Ireland since Haliday's time that it may be of interest to put on record some captures recently effected by the Rev. W. F. Johnson, of Acton, near Poyntzpass, in Co. Armagh, as extending his own records in the "Irish Naturalist," 1904, pp. 255-6, and those I mentioned in I.e., 1903, p. 68. Most of the following specimens were found in moss during the winter, and all of them are females. Ichneumon latrorator, Fab., in moss, 19.xi.04 (with one var. means, Gr.), at Poyntzpass, and on 14.xii.05 (including two var. means and one of the intermediate vars. mentioned by me at "Ichneumonologia Britannica," i, 119), at Summer Hill, Fermanagh—common upon both occasions; and one in moss at Poyntzpass, 8.iii.06.
I. subquadratus, Thom., three at Summer Hill with the above, 14.xii.05. I. terminatus, Grav., two at Edentubber in the mountains at Co. Louth, 5.iv.06, in moss; this species appears commoner in Ireland than with us. I. extensorius, Liam., found commonly both with the last and at Poyntzpass. I. gracilentus, Wesm., one at Summer Hill, 14.xii.05. "I. aibiger" (cf. Iehn. Brit., i, 138), several at Summer Hill, 14.xii.05, and Poyntzpass, 5.xiv.06. I. ixiidiosus, Wesm., one at Summer Hill, 14.xii.05. Phaenogenes planifrons, Wesm., two at Poyntzpass, one of which was in moss on 8.xii.06. P. infemus, Wesm., one in moss at Edentubber in the mountains of Co. Louth 5.iv.06. P. rudiculus, Wesm., one specimen of this uncommon species at Poyntzpass. Centelerus opprimitor, Grav., one at Poyntzpass, 17.v.06, in moss. Microcycetus galactiensis, Grav., the first indigenous female I have seen of this species, was taken in moss at Poyntzpass, 10.xi.04. M. nigrocinclus, Grav., four in moss at Poyntzpass, 17.v.04, 10.xi.04, and Jan., 1906; and one at Summer Hill, Fermnagh, 14.xii.05. Cryptus tuberculatus, Grav., one at Poyntzpass in July, 1906. Pimpla larionellae, Liam., one at Rosses Point, Sligo, in June, 1905. P. oculatoria, Fab., one in a furze hedge at Poyntzpass, among spiders, 21.iv.07. A ♀ and two ♀♀ of the Braconid, Celinius gracilis, Hal., originally described from Ireland, were also taken on the sandhills at Eniscrone in Co. Sligo, in August, 1904.—Claude Morley, Monks' Soham House, Suffolk: May 15th, 1907.

Note on the life-history of Mycetaulus bipunctatus, Fin. (Sepsider.).—On Mar. 17th, 1907, on the Gog Hills, near Cambridge, I found three larvae of this fly in an old bird's nest. The part in which they were was composed entirely of hairs; and I never observed the larve leave the small portion of the nest in which I carried them away. They were whitish translucent maggots, in general appearance much like miniature blowfly larvae; broader posteriorly, much narrowed anteriorly. The main tracheae were plainly visible through the integument, also the dark chitinous head-skeleton, which appeared very similar to that of the blowfly larva. They pupated in the hairs late in April, the pupa being of a warm light brown colour. The flies emerged May 10th and 13th, 2 ♀ ♀ and 1 ♀. Being ignorant of the fact that very little was known as to the life-history, I unfortunately gave the larva very little observation.—Hugh Scott, Cambridge: June, 1907.

Hypophyllus criniipes, Stor., in the Erne District.—On page 87 of the current volume of this Magazine Mr. Malloch records the capture of this Dipteron last June from Murroch Glen in the West of Scotland, but he does not mention that the species is an addition to the British list. I am glad to be able to record it from the East of Scotland, as I have an undoubted ♀ taken here on June 21st, 1905, and also two ♀ ♀, which I believe belong to the same species, taken here on June 17th and 19th, 1904. I had set them aside for further examination, and on showing them to Mr. Grimshaw he confirmed my identification.

The ♀ characters are well marked: front metatarsus longer than the tibia, and bearing inside a row of hairs, long at the base, gradually becoming shorter, and, according to Schiner, "auf der mitte ganz auf hören," but in my specimen continued well past the middle of the joint; the last joint of the front tarsi is only slightly
dilated, and the third joint of the antennae is short, and not elongated as in the other British species of the genus; the first joint of the arista also is much shorter. I have quite recently recorded *H. obscurellas*, Fl., from the Forth District.—A. E. J. Carter, 1, West Holmes Gardens, Musselburgh: June 3rd, 1907.

[This species was also taken by Dr. J. H. Wood in Stoke Wood, Herefordshire, on June 18th, 1906.—G. H. Verrall].

Correction of Locality.—In my paper on the genus *Luna*, published in the Transactions of the Entomological Society of London for 1905, I described a species as *Loxotrochis repius* from a specimen in the British Museum Collection, stating its locality as Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides; I have since been informed by Sir George Tampson that I misinterpreted the label, and that the real locality is the province of Espiritu Santo in Brazil.—E. Meyrick, Thornhanger, Marlborough: May 22nd, 1907.

**Review.**


Following closely on the first volume of Mr. Tutt’s “Natural History of the British Butterflies,” noticed on p. 112 of the current volume of this Magazine, we have to welcome another instalment of his great and comprehensive treatise on our indigenous *Lepidoptera*.

This volume, the fifth in order of the series, is devoted to the consideration of those delicate and highly interesting insects known familiarly as “Plume Moths”—*Alucitides*, as our author styles them—of which nineteen species, comprising the “Aglistid” and “Platyptiliid” branches of the Plume Moths, and including, roughly, two-thirds of the species known to occur in our Islands, are dealt with in Mr. Tutt’s usual thorough and exhaustive manner. It may indeed fairly be said that the present volume, embodying as it does the outcome of continuous research and accumulation of material from all sources during the last twenty years, fully equals, if indeed it does not excel, any of its predecessors in original and scientific treatment of its subject.

A very comprehensive and detailed historical account, from the time of Linne to the present day, of the two superfamilies into which the “Plumes” are divided by the author—the *Aglistides*, represented in Britain only by the well-known *Adactylus bennettii*, and the *Alucitides*, comprising all the rest of our species—is followed by a general consideration of the biological characters of the group as a whole. Essential weight is given to the excellent work of Zeller and O. Hofmann in this connection; and the discussion of the phylogeny and the still somewhat uncertain relationship of the Plume Moths to the other great sections of the Order *Lepidoptera* will be found very suggestive and interesting. We would call special attention to the carefully drawn-up and elaborate table, facing p. 106, by Dr. Chapman and Mr. Bacot, of the characters of nearly every species occurring in our Islands in its last larval instar.
The life-history of each species dealt with is considered at full length from all available sources, and incidentally a large amount of valuable information is given respecting allied frequenting species *Adactylus bendelli*; and, perhaps most remarkable of all, Dr. Chapman's most valuable researches into the life-history of *Buckleria (Trichoptila) paludum*, first given in Trans. Ent. Soc., London, 1906, pp. 133—153, the excellent coloured plate illustrating this memoir being reproduced here. The assistance of Mr. Bacot, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Eustace Bankes, Mr. A. Sieh, and other well-known Entomologists, especially the two first-named, who have collaborated with Mr. Tutt in working out this difficult group of moths, receives full and grateful recognition.

The two preliminary chapters of the volume (pp. 1—67), are devoted to the consideration of the important questions of "Hybridisation" and "Mongrelisation" for the results of the interbreeding of different forms of the same species) in the *Lepidoptera*. An immense mass of most valuable and interesting material, amounting to an exhaustive summary of all that has been written on these subjects, is contained in these chapters, and is brought "up to date" by an "Addendum" (pp. 536—543), a résumé of the most recently published memoirs on the subject of hybridisation.

We understand that a large amount of material dealing with the Alueid branch of the "Plume" phylum has been brought together in readiness for a forthcoming volume of the work; and when this appears, Lepidopterists will be in possession of a standard book of reference on these most interesting moths, equal in scientific value to any work of the kind that has yet been accomplished by any student of the Order.

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**Obituary.**

*Frederic Moore*, D.Sc., A.L.S., died at his residence, 17, Maple Road, Penge, after a short illness, on May 10th, at the ripe age of 77 years, and was buried on the 15th at Elmer's End Cemetery; the Entomological Society of London, of which he had been a Fellow for more than half-a-century (he having been elected as long ago as 1853), being represented at his funeral by the President, Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, Col. Swinhoe, Mr. W. L. Distant, and other well-known Entomologists. Dr. Moore may be regarded as the father of Indian Lepidopterists; his knowledge of the butterflies and moths of that vast region was unequalled, and his industry and devotion to the science that he loved was untiring, and remained unabated to the very end of his long life. Among his numerous entomological memoirs, chiefly on Indian and Eastern *Lepidoptera*, three great works stand pre-eminent; the earliest being "A Catalogue of the Lepidopterous Insects in the Museum of the Hon. East India Company" (in conjunction with the late Dr. Thomas Horsfield, 1857—59), which may be said to constitute the foundation of our knowledge of the subject; "Descriptions of New Indian Lepidopterous Insects (Heterocera) in the Collection of the late W. S. Atkinson" (1873—88), and the very valuable "Lepidoptera of Ceylon (1881—87). His last great undertaking, the "Lepidoptera
Indica," was begun in 1880, and is still incomplete, the portion relating to the Lycaenidae and Hesperiidae not having been commenced when death overtook him. As, however, he had accumulated all the material necessary for the completion of his task, it is to be hoped that some competent Entomologist may be found to undertake this highly important and desirable piece of scientific work. Dr. Moore was first attached to the Staff of the Museum of the East India Company under his colleague Dr. Horsfield in 1848, and retained the office of Assistant Curator until, on the transfer of the collections to the British Museum in 1879, he was retired on a pension. The very extensive collection of butterflies and moths accumulated by him during his long life, which contains nearly all the types of the species he described, has been fortunately secured for the National Collection. A genial, upright, and kind-hearted man, he was always ready to place his collections and his vast knowledge at the disposal of any genuine worker, and his death leaves a blank among the leading Entomologists of the world that will not be readily filled. We are much indebted to his friend, Colonel Charles Swinhoe, for his kind assistance in drawing up this obituary notice.

Societies.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, May 9th, 1907, Mr. R. Adkin, F.K.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Goulton exhibited a long bred series of Hybernia marginaria (progenaria) from Wimbledon. Mr. Newman, a brood of living larvae of Aporia crataegi, from Kentish ova, nearly full-fed. Mr. Kaye, living larvae of Oporina croceago from Gomshall. Mr. Tonge, bred specimens of Eupithecia consignata from Hayling Island. Mr. Main, lantern slides showing the metamorphoses of Charaxes jasius. Mr. Tonge, lantern slides showing the ova of various Lepidoptera and numerous instances of protective coloration.—Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

Entomological Society of London: Wednesday, June 5th, 1907.—Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

Mr. C. N. Hughes, of Knightstone, Cobham; Mr. Albert Ernest McClure Kelly, Assistant Entomologist to the Department of Agriculture, Natal; and Mr. M. G. Muklie, of Hyderabad, Sind, India, and Cambridge University; were elected Fellows of the Society.

The decease was announced of Dr. Frederic Moore, D.Sc., A.L.S., F.Z.S., the "father" of Indian Entomology, and one of the oldest Fellows of the Society, and of Mr. C. J. Watkins.

The President read a communication from the Rev. F. D. Morice, M.A., the Society's delegate to the celebrations in honour of the bicentenary celebrations at Upsala and Stockholm, announcing that he had delivered the two addresses, and also that he had experienced much kindness and hospitality at both places.
A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Morice for his services in presenting, and in assisting the President in the preparation of the Address, and it was resolved to publish the same in the Society's Proceedings.

The President read a letter received from Dr. Karl Jordan, F.E.S., of the Museum, Tring, asking the support of the Society for an International Congress of Entomology.

A resolution, cordially approving the Congress, and offering the support and co-operation of the Society, was carried unanimously.

Dr. T. A. Chapman exhibited a living example of Leioptilus carphodactylus, Hb., one of the first bred British specimens. Mr. H. St. J. Ponisthorpe, a specimen of Microdon mutabilis, with the empty pupa-case, bred from a larva taken in the nest of Formica fusca at Porlock, April, 1907; also ♂ and ♀ of Kleditoma myrmecophila, n. sp., bred last month from a nest of Lasius fuliginosus found at Wellington College in March, 1907. He said that this species of parasitic Cynipidae, which was new to science, had been named by Professor Dr. J. J. Kieffer. Mr. M. Jacoby, examples of small Phytophagous beetles from Australia, new to science, of the family Clytridae, including Leasia australis, Jac. Professor E. B. Poulton, F.R.S., read a note on the significance of some secondary sexual characters in butterflies. Mr. A. J. Chitty exhibited the types of three species of Proctotrupidae described by Westwood, but entirely overlooked by subsequent authors. Mr. E. E. Austin, examples of an African fly, parasitic in the larval stage on human beings and animals—a true Muscid—about the identity of which there is considerable confusion among the various authors. Dr. F. A. Dixey and Dr. G. B. Longstaff contributed a report of their joint entomological observations made in South Africa during the visit of the British Association in 1905, and gave a brief account of some of the points dealt with.—H. Rowland-Brown, Hon. Sec.

NOTES ON THE GENUS CRYPTOPIILAGUS, WITH A TABLE OF THE SPECIES.

BY ARTHUR J. CHITTY, M.A., F.E.S.

Having recently had to work out for the purposes of my collection a table of the British Cryptoaghi from the characters given in Ganglbauer's work on the Coleoptera of Middle Europe, it has occurred to me it might prove useful to others. The main divisions used by British collectors appear to me to be based on very difficult characters, and I have often been unable to satisfy myself with sufficient certainty that the beetle I was trying to name did not belong to some group other than that to which I had at the outset referred it. Ganglbauer depends neither on the callose prominences on the thorax nor on the presence or absence of a basal fold before the scutellum, and his table appears to me to group the insects in a satisfactory manner. No doubt there are difficulties, whatever
table is used, and the species require to be known individually; and in preparing this for publication I have become painfully conscious that there is a great deal more work to be done in the genus than I have time to accomplish. Notwithstanding the late Mr. Rye's well-known dictum*, a microscope, with a 1" objective at least, is an almost indispensable adjunct in naming these insects correctly, and a Zeiss binocular, with its stereoscopic effect, is likely to be found even better.

Some of the characters here given will at first sight appear difficult to a reader, but with the insects before them most of the characters will be readily appreciated. I have been able to procure Continental specimens of such of the species included as are not otherwise represented in my collection, except fuscicornis, which is very rare on the Continent, and doubtfully British. My obligations to Herr Ganglbauer are obvious; without his magnificent work this paper would not have been attempted; and I may say the same of Canon Fowler's "Coleoptera of the British Isles," though my table differs from that given by him. I am also much indebted to Herr Reitter's second edition of the European catalogue—a splendid work.

The genus Microame has often been treated as part of the genus Cryptophagus (see Cox, Handbook Brit. Col., vol. i, p. 468), so it may be useful to give the distinctions here; they are:

1—Penultimate tarsal joints slighter but hardly shorter than the preceding; posterior tarsi of the ♂, 4-jointed ............................... Cryptophagus.
2—Penultimate tarsal joints much smaller than the preceding ........ Microame.

TABLE OF THE SPECIES OF CRYPTOPHAGUS.

I—Elytra with the pubescence entirely decumbent, without longer outstanding hairs.

i—Eyes with tolerably fine facets. Antennae stouter, the 7th joint not or hardly longer than broad.

1—The thickened part of the anterior angles of the thorax (callosities) occupying a fourth or fifth of the sides.

A—The lateral tooth of the thorax in or near the middle of the side.

a—Antennæ with a two-jointed club .................. pubescens, Sturm.

b—Antennæ with a three-jointed club.

a*—Elytra closely but not strongly punctured, puncturation almost the same at apex as at base .................. valides, Kraatz.

b*—Elytra becoming much more finely punctured at apex.

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* "But when the collector finds that he needs a compound microscope to separate species, it is the firm opinion of the present writer that that collector had better take to some other pursuit than studying Coleoptera,"—E. C. Rye in "Science Gossip," 1873, p. 149.
Thorax almost as long as broad, with strongly thickened anterior angles, and the sides almost straight with an obsolete middle tooth. *fumatus, Gyll.

Thorax strongly transverse, with less strongly thickened anterior angles and a distinct middle tooth.

Thorax with sides more or less strongly margined.

Elytra with the punctures at base as strong as those of the thorax, but more widely separated; colour uniform reddish.

Average size larger; punctures finer, hair longer...

Average size smaller; punctures coarser, hair shorter and more sparing...

Elytra with the puncturation at base decidedly or at least perceptibly finer than that of the thorax.

Antenna stout; colour ferruginous, the elytra sometimes with a black patch at the suture spreading out towards the sides; often, however, entirely ferruginous; usually the largest species, but occasionally quite small...

Antenna less stout; elytra dark, with a reddish-brown base or entirely ferruginous or brownish-yellow.

Smaller, sides of thorax more angled at the central tooth, which is distinct; elytra shorter in proportion to thorax; pubescence shorter...

Larger, thorax less angled at the central tooth, which is small; elytra longer in proportion to thorax; pubescence longer; colour ferruginous...

Elytra with the puncturation at base decidedly or at least perceptibly finer than that of the thorax.

Antenna stout; colour ferruginous, the elytra sometimes with a black patch at the suture spreading out towards the sides; often, however, entirely ferruginous; usually the largest species, but occasionally quite small...

Antenna less stout; elytra dark, with a reddish-brown base or entirely ferruginous or brownish-yellow.

B—The lateral tooth of the thorax well before the middle of the side.

Shorter and broader, thorax strongly margined at sides...

Narrower and slighter, thorax less strongly margined...

The thickened part of the anterior angles of the thorax occupying only a sixth or seventh of the sides.

The lateral tooth of the thorax before the middle of the sides, very indistinct...

The lateral tooth of the thorax in the middle of the sides, distinct.

Shorter, more convex, puncturation stronger; thorax more parallel sided, lateral tooth smaller...

Longer and slighter, puncturation weaker; thorax more contracted behind, lateral tooth stronger...

Eyes with larger facets; antenna somewhat slender, especially joints 6, 7 and 8, and 5th and 7th joints longer than broad; anterior angles of thorax reflexed and produced into a large hook-shaped tooth...
II—Elytra with longer, more erect outstanding hairs, in addition to the more or less decumbent pubescence.

i—Anterior angles of thorax with a tooth, which may however be blunt; lateral tooth in or behind middle of sides of thorax.

1—Anterior tibia produced externally into a distinct tooth; upper surface strongly punctured and setose ........... . ........... . lycoperdi, Herbst.

2—Anterior tibia not so produced; upper surface less strongly punctured.

A—Eyes with large facets; elytra longer, finely and closely punctured; between the long and somewhat decumbent pubescence are a few outstanding long and less decumbent hairs arranged in rows...

cellarius, Scop.

B—Eyes with facets normal (but not so small as in Section Li.); elytra shorter, more coarsely punctured, with less close decumbent pubescence; outstanding hairs not in rows, except in affinis, in which species they are easily abraded.

a—Elytra and thorax strongly and evenly punctured, thorax almost square, colour wholly or in part dark .................. . ruficornis, Steph.

b—Elytra and thorax not so punctured, thorax transverse, colour ferruginous.

a*—The thickened part of the anterior angles of the thorax occupying a sixth of the sides, and prolonged behind into a sharp tooth; thorax nearly one and a half times as broad as long.

a†—Elytra with the punctures at base about three times as far apart from one another as are those on the thorax, pubescence longer and more abundant .................. . punctipennis, Bris.

b†—Elytra with the punctures at base hardly less coarse than those of thorax, pubescence less abundant and not so long...

pilosus, Gyll.

b*—The thickened part of the anterior angles of the thorax occupying a fourth or fifth of the sides, and blunt or feebly toothed behind, outstanding hairs in rows, thorax about twice as broad as long .................. . affinis, Sturm.

ii—Anterior angles of thorax not produced into a tooth; lateral tooth before, or at any rate not behind, middle of thorax (but the character is difficult to appreciate); sides of thorax strongly margined.

1—Short and broad, very coarsely punctured ..................... . setulosus, Sturm.

2—Somewhat elongate, much more finely punctured ........... . schmidti, Sturm.

For a table of the genus Micrambe see Fowler's "British Coleoptera," vol. iii, p. 327.

I have nothing to add except to confirm the statement of Canon Fowler that M. vini, Panz., is sometimes taken on low-growing firs.

I add a few notes on the genus Cryptophagus.

In working the first half of the table above, it is best to separate C. acutangulus first. The large size of the facets of the eyes is
readily seen with even a strong lens (see also *cellaris*). This character, combined with the hook-shaped tooth at the anterior angles of the thorax, the close, even pubescence and the slender central joints (6, 7 and 8) of the antennae, makes identification easy. The insect occurs in all sorts of places. I have a specimen from the District Railway, and others from Welbeck Street. It is the *C. uncinitus* of Stephens (Ill. Mand., iii, 73). *C. waterhousei* of Rye, described Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. iii, p. 101, is a monstrosity of the species, and is apparently the *C. heydeni* of Reitter (Revis., 36).

*C. pubescens.*—The two-jointed club prevents any mistake as to the insect. Its inclusion in the table under I. A. is, however, convenient as helping to explain these characters. The insect occurs chiefly in wasps’ nests in September and October, I believe all over the Kingdom.

*C. fimatus* is a large species with a small thorax. My specimen from Forres was originally named for me *C. dentatus*, but besides being much larger it has the elytra less parallel-sided and wider proportionately to the thorax.

*C. budius.*—The very transverse thorax with a decided furrow or basal fold, and the tooth in the middle of the side, and the distinct puncturation towards the base of the elytra, are the best characters. I have it from Sevenoaks. Mr. Newbery tells me he has taken it freely in his London garden. He has pointed out to me that the callosities of the front angles of the thorax are cup-shaped.

*C. fusceicornis* I have never seen. The characters are taken from the description in Ganglbauer.

*C. populi* is to be known by its stout antennæ. Sometimes, and apparently on the Continent normally, there is a dark common patch on the elytra, usually wanting in English specimens. Mr. G. C. Champion tells me that among the specimens taken by him at Farnham, below the burrows, of *Colletes daviesana* (and not in them, as mentioned in Fowler), there occurred a number of small light specimens which would have been extremely difficult to identify had they occurred without the usual form. I have apparently one of these small specimens from South Wales. The antennæ are, however, I think unmistakable, but the club appears to vary a little, possibly according to sex.

*C. scanicus* (≡ *humeralis*, Steph., Ill. Mand., iii, p. 74) occurs everywhere in rubbish, fungi, &c. It apparently has two forms, one with the elytra dark with a reddish-brown base, and the other ferru-
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ginous; this latter form has caused considerable difficulty with collectors, but it may readily be known if compared with the normal form, with which it entirely agrees in shape and puncturation. It is generally known as the ab. *patruelis* of Sturm.

*C. validus* and *C. subsfumatus.*—There has been great confusion both in England and on the Continent as to these species. It is difficult to say how it arose, as the main points of Kraatz’s descriptions are clear and agree with the types which I have seen since the table was in type. Some of the first-determined British specimens of *C. validus,* which has, however, been taken on very few occasions here, were named by Rye as *C. fumatus* (see Fowler, Col. of Brit. Is., vol. iii, p. 323), and several of the old collections will probably be found to have the insect under this name. Another insect, which is undoubtedly *C. validus,* was named by Rye as *C. subsfumatus,* and this is the specimen mentioned in Fowler as in Mr. Champion’s collection. *C. validus* is a large, broad, rather dark insect, something like *C. populi* when viewed from a distance, with fine close puncturation, the callosities of the front of the thorax very little developed, only a small tooth in middle of sides, and with close rather long golden pubescence, the elytra somewhat parallel-sided, and the legs long, with the tibiae widened towards the apex. I have received it from the Continent under the name *C. subsfumatus,* so that I do not feel at all sure that Ganglbauer has not inverted the two species. Fowler’s description is, however, perfectly correct. Any one who has any doubt as to the insect has only to see the specimen in the Power Collection at the British Museum. I do not think that after seeing an example of the right insect confusion is possible. *C. subsfumatus* appears also to be British; it was in the Power Collection mixed with var. *patruelis,* but has now been separated. Mr. Champion has also specimens which must, I think, belong here. It usually has long elytra, but a specimen from the Continent sent me as *C. validus,* and another from Huntingfield, which appear undoubtedly to belong to the insect, do not show the character in a marked degree. The distinction from *C. scanicus* given in my table will do, whether intended by Ganglbauer to apply to the insect or to *C. validus,* if the character as to the central tooth of the thorax is omitted. The table would be perhaps more satisfactory if, besides this omission, there were substituted on page 320:—

*a*—A large, broad, and usually dark insect, with the antennæ normal (not particularly stout), and the thickened part of the anterior angles of the thorax little developed .... *validus,* Kraatz (? Ganglb.).

*b*—Insect not as *a*. 
C. cylindrus is distinct from all the British species by reason of its parallel form. It occurs under bark of pine (Pinus sylvestris) in the North of Scotland. I have never taken it; my specimens were captured by Mr. G. C. Champion.

C. saginatus and C. dentatus may be known from the other species of the first main group by having the tooth before the middle of the side of the thorax. The callosities of the anterior angles, though occupying a good fifth of the side, are very little developed. The two species can hardly be confused with one another. C. saginatus has the elytra more oval and the sides of the thorax more rounded than has C. dentatus, which is a more parallel-sided and longer insect, with rather stout antenna. A very small form of C. dentatus occasionally occurs. Mr. Newbery has one which is apparently immature, and was named before it came to him C. fasciicornis. I have two almost black forms from a granary in Holborn, possibly these are the ab. niger, Bris.

C. ambivorus and C. distinguendus.—These are two much smaller insects, which appear not to vary much in size. The small lateral space occupied by the thoracic callosities at once distinguishes them from the previously mentioned species. They are very like one another; for distinctions see Fowler's British Coleoptera, vol. iii pp. 319 and 322, but I must confess that some of the specimens which I have seen appear to me to be intermediate. C. ambivorus appears to be quite rare. I have one from Huntingfield and another from Foxhall, near Ipswich. C. distinguendus is not uncommon in granaries. There is said to be a black form of the insect.

C. scutellatus = bicolor.—This, the smallest species of the genus, might be confused with the two last-mentioned insects, but the lateral tooth of the thorax is very indistinct, and the callosities of the front angles are but little developed. Newman, in Ent. Mag., ii, 202, gives the wrong size 1 line, but the description has generally been accepted as applying to the insect. In Stephens' collection, under the name scutellatus, is an example of the species, but it is mixed with a specimen of acutangulus and another of saginatus.

The rough hair of the insects comprised in the second division is best seen under a microscope. In C. cellarius and C. affinis the outstanding hairs are in rows, and in C. cellarius the callosities of the front angles of the thorax, which vary considerably in shape, appear
more turned towards the front of the insect than in other species. Many of the species have four callosities on the surface of the thorax, but these are not always visible, and it is better not to rely on this character. The eye facets of this section appear to me usually larger than those of the other, so that character is not so satisfactory for C. cellaris as it is for C. acutangulus.

I do not feel sure whether C. punctipennis is really distinct from C. pilosus. It is, in my experience, the commoner insect of the two, but I may draw the line of distinction at the wrong place. In the British Museum there is a specimen in which the punctures are not only far apart, but also much larger. If punctipennis ought to have the punctures larger as well as further apart, my insects and most of those standing in British collections as punctipennis are really pilosus. In C. setulosus the joints of the club of the antennæ are more widely separated than in the other species, and the elytra are shorter and the pubescence is very rough. C. schmidtii and ruficornis, on the other hand, are very distinct. I have no British representative of the former. C. ruficornis I have from a faggot heap on the hill above Streatley, Berks.; the specimen in Stephens' collection (presumably the type) is pale coloured. The species is not included in the last European Catalogue except as a possible synonym of lygeoperdi, which is absurd; it is only mentioned by Ganglbauer in a note, in which he says that Stephens' name is not a synonym of unbratus, but that the insect referred to appears to be more like lygeoperdi, in which he is right, as it undoubtedly belongs to the group with outstanding hairs; but there is a great difference between being "more like" and being synonymous with. It has a sharp tooth behind the callosities of the thorax. I know of no other European species to which it can possibly be referred. In connection with the above article, I have particularly to thank Mr. G. C. Champion for valuable suggestions and help, Mr. Newbery for kindly checking most of the table with me with actual specimens, Mr. E. Saunders for going through his collection with me and for the loan of specimens, and Mr. Arrow, of the British Museum, for obtaining for me Kraatz's types, without which I should have fallen into error, and for comparing specimens for me.

27, Hereford Square, S.W.:

June 18th, 1907.
HYDRENA LONGIOR, REY, AND OCHTHEBIUS VIRIDIS, Peyron, ADDITIONS TO THE BRITISH LIST OF COLEOPTERA.

BY E. A. NEWBURY.

With a view to a short revision of the British Pulpicorinia I have recently been in correspondence with M. le Capitaine Sainte Claire Deville, and am greatly indebted to him for much valuable information and assistance. As a first result of this, I am bringing forward the two above-named species. It is at present uncertain if they are absolutely new to our lists, or whether they should replace Hydrena angustata, Sturm, and Ochthebius marginallens, Latr., respectively.

I must refer the student to Rey's Pulpicorinia, 2nd edit., Lyons, 1884, for detailed descriptions of the two species. I propose here only to give such characters as will separate them from their near allies.

HYDRENA LONGIOR, REY.

This insect comes in the sub-division in which the elytra have 8 or 9 rows of punctures between the suture and the humeral angle. It may be separated from H. riparia, Kug., and nigrita, Germ., by its more parallel and elongate form; it has, however, considerable resemblance to some forms of riparia, which is on the average a larger insect, with differently formed posterior tibiae in the male. The only species for which H. longior is likely to be mistaken is H. angustata, Sturm. The following characters will separate these two species:—

A.—Thorax very distinctly and rather sharply angled in middle of sides; elytra with striae regular to apex, interstices narrow; male with intermediate tibiae toothed on inner side, and posterior tibiae dilated angularly at inner apical third........................................... H. longior, Rey.

AA.—Thorax obtusely angled in middle of sides; elytra with striae less regular, becoming confused before apex; interstices less narrow; male with intermediate and posterior tibiae simple ................................ H. angustata, Sturm.

Hydrena angustata is smaller on the average than H. longior, with the disc of the thorax almost impunctate. M. Ste. Claire Deville has very kindly furnished me with French examples, but I have seen no British specimens.

H. longior has occurred on several occasions in some of the tributary ditches of the Lymington River, near Brockenhurst. Mr. de la Garde has taken it at Christow, near Exeter, and the specimens from Polmont, Glasgow, standing as H. angustata in the Power collection must also be referred to H. longior, Rey.
Ochthebius viridis, Peyron, = O. obscurus, Dejean, Rey, &c.

O. marginallens var. B. Muls., Fairm., &c.; pusillus, Steph.? 

This insect comes in the group in which the thorax has two transverse impressions and an indistinct central furrow, but is without lateral semicolon-like impressions. The British species in this group may be distinguished as follows:—

A.—Posterior angles of thorax broadly excised, filled with a broad membrane; size very small; length 1 mm. ........................................... O. exaratus, Muls.

AA.—Posterior angles of thorax narrowly excised, membrane narrow.

a.—Metasternum smooth and shining in the middle (palpi dark; raised parts of the thorax shining and punctured); size very small; length 1 mm. ........................................... O. marginallens, Latr.

aa.—Metasternum entirely dull, alutaceous.

b.—Thorax very dull bronze, entirely alutaceous; palpi dark; size very small; length 1 mm.......................... O. viridis, Peyr.

bb.—Thorax shining bronze on the raised parts, which are punctured but not alutaceous; palpi pale; size larger; length 1 1/2—1 1/2 mm...

O. marinus, Payk.

I have specimens of O. viridis in my collection taken by Mr. W. H. Bennett at Pett, Sussex, which have been named by M. Sainte Claire Deville. The specimens standing as O. marginallens in the Power collection labelled "Rainham" must be referred to O. viridis, and possibly also those from Gravesend.

It should be remarked that the description of H. angustata in "Fowler’s British Coleoptera" applies much better to that species than to H. longior, while his description of O. marginallens is much more applicable to O. viridis.

12, Churchill Road, Dartmouth Park, N.W.

July 16th, 1907.

A NEW BRITISH EARWIG?

BY MALCOLM BURRE, F.L.S., F.G.S., F.E.S.

In the Ent. Record, vol xv, p. 254, 1906, I recorded two female specimens of Forficula auricularia, Linn., taken in horse-dung at Compton Bay, near Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight. These two specimens are remarkable in that the wings are abortive and the elytra are truncate.

I have since examined these specimens again, and have compared them with fresh examples of females of Forficula decipiens, Géné, from Italy, and I can find no difference.
Unfortunately, there is not much difference between the females of these two species, and it is not possible to decide this question definitely without seeing the males.

The male of *F. decipiens* agrees in structure generally with that of *E. auricularia*: the pygidium is similar, and the forceps only differ in the presence or absence of the median tooth at the end of the dilated part; this is present in *E. auricularia* and absent in *F. decipiens*; the forceps and pygidium of the females of these species do not differ.

In size and colour the two are alike, except that *F. decipiens* is somewhat paler, the head and pronotum being especially lighter.

The antennæ of *E. auricularia* usually have 14 segments; those of *F. decipiens* have 12; my two females from Compton have 13.

The pronotum of *E. auricularia* has the posterior margin gently rounded; in *F. decipiens* it is almost straight; in my Compton Bay specimens, it is not so straight as in typical *F. decipiens*, but not so rounded as in *E. auricularia*.

In *F. decipiens* the elytra are not only very distinctly shorter in proportion than in *E. auricularia*, but sharply truncate at the ends; in *E. auricularia* they are almost sinuate at the ends. In the form of the elytra, these specimens from Compton agree exactly and entirely with *F. decipiens*, and there are no traces whatever of wings, thus also agreeing with *F. decipiens*.

The pitting of the abdomen seems to me to be a trifle stronger in *F. decipiens* than in *E. auricularia*, and in this the Compton specimens agree with *F. decipiens*; I do not, however, put much faith in this, as it is only a question of degree, and the eye may see what the mind wishes to discover.

Now, in colour and in the form of the elytra and absence of wings, these specimens agree perfectly with *F. decipiens*; in the form of the pronotum and antennæ they approach rather to this species than to *E. auricularia*. It will therefore be asked, what is the objection to calling them *F. decipiens*? The objection is this, that *F. decipiens* is a meridional insect. The situation of these Compton Bay specimens, in a pile of horse-dung on the coast of the Isle of Wight, far from towns and farther still from a port, points to a natural occurrence, and this species has not yet been recorded as a traveller like *Apterxygida arachidis, Aenisolubis annulipes*, and to a less extent, *E. auricularia*. It is therefore highly improbable that *F. decipiens* should be a native of England. It is a common insect in
the south of France, in Italy, in Spain and in Dalmatia; in Central Europe it has been recorded from Mont Cenis. It is therefore hardly to be expected in this country.

Had these specimens been taken in the south of Europe I should have named them *F. decipiens* without a moment's hesitation. They were crawling freely about in the dung, but though both sexes of typical *F. uncinularia* were abundant, I failed to find a male of the wingless form.

The riddle is intensely interesting, and it cannot be cleared up without discovery of the male. I appeal therefore to entomologists to keep a sharp look out for what appears to be the common earwig without wings, for it would be most satisfactory to add a good and indigenous species to our British list, which is rather meagre in this respect.

Sibertswold, near Dover:

*July 15th, 1907.*

**SOME NEW AFRICAN SIPHONAPTERA.**

**BY THE HON. N. C. Rothschild, M.A., F.L.S.**

**PLATE III.**

The species here described were obtained by Baron Maurice de Rothschild on his expedition through Abyssinia and East Africa.

1. **Ctenocephalus rosmarus, sp. nov.** (figs. 1 and 2).

The head bears anteriorly at the genal edge one long curved spine and sometimes a second smaller one. The prothorax has a comb of 14 spines. The thoracic and abdominal tergites bear each one row of bristles. On the inside of the hind coxa there is an irregular row of from 7 to 9 short stout spines, the hind femur bearing on the same side a series of 6 to 8 bristles.

The genitalia of the male resemble those of *C. crinacei*. There is a large hairy flap, slightly curved downwards, and beneath it a short triangular process bearing bristles. There are no hairs above the stigma of the eighth abdominal tergite of the female, but the apical edge of this sclerite is densely hairy, there being also on the side a number of bristles.

Tchalenko, East Africa, off *Hyrax abyssinicus*.

**LISTROPSYLLA, gen. nov.**

Frons with a large spade-shaped tubercle. Eye small. Behind the same a bristle-like spine. No genal comb. The labial palpus consists of 4 segments. Pronotum with a comb containing more than 25 spines. Mesonotum with thin subapical spines. No apical spines on metanotum, but there are such spines on the first five abdominal tergites.

*Type: agrippinae*, Rothsch. (1902, described as a *Ceratophyllus*).

2. **Listropsylla dolosus, sp. nov.**

Differs from *L. agrippinae* as follows:—There are on the pronotum two rows of
bristles and a comb of 27 spines. The mesonotum is densely hairy from the base to the postmedian row of long bristles. There are three rows of bristles on the abdominal tergites, the first four tergites bearing also an apical comb of short spines. This comb consists of 22 spines on the first tergite, and of 2 on the fourth. The hind femur bears 4 bristles subventrally before the apex.

Kikuyu Escarpment, British East Africa; no host given.

3. *Ctenophthalmus engis, sp. nov.* (fig. 3).

The metathoracic epimeron bears 6 bristles. The first abdominal tergite has 3 rows of bristles, while the other tergites bear 2 rows. The most ventral bristle of the postmedian row is placed beneath the stigma. The seventh sternite is sinuate, the lobe situated above the sinuses being obliquely excised. On the eighth tergite there are no hairs above the stigma, while there are 6 bristles at the apical edge and 5 or 6 near the ventral edge.

Closely allied to *C. triodontus*, Rothsch. (1907) and *C. ansorgei*, id. (1907), (figs. 4 and 5).

Addis Abeba and Bourka, Abyssinia, off a rat.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE III.

1. *Ctenocephalus rosmarinus*, head of ♂.
2. " same tergite, ♂.
5. " *ansorgei*, seventh sternite, ♂.

Tring Park, Tring: July, 1907.

A RARE BRITISH FUNGUS-MIDGE (*Ceroplatus lineatus*, Fabr.) RE-DISCOVERED IN LONDON.

BY E. E. AUSTEN.

This morning a male of the above species was taken by my boy-attendant, C. Hill, on the window of the *Diptera* Room here. *C. lineatus* is a large, dark-coloured species, with yellow, brown-striped thorax and conspicuously blotched wings; the specimen which is the subject of this note measures 9\(\frac{1}{2}\) millimetres in length. In Mr. Verrall’s “List of British Diptera,” 2nd edition (1901), p. 10, *C. lineatus* appears in italics as requiring confirmation. On turning to Fabricius’s original description of the species (“Systema Entomologiae,” 1775, p. 751) I find the following sentence: “Habitat in Anglia: capt. in *Mus. Brit.*, d. 21 Jun.” In Walker’s “Insecta Britannica.—Diptera,” vol. iii (1856), p. 67, the species (under the name *Platyura lineata*) is recorded as “Rare. In the British Museum”; and the Old Collection of British *Diptera* still contains half a dozen faded specimens of the species, all of which, however, like the rest of that collection, are without locality-labels.
Continental Dipterists agree in characterising *C. lineatus* as "rare," or "very rare" (according to Van der Wulp it has been taken from time to time at the Hague, from June to September, "indoors"); and, so far as I am aware, no precise record of its capture in the British Islands has appeared since Fabricius's day. That entomological history should repeat itself in this way after an interval of 132 years is therefore worthy of special notice, and the fact that the National Natural History Collections are now housed at South Kensington instead of at Bloomsbury, as formerly, makes the coincidence, if possible, still more remarkable.

British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, London, S.W.:
June 27th, 1907.

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### DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES OF STAGMATOPHORA, H.-S.
*(LEPIDOPTERA: TINEINA)*

**By the Right Hon. Lord Walsingham, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &c.**

The species here described have necessitated the study of a natural group in the genus *Stagmatophora*, and it seems desirable to publish the results arrived at in the form of a separate paper.

#### HYPONOMEUTIDAE.

**STAGMATOPHORA, H.-S.**

The following tabulation is confined to species allied to *serratella*, Tr., and *sumptuosella*, Ldr.

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3610.—Stagmatophora sareptensis, sp. n.

Antennae dark bronzy brown, with four or five white annulations before the apex. Palpi white, terminal joint with a conspicuous dark ring before the apex. Head and face white. Thorax dark bronzy brown. Forewings bronzy brown, with three white costal streaks, each terminating in pale golden metallic scaling, the first, near the base, pointing obliquely outward; the second, about the middle, also oblique; the third, as far from the second as is the first, slightly inverted; from the dorsum arise three corresponding, straighter, pale golden metallic bars, the first reaching to the fold and almost touching the apex of the first costal streak; the second crossing the fold and scarcely preceding the medio-costal streak; the third preceding the outer costal streak, but sometimes touching it at its inner point; a patch of similar pale golden scales lies at the apex, and one or two are visible at the base of the tornal cilia; cilia greyish brown. Exp. al. 16—17 mm. Hindwings grey; cilia paler, greyish brown. Abdomen shining, pale brownish. Legs alternately barred with white and bronzy brown.

Type, ♀ (Christoph Coll.). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab.: S.E. RUSSIA—Sarepta, 15—25.VIII.1866, 15.5.1870 (Christoph); Kasikoparan, 24.VII.1883 (Christoph). Ten specimens.

This species has been included in various collections with such series as are supposed to represent Stagmatophora serratella, Tr., but it is somewhat larger and differs from serratella in the much stronger and coarser palpi, and in the much narrower precapital white costal spot.

In the Zeller Collection there are only three specimens of the smaller form, one of which also comes from Sarepta, but is not the the species above described. In the Hofmann Collection there are five specimens of the smaller species and only two sareptensis. In the Christoph Collection all are sareptensis, but labelled "serratella."

3613.—Stagmatophora sumptuosaella, Ldr.


Hab.: ASIATIC TURKEY—Khudawendekiar, Blussa, VI 1; Sivas, Amasia, VI 4; Haleb, Shar Devesy (Nat. Coll. 1893); Mesopotamia (Stgr.); Syria 1—6, Beyrouth 1.

A fine species with large equidistant and approximately similar white costal spots, and two distinct dark rings on the terminal joint of the palpi. It is very like beata, Wlsm., but has the basal and median costal spots much larger than in that species.
3613: 1.—Stigmatophora teuckii, sp. n.

Antennae black. Palpi rather stout, reaching above the crown, median joint densely clothed, terminal joint as long as the median, comparatively smooth; milk-white, a short black shade around the base of the median, and a black ring a little before the apex of the terminal joint. Head milk-white. Thorax black. Forewings bronzy black, with three white costal patches, the first narrow, tending obliquely outward at one-sixth from the base, becoming pale golden a little below the costa, and slightly overlapping the fold at its lower extremity; the second on the middle of the costa, wider and shorter than the first, somewhat triangular, becoming pale golden toward the apex, which is slightly bent outward on the upper edge of the cell—beneath it is an opposite pale golden spot, scarcely separated from the dorsum; the third white patch, at the commencement of the costal cilia, is yet wider than the others, cuneiform, with its point directed inward and showing a few pale golden scales at its apex, where it nearly touches an irregular, upright, patch of golden scales arising from the dorsum; a small pale golden spot lies at the extreme apex of the wing; elia smoky blackish, becoming paler and more brownish on the dorsum; the whole wing-surface is coarsely scaled, with a tendency to raised scaling towards the base on the dorsum—the pale gold metallic scales shine very brilliantly. Exp. at. 22 mm. Hindwings shining, leaden grey; elia brownish grey. Abdomen pale brownish ochreous at the base above, more silvery at the sides, broadly banded behind and beneath with dark greyish fuscous. Legs creamy white; with greyish fuscous bands on the hind tibiae and on the basal joint of the tarsi, a few scales only on the distal joints; the anterior and median legs much more distinctly dark-banded.

Type, ♀ (14029). Mus. Wlsm.

Larva rather stout, tapering to either extremity; white, without markings. Head black; pronotal plates olivaceous greyish, darkened along the edges of the suture and posteriorly; thoracic legs dark olivaceous greyish, with two whitish annulations; anal plate whitish. Long. 11 mm.

Type, Larva (88261: Tangier, 3.VIII.1902, Wlsm.). Mus. Wlsm.


In 1901, when collecting at Chiclana in the south of Andalusia, I observed some elongate galls on the woody stems and branches of Teucrium fruticans. They were not abundant, and all that I opened contained either empty pupa-cases, or the remains of parasites which had destroyed the larvae, nor was I able to discover at that time any freshly made galls. Meeting with the same shrub in the following year in the neighbourhood of Tangier, in Morocco, I collected a considerable number of galls, many of which contained living larvae, although the majority, for the most part on the old wood, were occupied by mere remnants as before, and the percentage of those
destroyed by parasites was very large. I collected these galls at intervals from February to the beginning of June, when the larvae appeared, so far as I could judge, to be full-fed, and it was a great disappointment to me that during the following months they did not produce a single specimen of the perfect insect. At the beginning of 1903 I again met with the same galls at Gibraltar, and determined to pay a special visit to the place on my return from Algeria in June, when again I collected a good supply and brought them to England; from these nothing was produced, and on examination the larvae were found more or less shrivelled, although some were yet alive in August. I then wrote to Mons. H. Vaucher, a resident at Tangier, to whom I had shown the galls collected in the previous year, asking him to send me some. After much unsuccessful search he rediscovered them and sent me three galls, which I received on August 28th, 1903 with the ultimate result that on September 25th a perfect specimen appeared to set my mind at rest as to the mystery which surrounded these obviously unknown larvae. A crippled ? subsequently emerged on October 26th.

This species is considerably larger than Stagmatophora sumptuosella, Ldr., and has the subterminal white costal spot considerably larger than the two preceding spots; moreover, it shows no second dark ring on the terminal joint of the palpi.

3613 : 2.—Stagmatophora beata, sp. n.

Antennae blackish, with whitish annulations, one of which, at the outer end of the basal joint, is more conspicuous than the others. Palpi reaching above the crown; white, with a blackish ring at the base, a faint bronzy ring near the apex of the median, and two black rings around the terminal joint. Head milk-white. Thorax bronzy black. Forewings bronzy black, with three white costal patches; the first, narrow, oblique, at about one-sixth, connected at its apex with an outwardly-curved series of three patches of bright golden raised scales, one above the fold, the other two below it; the second white patch, scarcely wider than the first, is also connected with patches of raised bright scales, the first extending beyond its apex, the others nearer to the base, confluent, and reaching to the dorsum; the third white patch, in the commencement of the costal cilia, is wider and more conspicuous than the others, and is not connected at its apex with the patch of raised golden scales, which slightly precedes it on the dorsum; there is a small golden spot at the extreme apex; cilia smoky blackish, becoming paler and more brown on the dorsum. Exp. al. 20 mm. Hindwings shining, pale leaden grey; cilia brownish grey. Abdomen brownish ochreous toward the base, greyish fuscous posteriorly, the segments indicated by whitish lines. Legs dark smoky fuscous, banded with white at all the joints and at the origin of the spurs.

Type, ? (S8702). Mus. WlsM.
This species differs from *tenerii*, Wbsm., in the much more conspicuous and richly golden scaling, which is also considerably raised, and in the more annulated legs and palpi. It may be well to observe also that *Teucrium fruticans* does not occur anywhere near Biskra, and I have searched vainly for galls on the smaller species of *Teucrium* which is found there. There is at present no clue to its life-history.

Merton Hall. Thetford:

*July, 1907.*

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**EPIBLEMA COSTIPUNCTANA, Haw., AN ABERRATION OF E. TRIGEMINANA, Steph.**

BY KUSTACE R. BANKES, M.A., F.E.S.

In *Ent. Mo. Mag.*, x. 37-8 (1873), the late Mr. C. G. Barrett expressed the belief that *Tortrix costipunctana*, Haw. [Lep. Brit., 443 (1812)], was distinct from all our other recognised species. This opinion was founded upon a specimen standing as *costipunctana* in the Doubleday collection, agreeing “most accurately with Haworth’s description,” which Barrett translated.

Sorely puzzled for long about Haworth’s insect, I succeeded in solving the mystery eleven years ago, when I found in the J. F. Stephens collection in the British Museum a moth, on the pin of which was a reversed label bearing “costipunctana” in Haworth’s own writing. This proved the individual to be Haworth’s original type specimen, and it was forthwith indicated as such. The moth, which is a male, somewhat broken, was standing by itself in the space allotted to the name *costipunctana*, and in succession to *trigeminana*, and is, in my opinion, undoubtably an aberrant form of *trigeminana*. It follows, therefore, that the name *costipunctana*, Hw., must be substituted for that of *trigeminana*, Steph., and the synonymy, as worked out by Mr. J. Hartley Durrant and myself, is as follows:—

**EPIBLEMA COSTIPUNCTANA, HAW.**

*Tortrix costipunctana*, Haw., Lep. Brit., 443, No. 156 (1812); *Grapholitha pierretana*, Dup., Noct. vi, p. 566, pl. 266, fig. 3 (1834); *Spilonota trigeminana*, Steph., Cat. ii, 174, No. 6908 (1829); [*? Spilonota costipunctana*, Steph., Cat. ii, 174, No. 6910 (1829)]; *Pardisca brunnichiana*, Dup., ix, 253, 9, p. 358 (1834); *Spilonota trigeminana,*

This species, the larva of which, as is well known, feeds in the rootstocks of Senecio jacobaea, normally has, on the posterior half of the costa of the fore-wing, eight short narrow white streaks, arranged in four pairs, the two streaks of each pair being separated from one another by a narrow dark brown streak, and each pair being separated from the next by a dark brown bar. In Haworth's type specimen of costipunctata, however, the white costal streaks are broader; the narrow dark streak that separates the two white streaks of each pair does not disappear, but the dark bar between each two pairs is itself reduced to a streak. Hence the white streaks have quite lost the appearance of being arranged together in pairs, and are seen as eight separate white costal streaks or spots, alternating with seven dark ones, these latter representing the four dark streaks that normally separate the streaks of each pair, together with the three dark bars
that ordinarily separate the four pairs from one another. In all other respects the specimen, which had both fore-wings symmetrical in markings, is perfectly normal, though rather undersized.

Haworth (l.c.) says of *costipunctana* that it occurs in Norfolk but is very uncommon, while Stephens (Ill., Hanst., iv. 95) says of it, "Rare: occasionally found in July near London, and in Norfolk, and I possess a specimen which was found near Edinburgh." As already stated, there was, in 1896, only one specimen, viz., Haworth's original Norfolk individual, standing under the name "*costipunctana*" in the collection, but it was impossible to tell what specimens Stephens had placed under this name, for Dr. Butler then informed me that the collection, though founded on that of Stephens, had been completely re-arranged—it was not known by whom—since Stephens' time. Probably Wood's figure of *costipunctana* (Ind. Ent., Pl. 31, fig. 907) was taken from a specimen standing under this name in the Stephens collection, and presumably it is intended to represent an abnormally small and pale male of *costipunctana*, Hw.

Haworth gives the alar. exp. of *costipunctana* as 6\(^{\prime\prime}\), and Stephens gives it as 6\^{\prime\prime}\(\frac{1}{2}\), while the latter gives *trigeminana* as expanding 10\(^{\prime\prime}\)! This last measurement is obviously incorrect, for Stephens himself says (Ill., iv. 94) that he has only seen one specimen of *trigeminana*; this must therefore be the one figured on the Plate (op. cit., Pl. 37, fig. 3), but the natural size, given below the enlarged figure, shows that the alar. exp. of the individual was only 7\^{\prime\prime}\(\frac{1}{2}\), which is about the usual expanse of a good-sized example of the species. Haworth's type specimen, set as it is with the wings drooping, would, if perfect, expand fully 6\(^{\prime\prime}\), and would be exactly the same size as a small typical specimen that stood in the series of "*trigeminana*" just before it, and as one or two specimens in my own series.

The identity of the moth standing as *costipunctana* in the Doubleday collection, and referred to by Barrett (l.c.), is beside the question of nomenclature. I find, however, that when looking through the collection some years ago, I made a note to the effect that the specimen, which is pale and very worn, may safely be referred to "*trigeminana*"; I made no entry about the arrangement of the costal markings, but since Barrett says that the individual agrees most accurately with Haworth's description, I infer that they are similar to those in Haworth's type specimen.

In the well-known "Catalog" by Staudinger and Wocke, and elsewhere, the name *costipunctana*, which is omitted from Staudinger
and Rebel's Catalog, was incorrectly adopted for the species generally known as *gullicolana, Z.*, but which, as shown by Ragonot, in Ann. Soc. Ent. France, xiii, 219 (1894), ought to be called *albuginana, Gn.* *E. albuginana* has also been erroneously called "obscurana" by Wilkinson, Stainton, and others, but *obscurana* is the species described by Herrich-Schäffer as *rarulana*. I have often seen, in the National collection, Stephens' original type specimen of *obscurana*, and it is unquestionably identical with *rarulana*, H.-S., as stated by Mr. W. Warren in Ent. Mo. Mag., xxiv, 8 (1887).

Norden, Corfe Castle;
July 4th, 1907.


*Epursa oblonga, Herbst, at Chobham.—* About a fortnight ago I found two specimens (♂ ♀) of an *Epursa* at Chobham, under pine bark, so like *E. naturalis, Reitt.* (treated as a var. of *E. thoracica, Tourn.*, in the new edition of the European Catalogue), that they seemed at first sight to belong to that species. They are, however, a form of *E. oblonga, Herbst*, with the suture of the elytra similarly infuscate. *E. naturalis* has the antennal club entirely testaceous, and the prothorax a little more rounded at the sides, otherwise the two species are very much alike. *E. oblonga* has not previously been seen by me in this district, though the allied *E. pasilla, Herbst*, is common at times under sappy pine bark. I also have a specimen of *E. oblonga* with a dark suture from the Manchester district.—Id.

*Agapanthia lineatocollis, Don., at Oxford.—* On June 21st, and again on June 27th, I met with this beautiful Longicorn not uncommonly in a wet wooded valley in Oxfordshire, less than four miles distant from the centre of the city of Oxford.

*This species has recently been taken by my son at Woking in a great tit's nest.*
The first specimens were found on what is no doubt its usual food-plant in this country, the Marsh Thistle, Cirsium palustre; but the majority were taken on the Hemp Agrimony, Eupatorium cannabinum, basking on the leaves in the sunshine (when there was any) or hiding beneath them when the sun was obscured. Canon Fowler's remarks on the peculiar odour emitted by this beetle (Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xxii, p. 61, and "British Coleoptera," vol. iv, p. 251) are very appropriate, as to me the smell exactly resembles that of a smouldering candle made of coconut-stearine; the stridulatory powers of the insect (U. c.) are also very noticeable. Agapanthis funebralis is not, however, new to Oxfordshire, there being an old record from Weston-on-the-Green, no doubt by the Rev. A. Matthews (Fowler, Brit. Coleopt., vol. iv, p. 251). The very local Enaria palustris was also taken rarely by me in the same place as the Agapanthis.—James J. Walker, Brockenhurst: July 17th, 1907.

Ceroplatus lineatus, F., taken at Lyndhurst.—A specimen of this fly, which hitherto has been regarded as doubtfully British, was found in my cottage on July 8th. It answers to Walker's Platagora lineata, F., var. B.—Fredk. C. Adams, Fern Cottage, Lyndhurst: July 22nd, 1907.

Societies.

Birmingham Entomological Society: June 3rd, 1907.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

Mr. F. O. Rossiter again showed a long series of Ternivamper, bred from pupa dug near or between Langley Green and Wyre Forest, to show how the species merged into one another; a long series of incerta, Hufn., at one end, closely resembling those of munda, Esp., at the other end, were with difficulty separated from specimens of stabilis, View.; stabilis again merged into gracilis, F., and there were specimens on each boundary line about which he found it difficult to decide. Mr. H. Langley showed dark specimens of Tephrusia bistortata, Goetz., from Prince-thorpe, where 60 % of the specimens seen were dark; curiously, the first to appear were the darkest. The darkest of all were taken on April 20th, and none but dark ones were seen till late in May, when the lighter ones began to appear. Mr. Colman J. Wainwright, a number of pieces of amber well filled with insects. Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, a cocoon of Saturnia pavonia, L., with two distinct openings; there was, however, only one pupa inside, and the cocoon was of quite normal size. He also showed, on behalf of Mr. G. H. Kenrick, a series of Spilosoma mendica, Cl., var. rustica, Hb., bred from a female captured in the south of Ireland; they all came true to the parent form; also other bred insects. Likewise a number of species of Spilosoma and Phragmatobia from various European localities for comparison with Mr. Kenrick's var. rustica. Mr. Chadwick, a visitor, various interesting aberrations: Semiothisa (Macaria) lituata, Cl., a specimen from Oakley Wood apparently of the dark Delamere form, with dark hind marginal band, and general dark colour; a very fine dark Chrysophenus pheas, L., from near Claverdon, with broad hind marginal and apical band, which monopolised most of the dark markings bearing only two spots on each fore-wing; on the hind-wings only a narrowish submarginal band of the ground colour was left; the
ground colour was a fine dark coppery-red, and the insect altogether was darker than Barrett's darkest; amongst other aberrations shown was a Spilosauna lubricipedata, L., with pinkish border to the wings. — Colbran J. Wainwright, Hon. Sec.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, May 23rd, 1907, Mr. R. Adkin, F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Brown exhibited (1) varieties of Trachea piniperda from Oxshott; in some the red markings were dominant and in others the green; (2) a dark Agrotis exclamationis from Folkestone; and (3) a very light A. puta from Deal. Mr. Ashby, a long series of the beetle, Thanasius formicarius, from Oxshott, where it had occurred commonly.

Thursday, June 13th.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. West, of Greenwich, the rare Coleoptera Triplax lacordairei and the uncommon Hemipterom Verdasia rhombea, both from Darenth. Mr. Tonge, a living larva of Issoria latona, reared from an ovum sent from Hyères, by Dr. Chapman. Mr. H. J. Turner, a specimen of Tiuea cionella just taken in Greenwich Park, and the living larvae of Coleophora discordella, sent by Mr. Wilkinson, of Workington. Dr. Chapman, (1) living larvae of Colocompa exoleta, and remarked on their curious custom of feeding on the stalé food-plant; and (2) varieties of Papilio machaon, in one of which the costa of the fore-wings was much more arched than usual towards the apex, and in the other the black inner line of the dark submarginal band was wanting and the black basal circle of the ocellus was absent. Several species of larvae were noted as having the same habit as C. exoleta, and in their final instars voluntarily changing their pabulum.

Thursday, June 27th.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. Sich reported he had just seen a living specimen of Amphigasis betularia in Montagu Street, W. Mr. R. Adkin exhibited specimens of Hesperia malva, var. taurus, from near Hailsham. Mr. West (Greenwich), three rare species of Coleoptera from Darenth Wood, viz.: — Cryptoccephalus 6-punctatus, Apoderus coryli, and Bytiscus betuletii. Mr. Carr, the remarkable pupa of Hylophila bicolorana, which was taken during the Society's Field Meeting at Fetcham Common. Mr. Schooling, (1) a variety of Euchelia jacobae having the apical spot united with the submarginal blotch; (2) a variety of Baptta temerata having the two dark costal markings closely approximated; and (3) short bred series of Melantia albicillata and Boarmia abietaria. Mr. Main reported that in the Isle of Wight he had met with a few Melithca cinea, and had obtained ova. Cupido minima and Agriades bellargus were also flying. He noted the 7's of the latter species as being unusually blue. A discussion took place as to the green tinge apparent in many white Lepidoptera for a short time after emergence. Mr. Adkin reported that he had just bred Tortrix pronubata, and thus proved it to be double brooded. Probably it was continuously brooded in its usual habitat. Mr. Adkin then gave a short account of the Congress of the S.E. Union of Scientific Societies, held at Woolwich from June 12th to 15th.—H. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.
ALGERIAN MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

BY THE RT. HON. LORD WALSHINGHAM, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &C.

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TINEIDAE.

SETOMORPHINAE.

Forewings with veins 7 and 8 stalked out of 9.
1. (Forewings with 2 and 3 stalked) = HAPSIFERA, Z.  
2. (Forewings with 2 and 3 separate) ............ 2.
3. (Forewings with 3 and 4 stalked (♀), or coincident (♂)) ............ 3.
4. (Forewings with 3 and 4 separate) ............ 5.
5. (Forewings with 5 and 6 stalked) = APOTOMIA, Dietz.  
6. (Forewings with 5 and 6 separate) ............ 4.

7. (Hindwings with 5 and 6 stalked) = SETOMORPHA, Z.  
8. (Hindwings with 5 and 6 separate) = EPILEGIS, Dietz.
9. (Antennae of ♂ biciliate) ............ = HYPOPLESIA, Busck.
10. (Antennae of ♂ simple) ............ = EUPLOCERA, Rgt.

449 : 1 (= 457).—EUPLOCERA, Rgt.


Antennae (1), simple; basal joint pectinate. Labial Palpi porrect, median joint thickly and compactly clothed beneath; terminal joint suberect, about as long as the median, obtuse. Maxillary Palpi and Haustellum obsolete. Head and face roughly scaled. Thorax moderately smooth. Forewings elongate, obtusely pointed, coarsely scaled: neuration 12 veins; 7 and 8 stalked out of 9, 7 to costa; 2, 3, and 4 separate. Hindwings broader than the forewings, tapering to a slightly obtuse apex; cilia §: neuration 8 veins, all separate. Abdomen smooth. Legs, hind tibiae thickly clothed.

Agreeing with Setomorpha, Z., and Hapsifera, Z., in having 7 and 8 of the forewings stalked out of 9; it is, however, a simpler form with vein 3 separate. Hapsifera has 2 and 3 of the forewings stalked, while Setomorpha has 3 and 4 of the forewings stalked in the ♀, but coincident in the ♂, and in the hindwings 3 and 4 are approximate in the ♀, but coincident in the ♂. I am unacquainted with Hypoplesia, Busck (= § Paraplesia, Dietz), of which the neuration of the hindwings is not described, but it differs in having biciliate antennae.

4494 : 2.—EUPLOCERA MACULATA, sp. n.

Antennae pale ochreous. Palpi pale ochreous, the terminal blackish at its base and before its apex. Head and Thorax pale ochreous, the latter with some sprinkling
ofumber-brown scales. Forewings pale ochreous, withumber-brown maculations throughout, indicating no pattern, but tending to form two fasciae, one before, the other beyond the middle, and noticeable in a series of seven or eight spots extending along the costa to the apex, the ante-apical spot tending to become connected with others at the tornus; cilia pale ochreous. Hindwings shining, pale greyish, with a slight ochreous tinge; cilia pale ochreous.

Type, $\delta$ (96510). Mus. Wlsm.


I have a figure (1558 : 1895) taken from the type of multiguttella, Rgt., which shows that in that species the black scales and spots do not tend to assume the form of fasciae converging towards the dorsum, which, although ill-defined, are traceable in maculata.

**TINEINAe.**

459: 1.—ELATOBIA, H.-S.  

II. synn. = ABACOBIA, Dietz: = DIETZIA, Busck.


1 (Type) fuliginosella, Z.


DIETZIA, Busck. Pr. U.-S., XXX, 735 (1906).

Busck proposed the neonym dietzia in lieu of abacobia, Dietz, which he regarded as homonymous with abacobius, Lacordaire (1866). Coleoptera. Opinions may differ as to the validity or invalidity of abacobia, Dietz, but this we need not discuss here, for in 1853 Herrich-Schäffer proposed the generic neonym elatobia with the type fuliginosella, Z. Elatobia is omitted by Scudder and by Waterhouse.

4539: 9.—ELATOBIA FULIGINOSELLA, Z.

II. synn. = martinella, Wkr.: = carbonella, Dietz.


**Types** 7 7: fuliginosella, Z., ? (Mus. Wlsm.); martinetella, Wkr., 7 7 (Mus. Br.); carbonella, Dietz, 7 7 (Mus. Dietz); ITT., 7 7, 7., Mus. Wlsm. 7.


Under a microscope the maxillary palpi are found to be folded and the haustellum present, but short.

The stalkling of veins 5 and 6 of the hindwings, together with the rather widely separated, slightly curved labial palpi, clothed with spreading bristly hairs, will enable this genus to be recognized.

466. — TINEA, L. 4570 : L.— TINEA media, sp. n.

Antennae whitish ochreous, annulated with umber-brown. Palpi whitish ochreous, dusted with brown. Maxillaries folded. Head and Thorax whitish ochreous. Forewings whitish ochreous, profusely dusted with dark umber-brown scaling, which tends to become aggregated in a scarcely oblique central fascia, terminating at the outer end of the fold, and in a patch, or half-fascia, descending from the costa at three-fourths; it is somewhat profuse also about the termen, as well as
at the basal third; cilia whitish ochreous, also slightly dusted. *Exp. al.*, 7–8 mm. 
*Hindwings* and cilia shining, pale pearly grey. *Abdomen* and *Legs* whitish ochreous.

**Type,** ♀ (S9928). **Mus.** Wlsm.

**Hab.:** ALGERIA—El-Kantara, 18–25.V.1903. Six specimens.


4571 : 1.—*Tinea nigropluviella, sp. n.*

*Antennae* ♀, pale brownish fuscous. *Palpi* short, slender, dependent; pale ochreous. *Maxillaries* folded. *Head* rough; bright ochreous *Thorax* bright ochreous. *Forewings* bright ochreous, with a number of coal-black dots scattered about the wing-surface, these sometimes more or less confluent transversely, but forming no indication of any pattern; they are evenly distributed and somewhat variable in number in different specimens, a slender series of very minute ones lying along the base of the paler ochreous cilia. *Exp. al.*, 8–9 mm. *Hindwings* (1), shining, greyish white; cilia white, slightly tinged with ochreous. *Abdomen* and *Legs* pale ochreous.

**Type,** ♀ (97544). **Mus.** Wlsm.


Allied to *granulatella*, H.-S.; a good series taken by smoking an isolated and much dwarfed plant of *Retama monosperma* on the open desert.

4593 : 1.—*Tinea geratocoma, sp. n.*

*Antennae* simple; dark greyish fuscous. *Palpi* dependent, sparsely bristled; dark fuscous externally, whitish on their inner sides, except for a fuscous band, occupying the basal two-thirds of the rather flattened, short terminal joint. *Maxillaries* folded. *Head* rough, hoary white. *Thorax* dark purplish fuscous. *Forewings* dark purplish fuscous, rather shining, with a few scattered whitish scales from the end of the cell to the middle of the termen; cilia brownish cinereous, thickly sprinkled with purplish fuscous; underside uniformly shining, iridescent, bronzy purplish. *Exp. al.*, 15 mm. *Hindwings* (♀), bronzy towards the base, blending to purplish outward, with some pale bluish scales distributed narrowly along the margins on the outer half of the wing and across the pointed apex. *Abdomen* bronzy fuscous. *Legs* fuscous, with pale cinereous tarsal annulations.

**Type,** ♀ (97734). **Mus.** Wlsm.

**Hab.:** ALGERIA—Philippeville, 4.V.1904. Unique.

This species may be distinguished from *haasi*, Rbl., by its blacker and more elongate forewings, its somewhat narrower hindwings, its darker antennae, and especially by its white, not yellowish, head, only slightly tinged with yellowish on the face. The palpi are comparatively naked, and white on their inner sides.
4595 : 1.—Tinea punctigera, sp. n.

Antennae moderately stout, nearly as long as the forewings; pale yellowish brown. Palpi dependent; pale yellowish brown, the median joint with two or three small bristles, terminal equally slender and about the same length. Maxillaries moderate, bent. Head ochreous. Thorax pale yellowish brown. Forewings shining, pale yellowish brown, with pale fuscous spots; one at the base of the costa diffused downwards to the fold, one near the flexus below the fold, one in the fold a little before half the wing-length, one on the disc above and scarcely beyond it, one on the middle of the costa in line with the last two, and one at the end of the cell sometimes partly reduplicated; cilia also shining and slightly paler than the forewings. Exp. al., 11–16 mm. Hindwings and cilia shining, pale whitish grey. Abdomen ochreous. Legs pale brownish ochreous.

Type, ♂ (96508); ♀ (6183). Mus. Wlsm.

Hab.: ALGERIA—Constantine, 20.XI.1895 (Eaton); Hammam-es-Salahin, 17.V.1903 (Wlsm.). Sixteen specimens.

This species is nearly allied to liguriella, Mill., but differs in the absence of black speckling on the wing-surface and of the distinctly blackish scale-spots, as well as of the strong shade at the base of the costa. The cilia of the hindwings are also rather whitish than ochreous, but the shining, oily, appearance of the forewing is more especially noticeable, in strong contrast to the rather coarse scaling of liguriella, in which the hindwings are also narrower.

I only met with a single specimen at Hammam-es-Salahin, but Mr. Eaton writes, "In the Mahommadian cemetery; abundant from sunset onwards, flying about open, newly dug grass, alighting on the sides of the pits and on the cloths thrown out of them, and running in and out of the crevices. A few occurred on the boundary bank of the enclosure, but none were seen on the adjoining unenclosed slopes of pasture or fallow ground."

471.—Tineola, II.-S.

4621 : 9.—Tineola autochthones, sp. n.

Antennae longer than the forewings; shining mouse-grey. Palpi pale brownish ochreous; depressed, slender, moderately smooth. Head very rough; pale ochreous. Thorax pale brownish ochreous. Forewings narrow, pointed; pale brownish ochreous, sparsely sprinkled with rust-brown scales and spotted with rust-brown; the first spot is near the base of the costa, a pair of similar spots obliquely placed about the middle of the wing, the one near the dorsum further removed from the base than the one above it; a fourth spot touches the costa at two-thirds, the apex and termen being thickly sprinkled with rust-brown before the pale brownish ochreous cilia. Exp. al., 9 mm. Hindwings dark greyish fuscous. Abdomen brownish fuscous. Legs pale ochreous, with fuscous hair-scales on the tibiae, and some fuscous rings around the tarsi.
Type, & (96511). Mus. Wism.

Hab.: ALGERIA—El-Kantara, 20–23.V.1903. Two specimens.

4627: 1.—TINEOLA PAEPALELLA, sp. n.

Antennae yellowish white, annulate with fuscous. Palpi porrect, sparsely bristled beneath; yellowish white above, fuscous beneath. Head yellowish white. Thorax griseous. Forewings yellowish white, sprinkled with greyish fuscous scales, more noticeably along the basal half of the costa, along the cell tending to form a spot at its outer end, and about the apex; this dusting is in some specimens almost obsolete, or confined to the apical area; cilia white, sparsely sprinkled with fuscous, with a line of fuscous scales running through them. Exp. al., 16–17 mm. Hindwings (1), slightly iridescent, shining, greyish white, a little clouded towards the apex; cilia slightly paler. Abdomen greyish. Legs whitish ochreous, the tarsi sometimes faintly touched with grey.

Type, & (97000); ? (97316). Mus. Wism.


A variety of this species, of which two specimens were taken at the same time and place as the type, and two others a few days later, differs in no respect, except in its paler, more ochreous colour, and in the correspondingly slightly paler hindwings.

471.—MYRMECOZELA, Z.

4612: 2.—MYRMECOZELA DESERICOLA, sp. n.

Antennae &; slightly biserrate; sandy ochraceous. Palpi porrect to a little beyond the rough clothing of the face, not deflexed, terminal joint short, median densely clothed beneath; pale sandy ochraceous. Head and Thorax pale sandy ochraceous. Forewings elongate, subovate, the costa evenly arched; pale sandy ochraceous, with a few fawn-ochreous scales along the base of the costa, below the fold, and tending to indicate the neuration about the end of the cell; a more or less conspicuous fuscous spot lies on the fold at half the wing-length, a few groups of scales of the same colour being visible along the dorsum, between the costa and the upper margin of the cell, and about the termen—these are evidently variable in number and distribution; cilia scarcely paler than the wings, slightly dusted. Exp. al, ? 17–19, & 22 mm. Hindwings broader than the forewings, tapering upward from the middle to a slightly depressed, obtusely pointed apex; pale, shining, whitish ochreous; cilia the same. Abdomen and Legs pale sandy ochraceous.

Type, & (97736); ? (96995). Mus. Wism.

Hab.: ALGERIA—Hammam-es-Salahin, 1.X.1904 (Courteaux); 18.I.1906 (Wism.). Three specimens.

This species reminds one greatly of diacon'a, Wism., but differs
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in the more distinctly rounded costa, in the comparative absence of terminal marking, and in the strong plical spot at half the wing-length.

The only specimen I met with myself was taken on January 18th, two others being given to me by my hostess Madame Courteaux who had collected them in October, 1903. It is probably an autumnal species, and certainly very rare at other times.

466.—Tinea, L.

4571: 1.—Tinea frustigerella, sp. n.

Antennae pale ochreous, with slender fuscous bars above. Palpi dependent, sparsely bristled, slender; pale ochreous, with a fuscous band around the terminal joint. Maxillaries folded. Head pale ochreous, a few rust-brown scales between the antennae. Thorax pale ochreous, with slight fuscous speckling. Forewings narrow, elongate, with obtusely depressed apex; pale ochreous, speckled with smoky fuscous scales, which tend to form four small groups along the outer half of the costa, and another at the apex, while before the middle of the wing they are aggregated in closely packed transverse striae from costa to lower edge of cell; a few of these smoky scales are also visible around the apex on the underside of the wing; there is a slight rust-brown shade along the fold. Exp. al. 12—13 mm. Hindwings pale creamy ochreous; cilia creamy whitish. Abdomen ochreous, shaded with fawn-brown above. Legs pale ochreous, the tarsi faintly banded with brown dusting.

Type, ♂ (97321); ♀ (97323). Mus. Wism.


TORTRICIDAE.

TORTRICODES, Gn.

= § Oporinia, Hb. ; = *Cheimatophila, Hb. (nee. Steph) ;

n. syn. = oxypterion, Stgr.

Type 1. Tinea tortricella, Hb. (Stph.).


The type of Cheimatophila, Stph. is mixtana, Hb.; the usage of this geneonym by Herrich-Schäffer and others is therefore erroneous.
Type 2. *Oxypteron impar*, Stgr. (Stgr. 1870).


The discovery of additional species shows that the structural characters of *Oxypteron impar*, Stgr, when compared with those of *Tortricodes tortricella*, Hb., are insufficient to justify generic separation.

1639: 1.—*Tortricodes polita*, sp. n.

*Antennae* greyish fuscous. *Palpi* projecting half the length of the head beyond it; fuscous. *Head* and *Thorax* fuscous. *Forewings* sharply pointed, the very oblique *termen* scarcely *sinuate*. Uniformly bronzy fuscous, in some specimens varying to a yellower or more brassy tint, but always more or less shining; there is a pale band along the costa from the base, occupying the whole space above the cell, but attenuate outward and terminating at about three-fifths. This streak is distinctly paler than the ground-colour; *cilia* bronzy fuscous, with a slight shade-line running through them near their base. *Exp. al.*, 16–21 mm. Hindwings fuscous; *cilia* shining, cinereous. *Abdomen* fuscous. *Legs* bronzy.

*Type*, ♂ (97737). Mus. Wism.

*Hab.*: ALGERIA—Philippeville, 16.X.1905. Four specimens.

A larger species than *chapmani*, and easily recognised by the invariable broad pale streak from the base of the costa. The ♀ is at present unknown.

1639: 2.—*Tortricodes eremica*, sp. n.

*Antennae* brownish cinereous, banded above with fuscous. *Palpi* not projecting beyond the head; brownish fuscous. *Head* and *Thorax* brownish ochraceous. *Forewings* sharply pointed, but the *termen* not *sinuate*. Whitish cinereous, overflowed from base to middle, and partially beyond the middle to the apex, with pale bluish grey, sometimes tending to greyish fuscous; the costa paler from base to middle, and some intermediate patches, notably one before the *tornus*, and one adjacent to the *termen*, pale ochraceous, a few ochreous scales also about the fold, this ochreous colour being accompanied by a few minute dots of black scales, which (as in *chapmani*) appear to be fugitive; *cilia* pale cinereous, with a slender shade-line near their base. *Exp. al.*, 11–13 mm. Hindwings pale greyish fuscous; *cilia* pale cinereous, a darker shade-line near their base. *Abdomen* greyish fuscous. *Legs* pale cinereous.

*Type*, ♂ (97516). Mus. Wism.

*Hab.*: ALGERIA—Biskra, 28II.1894 (Eat.); Hammam-es-Salahin, 18.1.1906, 5—15.III.1904 (Wism.). Nineteen specimens.

This species differs from *chapmani* in its uniformly smaller size, in its paler hindwings, and in the whiter, less ochreous colouring of the forewings, which are also much less sprinkled with black dots. It occurred not uncommonly at Hammam-es-Salahin, but is difficult
to dislodge. I succeeded in smoking a good series of specimens from
detached low shrubby plants on the two small hills near the hotel,
but was unable to associate it with any particular food-plant and
unfortunately did not secure a ♀.

1639: 3.—TorTRICODES CHAPMANI, sp. n.

Antennae minutely setulose in the ♂; greyish fuscous. Palpi short, scarcely
projecting beyond the head, median joint moderately clothed, terminal joint short,
depressed, not roughened; pale greyish fuscous. Head greyish fuscous. Thorax
bone-ochreous, shaded with fuscous. Forewings elongate, lanceolate, slightly bulged
on the costa near the base and beyond the middle, apex acute, scarcely depressed,
termed slightly sinuate, very oblique, tornus almost obsolete; bone-whitish, smereed
with ochreous, sometimes intensified in a transverse fascia beyond the middle
(epecially in the ♀); sparsely sprinkled throughout with easily detached, slightly
raised black scales, these have a tendency to indicate the line of the post-median
fascia, as well as an oblique subterminal line; elyia bone-ochreous, with two faint
shade-lines running through them. Exp al. ♀ 11—14, ♂ 14 mm. Hindwings
slightly broader than the forewings, apex somewhat acute and deppressed, termed
strongly sinuate; grey; elyia whitish cinereous, sometimes with a faint shade-line
near the base. Abdomen grey, tending to bone-ochreous posteriorly, where it is
somewhat roughened above. Légs bone-whitish.


Hab. : SICILY—Monte Venere, 2900 ft., Taormina, Larva,
flowers of Anemone, b. IV., excl., 19.VIII—15.1X.1905 (Chapman).
ALGERIA—Constantine, 30.X—8.XI.1894, 2.XI.1895 (Eaton).
Twenty-nine specimens.

The species is variable in the degree to which the pale ground-colour, always more apparent along the middle of the wing, is
obsured by the ochreous, or even sometimes dull glaucous, shading.
It differs from impar, Stgr., and tortricella, Hb., in its uniformly
smaller size, in its sharper and more pointed forewings, and in its
much darker hindwings. I am indebted to Dr. Chapman for eighteen
specimens bred from flowers of Anemone, at Taormina (Sicily) in
August and September 1905. I received also eleven specimens from
the Rev. A. E. Eaton, taken on M'cid in November 1894 and 1895,
with the note that "The moth is common among withered herbage
here and there on parts of the slopes that are not cultivated, and
rests with its head upwards. Its colour harmonizes well with that of
the dead stems and leaves. Failed to ascertain whether it is attached
to Atractylis gummifera (a dwarf or sessile thistle) or on an abundant
Ornithogalum, or smaller herbs; but I am inclined to give the Atractylis the benefit of the doubt—with the Ornithogalum second."

(To be continued.)
ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF BRITISH HEMIPTERA-HETEROPTERA
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I propose here to collect together the various species of the above suborder which have been recorded as occurring in this country since the appearance of "The Hemiptera-Heteroptera of the British Islands," and also to indicate the various changes in synonymy which are necessary to bring our nomenclature more or less in line with that of the continental authorities. In the Cepside I have not adopted all the very closely allied genera which figure in the Continental lists; for although these in a very extensive fauna such as that of the Palaearctic region, where the number of species in each genus would otherwise be inconveniently large, are useful and almost necessary, in a limited fauna like ours the more comprehensive genera are less puzzling. I have accordingly in many cases treated these as subgenera, otherwise I have adhered as much as possible to the nomenclature given in Dr. Putois’s "Catalogue des Hemiptères de la faune palaearctique," 1899.

SCUTELLERINA.

Corimehena, White = Thyreocoris, Schr.
Eurygaster nigra, F. = E. nigroecuillata, Goeze.

CYDNINA.

Cydnus flavicornis, Fab. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxv, p. 155, Æthus).
A single specimen of this very interesting addition to our list was found in the Isle of Wight at Freshwater by Mr. W. Holland, of Oxford, in July, 1895, and there is no record of its subsequent occurrence.

As a genus, Cydnus may be known at once from any of its British allies by the spinose margins of the head. C. flavicornis is about the size of a Geotomus punctatus, but much more convex, and the long hairs which fringe the edges of the pronotum and elytra distinguish it easily.

PENTATOMINA.

Sciocoris curritans, Fab. = S. terreus, Schrank.
Pentatoma fuscispina, Boh. = Carpocoris purpuripennis, de G.

baccarum, L. = Dolyeocoris baccarum, de G.
juniperina, L. = Chlorochroa juniperina, L.
prasinus, L. = Palomena prasina, L.
Tropicoris rufipes, L. = Pentatoma rufipes, L.
Strachia, Hahn. = Eurydema, Lap.

festiva, auct., nec. L. = dominatus, Scop.
Asopina

Asopus, Burm. = Rhacognatus, Fieb.
Podisus, H.-S. = Troilus, Stål.

Acanthosomina.

Acanthosoma dentatum, de G. = A. interstinctum, L.

Asopus, Burm. = Lihscleria, Fieb.
Podisus, H.-S. = Troilus, Stål.

Elasmostethus ferrugatus, F. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxvi, p. 131).

This species was recorded in 1900 by Mr. W. E. Sharp from a specimen taken by Mr. E. J. Burgess Sopp at Bangor, N. Wales, in July; since then it has been taken by Mr. G. Pullen on raspberry in a garden on the outskirts of Derby in June, 1904, who very kindly presented me with the specimen (cf. Ent. Mo. Mag., xl, p. 38).

It is a very distinct species, somewhat resembling E. grisus, L., but with the angles of the pronotum produced into strong black spines.

Acanthosoma tristriatum, F. = Cyphostethus tristriatus, F.

Coreina.

Gonocerus venator, F. = G. acutocarangulatus, Goeze.

Pseudophloeus wallii, H.-S. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxviii, p. 80).

Introduced by Mr. H. J. Thouless, who took it “while searching at the roots of grass in a very dry place” at West Walton, Norfolk.

It closely resembles S. wallii, from which however it can be distinguished by the form of the 3rd joint of the antennae, which is slightly widened and black at the apex, the scutellum is carinate at the apex only, and the antennary tubercles are pointed instead of being obtuse.

Stenocephalina.

Stenocerus neglectus, H.-S. = S. albipes, F.

Corizina.

Corizus capitatus, F. = C. subrufus, Gmel.

Corizus hyalinus, F. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxix, p. 294).

The late Mr. A. Beaumont was the first to introduce this species to our list, he took a single example in a marshy place near Gosfield, in Essex; since then Mr. H. J. Thouless has recorded it from Norwich (cf. Ent. Mo. Mag., xl, p. 16); these are the only two records that I know of its capture in our Islands.

It is a very distinct species, and can be distinguished from its allies by the narrowly raised, impunctate, anterior margin of the pronotum, on which character Stål founded a new genus for it (Liorhyssus), which is now considered by Puton to be a subgenus of Corizus; beyond this subgeneric character it may be known by its very long pellucid membrane, the long apical joint of the antennae, which is much longer than the 3rd, by the curiously rounded apex of the abdomen, and by the
pattern of the back as seen through the membrane; the apical segment has a pale, central, parallel-sided line, extending from the apex, with a black stripe on each side of it, whereas in our other species the centre is black and the line bordering it pale.

**Berytina.**


**Aphanina.**


*Styguncus*, Fieb. = *Stygnoecoris*, D. and S.


*Peritrechus laniger*, Schill. = *P. sylvestris*, F.

*Aphanus rolandri* = *Calyptratus rolandri*, L.


*Beosus lasius*, F. = *B. maritimus*, Scop.


*Notochilus contractus*, D. and S. = *N. hamulatus*, Thom.

*Drymus pilicornis*, Saund. = *D. latus*, D. and S.


We are indebted to Mr. E. A. Butler for the introduction of this species, and for the above corrections consequently necessary in our synonymy.

It differs from the *pilicornis* of our books in being smaller (3–3½ mm.), in having the anterior tibia of the ♂ much curved and not so abruptly dilated at the apex, in having the anterior femora of both sexes with one large and five or six minute teeth, in having the abdomen beneath shining and quite smooth without scattered wrinkles, its basal segments with a few scattered but distinct hairs, and the apical margin of the 4th segment without a fringe of hairs.

**Tingidina.**

*Dictyonota erassicornis*, Fall. = *D. tricornis*, Schr.


**Gerridina.**


**Emesina.**

*Ploiaria auct. = Ploiariodes*, Buch White.


Recorded by Mr. Champion from Esher, "beaten from a stack of cut pine branches," August 30th, 1874, and from the New Forest, June, 1894.

It is, as Mr. Champion points out, readily recognisable by the erect black spine at the centre of the base of the pronotum; this rises immediately in front of the
narrow white basal margin, and looked at sideways, somewhat resembles the thorn of a briar; its point slightly inclined forwards, in other respects it closely resembles *P. caliciformis*.

**Reduvina.**

*Nabis brevipennis*, Hahn. = *N. apterus*, Fab.

,, *brevis*, Scholtz (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxvi, p. 227, and xxxviii, p. 269).

Taken by sweeping on somewhat marshy ground along the canal between Byfleet and Weybridge.

The smallest species of the *rugosus* group, differing from both that species and *ericetorum* in the shorter front femora; in colour it is of a darker grey than *rugosus*, with the nerves of the elytra widely margined with fuscous grey; it is darker, often nearly black underneath, and the transverse black bars of the front femora beneath are much more pronounced; in this it resembles *ericetorum*, but it shows no tendency to become rufescent. The form of the genital style of the ♂ is quite distinct from that of the other species; its blade is wider in proportion to its length, and has a more convex upper margin, which rises from the stipes in a nearly straight line; in *ericetorum* there is a shoulder just above the stipes, followed by a slight sinuation; in both the apex is mucronate; in *rugosus* there is neither shoulder nor sinuation, but the blade is comparatively narrow and the apical mucro is scarcely developed.

**Saldina.**


I gave the distinguishing characters of these two species in this Magazine as quoted above.

*Morio* may be known from *oculata* by the very shining surface, looking almost as if it had been burnished, the puncturation of the elytra being obsolete or almost so; eyes in the ♂, looked at from in front, although large, not or scarcely wider than the face between them, pronotum narrower, more constricted in front, its sides straighter.

On the moors near Buxton, June, 1889.


Introduced by Mr. E. A. Butler, on a single example taken at Poole Harbour in flood refuse in August, 1904.

It resembles *opacula*, Zett., but differs from it in having the upper surface clothed with long, upright, blackish hairs, and the pale markings of the face much obscured, the second antennal joint is longer than in *opacula*, and is black at the base and apex.

**Cimicina.**

*Anthocoris sylvestris*, F. = *A. nemorum*, L.

*Xylocoridea brevipennis*, Rent. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxiv, p. 251).
This new genus and species to our list was discovered by Mr. Claude Morley under hawthorn bark in Richmond Park, on March 2nd, 1898.

It may be known from Acelocoris generically by the shorter 1st and longer 2nd joints of its rostrum, by the long 4th joint of the antennae, which is much longer than the very short 3rd joint, by the eyes being farther from the anterior margin of the pronotum, and by its abbreviated elytra.

It is an elongate insect, flat, very shining and black, with the exception of the dull, slightly paler elytra; eyes about equidistant in position between the apex of the face and the margin of the pronotum; 2nd joint of the antennae pale and slightly thickened, dusky at the apex; pronotum narrow, apical constriction slight, lateral margins carinated, slightly reflexed and curved, posterior angles acute, base widely emarginate; elytra about as long as the pronotum and half the head, dull; embolium shining, clothed with a sparse suberect pilosity, membrane reduced to a mere strip; abdomen considerably wider than the elytra, suboval; legs with the femora blackish-brown, tibiae slightly paler. Long., 2½ mm.

**Capsina.**


This interesting and striking addition to our fauna was captured by Mr. E. A. Butler at Fleet, in Hampshire, on heathy ground, not far from a nest of *Lasius niger*.

*Myrmecoris* may be known generically from *Pithamus*, the only British genus which at all resembles it, by the elongate thorax, which is nearly as long as the abdomen, exhibiting the portion of the mesonotum in front of the scutellum, by the longer face, which is longer than its width across the eyes, and by the less swollen basal joint of the antennae, as well as by having its thorax strongly constricted in the middle and its abdomen at the base.

It is a narrow black insect, much resembling an ant in form by the large head and by the constrictions of the thorax and abdomen as mentioned above; legs and antennae pale pieous, the latter darker on the apical half; elytra whitish at the base and apex; abdomen with the sides of the connexivum triangularly spotted with white at the joints of the segments; tibiae with very fine inconspicuous hair-like spines on their inner side. Long., 4–5 mm.

*Megalocereus longicornis*, Fall. = *M. linearis*, Fues.

" (Trigonotylus) brevipes," Jak. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxix, p. 110).

Introduced by Dr. O. M. Reuter on specimens taken by him on Culbin Sands, near Forres, on *Psamme arenaria*. Mr. Butler also met with it at Lowestoft; it is the variety which is mentioned in "Hemiptera of the British Islands," but which has since been raised to the rank of a species.

According to Reuter's table (*loc. cit.*) it differs from *ruficornis* in being wider, with the antennae paler and finely pilose, and having the 2nd joint almost longer
than the 3rd and 4th together, the 3rd about two-fifths or nearly one-third shorter than the 2nd, the 4th one-third the length of the 3rd, and the 1st joint of the tarsi slightly shorter than the 2nd and 3rd together.

*Culocoris striatellus*, F. = *C. ochromelas*, Gmel.

"*chenopodii*, Fall. = *C. lineolatus*, Goeze.

"*marginellus*, F. = *C. M. flavum*, Goeze.


*Pacilosemus vulneratus*, Wolff. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxiv, p. 15).

First recorded by Mr. Thouless from Yarmouth in 1897, where he took a few specimens on the sandhills on *Galium verum* in September.

It is very distinct from *P. unifasciatus*, being considerably smaller, paler, and greenish-grey, the pronotum with a few darker markings, and the elytra nearly unicolorous, with a bright red spot and a black line on the outer margin of the otherwise white cuneus.

*Capsus laniarius*, L. = *C. ruber*, L.

*Globiceps cruciatus*, Reut. = *G. flavomaculatus*, F.

"*flavomaculatus*, Reut. and Saund. = *selectus*, D. and S.


*Psallus sanguineus*, F. = *P. roseus*, F.


" (Agalliaastes) evanescens, Boh. (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxx, p. 254).

The late Mr. A. Beaumont first called attention to this species; he took a few specimens amongst *Sedum* at Colwyn Bay in August, 1890.

It is quite distinct from our other species in its uniform brown colour; it somewhat resembles *P. wilkinsoni*, but it differs from that in being rather broader, by its duller surface, the coarser, yellowish-white pubescence and the black antennae; from *saltitans* its pubescence and dull surface, its unspotted elytra, and longer 3rd and 4th joints of the antennae will distinguish it at once.

**Corixina.**

*Corixa atomaria*, Fieb. = *C. affinis*, Leach.


Mr. Jas. Edwards introduced this species on specimens from coast marshes in Norfolk; it is very distinct structurally, but probably overlooked on account of its close general resemblance to *lugubris*.

♀. Differs from that of *lugubris* in having a strong transverse keel across the forehead, situated considerably above the lower margin of the eyes, with a well defined deep transverse impression above it, which emphasizes the keel; the entire
frons below the keel is excavated. In *lugubris* the keel is feeble, and situated on a
level with the lower margin of the eyes, the impression above it is large and shallow,
and the excavation on the frons feeble and less extensive. The ♀ of *selecta* may be
known by the long central keel of the pronotum, which is quite half as long as the
pronotum itself, whereas in *lugubris* it is not more than a quarter as long.

*Corixa saundersi*, Kirkaldy (Ent. Mo. Mag., xxxv, p. 3).

This species was described from three or four specimens taken
by myself on Chobham Common; as they are at present out of my
hands, I can only quote from Kirkaldy's article (loc. cit.).

"Differs from *nigrolineata* in being more feebly rastrate on the corium, and by
the form of the metaxyphus, from *fossarum* by the longer pronotum and greater
number of pronotal transverse lines, and by the form of the metaxyphus; as regards
the ♀ the new species is separable from *nigrolineata* by the form of the strigil
and of the frontal forca, and from *fossarum* by the form of the pala and of the strigil."

Of the metaxyphus he says, "very short, triangular, subequilateral," of the
strigil, "very large, oblong, oval, length twice as great as breadth, composed of four
(♀ five) irregular, sinuately-margined rows of stria."


This species I regarded as a var. of *carinata*, Sahlb., but now
treat it as distinct, in conformity with the views of others.

*Sigara*, Leach = *Micronecta*, Kirk.


St. Ann's, Woking:

August 3rd, 1907.

NOTES ON THE GENUS *PEZOMACHUS*, IN MORLEY'S "BRITISH
ICHNEUMONS."*  

BY E. A. ELLIOTT, F.E.S.

There can be no doubt that Professor Förster made too many
species of this genus by giving specific value to trivial variations,
but I think that Mr. Morley has gone rather too far in the opposite
direction.

The development of the basal costa of the petiolar area in this
genus, upon which Förster founds his two great divisions, certainly

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*Cf. Ichneumonologia Britannica, vol. ii, 1907 (Keys, Whimple Street, Plymouth). By Claude
Morley, F.E.S., &c.
depends largely upon nourishment in the larval stage; and the same
may be said, in a less degree, of the scutellum. It will however, be
noticed that in those species where the female always has a distinct
scutellum the male is almost always winged. In some cases, e.g.,
_P. nigrirus_ and _P. anthracinus_, the male appears to be dimorphic.
_P. attentus_ and _P. transfuga_ I hold to be distinct species; in the
former the abdominal pubescence is apically diffuse, the antennae
basally red, apically infuscate, and the basal abdominal segment
entirely red; in _transfuga_ the pubescence is equally dense through-
out, the antennae have the scape black or brown, the apex red, and
the basal segment has distinct dark lateral margins, interrupted by
the rufous spiracles.

I differ from Mr. Morley in considering the density of the
abdominal pubescence a constant character and of specific value.
_P. intermedius_ and _P. furax_: according to Förster the difference
between these consists in the latter having the petiolar area nearly
vertical instead of oblique, and more elongate antennae. Without
seeing the original specimens, it is not possible to decide whether
these details are sufficient to separate them.

_P. carnifex_: it is unfortunate that this name has priority, as
the insect described under it is not especially typical—_rufulus_ would
be preferable, both as a type and a more appropriate name. The
species is very variable both in size and in colour; it certainly
includes the seven varieties in Mr. Morley’s first section. As above
noted, I consider the dense apical pubescence of the abdomen
a specific character, and I would group Section II as a good species
under the name _unicolor_. Possibly the form _languidus_, having the
meta-longer than the meso-thorax and shorter antennae, may prove
distinct.

_P. corruptor_ and _faunus_: I am of opinion that these are two
species. It is a most difficult case, as the differences, though plain
enough when the two insects are placed side by side, are almost
hopeless to describe in words. The males, _P. insidiosus_ and _dysalotus_,
are correctly assigned to _P. corruptor_, and _P. conveniens_ to _P. faunus_,
of which _P. xenocotonus_ is certainly a synonym.

_P. dubitator_ is probably distinct, having a high, oblique petiolar
area, a proportionately longer fifth antennal joint and dense apical
pubescence. The specimen from near Norwich, to which Mr. Morley
refers, is probably _faunus_, as the apical pubescence was especially
stated to be diffuse.
P. fasciatus: it appears that the rather unsatisfactory name "melanocephalus" claims priority; it is, however, a case in which the present very distinctive name ought not to be superseded.

It is probably only by breeding that the known species of male and female can be correctly paired; but it would be of great utility and interest if one could procure details of the experiments which form the basis of Thomson's pairings in his "Opuscula Entomologia," where the descriptions are far too brief to be of much use. We are sure that Mr. Morley's new tabulation of this intricate genus, on the comparative length of the antennal joints, gives the species the most natural sequence, and is much the most easy to follow that has yet been enunciated; in its practice one can distinctly see outlines of his proposed subgenera.

16, Belsize Grove, Hampstead:

August, 1907.

GLYPHIPPERYX THRASONELLA, SCOP., AB. NITENS, N. AB.

BY EUSTACE R. BANKES, M.A., F.E.S.

This beautiful aberration differs from the typical form in having the terminal portion of the fore-wing more or less completely occupied by a large brightly-metallic iridescent blotch, which embraces, to a greater or less extent, the metallic streaks and spots that usually adorn the wing posteriorly. The blotch may obviously vary somewhat in the colours it displays, just as do the typical costal streaks and tornal spots, but in the three individuals before me, which are all males, the principal hues to be seen are gold, blue, green, and violet, each of which appears to prevail in some portion of the blotch, though they merge into one another.

That ab. nitens, of which my earliest capture was made in a wet withybed near Bloxworth, E. Dorset, on May 30th, 1905, is a recurrent form is clear from the fact that I took, in the same heath-bog near here, one example of it on July 8th, 1905, and another on July 15th of this year, and doubtless special work for it, which has not yet been attempted, would have yielded others. It is the opposite extreme from ab. cladiella, Stn., in which the typical metallic streaks are obsolete.

Norden, Corfe Castle:

July 25th, 1907.
ON A SPECIES OF *SIMPLOCARIA* APPARENTLY DISTINCT FROM *S. SEMISTRIATA*, FAB.

BY THE REV. H. S. GORHAM, F.Z.S.

In my collection are two specimens of a *Simplocaria* which, while they differ from *S. semistriata*, and are probably the insect referred by Stephens (I.II. Brit. Ent., Mand. iii, p. 140) to the *Byrrhus picipes* of Olivier, cannot I think be the *B. picipes* of Gyllenhalh. He simply copied the diagnosis of the last-mentioned author, and evidently noticed the discrepancy, for whereas Gyllenhalh says *B. picipes* is half as long again but not wider than *B. semisfritiata* (and Erichson, under *S. metallica*, corroborates this characteristic), Stephens modifies it in his description into "as long, but not so broad;" and this is the case in the insect to which I now call attention.

The two specimens agree in being rather smaller than *S. semistriata*, darker in colour, and more particularly in having all the stria deeper, and continued to, or near to, the apex of the elytra. Thomson (Skand. Col., iv, p. 218), makes no remark on the greater length of the insect; but all these authors agree in describing *S. metallica* (which they consider as identical with the *B. picipes* of Olivier) as a larger species than *S. semistriata*, whereas my two specimens are smaller. At the same time they are, I think, to be referred to a distinct species.

The conclusion I come to is, that there are two species of *Simplocaria* in England, but that the smaller and more deeply striate insect cannot be identified with any described form, at any rate till the type of Olivier's *Byrrhus picipes* has been compared with my specimens. One of these was taken by me in the Forest of Wyre, in Shropshire; I am not certain of the locality of the other.

Highcroft, Malvern:

August 17th, 1907.

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**COLEOPTERA IN THE NEW FOREST IN JULY, 1907.**

BY JAMES J. WALKER, M.A., R.N., F.L.S.

Although July is usually regarded as by no means the best month for beetles, in the New Forest at any rate, the results of my last visit to Brockenhurst from the 3rd to the 24th compare so well with those of two not unsuccessful expeditions made in 1905 and 1906 at an earlier period in the year, that I am tempted to give a list of the chief species of *Coleoptera* met with during these three weeks.
In the Forest as elsewhere, the effects on insect life of the long continuance of cold and ungenial weather so characteristic of the present season, was only too evident; and for the first week of my stay, little else could be done except to hunt everywhere for timber in workable condition, very little of which is to be found now-a-days, though sufficiently productive whenever met with. The apparent absence of insects of all Orders—with the exception of the inevitable bloodthirsty Diptera—was most striking, especially as regards the Lepidoptera, and only one or two forlorn-looking specimens of the most ordinary butterflies were to be seen in the course of a long day's march. The fine bright weather which set in about the 10th of the month wrought a most welcome change, and enabled me to meet with Anthaxia, Agrius viridis, and other sun-loving Coleoptera, though it was evidently almost too late in the season for these, as it certainly was for most of the Longicorns, the only one of this group met with at all plentifully being the common Strangalia armata. Collectors, too, began to put in an appearance, along with some of the more characteristic Forest butterflies, such as Limenitis sibylla, Argynnis paphia and adippe, &c., though these latter were only beginning to be fairly common when I left; A. selene being then still on the wing and in good condition.

The following species of Coleoptera (some of which were also taken by Mr. A. J. Chitty and Mr. G. C. Champion, who were with me part of the time) occurred to me:

Trechus secalis, in wet Sphagnum; Hydrusa sp. (probably longior, Rey) and nigrum, taken rather freely, especially the first, in the gravelly beds of streams; Aleochara caniculorum, in rabbit burrows, and A. mycetophaga, in a fungus. Atemelus emarginatus, in a sand-pit; Lamprion sanguinatus, under a log with Formica fusca; Tachius bipustulatus, at a Cossus oak; Megacorius cingulatus, among decayed wood, Quadix centralis, under beech bark, Q. crisatus var. virus, at Cossus oak, with Hormolinus rusticus var. nigrum, Grav.; Q. santhopus, under very rotten beech bark with Philonthus splendidus. Pedersus caligatus, running about in a wet place; Philocharis subtilissima, among dead sticks.

Agathidium nigripenne, under bark; Lioedes orbicularis, rather freely among snuff-like fungus, with its usual attendants Eucnemus tenacens, Aspidophorus, Sphinxus, &c. Auloloma nigrum sparingly, A. parvula and Coloa seripes rarely, by evening sweeping. Seydianus exilis, Euthia schuanni, Rhithus curtisi, and B. panaeticollis, among decayed wood and dead leaves; Trechius sulcicollis, one example among rubbish at the foot of a decaying beech (Mr. Champion took a specimen after I left). Hyperaspis repennis, by sweeping; Dacae humeralis, under beech bark; Colpidium cingatum, one under the bark of a large fresh beech log; Gnathocerus nanoventris, by sweeping; Plegaderus dissectus, not rare in very rotten
beech, but more sparingly than on previous occasions. *Euphor 10-guttata,* a few at a *Cossus* oak; *Thymalus limbatus,* sparingly under bark, along with its curious larva. *Ephestia eros gilobus,* by evening sweeping; *Diplocerus fasci,* rarely, and *Mycetophagus picens,* a few, in "red-rotten" oak, also *Triesias serrata* with its larva; *M. quadriguttatus,* in numbers among dead leaves and wood-dust in a hollow beech. *Elmis volkmani* and *Limninus troglodytes* in the beds of streams, the latter plentifully.

*Anthaxia nitidula,* about half a dozen on rose and bramble flowers; *Agrilus viridis,* rare, on oldallows and stunted oaks; *A. laticornis,* by sweeping. *Trachys troglodytes,* two examples, on July 11th and 13th respectively, by sweeping in a little swamp. *Throscus carinifrons,* rather commonly by evening sweeping; *Melaxis hapsrestoides,* on old hawthorn, and *Mycetophagus pygmeus,* in very rotten beech. *Elater lythropsius,* one only, under beech bark; *E. elongatatus,* not rare by sweeping, this species is apparently much more common and generally distributed than it was a few years ago. *Athous rhombens,* two or three dug out of rotten beech by Mr. Champion when with me.

*Dasytes niger,* rarely, in flowers; *Lynceyon navale,* one ♀ on July 22nd, flying about a dead standing oak; *Xyletinus ater,* one in dead but sound oak timber; *Doreatoma chrysometina,* fairly common in two decaying oak trees, one of which yielded a few dead but serviceable specimens of *Analis rubens.* *Anoplodera sexguttata,* on umbels; *Leptura sentellata,* not uncommon, walking about on dead timber as usual. *Chrysomela varians,* sparingly on *Hypericum,* and *Melasoma populi,* abundant in all its stages on dwarf sallow.

*Cistela ceramboideae,* a fine ♀ among fragments of rotten oak wood; *Mycetochares bipustulata,* under birch bark; *Ergex ater,* at the foot of a decayed beech with *Tetraloma fungorum*; *Clinocera undulata,* sparingly on dead timber; *Conopalus testaceus,* by sweeping, also on dead beech; *Anisoeya fuscata,* one among dead leaves, &c. *Philolyra rifipes,* under rotten beech bark; *Salpingius xeratus,* by sweeping; *Scaptia fuscata,* one example in dry "red-rotten" oak, with *Xylephilus ovatus,* not rarely, the latter also to be obtained by beating the adjacent foliage; *Tomaxia biguttata,* settling on dead beech timber.

*Sittox cambricus,* on *Lotus major*; *Orchestes iota,* fairly common on *Myrica gale*; *Typchus 5-punctatus,* locally not rare on *Lathyrus macrocarphus* (perhaps better known as *Orobus tuberosus*), but much more sparingly than at a somewhat earlier period last year; *Nanophyes gracilis,* by sweeping in a wet place; *Phytocoris melani,* common on *Polygonum,* and *P. quadrimodosus,* rather sparingly by sweeping in the plantations. *Cryptalea abietis,* by evening sweeping, and *Xyleborus suseiei,* in decayed beech.

A visit to *Lymington* on July 18th produced, besides several species of Coleoptera characteristic of the "Salterns," a series of my old Harwich acquaintance, *Codiosoma spadix,* dug out of an elm skirting-board washed by the sea at every high tide.

"Aorangi," Lonsdale Road, 
Summertown, Oxford: 
August 6th, 1907.
Medon dilatus, Er., in the New Forest.—On July 15th I had the good fortune to meet with a single example of this apparently very rare Staphylind, running on the bark at the foot of a Cossus-infested oak in Frame Wood, near Brockenhurst. Mr. G. C. Champion kindly identified the beetle for me.—James J. Walker, Oxford: August 6th, 1907.

Coleoptera at Royston Heath, &c.—On July 14th, the first really warm summer's day this year, I noticed Homatopyia variicolor, Er., in the greatest abundance on Royston Heath, Herts. The black variety was also fairly plentiful. In the New Forest on May 25th, I took Anthaxia nitidula, L., on the Whitethorn near Lyndhurst, also two specimens of Ischnomera sanguinicolis, F. On June 17th I captured a specimen of Apion semispicatum, Gyll., at Deal, on the sandhills. I did not recognise the species at the time, or might possibly have taken more. I should be interested to know whether it has occurred since Mr. Walton took it at Margate.—G. E. Bryant, Fir Grove, Esher: July 20th, 1907.

Ochthebius marginipallescens, Latr., and O. viridis, Peyr.—In my note on the above in last month's Ent. Mo. Mag., I expressed a doubt as to whether both these species occurred in Britain. I am now able to state that Dr. Power took O. marginipallescens in numbers at Hanwell, Middlesex, that there are several specimens in the late G. R. Waterhouse's collection, and that probably the species is as widely distributed as viridis, Peyr. I have now critically examined the specimens from Gravesend standing as marginipallescens in the Power collection, and find them to be viridis, Peyr. It is still doubtful whether Hydraena angustata, Sturm, is British; all the specimens hitherto sent to me as angustata, coming from such widely distant counties as Cumberland, Devon, Hants, and Sussex are undoubtedly longior, Rey.—E. A. Newbery, 12, Churchill Road, N.W.: August 16th, 1907.

Sesia vespriformis at Woking.—On July 28th of this year I took a specimen of this rare species, which had settled on a carpet in the back yard of this house. It was first noticed by our cook, who called me to look at it. Not realizing at first that it was a moth, I had no idea of its rarity, and I rather damaged the front wings in boxing it, rubbing off some of the black scales from them. There are numerous black poplar trees in the neighbourhood, one of which almost overhangs the yard.—C. F. Saunders, St. Ann's, Woking: August 20th, 1907.

Enarmonia ratzeburgiana, Rtzb., bred from Picea morinda.—On June 29th, 1905, I noticed, in Lord Eustace Cecil's grounds at Lytchett Heath House, East Dorset, traces of a larva that had been feeding, not uncommonly, on the shoots of a single ornamental fir tree in precisely the same manner as does that of Enarmonia ratzeburgiana on spruce fir, but it was then clearly too late for any larve. On May 27th last I closely searched this individual tree, within a few yards of which stood a spruce fir, and found feeding on it two larvae, one of which duly pupated, and yielded a specimen of E. ratzeburgiana, Rtzb., on June 20th. Growing in the same grounds were three other examples of this same fir, recently identified for me at Kew as Picea morinda, a native of the Himalayan Mountains, but these were
searched in vain for larvae. It seems natural to suppose that *E. ratzeburgiana* was originally introduced into that spot with the spruce tree in question, and had strayed from it to the *P. morinda*, but, strangely enough, I failed to find even a single larva of it on the spruce!—Eustack R. Bankes, Norden, Corfe Castle: July 16th, 1907.

*Erevtria buoliana*, Schiff., feeding on *Pinus pinaster*. Sorhagen [Kleinschnet. d. M. Brandl., 92 (1886)], in addition to *Pinus sylvestris*, gives *P. pinea, abies, larix, strobus, insignis, nigricans*, and *beuthamiana*, as food-plants of *Erevtria (Retinia) buoliana*, Schiff., but I have never seen *Pinus pinaster* so recorded, nor had I ever observed the larva on any pine or fir except *P. sylvestris* until 1902. In that year, however, I bred, on July 19th, a small but perfect female of *E. buoliana* from a larva found, on June 28th, inside an irregularly-shaped ball of resin, about 9 mm. long by 7 mm. broad, on a twig of *P. pinaster*. The bud, which should have produced a shoot that spring, had never started growth, owing to a space in the wood of the previous year's shoot immediately below it having been hollowed out by the larva, though the contents of the bud itself were intact. The resinous ball was fastened to the side of the previous year's shoot and to the bases of three or four of the green leaves, and exactly resembled, in miniature, the ball of resin in which the full-fed larva of *E. resinana* is found: firmly attached to its exterior was a pinaster male catkin. On my breaking away part of the ball, the larva at once set to work, and made good the breach with a tough wall of smooth white silk. It pupated inside the chamber, and emergence took place through the upper part of the silken wall, adhering to the outside of which was a collection of frass that the larva had extruded. A similar resinous domicile found on the same tree three days previously was untenanted.

It seems strange that the parent female should have cared to oviposit on this old pinaster, which stands alone, for there is a large plantation of Scotch fir within about 100 yards of it on the S.W. side, and many young pinasters within some 50 yards in the same direction: perhaps she was carried thither by a strong wind, a continuance of which may have prevented her from retracing her course. With reference to the imagoal habits, it may be mentioned that, on July 23rd, 1902, I beat out of Scotch fir, and secured, a pair of *E. buoliana*, whilst in cop., at about 7.30 p.m.

The above observations refer solely to *E. buoliana*, Schiff., and not to *E. pinicolana*, Dbdl., which has been sunk, erroneously in my opinion, as a variety of the former, both by Meyrick [H.B. Br. Lep., 470 (1895)], and by Staudinger and Rebel [Cat., pp. 102-3, No. 1851 (1901)]. *E. pinicolana*, Dbdl., which averages rather larger than its ally, has the costa of the fore-wing more arched, the silvery markings distinctly whiter and far more clearly defined and conspicuous, and the ground-colour much more uniform throughout than *buoliana*, in which this last is paler, and more suffused with orange, anteriorly than posteriorly. The nature and constancy of these differences, and the entire absence of any intermediate forms, would, I believe, convince any one, who could compare together lengthy series of both insects, that they are specifically distinct, and a close acquaintance, such as I have enjoyed, with both in nature would certainly render "assurance doubly sure."
These opportunities being denied to Continental entomologists, owing to the fact that the latter form, as indicated by Staudinger and Rebel (op. cit., p. 103), has only been found in Britain, the practically unanimous verdict of experienced British Lepidopterists, both past and present, that *pinicolaena*, Dbl., is not conspecific with *bauliana*, Schiff., should surely find acceptance with them. If any specialist will kindly undertake to compare the genitalia, which may perhaps also present marked differences, I will gladly supply him with plenty of individuals of both these species.—Eustace R. Bankes, Norden, Corfe Castle: July 25th, 1907.

P.S.—Since the above was set up in type, Lord Walsingham has kindly informed me that besides the species mentioned by Soehagen, *Pinus maritima* and *pumilio* have been chronicled by Hartmann [MT. München. Ent. Ver., III, 181, No. 921 (1879)], and *austriana* and *excelsa* by Barrett [Lp. Br. Is., XI, 33-4 (1907)], as foodplants of *E. bauliana*. *P. maritima* being synonymous with *P. pinaster*, the latter, under its later name, is already in the list of recorded food-plants.—E. R. B.: August 16th, 1907.

*Note on the life-history of Tortricodes chapmani, Wlsm.*—The larva were abundant in the first week in April on the top of Monte Venere (2900 ft.) at Taormina in the flowers of *Anemone* (*stellata*?, apparently the species that is common on the Riviera, with numerous narrow violet sepals). This *anemone* was only met with at this one station. The larva were pale and fleshy (no description taken), they bent the sepals over, like several *Cupheasias* do with *Chrysanthemum* flowers, and ate all parts of the flower. The pupa has usual *Tortrix* characters, it has a strong "beak," no face prominence as *torricella* has, and differs very materially in its anal armature, having an antero-lateral spine (one on either side), and a terminal (dorsal) flattish process ending in a sharp spine at each lateral angle; the anterior ones are somewhat hooked, suitable for holding the pupa back, or in actual backward movement.—T. A. Chapman, Betula, Reigate: August 16th, 1907.

*Mesessia richardsoni*, Wlsm.; n. syn. = *Tinea vinuncella*, Wlsm. Ent. Mo. Mag. XXXVI. 176 (1900), sec. HS. (Lep: Tln.)—The statement that "vinuncella, II-S, DOES occur in England teste a good Dorsetshire specimen in Bankes' Coll." for which I am responsible, under the above reference, was a quotation from my MS. notes made in 1895. The specimen was not before me in 1900 when I described richardsoni. Mr. Bankes has now again submitted to me the single specimen referred to [Wlsm. Det. 5027: MS. 322 (1895)], and writes as follows:—"Ever since your paper was published I have been meaning to submit this individual to you in the hope of convincing you that it is really *richardsoni*, and not *vinuncella*, and that the latter does not, to our knowledge, occur in Britain. It is the actual specimen upon which your note, at the bottom of p. 176 (Ent. Mo. Mag. XXXVI), retaining vinuncella, II-S., as a British species was founded, and is the only British reputed vinuncella in existence. The notes quoted in your paper were made after we had together examined various specimens, and our views then quite coincided. But not long afterwards I reared a long series of *T. richardsoni* from larvae collected in the identical spot of ground where the individual in question was taken, and, on thus
getting to know it in all its variations, I at once saw that my supposed rinicul ella was merely richardsoni, from some of my bred examples of which it is absolutely inseparable. Had I known that you were intending to publish anything on the subject, I should, of course, have told you of this change of opinion." ( Bankes, i. 1., 15. VIII. 1907.) I must now admit the error, and express my entire concurrence with Mr. Bankes' opinion. — Walsingham. Merton Hall, Thetford: Aug. 17th, 1907.

Pomplius sanguinolentus in Surrey.—I should be glad to briefly record the occurrence of this Aenulea, which has been, up to the present, only known as British by one ♀ taken in the New Forest in July, 1900, by Dr. Sharp. The specimen now recorded is a ♂, and was taken August 1st, 1907. I shall hope to add a further note at a later date.—C. H. Mortimer, Wigmore, Holmwood, Surrey: August 4th, 1907.

[Mr. Mortimer may well be congratulated on having discovered this rarity in a fresh British locality; although he at once recognised the species himself, he has since shown it to me, and very liberally added it to my collection.—E. Saunders].

Obituary.

John Harrison.—The north of England has lost a well known Lepidopterist in the death of Mr. John Harrison, of Barnsley, which took place on July 11th last. Mr. Harrison was 73 years of age, and was out of doors on July 5th, when he seems to have caught a chill, which developed into pleurisy and pneumonia with fatal result in less than a week. For a very long period he was an active and enthusiastic collector, devoting his energies chiefly to the woods of his native county; and often have we enjoyed outings with him in Edlington, Dunford Bridge, and other woods. He was one of the five founders of the Barnsley Naturalists' Society in 1867, a local Society which is now one of the most flourishing in South Yorkshire. He was elected a Fellow of the Entomological Society of London in 1889.—G. T. P.

Society.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, July 11th, 1907, Mr. R. Adkin, F.E.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Waterer, Brockley, was elected a Member.

Mr. Rayward exhibited fine bred specimens of Agriades bellargus and Polyommatus icarus, and commented upon their size and brilliancy in spite of the fact that ants were almost constantly in attendance upon the larvae. Mr. H. Moore, specimens of Euchelia Jacobae from the Dunkirk sand dunes, one of which was exceedingly pale, and a Cricket from Lisbon. Mr. Gibb, the "Simplex" net, frame, and stick. Mr. Sich, cocoons of Cedestis furinatella, a Lepidopteron whose larvae lives in the needles of Scotch fir. Mr. Newman, (1) a gynandromorphous specimen of Amorpha papali; (2) bred series of Melitea aurinia from Kent and Ireland; (3) a bred series of M. cinxia; (4) a Smerinthus ocellatus with extreme develop-
ment of the pink colour of the fore-wings; (5) bred specimens of Dieranura bienspis from Tilgate; (6) a selection of under-sides of Polyommatus icarus from North Kent; (7) pupae and full-grown larvae of Argynnis paphia and A. adippe; (8) living larve of Agriades coridon; (9) bred specimens of Cucullia gnaphali; and (10) very fine and extremely varied series of Boarmia repandata from Leigh Woods, Torquay, Epsom, and North Kent, including extreme var. conversaria and melanie forms.—Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

SPANISH AND MOORISH MICROLEPIDOPTERA.


[Continued from Vol. XI, p. 8 (1904)].

GELECHIADAЕ.

322 : 1—ANAPHAULA, Wism.


_Type, Gelechia gaditella, Stgr. (Wism., 1904).

Antennae scarcely exceeding half the wing-length, slightly serrate; basal joint without pecten or shield of scales. Maxillary Palpi drooping, short. Labial Palpi smooth, median joint slightly thickened, not roughly clothed; terminal joint moderately stout, not sharply acuminate. Haustellum moderate. Head smooth, with long, curved, flattened scales meeting over the face. Thorax smooth. Forewings short, obtusely lanceolate, rather coarsely scaled; neuration 12 veins; 7 and 8 stalked, to costa, almost comate with 9; 2 to 6 remote; discoidal subobsolete between 5 and 6. Hindwings with the apex strongly produced, termen almost erect to 5, then rounded, dorsum straight; cella 22; neuration 8 veins; 3 and 4 remote, but discoidal absent between 4 and 5; 5 continued to base as media, discoidal absent between 5 and 6; 6 and 7 remote, but approximating towards base. Abdomen not flattened. Legs, hind tibiae clothed with long loose hairs.

This genus, which was established when describing Proactica, [Ent. Mo. Mag. XL. 268–9 (1904)] belongs to the Aristotelia section of the Gelechiidae. It is allied to Colopteryx, Hfm., which is derived from a form similar to Anaphaula, by coincidence of 7 and 8 of the forewings, but most nearly allied to Proactica, from which it differs in the absence of clothing on the basal joint of the antennae and in the discoidal being subobsolete between 5 and 6 in the forewings and absent between 4 and 6 in the hindwings.

The neuration of Apatetris, Stgr., is not described, and I am unacquainted with the genus which is placed next to Colopteryx in Standingher and Rebel's Catalog (and may not be structurally distinct from Anaphaula, but this can only be determined when the neuration of Apatetris is made known).


The larva mines and eats the small leaves of _Atriplex halimus_.

348. **Symmoica**, Hb.

3030: 1. **Symmoica petrogenes**, sp. n.

_Antennae_ ½, rather wide and flattened; black. _Palpi_ slender, porrect, reaching more than the length of the head beyond it, median joint moderately and smoothly scaled, terminal joint at least as long as the median, slender; white, a few black scales on the outer side of the median, the extreme apex of the terminal also black. _Head_ roughly clothed; pure white. _Thorax_ white, faintly sprinkled with fuscous. _Forewings_ moderately broad, short, obtuse; chalky white, sparsely sprinkled with mixed ferruginous and black scales; there are three narrow, black, costal patches, the first somewhat elongate, at the base, with a small semidetached spot beneath it; the second, shorter, at one-third, with a detached, partly ferruginous, spot beneath it; the third, beyond the middle, with a partly ferruginous spot beneath it at the end of the cell, blending with a diffused patch of black scaling which reaches the dorsum before the tornus; the termen, together with the white cilia, lightly sprinkled with black and some ferruginous scales. _Exp. al._ 11 mm. _Hindwings_ 1; brownish grey; cilia paler, with a slight ochreous tinge along their base. _Abdomen_ brownish grey. _Legs_ very pale brownish grey, the tarsi smeared with fuscous externally.

_Type_, ♂ (90075). Mus. Wlsn.

_Hab._: GIBRALTAR, 3.VI.1903. Two specimens.

Intermediate between _signatella_, Hs., and _nigromaculella_, Rgt., from the former it differs conspicuously in the absence of a strong antemedian oblique detached streak crossing the fold, this is reduced to a small spot; it also differs noticeably in the spot at the base of the costa being somewhat produced outward along the costa, rather than being limited to the extreme base, and in the consequently much shorter distance between this and the second costal spot, moreover, although there are a few ferruginous scales, there is no suffusion of...
that colour on the cell. The hindwings are also somewhat paler. From *nigromaculella* it may be separated by its markings being less intensely black, and less produced across the wing towards the dorsum, and from both species it can be separated by its much smaller size.

**OECOPHORIDAE.**

369.—**DEPRESSARIA,** Hw.

*=* **SIGANOROSIS,** Wlgrn. (Forewings with 2 and 3 separate).

3297 : 1.—**DEPRESSARIA** CUPRINELLA, *sp. n.*

*Antennae* greyish fuscous. *Palpi* pale ochreous, tending to form two darker transverse bands on the hirsute median joint, the terminal joint also darkened at the base. *Head* and *Thorax* pale ochreous, the latter clouded anteriorly with fuscous, and with a fuscous spot behind. *Forewings* rather narrow, pale cinereous, varying to very pale ochreous, clouded irregularly with greyish fuscous; below the fold a fuscous patch is diffused and dilated outward, with sometimes a small spot at the base of the costa above it; in the costal shading three fuscous spots are faintly indicated, one before, one at, and one beyond the middle; these are more or less connected, the first two with outwardly oblique shade-bands, including such indication of the discal spots as can be seen in the more or less general suffusion; the outer costal spot is scarcely separated from a broader, outwardly angular shade-band, more or less separated from the apical and terminal shading preceding the pale cinereous cilia, which are sprinkled, or suffused, with greyish fuscous. *Exp. al.* 16–18 mm. *Hindwings* rather shining, pale greyish cinereous; cilia pale cinereous, with a slight brownish tinge. *Abdomen* brownish cinereous. *Legs* pale brownish cinereous.

*Type,* ♂ (S8659) ; ♀ (S8660). Mns. Wlsm.


In some varieties the paler portions of the wing develop a distinctly reddish suffusion, especially towards the base of the costa, and this is also noticeable on the head and anterior portion of the thorax, also on the bands of the anterior tarsi. In the darker varieties the subfuscate appearance is obliterated in the general suffusion.

I have fourteen specimens from Coria-del-Rio (near Seville), three from Chiclana, two from Alcalar (also near Seville), one from El-Chorro (near Malaga), and three from Tangier, all of which appear to belong undoubtedly to the same species.

The only specimens in my collection, not taken by myself, which can reasonably be compared with *cuprinella*, and which may possibly
be that species, although more material might enable me to separate them, are two (5250-1) received from the late M. Ragonot in 1894, bred from larvae on an Umbellifer; one (13283) received from M. l'Abbe J. de Joannis, taken at St. Charles (near Algiers); and one (in the Zeller Collection) received from Standfuss, from Palermo. I will not commit myself so far as to say that they are certainly identical with the species here described, which is certainly not the same as marcella, Rbl., for a Cotype of which I am indebted to Dr. Rebel, who has expressed himself (i.e., 22.111.1903), as of the same opinion.

I met with marcella at Grosseto, in Tuscany, on May 4th, 1893, flying in very great abundance under a rough hedge (85535-6); and a single specimen (in the Zeller Collection) received from Mann, from Brussa, is the same.

In marcidella the outer shade-band before the apex is not indented by an angular projection of the pale ground-colour at its inner edge, and has a curved rather than an angulated appearance, moreover such indication of dark transverse bands as are to be found in it are straighter and more direct, i.e., not only less oblique, but less irregular. It is also uniformly smaller in size so far as I can judge.

BLASTOBASIDAE.

350: 1.—TECMERIUM, gn. n.

(τεκμέριον — a sure sign).

Type, Blastobasis anthophaga, Stgr. (= stacchadella, Cust.).

Antennae serrate, 3 biellate (1), not excrave; basal joint with a broad conchoideal shield of scales, scarcely divided into a pecten beneath. Maxillary Palpi short. Labial Palpi recurved to the vertex, closely clothed; terminal joint shorter than median. Halstellum moderate. Forewings elongate, costa straight to beyond end of cell, thence depressed to the obtusely pointed apex; dorsum convex, with a slight indentation on vein 1c (not apparent unless denuded): neuration 11 veins (7 and 8 coincident, to costa); 10 from near end of cell, closely approximate to 9; with costal stigma from end of 12 to a little beyond the subobsolete termination of 11; from beyond the origin of 11, at middle of cell, the cell is filled with a thickening similar to the stigma, this thickening is also slightly noticeable between radius and 11, and between cubitus and 1c (= fold); cell very long, cubitus approximating to radius towards base and forming a narrow neck, beyond which it bulges downward; the internal veins are hardly traceable, being absorbed in the thickening of the membrane; 6 almost straight, 4 and 5 slightly arched; 3 short, almost connate with 4; 2 weak, short, almost upright; the shortening of veins 2 and 3 is caused by the almost angular indentation of the margin at vein 1c. Hindwings broadest towards the base, the costa slightly sinuate before middle, apex slightly depressed, dorsum flattened, termen oblique; cilia 1 ½ : neuration 8 veins; 6 and 7 remote,
nearly parallel; 8 obliquely out of radius before one-third, running parallel with
and scarcely separate from costa to about three-fourths; at about midway between
its termination and the end of the cell vein 8 is slightly indented from the costa,
and from the angle thus formed it is connected by an oblique transverse bar to vein
7 at a little beyond the end of the cell; 4 and 5 stalked, connate with (or out of)
3; median continuous with 6. *Abdomen* short, somewhat flattened. *Legs*, hind
tibiae hairy.

[N.B.—The actual type of this genus is *Symmoca staechadella*, Cnst.; described
from specimens from the South of France.]

This genus, having veins 4 and 5 of the hindwings stalked, belongs to the group comprising *Auximobasis*, Wlsm., *Valentinia*, Wlsm., and *Iconisma*, Wlsm. The two latter genera differ from it in having vein 3 of the hindwings separate, and a pecten on the basal joint of the antennae, while *Teumerium* differs from all three in the coincidence of veins 7 and 8 of the forewings.

The persistence of a cross-vein between 7 and 8 of the hindwings is interesting, and reminds one of *Martyringia*, Busck, and *Azinis*, Wkr.

When describing the genus *Iconisma* (Pr. Z. Soc. Lond., 1897, 96) I remarked that “so far as neuration is concerned, the European species *Blastobasis anthophaga*, Stgr., should be placed in this genus,” and when pointing out that *anthophaga*, Stgr., = *staechadella*, Cnst. [Ent. Mo. Mag. XXXVII. 182–3 (1901)], I still placed it there with a “?.” Had I not now taken the further precaution (more than ever proved necessary by this illustration) of carefully demunding the wings and studying them under the microscope, rather than merely with benzine and a pocket lens, I should have been quite satisfied to leave it there, associating with it my new species *spermofhagia*, merely, as heretofore, noticing the discrepancy, from the type, in its antennae; but I now recognise its even nearer alliance to *Auximobasis*.

3051: 1.—*Teumerium anthophagum*, Stgr.

≡ *STAECCHADELLA*, Cnst. 8

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3051: 2.—TECMERIUM SPERMOPHAGIA, sp. n.

= Blastobasis sp.? (ex Phlomis), Wls.m. Ent. Mo. Mag. XXXVII. 234, 237 (1901).

Antennae and Palpi brownish grey. Head and Thorax pale cinereous, dusted with brownish grey. Forewings whitish cinereous, profusely dusted with brownish grey, especially along the costa and toward the apex, where it tends to follow the lines of the neuration; a discal spot scarcely before the middle is faintly indicated, as is also a slight upright tornal spot; cilia brownish cinereous. Exp. al. 14—17 mm. Hindwings shining, pale brownish grey; cilia brownish cinereous. Abdomen brownish cinereous. Legs pale brownish cinereous.

Type, ♂ (97965); ♀ (97966). Mus. Wls.m.


An obscure species, having much the appearance of a Blastobasis of the phyceidella, Z., type, but its neuration and the structure of the antennae at once distinguish it. It agrees with Tecmerium anthophaga, Stgr., in the coincidence of veins 7 and 8 of the forewings, but differs in having 4 and 5 stalked, connate with 3, and the margin is scarcely impressed on vein 1c; in the hindwings the neuration is as in anthophaga, but there is no cross-vein between 7 and 8, and the discoidal is subobsolete. The palpi also are shorter and scarcely recurved.

Several specimens were bred from seed-whorls of Phlomis purpurea, collected owing to the presence of larvae of Phalonia moribundana, Stgr.; I also bred a single specimen (97976) from among rubbish on Thymus sp.? , but this may perhaps be accounted for by mere accidental mixture in my bottles.

In Ent. Mo. Mag. XXXVII. 182—3 (1901) I published my reasons, apparently good and sufficient, for regarding Symmoca staechadella, Cnst., as a synonym of Blastobasis anthophaga, Stgr., referring to the specimen (S. France, 6827) which I had purposely obtained from Staudinger with a view to decide this point. My Spanish collection naturally caused me to refer again to Staudinger's
original description, which, although it might be taken to apply perhaps almost equally well to *staucludella*, Cst., or to *spermophagia*, Wls., appears to point in some particulars rather to the latter than to the former. It is worthy of remark that the original description is the only direct reference to Spanish specimens of *anthophaga*, which is not even included in Seebold's list of Spanish species [Iris XI, 291-322 (1898)]—all other references are to French specimens, or mere citations of the original reference. If Dr Staudinger is responsible for the error, or his representatives have been issuing another species under his name, any correction should follow from the same quarter, and I deliberately publish the above name for my Spanish species, feeding as it does on a different plant, to show that I do not venture to accuse so high an authority, upon the quite insufficient evidence before me, of either intentionally, or unintentionally, misleading Millière, Ragonot, and myself.

3051 : 3.—*Telemeterium rosmarinellum*, Wls.


The recognition of the distinctness of this new genus induces me now to regard as a good species the small *rosmarinella*, originally described as a variety of *anthophaga*, Stgr. In its smaller size and in its almost unicolourous wing-surface it more nearly resembles *spermophagia*, with which it also agrees in its shorter and porrect, rather than recurved palpi. I should therefore place it next this species observing that it is separated from both by its much smaller size (Exp. al. barely 12 mm.).

3051 : 4.—*Telemeterium ? mnemosynellum*, Mill.


*Hab.*: S. FRANCE 1, 2—Cannes, VIII 1.

It is possible that *mnemosynella*, Mill., of which little is known, should also be placed here, but if so it is more nearly related (by the description of the palpi) to *anthophaga*, than to *rosmarinella* which it resembles in its reduced size.

(To be continued).
In re THIODIA MARITIMA, Wstwd. [LEP. TIN.],

VERSUS

\[ \{ \begin{align*}
& \text{EPIBLEMA CANDIDULANA,} \\
& \text{SEMASIA WIMMERANA,}
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STGR-RBL. CAT.

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257.—THIODIA, Hb.

= SEMASIA, HS., STGR-RBL.; = CYDIA, Hb., MEYR.; = THIODIA, Hb., Stph., Wlsm., Fruld.

2042 : 1.—THIODIA MARITIMA, Wstwd.

= *MARITIMA (Dale MS.), Wstwd.; *MARITIMA (Dale MS.), Dblld.; = *WIMMERANA, Dblld., Stph., Wilk. (nec TR.); [? = *lacteana, Stph. (nec TR.)]; = CANDIDULANA, BR. (? Nlk.)


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In July 1842 Douglas captured some specimens of a Tortrix at St. Osyth (Essex) which he recorded as Carpocapsa —— (sp. n.) allied to papillana [Ent. 1. 384 (1842)], and in 1844 Westwood (Br. Moths 11. 138) described the species as new under the name Carpocapsa maritima (Dale MSS.). On the last page of the first edition of Doubleday’s List (published in November 1849) the same species is identified as Coptoptera wimmerana, Tr., under which name it is also recorded by Stephens in the British Museum List (1852), and, quoting from this List, Westwood in the Synopsis to the second edition of his British Moths (p. xi) sunk maritima as a synonym of wimmerana, Tr. In this he was followed by Stainton, Wilkinson and others.

About 1870 some doubt seems to have arisen as to the correct application of the name wimmerana to our English species, and in the last Supplement to his List (1873), Doubleday revived Dale’s MS. name maritima which he had formerly used as a synonym. Writing of “Grapholitha wimmerana, Wilk.,” Barrett [Ent. Mo. Mag. XI. 14—15 (1874)] states that he should have followed Doubleday in substituting for this Dale’s MS. name maritima, but he chooses candidulana, Nlkn., as the earliest name, adding “there being no figure or description published of maritima, Dale.” In this he was obviously misled by Doubleday and by Stephens, who had both overlooked Westwood’s description of maritima, which name must undoubtedly be accepted in lieu of “wimmerana, Wilk.” (see Tr.). In identifying our British specimens as candidulana, Nlkn., Barrett was influenced by the reception of exponents of that species from Zeller, and found “that the paler specimens of our insect agree
precisely with types of candidulana, Nlk.," adding "Some examples taken by Mr. Howard Vaughan are nearly white. It is very possible that this variety may have been called lacteana, Tr., by Stephens." I have not seen Howard Vaughan's specimens, but I have pale varieties, and have carefully compared them with a German series. Although I am not prepared at present to discuss the points of difference, it seems to be somewhat doubtful whether they have been properly united. One character by which I have not yet failed to distinguish specimens taken in England is to be found on the underside of the costa, on the apical third of the forewings, where candidulana, Nlk., possesses about three pairs of short, stumpy, and sometimes indistinct, white streaks—in maritima, Wstwd., these are also present, but, especially toward the apex, more produced and attenuated.

For the present I should not propose conclusively to eliminate candidulana, Nlk., from the synonymy; at the same time we must discount the British references to "lacteana, Treit.?" [Stph. List. Br. An. BM. X. Lp. 62, no. 7 (1852); Wkr. Cat. Lp. XXVII. 253, no. 6 (1863)] relating to a single specimen in the British Museum, which Stainton [Ent. Ann. 1855, 33 (1854): (2 ed.) 55 (1855)] believed to be wimmerana [i.e., maritima], and Doubleday [List 25 (1859, &c.)] regarded as a variety of pupillana, L.

In Staudinger and Wocke's Catalog [1252, no. 1037 (1871)], candidulana, Nlk., is placed in Grapholitha, Tr. (B. Paedisca, Ldr.), characterised by the presence of the costal fold in the ♀, although in Noleken's (then recent) description of "candidulana, Hnn., in lit." we read "Der Mangel des Flügelumschlags trennt Candidulana zwar auf den ersten Blick, aber nur in männlichen Geschlechte, von Albidulana und Lacteana," nor did Staudinger and Rebel discover the mistake, for they refer it [Cat. Lp. Pal. II. 116, no. 2080 (1901)] to Epiblema, Hb., Meyr., a genus consisting of species possessing a costal fold. Wilkinson, Barrett, Meyrick, and other British authors following these, have rightly recognised that maritima, Wstwd., did not possess this character, and have classified it accordingly. It properly belongs, with the true candidulana, Nlk., to the genus Thiodia, Hb., of which the type is citrina, Hb.

We are now left with the question—What is the true "Grapholitha wimmerana, Tr."? Referring to the Zeller Collection we find two blocks labelled "wimmerana," the first consisting of three specimens, one of these being a specially labelled exponent from Kinder-
mann, "wimmerana, Kdm.," which Zeller testifies, by another label, to agree with "wimmerana, Tr. 10, 3. 111; HS 4, 246, f 309; Hum. p. 170." We must accept this as the true wimmerana, Tr., Treitschke having received his specimen, with the same name, also from Kindermann. Zeller's second specimen, a small ♀, is from Fischer von Röslerstamm, labelled "wimmerana, Fünfk. FR.688," and with these he places a third ♀, from Sarepta, Christoph, 7.V.1859, which agrees with a series in Christoph's Collection.—these doubtless are the topotypes of "Srp." in Staudinger's Catalog. With the exception of a slightly different arrangement of the white costal marks towards the apex (probably somewhat variable), there seems to be no sufficient reason for separating these Sarepta specimens from wimmerana, but it certainly is noticeable that these marks do not taper to fine points (as described by Treitschke), but converge upon each other before losing anything of their width, and the first and fourth from the apex are usually joined at their points, enclosing a space in which are three shorter ones; moreover the hindwings are paler.

The second block consists of three specimens of maritima, Wstwd., one sent by Barrett, as "wimmerana," in 1871, the others by Doubleday, as "wimmerana ?", in 1874. Zeller did not actually place these with his wimmerana, still less did he put them near candidulana, Nilkn., but we must admit that these are not the pale variety which has more justifiably been compared with that species.

Hofmann's Collection contains as "wimmerana" three specimens only, two from Herrich-Schäffer's Collection, agreeing with his fig. 309, and perhaps not materially disagreeing with Treitschke's description, but in spite of Zeller's opinion to the contrary, as stated on his label referred to above, all three (and probably also the figure) are unquestionably incana, Z.

Duponchel [J.N. Lp. Fr. Sppl. IV. 185-6, no. 364. Pl. 66. 1 (1842)] states that he received a specimen from Fischer von Röslerstamm, and that the species had not been found anywhere but in Hungary, where it was discovered by Kindermann: his figure (66.1) ♀, therefore represents another of the original specimens. The clue to the locality is to be found on the label of Zeller's second specimen, where "Fünfk." evidently refers to Fünfkirchen (= Pécs), on the west side of the Danube (about 100 miles south of Buda-Pesth, where Kindermann resided).
PHALACRUS HYBRIDUS, Flach, An Addition to the List of British Coleoptera, with a Revision of the British Species of Phalacrus, Paykull.

By E. A. Newbery.

The genus Phalacrus has received very little attention in this country for many years. In 1888 Dr. Karl Flach published a revision of the Phalacridae (Best. Tab., Heft. xvi, Brünn), but it does not appear that Canon Fowler had seen this work, since in his "British Coleoptera" (Vol. iii, p. 148), published a year after, he uses the characters given in Cox's "Handbook" of 1874 almost without alteration. In 1892 M. Guillebeau essayed a revision of the group. While giving great credit to Dr. Flach for the excellent characters for classification which he had brought forward, he ignores the most valuable of them all—i.e., the "alutation" of the upper surface—for no better reason than that it requires the use of a compound microscope, an indispensable aid, which, in his desire to popularize the subject, he mistakenly rejects. He relies chiefly on the form and convexity of the body, the depth of the dorsal striae, and some other less important characters, with the result that, although he has done a certain amount of good work, he has greatly multiplied species—so called—many of which have been very properly reduced to varieties or synonyms in the last (1906) European Catalogue.

The principal characters which Dr. Flach uses for classification are the presence or absence of the basal border of the thorax, the alutation of the upper surface and the shape of the body. The size of several of the species is very variable, so much so as to suggest a possible subsequent subdivision into more species, if good and constant characters can be found. At present I have only been able to find good characters for five British species, and have been compelled to reject P. humberi, Rye, and P. brisonti, Rye, for the want of these characters in the original descriptions. I have not, however, seen Rye's types, but the fact that these two so called species are recorded from Britain only, goes far to confirm my doubts as to their specific or even varietal value.

Before examining the specimens with a one inch objective, they should be cleaned with chloroform, which will be found much better for this purpose than benzine.

The following table will serve to separate the British species:—

A.—Thorax bordered in front of scutellum.

I.—Elytra alutaceous throughout.
a.—Thorax not alutaceous.
   Size 1½ to 3½ mm. .........*P. hybridus*, Flach (*v. confusus*, Guill.).
   For details see Flach's diagnosis.

aa.—Thorax similarly alutaceous to elytra.

b.—Last joint of antennae slender, nearly three times as long as broad;
   form of body broader and more convex; alutation finer;
   punctuation of interstices of elytra not in rows. 1½ to 3 mm...
   *P. corruscus*, Pz.

bb.—Last joint of antennae stout, about twice as long as broad; form
   of body narrow elliptical, less convex; alutation coarser;
   interstices of elytra with rows of punctures. 1½ to 2 mm...
   *P. carieis*, Sturm.

II.—Elytra not alutaceous, except sometimes at extreme apex, dorsal inter-
   stices with a single row of large punctures on the inner side of each
   stria; thorax not alutaceous. 1½ to 1¾ mm. ..... *P. substrivius*, Gyll.

AA.—Thorax not bordered in front of scutellum.
   (Thorax not alutaceous; elytra feebly so).

c.—Form short, broad, and convex; legs and antennae sometimes reddish.
   2 mm. .......................... *P. champion*, Guill.

   *brunipes*, Rye, nec. Bris.

cce.—Form longish oval, somewhat narrowed behind, resembling *Olibrus*
   *flavicorius*, Sturm. 2½ to 3 mm. .........[*P. brunipes*, Bris.].

*Phalaenus hybridus*, Flach. The following is Flach's diagnosis:—

*Rotundato-ovalis*, Phal. grossi fere statura, inter hunc et *P. corruscus* intermedius,
   thorace sat dense substiliter punctulato, interstilii glabris, stria marginali posteriore
   media distincta, lateribus deficiens; elytris retorsum rix angustatry, substiliter
   reticulatis; serie sericoque dorsales subtilissimae; interstilii naturali hand elevato,
   serie punctorum 4–5 majorum, ceteris raro obsoletae punctulatis; antennam curvam
   articulo 11 precedentibus duobus longiore, suam latitudinem duplo longitudine
   superante. Long. 3–4 mm. .......................... Patr. Transsilvania.

I am unable to say with any certainty whether our insect is the
var. *confusus*, Guill., or not, owing to M. Guillebeau's vague and
indefinite description; but *confusus* being a common French form, it
would seem to be most probable. It appears to be chiefly a coast
species here, Deal, Sandwich, Bognor, Southend, Erith, Felixstowe,
Sheppey. There are two specimens in the Power Collection labelled
"Lewisham."

*P. corruscus*, Pz.—The differences between this common and
widely distributed species are so well indicated in the above diagnosis
of *hybridus* that nothing more is needed. Like the latter species, or
at all events the var. *confusus*, it varies extremely in size, and as small
narrow specimens are liable to be taken for *carieis*, I have given
several points of distinction in the table. *P. humberti*, Rye, and
*brisouti*, Rye, appear to be forms of this species.
P. earicis, Sturm.—The somewhat flat elliptical form will at once distinguish this species, which is sometimes of a brown colour. Found on Carex rather commonly.

P. substriatus, Gyll.—A very short convex insect, which appears to be rare. I know of no recent captures.

P. championi, Guill.—Allied in form to both substriatus and small specimens of hybridus, but can be separated from the former by its finely alutaceous elytra, and from both by the absence of the border in front of the scutellum. It differs from brunipes, Bris., which does not appear to be British, by its smaller size, shorter and more convex form, and finer rows of elytral punctures. The abdominal segments are narrowly ferruginous according to M. Guillebeau. Most of the known specimens are from Sheerness, but there are some in the Power Collection labelled "Madingley" (a wood near Cambridge).

I am very much indebted to Mr. E. A. Waterhouse for calling my attention to the confusion existing in this genus, and for furnishing me with a large number of specimens for examination.

12, Churchill Road,
Dartmouth Park, N.W.
August 19th, 1907.

CRYPTOPHAGUS SUBDEPRESSUS, GYLL., A NEW BRITISH BEETLE.

BY NORMAN H. JOY, M.R.C.S., F.E.S.

On August 4th last, when beating young fir trees near Strathpeffer, Ross, I captured two specimens of a Cryptophagus which I at once recognised as being new to me on account of their very closely punctured and dull appearance. I had little difficulty in identifying them from Herr Ganglbauer's work on the Coleoptera of Middle Europe as C. subdepressus, Gyll., and have since confirmed this by comparing them with specimens kindly lent to me by Capt. Deville. In general shape and size C. subdepressus somewhat closely resembles C. scaniacus, L., but differs from it in several important particulars. The punctuation is much thicker, and the apex of the elytra is nearly as strongly punctured as the base. The pubescence is shorter and finer. The thorax is much more narrowly margined, and the callosities at the anterior angles are smaller. The lateral tooth is in the middle of the sides, and is small. Ganglbauer classes it with C. validus,
Kraatz, on account of the punctuation of the apex of the elytra, but *C. validus* is a much larger species with thicker antennae, and with a more distinct transverse impression at the base of the thorax. According to Ganglbauer *C. subdepressus* is found rarely on “Nadelholz” and bushes; Capt. Deville tells me that it is taken in France in the mountains by beating the lower branches of fir trees, especially *Picea excelsa*, and that it has spread to the plains with the plantations of pines, where it is taken in company with *Micranbe abietis*, Payk.

Mr. Chitty is to be congratulated on his notes on the genus *Crypto-phagus*, and I have found them very useful. *C. sicanus v. patruelis*, Sturm, is certainly the form that gives rise to the greatest confusion, as it varies a good deal in breadth and other particulars. *C. umbratus*, Er., I have by no means found the rarity that Mr. Chitty describes it, as I take it not uncommonly here in dry fungi and wood mould. *C. distinguendus*, Sturm, I have only taken in Reading in a warehouse. All my specimens of *C. umbratus* have the thorax dark as in *C. scutellatus*, Newm.

Bradfield:

*September 14th, 1907.*

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**DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF STENOSTOMA FROM MALTA.**

**BY MALCOLM CAMERON, M.B., R.N., F.E.S.**

*Stenostoma melitense, n. sp.*

Narrow, elongate, metallic-green, very finely pubescent with grey.

*Head* elongate, including eyes only slightly wider than thorax, very finely wrinkled, not punctured.

*Antennae* and *palpi* testaceous.

*Thorax* longer than broad, cylindrical, slightly impressed before scutellum, finely wrinkled transversely, giving it somewhat the silky appearance seen in *Malachius flabellatus*, Friv. *Legs* clear testaceous, *tarsi* infuscate.

*Elytra* broader than thorax at the shoulders, gradually contracted posteriorly, finely but rugosely punctured, with three longitudinal nervures on each, the first very indistinct.

Length, 6 mm.

I tabulate the differences between the species:—

*S. caeruleum*, Pet.—Size larger (10 mm.), more robust. *Antennae* testaceous to the middle of the fourth joint, the remainder dark. *Head* and *thorax* with scattered superficial punctuation, the latter contracted anteriorly. *Elytra* coarsely and rugosely punctured. More pubescent.
1907.]

S. melitense, mihi.—Size smaller (6 mm.), less robust. Antennae entirely testaceous. Head and thorax finely wrinkled, not punctured, the latter cylindrical. Elytra finely and rugosely punctured. Less pubescent.

S. melitense was taken at Wied al Juniena, in June, on flowers of Scolymus.

R. N. Hospital, Chatham:
August 6th, 1907.

[There are specimens of S. melitense fromCorsica (Ajaccio) and Sicily in my collection.—G. C. C.]

LEPIDOPTERA AT ELECTRIC LIGHT AT HERCULESBAD,
HUNGARY.

BY A. H. JONES, F.E.S.

During a visit to Herculesbad, from June 15th to 25th last, I had a good opportunity of working the electric light. Some of the nights were extremely favourable, and moths came in considerable numbers. Three species of butterflies were visitors.

The following is a list, and it will be observed that a good proportion of the species are represented in our British list:—

Melitaea athalia, Esp.; Thecla ilicis, Esp.; Zephyrus quercus, Esp.; Smerinthus quercus, Esp., occasional specimens; Hyperion pinastr, Esp., one example; Deilephila euphorbia, Esp., one example; Metopsis porcellus, Esp.; Cerura furcula, Esp.; Dieranura viunula, Esp., not uncommon; Spatula argentina, Schiff., occasionally; Pterostoma palpina, Esp.; Dasychira pudibunda, Esp., not uncommon; Stilpnotia salicis, Esp., common; Malacosoma neustria, Esp., common; Odonestis pruni, Esp., common; var. montana, this dark form was not rare; Arctia pontica, Stgr., occasionally; Agrotis putris, Esp.; A. segetum, Esp.; Mamestra genista, Hb., several; Melanara bicolor, ab. furuncula, Hb.; Lecania b-album, Esp., several; Enelia adalatrix, Hb.; Anarta funebris, Hb.; Abrostola tripartita, Hufn. (artic, Hb.); Grammodus algira, Esp.; Aelia funesta, Esp., not uncommon; Catochrysa nymphagoga, Esp.; Habrosyne derasa, Esp., occasionally; Geometra vernaria, Hb.; Acidalia remutaria, Hb., common; A. deversaria, ab. diffusa, H.-S., not uncommon; Aenetus plagiata, Hb.; Larentia dotata; Eumonom erosaria, Hb.; Agerona primaria, occasionally; Semothea littoralis, Hb.; Boarmia repandata, Esp.; B. roboraria, Schiff., rather common; B. consortaria, Esp., rather common; Hylöphila bicolorena; Spilosoma libripicida, Esp.; Arctica villica, Esp., frequently; Callimorphus domimula, Esp., frequently; Miltochrista miniata, not uncommon; Lithosia complana, very common; Cochliion limacodes, Esp. (testudo, Schiff.), both males and females somewhat common; Coenus ligniperda, a frequent visitor; Zeuzera pyrina (esculi, Esp.), occasional specimens.

Shrublands, Eltham:
August 22nd, 1907.
PHORA GRACILIS, A NEW SPECIES BELONGING TO BECKER'S
GROUP I.

BY JOHN N. WOOD, M.B.

This very distinct species, of which at present only the female
has been obtained, will come next to unispinosa, Ztt., with which it
agrees in having but two scutellar bristles and in the incrassated
second thick vein of the female. It is a particularly long and slender
insect, hence its name.

♀. Thorax and abdomen black, the former shining and narrow, the latter dull,
long and slender; frons highly glossy and distinctly broader than long, palpi black
and of the usual form; wings dark grey, especially in the course of the thin veins
which stand out conspicuously, costa barely to middle of wing, otherwise venation
and fringe as in unispinosa; legs long and slender, dark brown or blackish, knees
yellow and front coxae pale yellow, a single small spine in upper third of middle
tibiae and a still smaller one at the tip on the outer side, none on fore and hind tibiae.

Long., 2-2½ mm.

The only species with which it can possibly be confounded is
unispinosa; but at the same time the points of distinction are many
and obvious, such as the narrow and glossy frons, the black palpi (in
unispinosa they are of a clear yellow), the dark wings, and the colour
and armature of the legs. Four examples have been taken, always
in late autumn, from September to November, in the years 1905, 6
and 7. Three were obtained by sweeping under high trees in Stoke
Wood, and the fourth was boxed whilst running up a beech trunk in
the park adjoining.

The following alterations will be necessary in the table (vol. xvii,
p. 193):

19.—Halteres black or blackish.
   a. Legs moderately stout and yellow; spines on all the tibiae...
      unispinosa, Ztt.
   b. Legs long and slender, dark brown; no spines on fore and hind tibiae...
      gracilis, n. sp.

20.—Halteres whitish (nudipalpis), or yellow (autumnalis).

As the question of distribution is always of some interest, I may
mention that since the publication of my former notes on the subject
two out of the four British species, which had not then occurred in
Herefordshire, have now turned up in the county, and in my own
home district too. They are carinifrons and femorata. The former
seems not uncommon in the autumn, and is usually found in wet
places; but the latter is scarce, four only having been taken, the
dates ranging from April 24th to July 7th.

Tarrington, Hereford:

September, 1907.
NOTE ON THE COUPLING OF *EMPIS BOREALIS*.

BY MILBURN HOWLETT.

During a recent visit to the Highlands I noticed how frequently the female of *Empis borealis* was feeding during the act of cohabitation. This peculiarity of Empids has often been commented on, but without, as far as I know, anything more than a casual connection between the two acts being inferred. Bearing in mind Professor Poulton's recent work on the diet of Empids, I caught during one afternoon five pairs of *E. borealis in cop.*, and found that all the females, without exception, were engaged on a meal, while of a dozen females caught alone none had prey. Rain put a stop to further observations that day, but on the next opportunity (June 11th) I revisited the same spot, as it seemed to be a favourite trysting-place, meaning to try to see whether the male habitually took advantage of the moment when the female, engaged with prey, could not conveniently repel his advances. I took two pairs *in cop.*, and, as before, both the females had prey; a flying lone male also had prey, but did not seem to be eating it. The sun having made its appearance, some of the flies could now be seen dancing about the lower branches of some firs by the side of a little burn, some eight or nine feet from the ground; soon another, carrying prey, joined them, and flew up and down below the dancers in a provocative manner. After a few moments one of these latter responded, and, after a second's struggle in mid-air while they coupled, the pair flew slowly off and settled on some low heather bushes near by, the female sucking the prey. I had taken it for granted that the dancers were males, and the solitary prey-bearing visitor a female who had been pounced on as she passed, but on returning to the firs it was soon apparent that the dancers were all females, for as the sun passed behind a cloud they settled down on the ends of the fir-twigs, where they could be inspected at leisure, and it was, besides, not difficult to distinguish the sexes even when on the wing. When next the sun came out and the dance began again, another prey-bearing visitor came up, and exactly the same programme was gone through as on the previous occasion. A third visitor was caught just as copulation was apparently about to take place, and this proved to be a male carrying a delicate Neuropteron (*Chloroperla*, sp.) not only alive and unwounded, but in strikingly good condition, quite fit for a cabinet specimen.

Thus it appeared that the male brought up a choice specimen, which he transferred to the female during their brief aerial struggle
(the details of this struggle I could not make out), and that she enjoyed it while copulation was in progress.

It was soon quite evident that this was the normal course of events. In all, six "visitors" were caught just before copulation would apparently have taken place; all were males and all bore living prey in notably good condition (A seventh, also a male with live prey, was caught on June 14th). In the case of four pairs, caught as soon as possible (five seconds or less) after coupling, the prey was a little rumpled and was in the possession of the female, while with seven other pairs caught at varying intervals (up to nearly ten minutes) after coupling the condition of the prey naturally got progressively worse the longer the female had enjoyed it, its last state being a crumpled ball of shrivelled remains. Altogether fourteen females were seen at this spot, and in eleven cases copulation was observed to take place as described, while three females failed to obtain partners and finally gave up the dance altogether at about 5.30 p.m. In no case was a female ever in possession of prey until supplied with it by her swain, nor did two or three Perlids, which came within very easy range, appear to have any particular interest for the dancers, who made no effort to seize them.

On June 14th, during a dull and gusty interval, I saw a male lying close among some grass, and on inspection found that he was clasping a Perlid. After about twenty minutes the wind dropped and the sky cleared a little, and the self-denying male, who had refrained from gratifying his appetite all this time, at once made for the fir trees (about thirty yards away), still carrying his burden. I was able to keep within a short distance of him, and had the satisfaction of seeing him pair with one of two females who were dancing at the time. I caught the pair a few seconds after coupling, and found the Perlid in possession of the female.

On June 15th I took a male sitting among grass holding an undamaged Bibionid (Bibio varipes).

During copulation, after a short flight (generally of not more than twenty yards), the male usually hung by the front pair of legs to a twig or blade of grass, supporting thus the whole weight of himself and partner; the middle legs clasped the thorax of the female, while the hind pair of tarsi supported the prey in position beneath her proboscis, the apical part of the femora meanwhile firmly compressing her upturned abdomen.

The hind legs of the female hung idle, while with the two front pairs she manipulated the prey, kneading it as one who sucks an
orange dry, and every now and again turning it about to insert her beak in a fresh spot.

The insects victimized were as follows:—

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It is unlikely that the male makes this offering at the shrine of his divinity from purely altruistic motives; it may be that the prey functions as a kind of adventitious "sexual adornment,"* or as a bribe to secure his personal safety, while on the other hand it appears not unlikely that various suggestions with regard to Culicidae, Tabanidae, and other blood-sucking flies, anent the existence of some definite physiological connection between the ingestion of animal juices and the process of reproduction, may ultimately be found to have some bearing on the case.

In this species (E. borealis) pairing seemed not to occur later than 6 o'clock, but about sunset (9—9.45 p.m.) I found Hilara maura in a dancing crowd (in which both sexes were present) ten to fifteen feet above the surface of the burn. They were too high for the net, but every now and then an individual could be seen flying with a jerky undulating motion, when one of those above would fly down to it and copulation would ensue (this reminding one much of the motions of E. borealis prior to coupling). The pair then, instead of settling, proceeded with steady level flight along the course of the burn, about ten feet from the surface, and by standing in mid-stream I was able, during three evenings, to catch thirty-three pairs. From twenty-six of these I took prey, and this was in possession of the female in all those cases (about half the total number) in which it had not been relinquished before I was able to determine the owner. Out of several males, captured when flying casually about (not in the dance), four had prey, but only in one case was it unwounded, the other three having evidently been sucked.

As I could not succeed in catching any of the males just as copulation appeared imminent, I was unable to arrive at any definite conclusions regarding the disposal of the prey in this species. On

* Aldrich and Turley, in their account of the "Balloon-Making Empid," say that the female is attracted by the size of the balloon carried by the male; that the balloon frequently contains an insect, but that balloon (presumably) insect are dropped as soon as copulation takes place.
subsequent examination of the prey, however, it was seen that of the thirty victims, twenty-six from females† (? in cop. and four from lone males, twenty-two were more or less completely enveloped in a fine veil or shroud-like web of silky threads. If, as is supposed, this web be carried only by the males, it would seem that some of the females must have been feeding on insects caught by members of the opposite sex, and in the absence of fuller information we may take it that this indicates at least the possibility of a parallelism, in essentials if not in detail, between the coupling habits of Hilara maura and of Empis borealis.

The thirty victims of H. maura mentioned above consisted of seven Simuliids (Simulium latipes) and twenty-three small Chironomids.

Wymondham, Norfolk:

September, 1907.

FORFICUL.E species nova.

AUCTORE

ANDREA SEMENOV TIAN-SHANSKY.

FORFICULA BURRIANA, A. SEMENOV, sp. n.

F. vicaria, Sem. (1902) proxime affinis simillimaque, sed capite subtilliter alutaceo, vertice subbiforcatim impresso (semperne?), pronoto minore, imprimis angustiore, squamis alarum paulo brevius patentibus, forcipe cruribus toto dimidio apicali minus forte apparentibus, supra forte, infra paulo levius longitudinaliter sulcatis, ante basin brevius coharentibus, cujus partis margine interno minus acuto denticulo, ad ipsum basin fortiter obliquato, denticulo marginis interioris ante partem dilatatum basalem sito, paullo obtusiuscule, angulum reor rectum efficiens; antennis, pedibus, pronoti basi lateribusque, elytris, alarum squamis, forcipis parte dilatata basali prater marginum internum perpallide striatis.

Long., 3, tot. 13·1 mm., forcipis, 2·2, lat. abdom., 3 mm.

China: prov. Kan-ssu, pr. oppidum Lan-tshou (W. Filchner!).

Solum specimen 3 mihi ab amico M. Burr, cujus in honorem speciem nominavi, benevole communicatum (sub. No. 207/06) (coll. M. Burr).


[Note.—This is one of two males taken by Lieut. Filchner in his expedition to China; the Dermatoptera were determined by me, and the account will appear in the work dealing with the Filchner expedition, which is shortly to be published by E. S. Mittler und Sohn, of Berlin. The specimens were originally determined as F. vicaria, Sem., and are there recorded under that name, but I have recently submitted one to M. A-P. Semenov Tian-Shansky, who has compared it with his

† Definitely seen in fifteen cases only.
original type of *F. vicaria*, from Korea, with the result that he considers it a distinct and hitherto undescribed species allied to *F. vicaria*. There is a pair in my collection, and a pair in the Berlin Museum. The female resembles the male, but is a trifle darker in colour; the same impressions are present on the head, and the forewings are of course simple.—MALCOLM BURH, Sibertswold, near Dover: August 31st, 1907.

**ANTHOCORIS LIMBATUS**, FERL., AN ADDITION TO THE BRITISH HEMIPTERA.

**BY HUGH A. SAUNDERS, B.A.**

While staying with my father, Mr. Edward Saunders, at Woking in the early part of September, I was fortunate enough to discover this novelty to the British list.

Having only just began to collect Hemiptera, I was very careful to take nearly every specimen of *Anthocoris* that I could find, owing to my inability to distinguish the various species apart. Among those brought back one afternoon were specimens of *A. nemorum*, *A. nemoralis*, *A. confusus*, *A. gallarum-alni*, and what subsequently turned out to be two males of *A. limbatus*. As I knew that these must have come from some sallows I had been beating along the canal near Woodham, I went over the same ground again a few days later, and was able to locate the exact bush and obtain a few more specimens, but only two were females.

A curious fact is that, although the branches of the sallow bushes were very much intermingled, I could only beat *A. limbatus* from the branches of one particular bush.

43, Waldegrave Road, Upper Norwood: September 16th, 1907.

[This little species can be recognised at once from *Anthocoris sylvestris*, F., its nearest ally, which it resembles in the entirely shining hemelytra, by the broadly testaceous base of the thorax. It is also much smaller, and has the thorax posteriorly more emarginate and its sides converging more gradually to the apical margin.—E. S.

_Eumicrus rufus_, Müll., &c., near Guildford.—Since the publication of my note on the capture of various Coleoptera near Guildford (ante p. 181), the following species have been taken in the same district:—_Eumicrus rufus_, Müll., eight specimens, and _Sphindus duhina_, Gyll., in abundance, from an old beech stump; _Apatthidium confusum_, Briss., four specimens, and _Cis alni_, Gyll., from fungus on a dead oak bough.—GEO. C. CHAMPION, Horsell, Woking: August, 1907.
Cryptophagus cylindrus, Kies., at Chobham.—I am pleased to be able to record the capture of two specimens of this species in Surrey, the first British examples from south of the Tweed. They were found under bark of pine logs, in company with Hypophanes linearis, F., Euprava oblonga, Herbst, and E. pusillia, Ill.—Id.

Carudere elongata, Curt., &c., from the North of England.—Yesterday I had the pleasure of taking a single specimen of the above beetle from a mould fungus growing on a log of Scotch pine infested by Trypodendron lineatum, Ol., which my friend Mr. Gillanders of Alnwick, with whom I was staying, was rearing. At the same time we found a dead example of Hypophanes bicolor, Ol., another addition to our county's fauna. We spent some time watching and searching the Trypodendron logs for the parasitic beetles, Euprava angustula, Er., and Acralia infixa, Gyll., without success. E. angustula has been met with again in the Derwent Valley, in fungus with Triplax bicolor at Gilside, growing on a beech infested with Trypodendron domesticum.

I should perhaps mention that Mr. Gillanders has discovered Trypodendron lineatum in profusion in spruce, at Lytham, near Belford, and in Scotch pine at Countess Park, North Tyne; Tomicus accuminatus, Gyll., which I have already recorded from the neighbouring County of Durham, also in numbers, Beanley Wood, Northumberland, July, 1906; whilst Mr. A. C. Forbes has taken Cryptalus abietis, Ratz., in Douglas fir from Cockle Park, Northumberland; all of which, as well as many other Scolytids, will be fully dealt with in Mr. Gillanders' forthcoming work on Forest Entomology,* a work which will fill a want that has long been felt by many classes of Economic Naturalists, and cannot fail to interest the general reader.


Enicmus fungicola, Th., from the County of Durham.—Some time ago I noticed a species of Enicmus in my friend Mr. Gardner's collection labelled "rugosus, Herbst," but which differed from the true rugosus in the colour of the elytra which were ferruginous-red instead of black. I had the opportunity of examining one closely this evening; the raised keel of the prosternum between the anterior coxae, the chief character of Enicmus, i. sp., was very distinct, and also the strong punctuation of the metasternum and first abdominal segment, but the first ventral segment was simple, and there is no doubt that it is really E. fungicola, Th., the species brought forward as British by Mr. Newbery in May, 1907 (Ent. Mo. Mag., ser. 2, xviii, p. 103). Mr. Gardner's short series of this insect was taken by himself from a tree fungus at Egglestone-in-Teesdale.—Id.

Heniones serratus, Gyll., from Scotland.—As so very few specimens of this rare beetle have been taken in Britain, it is worth while recording its occurrence at Arrochar, Loch Long, where I took an example in July, 1906.—Id.

Hypura tigrina, Boh., at St. Margaret's Bay.—Before starting for my summer

* * "Forest Entomology." Deny 8vo, 300 illustrations. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh.
holidays at St. Margaret’s Bay I made a careful list of beetles I intended to search for, one of them being Hypera tigrina. I am glad to say I found it in fair numbers on the wild carrot (Daucus carota) growing at the foot of the chalk cliffs on the northern side of the bay. I took my first specimen on August 25th, and it was still to be found, though in scantier numbers, when I left on September 5th. Messrs. Donisthorpe and Chitty came over, and each secured a good series of the insect, which, judging from the requests I have had for specimens, must be rare in our collections.—T. Hudson Beare, 10. Regent Terrace, Edinburgh: September 16th, 1907.

Apion semivittatum, Gyll., at St. Margaret’s Bay.—In the September issue of this Magazine (p. 208) Mr. G. E. Bryant records the capture of a specimen of this species on the Deal Sandhills on June 17th last, and asks if there is any record of the capture of this insect since it was taken by Mr. Walton, over 60 years ago, at Margate. The answer is yes; it was swept up by Messrs. Chitty and Tomlin in 1905 on the Deal Sandhills. I included this insect therefore in my holiday list, and began at once to search for its food-plant, Mercurialis annua. Mr. Donisthorpe, who was spending his holidays at Deal, was also on the look out for it. I was lucky enough soon to find the plant, and got the insect at once in scanty numbers, and Mr. Donisthorpe immediately afterwards discovered both plant and insect at Deal and in greater numbers. The plant is apparently very fond of old potato gardens, but it is then usually unproductive; plants growing by the sides of hedges, and even on the shore, were much more productive of the beetle. I was able to verify what Canon Fowler says of its life-history, by finding a specimen in the pupal state in a knot of a very large plant growing in a garden in the village. The species evidently makes it appearance in the perfect state in the autumn; it was getting more common when I came away on September 3rd, and it required a lot of work to get specimens when it was first discovered on August 26th.—Id.

Rediscovery of Myelois cirrigerella in Wilts.—In vol. xi, p. 237, of this Magazine I recorded the original capture of several specimens of this species at Ramsbury, Wilts., in 1874. I am not aware that it has been taken by any one else in the interval, and have often puzzled myself in vain with endeavours to guess a possible origin for those specimens. Judge, then, my surprise when my own son, E. E. Meyrick, now a boy at Marlborough College, brought to me for identification a very fresh example of Myelois cirrigerella on July 28th, beaten out from a larch tree in Savernake Forest, about two miles from Marlborough. This locality is about five miles from the original one, and of a totally different nature, and as there are few plants common to the two, and those only such as are also very common throughout Britain, the question of the food-plant is still very puzzling. There are two or three possible clues which I purpose to follow; but I should certainly be glad of a little more light. However, I think it is now established that the species has undoubtedly been existing in the neighbourhood all these years, and we ought to be able to solve the problem presently.—E. Meyrick, Thornhanger, Marlborough: Aug. 19th, 1907.

Occurrence of Gelechia streliciella, H.-S., in the Highlands.—While at Aviemore for a few days in June, 1905, I observed several specimens of a Gelechia among heather that had been burnt the previous year, which appeared to be unknown to me. It
was flying in company with G. salutella and G. ericetella, though much more sparingly. I referred it to the authorities of the Oxford Museum, who returned it as probably a northern variety of G. sequax. In January of this year I asked the opinion of Mr. Eustace R. Bankes, who in due course pronounced it to be Gelechia streliciella. During the last days of June this year I was again at Aviemore, and revisited the locality in the hope of finding it again. The weather was so unfavourable that only nine specimens were secured, though I have reason to believe that the species is not very uncommon in suitable situations in that locality. It lies very close, and cannot be disturbed except during sunshine, when it flies with great rapidity, just over the herbage, for a few yards, and then rests on the ground, where, owing to its closely rolled wings, it is far from easy to see it. Its time of emergence is about the middle of June.—C. T. CRUTTWELL, Ewelme Rectory, Wallingford; July 27th, 1907.

Gelechia streliciella, H.-S., in Britain.—This Gelechia, under the name "strelitziiella, H.-S." (cercle "strelitzia, Heim," = streliciella, H.-S.), was added to the British List by Stainton in Ent. Ann., 1872, p. 123, but in Ent. Mo. Mag., Ser. 2, iv, pp. 212-14 (1893), I showed that it must be removed therefrom, the addition having been based upon an erroneous identification, and there being then no proof that the insect had ever occurred in the United Kingdom. It has, therefore, afforded me especial pleasure to have recently had the opportunity, fourteen years after the publication of my previous note, of identifying Canon Cruttwell's Scottish Gelechia as the true streliciella, H.-S. Seeing that the two specimens of it, that reached me in his box of "determinanda," were not referable to any recognised British species, and being unable at the time to compare them with any good continental collection, I forwarded them for Lord Walsingham's opinion. In his absence abroad, Mr. J. Hartley Durrant, when returning them, kindly enclosed an undoubted example of streliciella, H.-S., from the Zeller collection, as being probably identical with them, and this I found to be certainly the case.

Gelechia funatella, Dgl., which has been erroneously sunk by Meyrick [HB Br. Lep., 601 (1805)] as conspecific with distictella, Z., and upon which I hope to contribute some notes later on, is the British species most closely resembling streliciella, but may with certainty be distinguished from it by the very conspicuous white dots or dashes that accompany the black stigmata, and by the colour of the fascia and of the other pale markings, which are brownish-buff instead of white. As streliciella has been confused with sequax, I may mention that the former is easily separated from the latter by its rather larger size and longer and narrower fore-wings, by its head, which is grey instead of white, by its much less marbled appearance, due to the white markings being much narrower and less clearly-defined and conspicuous, and by the number, size, and position of the three black stigmata.

The life-histories of both G. funatella and streliciella seem to be entirely unknown, but whereas all the widely-separated localities known to me for the former are on sandy coasts, the latter appears, both in Scotland and on the continent, to frequent inland heaths, &c.

It seems advisable to mention that Canon Cruttwell's earliest captures of G. streliciella were recorded by him as "G. sequax, a very fine form," in Ent. Mo. Mag., Ser. 2, xvi, 259 (1805), which reference must be included in any attempt to
work out the full synonymy of the species. Unfortunately three species of Gelechia recorded in Canon Cruttwell's note (i.e. viz. "sequax," "ericella," and "prosimella," are omitted from the Special Index (erroneously headed "General Index") to the volume in question, though the fourth, viz., "solitella," is included therein!
—EUSTACE R. BANKES, Norden, Corfe Castle: August 24th, 1907.

Tortrix semialbana at Doncaster.—A few days ago Mr. L. S. Brady, of Sheffield, sent me on for confirmation of his own determination a very well marked and fine specimen of Tortrix semialbana which he had taken on August 4th last in Ellington Woods, Doncaster. The capture is exceedingly interesting, as hitherto the species has only been recorded from the South of England, and then very locally; indeed, of late years it seems only to have occurred at Folkestone.—Geo. T. PORRITT, Edgerton, Huddersfield: September 3rd, 1907.

Lygus equestris, Linna., at St. Margaret's Bay.—While spending my holidays at St. Margaret's Bay I was busy sweeping the wild flowers on the cliffs close to the Granville Hotel on a hot sunny still day (August 29th), when my wife who was with me called out "here is a beautiful bug sitting on a flowering umbel," hurrying up I was greatly rejoiced to find I was the lucky captor of a specimen of the above rare bug. Mr. Saunders, in his "Hemiptera-Heteroptera of the British Islands," p. 69, records only three captures (there is a more recent one from the Isle of Sheppey), and says that it is probably only an "occasional visitant." I may say that while I was in the locality the wind was never a favourable one for insects crossing from the Continent to our islands.—T. HUDSON BEARE, 10, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh: September 16th, 1907.

[The Sheppey specimen referred to was taken on September 22nd, 1906, by my friend Lieut. J. J. Jacobs, R.E., and kindly given to me by him. It was found, I believe, on a flower head of Centaurea nigra.—J. J. W.]

Identification of Salix notatulus ⁄.—Having recently been successful in finding several of both sexes of this Aculeate in company, I think I can settle the vexed question as to the correct ⁄ for the well known and very distinct ⁄. The ⁄ bears all the characters assigned to it in Mr. Edward Saunders' work, with the exception that in all my specimens the cubital nerve runs to the apex of the forewing as in exaltatus. The clear eye-spot on this wing will prevent confusion with parenus, and the black legs with obtusiventris. The two insects with which notatulus ⁄ might be confounded are exaltatus and pusillus. In both the latter the penultimate joint of the anterior tarsus is longer than wide (in exaltatus twice as long), and the anterior coxae and prosternum bear a row of long pale recurved hairs; whereas in notatulus the tarsal joint is transverse, the anterior coxae bear one or two very short hairs, and the prosternum is entirely glabrous. Mr. Saunders has also directed my attention to the fact that notatulus ⁄ looks blacker than any other ⁄'s of the genus owing to the absence of the fine golden pubescence that occurs on the head and thorax of all the latter.—C. H. MORTIMER, Holmwood: September, 1907.

Osmia parietina in Wales.—A ⁄ of this species (which was re-discovered at Criccieth in 1900 by Mr. Nevinson) and which I have been at a loss to classify since
I took it in July, 1905, has just been identified by Mr. Edward Saunders. It occurred at Aberdovey. As I have not heard of its occurrence quite so far south, it may be of sufficient interest to record.—Id.: September, 1907.

Ceratina cyanea at Redhill.—From a number of bramble stems collected last winter on Redhill Common, and which mostly produced Pemphredon lethifer, and Ichneumons, a single specimen of Ceratina cyanea, 7, emerged during the third week in May. As it is, I believe, a new locality for the insect, it may be worth recording. - G. E. Frisby, 47, Windmill Street, Gravesend: September 3rd. 1907.

Review.


To quote from the introduction written by Mr. F. G. Sly, Officiating Inspector-General of Agriculture in India, this book is a remarkable "testimony to the strenuous efforts made during the past three years" by the Imperial Entomologist, Mr. Maxwell Lefroy. Designed to assist planters, students, and those interested in agricultural matters in India, it represents for many of these the first-fruits of entomological research in their country, judiciously peptonized and served up in a manner often suggestive and always lucid and accurate.

Our own country is comparatively so little affected by insect pests that it affords a very misleading standard by which to judge of the requirements of tropical lands, but even the average Englishman would probably consider that a single entomologist might have his work cut out to deal worthily with the pests of a country like India, with an area of one and a half million square miles, a great part of which is under cultivation. To those acquainted with the nature of the work the idea that such an almost pathetically isolated individual could successfully cope with so huge a task would probably appeal only in its humorous aspect, and it may come as a surprise to them to hear that the Entomological staff of the Department of Agriculture, on whom devolves the onerous duties connected with a thorough study of Indian insect pests, does actually consist of but one Entomologist, with one European and a few native assistants.

We understand that another Entomologist will shortly be appointed, but until the Indian Government can see its way to establishing Entomological Stations in each province, all working in collaboration with the staff at head-quarters, it is impossible that the country can reap the benefits which an adequate organization would confer. In the introduction previously referred to, Mr. Sly expresses himself as hopeful that such a scheme may be carried out in the near future, and it is greatly to be hoped that such a development so obviously needed may not be long delayed. Neither India nor its insects are uniform, and an accurate knowledge of local conditions in Madras cannot be obtained by studying those in Bengal or Bombay. The necessity of this close study of local conditions is rightly emphasized by Mr. Lefroy, and its importance in so diversified a country as India should need but little demonstration.
The opening chapters of the book treat in general fashion of the structure, food, life-history, form, and classification of insects. This is followed by an interesting and essentially practical account of the origin of pests, and of those preventive and remedial measures which have been found to be most generally applicable in India. The main body of the book is occupied by a detailed treatment of a large number of pests which affect many of the staple crops of the country, including also chapters on grain insects, cattle pests, and beneficial insects, the whole representing an immense amount of careful and systematic observation. Most of the pests are figured in more than one stage, and in very many cases the whole life-history has been worked out. Wherever possible means of combating the insects are advised or suggested, and useful directions for the preparation of various insecticides are given in an appendix, while modifications in methods of cultivation are in many instances recommended. A second appendix gives full and clear instructions for collecting and preserving insects.

In view of the extraordinarily low price (two shillings) at which the Government has issued the book, severe criticism of the three hundred and fifty illustrations (mostly half-tone) would be out of place. They are nearly all the work of Indian artists, and while the great majority are clear and well executed, a lack of experience in drawing for process is now and then apparent.

Only those who have some experience of India can appreciate the difficulties involved in the production of such a work as this, and Mr. Lefroy may be congratulated on the way in which he has overcome them. To the public, for whom the book is primarily intended, it will form a trustworthy guide towards dealing intelligently with many of their insect enemies, while the amount of original work and observation embodied in its pages will afford a most valuable basis for more extended and detailed investigation.

Societies.

Birmingham Entomological Society: July 1st, 1907.—Mr. R. S. Searle in the Chair.

Mr. Hubert Langley reported finding Stauropus fagi, L., in Princethorpe Woods, near Leamington, on June 15th and 22nd last, these being the first certain records in the county; also at the same place he had taken Larentia silacettata, Hb., Boarmia roboraria, Schiff., and Lymantria monacha, L.; likewise a series of males of Dasychira pudibunda which he took in the same locality, he said they were quite abundant on the wing at the time. Mr. R. S. Searle showed bred Chersocrampa elpenor, L., from Wicken, together with a Hymenopterous parasite, probably Troichneumon laminatorius. Mr. J. T. Fountain, another ichneumon which he had bred also from C. elpenor, one of the large red species; also a bred series of Angerona prunaria, including all its forms. Mr. Langley, a number of cocoons of a Hymenopterous parasite bred from larvae of Geometra papilionaria; he said that although a number of the larvae of the parasite had emerged from the larvae of papilionaria, the latter had continued to feed for some time before it collapsed and died.—Colban J. Wainwright, Hon. Secretary.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, July 25th, 1907, Mr. R. Adkin, F.E.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Newman exhibited a long bred series of Arctia villica from larvae collected
in North Kent, and including a number of asymmetrical forms with aberrant markings. Mr. R. Adkin, the Coleopteron Anobium punctatum, which had been found destructive to sample packets of tobacco. Mr. Siel, a specimen of Tortrix prominana taken in his garden at Chiswick. Mr. South, a short series of Abaxius syratta, including some curiously elayed forms. Mr. West (Greenwich), three rare species of Hemiptera from the New Forest, Eysarcoris xenus, Corizus maculatus and Lapsus gothicus. Mr. Step, photographs of Lepidoptera at rest, taken during the Field Meeting of the Society at Box Hill. Mr. Clark, an unusually pink form of Amorpha populi.

Thursday, August 8th.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. South exhibited a hybrid specimen of Malacosoma, M. castresina and M. neustria, and read notes. Mr. Montgomery, a bred specimen of Toreomusa crevica from Cornwall. Mr. Newman, an exceptionally pink form of Saturnia pyri, a very dark example of Smerinthus ocellatus, a dark bred Arctia caja, living larvae of Ennomos autumnaria from Dover, and a cocoon of Anthoasca filipeudale from which the pupa had been extracted by birds. Mr. Goulton, a female of the sawfly, Sirèx gigas, from Sutton. Mr. Sich, the egg-shells, mines, cocoon and imago of Centistoma laburnella from Chiswick.

Thursday, August 22nd.—The President in the Chair.

Mr. Harrison exhibited series of Hyria mericata (anararia) from Wicken and the New Forest, and made remarks on the variation of the species. Mr. Tong, the living larva of Saturnia pyri from continental ova, and larvae of Dipleggia sandrowscila from ova laid by a T taken at Reigate. Mr. Newman, a larva of Dicerca bicornis from Tilgate Forest, and pointed out the difference from D. bigida. Mr. Turner, specimens from West Australia, including (1) Delias cap一号, a brilliant Pierid, Lyceusastes insous, a "Blue," Apina callista, a Noctuid moth, the Pyrale Megapa polygonalis, and the two Tineids, Cryptolechia alveola and Tinea elathnata; (2) three cases of a large species of Psychid, Eccticus sp., made of short twigs, with a number of parasites of the genus Bassus, which had emerged from one case; (3) examples of the Coceus ʃ s called the "Paradise Fly"; (4) a series of the ʃ s of the conspicuous beetle Rhipidocera femorata, with beautifully developed antennae; (5) a specimen of Helvus perforatus, a Tenebrionid with curiously developed margins to the thorax and elytra; and (6) a Gordius worm extracted from the abdomen of an Erebia tigea, taken on the Rigi, Switzerland, on August 29th. Mr. Moore, numerous species of Lepidoptera taken during a short trip to Wimereux, and read notes on the exhibits, which included Anthoasca trifoliata, Melanargia galathea, and A. melitata. Dr. Chapman, a specimen of Lyceus ennomon from Gavarnie, Pyrenees, apparently an extreme form of the ab. subradiata and a specimen of L. argus (argus) with unusually well marked spot variation on the underside. Mr. Rayward, living larva of Cucullia lychnitis, and remarked on a curious colour difference between larve captured and those reared in ova in captivity. Mr. Turner, larvae of C. verbasci and C. lychnitis, and pointed out the difference in markings, he also showed a specimen of the large mud wasp, Sceliphron latius, with its nest, from West Australia. Mr. R. Adkin, specimens of Enypistheia dodecanea from Eastbourne taken on the cliff, and commenting on their occurrence so far from the nearest oak trees, suggested that their food-plant had been the evergreen oak, which grew somewhat near where they were taken; he also showed a series of E. oblongata, bred from flower heads of Centaurea at Eastbourne. Mr. Sich, cases of Coleophora albovosta found on a furze bush in Surrey, and also the larvae of Pararge uroa from ova, and feeding on Poa annua, only in the early morning and in the evening.—Hy. J. Turner, Hon. Secretary.
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FIRST NOTES ON THE LEPIDOPTERA OF LUNDY ISLAND.

BY G. B. LONGSTAFF, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.E.S.

The very interesting observations by Mr. Norman H. Joy* on the Coleoptera of this lonely mass of granite suggest that some account of its Lepidoptera should be published.

Thirty years ago Mr. John R. Chanter† printed a list of 47 Butterflies and Moths noted on the island by the present lord of the manor, the Rev. Hudson G. Heaven, a gentleman who modestly disclaims being a skilled Entomologist.

Since the publication of Mr. Chanter’s book I have myself paid seven or eight visits to the island, but most of these have been limited to the very short calls permitted to visitors by the excursion steamers. One or other of these visits have been in company with Dr. F. A. Dixey, Mr. A. L. Onslow, Mr. F. R. D. Onslow, and Mr. Clinton Maund.

As a result, I have confirmed 14 of Mr. Heaven’s species, and added 46 not noted by him, thus leaving 33 species that require confirmation; of these, at least 24 are such as one might well expect to meet with, but a few are decidedly startling.

The following list comprises 93 species, and includes all Mr. Heaven’s species, which are indicated by his initials. Where I have not myself seen the insect the name is included in square brackets. Those marked with an asterisk are in my Mortehoe list.

Lithosia caniola, Hüb. Common at light, 1907. Two found by Mr. F. R. D. Onslow at rest on grass by day. This would appear to be a new locality for this local cliff-loving species; it was first taken in South Devon, and the late Mr. Barrett found it in Pembrokeshire.

*Pterogonatobia fuliginosa, Linn. One at light, August 26th, 1907; another by Mr. F. R. D. Onslow flying in the sun.

*Arctia villica, Linn. One seen by Mr. A. L. Onslow].——*[A. caja, Linn. H. G. H.].

*Polia lichenea, Hüb. One at light.

*Harmodia nana, Rott. (conspersa, Esp.). One taken at light by Mr. F. R. D. Onslow, 1907.

*Melanchra cespitis, Fabr. One at light.—*M. serena, Fabr. One at light.

——*M. pisi, Linn. A larva.

*[Agrotis segetum, Schiff. H. G. H.].——*A. ypsilon, Rott. (suffusa, Hüb). One at light.—*A. luigera, Sph. Several very fine specimens at light, 1907.

——*[A. obelisco, Hüb. One taken at light by Mr. F. R. D. Onslow, 1907].

† Lundy Island, a Monograph, Descriptive and Historical. Cassell, Petter and Galpin. Preface dated 1877.
Two dead examples found on the ground.

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*Carandra matura*, Hüb. (cytherea, Fabr.). Two specimens at light.

*Aceros flavescens*, Forst. (glucifera, Hüb.). H. G. H. A species

This species is recorded by Barrett from South Devon and Exmoor; also from Glamorganshire. It is, however, not unlikely that it has been confounded with *E. dotata*, Linn. (pyralitida, Fabr.), which Barrett says is generally distributed in Devon, and occurs also in Glamorganshire and Pembrokeshire, and which I have several times taken at Mortehoe.

*Hydrimena ocellata*, Linn.—*H. truneata*, Hufn. (f. immutata, Haw.). One kicked up from heather.—*H. bilineata*, Linn.

*Acrolophus limbata*, Scop. (mensuraria, Schiff.).—*X. spadicearia*, Bork. (serrugaria, Haw.).—*X. flavata*, Linn.

*Eublemma bisetata*, Hufn.

*Leptomeris margiaceapunctata*, Goeze (promulata, Guen.). A fine specimen at rest on a wall, 1903; another at light, 1907.

*Opisthograptis latistata*, Linn. (cratxgala, Linn.). H. G. H.]

*Syconia aheptaria*, Thumb. H. G. H.]

*Abraxas grossulariata*, Linn. Dr. Dixey; also H. G. H.

*Ennomos abiglaria*, Linn. (tiliaria, Bork.; cyanaria, Hüb.). H. G. H. Recorded by Barrett from Glamorganshire, also from Dartmoor.

*Gonodonta cingularia*, Linn. A specimen taken by Mr. F. R. D. Onslow at rest on a low plant.

*Macroglossa stellatarum*, Linn. H. G. H.]

*Sphinx convolvuli*, Linn. H. G. H.]

*Acherontia atropos*, Linn. H. G. H.]

*Smerinthus papili*, Linn. H. G. H. There is nothing very surprising in the occurrence of these four Sphingids].

*Notodonta dromedaria*, Linn. H. G. H. This species is recorded by Barrett as occurring at Barnstaple and on Dartmoor, also near Swansea.

*Phaetusa bicephala*, Linn. H. G. H.

Salarina pavonia, Schiff. H. G. H. Mr. Clinton Maund took a young larva, August 26th, 1907.

*Endromis versicolora*, Linn. H. G. H. In the Victoria History of Devon Mr. Barrett says, on the authority of Ed. Parfitt, that a single specimen has been taken at Barnstaple. It is not easy to see how Mr. Heaven could have failed to identify this correctly, supposing that he actually caught the insect and compared it with a figure. But it seems a strange locality for the moth].
Lasiocampa quercus, Linn. Also H. G. H.

Eriogaster rubi, Linn. The young larva common, 1907. Curiously enough, this species is not recorded by Mr. Heaven.

[Chiloarpa castrensis, Linn. H. G. H. Mr. Barrett quotes old records for the mouth of the Exe, but does not give Wales as a locality. It seems reasonable to assume that Mr. Heaven has made a mistake, and that the insect which he saw was really C. neustria, Linn., a species that is common both in Devon and South Wales.]

[*Argynnis euphorbe, Linn. H. G. H.], [*A. selene, Schiff. H. G. H.*]

[Melitaea athalia, Rott. H. G. H. This seems an unlikely locality, but the butterfly is well known as a denizen of Dartmoor, and Mr. Barrett recorded it from Barnstaple (where Mr. G. F. Mathew used to take it commonly years ago) and Instow, places almost in sight of the island.]

[Vanessa c-album, Linn. H. G. H. This occurs in Wales (and possibly Somerset); but the late Mr. Barrett did not notice it in the Victoria History of Devon].——*V. urticae, Linn. Also H. G. H.——*V. polychrois, Linn. H. G. H.].——*V. iio, Linn. H. G. H.——*V. atalanta, Linn. Also H. G. H.——*V. cardui, Linn. Also H. G. H.

*Satyrus semele, Linn. Rather common; curiously it is not mentioned by Mr. Heaven.

*[Epinephele tithonus, Linn. H. G. H.——E. janira, Linn. Also H. G. H.*

[Catopsycha pamphilus, Linn. Also H. G. H.]

[Chrysophanus planus, Linn. Also H. G. H.——*C. astrarche, Bergstr. (agrestis, Hüb.)]. H. G. H.]

*Lycaena icarus, Rott. (alesis, Hüb.). Also H. G. H.

*[Colias edusa, Fabr. H. G. H.]

*[Gonepteryx rhamni, Linn. H. G. H.]

*[Euchloe cardamines, Linn. H. G. H.]

*Pieris napi, Linn. Also H. G. H.——*P. rapae, Linn. H. G. H.].——

P. brassicae, Linn. Also H. G. H.

*Crambus prattelli, Linn.—*C. culmellus, Linn.—*C. perlellus, Scop.——*C. geniculatus, Hau. Rather common.

Hydrocampa nymphawata, Linn. A single specimen taken by Mr. F. R. D. Ouslow.

*Scoparia frequentella, Staint. On rocks.—*S. dubitalis, Hüb. (pyraletella, Hüb.).

[Platytillia ochroactyla, Hüb. H. G. H. Recorded by Mr. Barrett for Glamorganshire and Pembrokeshire, but not for Devon].

[Pterophorus spiolaactyla, Curt. H. G. H. Mr. Barrett gives no locality nearer than Somerset. It is quite possible that Mr. Heaven may have confounded this and the preceding with commoner Plumes].

*[Orneodes hexadaactyla, Linn. (polydaactyla, Hübn.]. H. G. H.]

*Zygoma filipendula, Linn. Abundant. Also in Mr. Heaven's list.—

[Z. trifoli, Esp. H. G. H. As Mr. Barrett gives Barnstaple and Bideford, as well as Wales, this record seems likely enough].

*Bactra lanceolata, Hüb. Among rushes.

*Eucosma lacunana, Dup.
*Hemimeoe peticerella*, Linn. Taken by Dr. Dixey in 1898.

*Lepidoptera alicitana*, Haw. Abundant flying over the dwarf gorse, *Ulex gallii*, Planck.

*Acalia aspersana*, Hüb. One.

*Euxanthis angustata*, Treits. The large June form.

*Trochilium museiforme*, View. (*philanthiformis*, Lasp.). Mr. A. L. Onslow secured a specimen among Thrift, *Armeria maritima*, Willd., June 27th, 1902. I was with him when he took another near Moorwinston, May 31st, 1905. I have often searched the Thrift about Morte Point and Baggy Point, but hitherto in vain.

*Depressaria costosa*, Haw. A fine specimen of the dark-veined variety kicked up, August 23rd, 1907.

*Elychnia cyanipennella*, Hüb. [*Hepialus hexius*, Linn. H. G. H. A very likely locality; Barrett gives Barnstaple and Lynoton].

It will be observed that of the 33 species in Mr. Heaven's list that I have not yet been able to confirm, 21 have been taken by me at Mortehoe; moreover, out of the 16 species recorded by me, but not by Mr. Heaven, as many as 11 are in my Mortehoe list.

Twitchen, Mortehoe:

*September 16th, 1907.*

**GELECHIA SOLUTELLA, Z., ab. CRUTTWELLI, X. ab.**

By Eustace R. Banks, M.A., F.E.S.

This albinic form has the fore-wings greyish-white, only darkened, just here and there, by a few fuscous scales. The extreme base, however, is fuscous, powdered with greyish-white, and the usual black stigmata are present, and are rendered exceptionally conspicuous by the paleness of the ground-colour. The specimen before me resembles the type in the colour of the head, thorax, hind-wings, and abdomen.

Of this grand aberration, which I have much pleasure in naming after Canon C. T. Cruttwell, the only example that I have seen was included amongst other *Lepidoptera* recently received from him for identification. It is a very large male, with a wing expanse of 19.5 mm., and in fine condition, and differs so greatly in appearance from the typical *Gelechia solutella*, Z., that it might well be mistaken for a totally distinct species, but I have no doubt whatever that it represents an extreme form of this insect, which is already known to be sometimes lightly dusted with greyish-white.

The individual in question was taken at Aviemore, Inverness-shire, by Canon Cruttwell during the past summer, and since a similar
one was seen by him there, though unfortunately it was not secured, it is probable that ab. *cruttwelli* occurs in that locality regularly but very sparingly.

Norien, Corfe Castle:
*September 5th, 1907.*

**IDIOCERUS SCURRA, GERM.: A SPECIES OF HOMOPTERA NEW TO THE BRITISH LIST.**

**BY E. A. BUTLER, B. Sc., F. E. S.**

I am glad to be able to announce the addition of this fine species to the list of British *Homoptera*. During the latter part of September I took a number of specimens on some Lombardy poplars growing on a piece of waste land adjoining my garden. Mature examples of both sexes were found, but some specimens were still nymphs even at so late a date. *I. scurra* is pretty generally distributed in the Palaeoarctic province, having been recorded from almost all the countries of the continent, except Scandinavia, as well as from the Caucasus, Turkestan, and Tunis. It is said to occur on *Salix* and *Populus* from April to October. It is easily distinguished from our other British exponents of the genus by its strongly rugose fore-parts. The ♀ is also a larger and more robust insect. The antennae of the ♀ lack the oval plate which characterises so many species of the genus. In the list of species *I. scurra* is placed at the head of the genus. The following description will enable the species to be recognised:—

Crown, frons and pronotum in both sexes strongly rugose transversely.

♀ dirty brownish-yellow, with a variable amount of black markings. Frons with an irregular dark streak between the eyes, which, however, is often indistinct. Scutellum with a black triangle in each basal angle, and a forked black spot between them. Veins of the elytra sometimes marked with black streaks at irregular intervals, often almost concolorous. The transverse vein sometimes makes with the adjacent parts of the brachial and the lower branch of the cubital a distinct black ♀. Apex of the anal vein white. Abdomen black above, yellowish beneath. Legs pale, tibia outwardly with a black stripe.

♀♀ of a uniform rust-brown colour, without black markings. Traces of irregular yellowish spots on the pronotum. Apex of anal vein white. Abdomen above black, beneath pale yellow. Other varieties of coloration are described from continental specimens, but none are all as above. Length, $6\frac{1}{2} - 7\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

**Hab.:** Lombardy poplar, Crouch End, London.

I have to thank Mr. James Edwards for kindly confirming my identification of this species.

56, Cecile Park, Crouch End, N.: *October 8th, 1907.*
DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS AND SPECIES OF CI\textit{C}I\textit{A}C\textit{I}D\textit{I}D\textit{E} FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

BY W. L. DISTANT. F. E. S.

Subfam TIBICININ\textit{E}.

Division MELAMPSALTAR\textit{IA}.

BUYISA, \textit{gen. nov.}

\textit{♀}. Vertex transverse, longer than front, with three longitudinal furrows, including eyes a little broader than pronotum; head beneath broadly transverse between eyes, the face prominent, subglobose; pronotum about as long as vertex and front together, the lateral margins nearly straight, the posterior angles moderately produced outwardly; mesonotum longer than pronotum, its disc moderately convex; abdomen as long as space between the apex of head and base of cruciform elevation; tympana entirely exposed; opercula transverse, not meeting medially nor extending beyond the base of abdomen; abdomen beneath with the lateral margins lamellately produced and strongly deflected, the basal segment prominent; rostrum reaching the intermediate coxae; tegmina short and broad, only about twice as long as broad, costal margin arched, a little sinuate near base, bases of lower vein to radial area and upper vein to lower ulnar area fused, apical areas short, broad, and only seven in number; wings with five apical areas.

Allied to \textit{Pauropsalta} by the wings possessing five apical areas, but differing from all the other allied genera of \textit{Melampsaltaria} by the tegmina, which possess only seven short, broad, apical areas.

BUYISA UMTATE, \textit{sp. n.}

\textit{♂}. Body above black; vertex with a longitudinal ochraceous spot between the ocelli, which are red; pronotum with the lateral and posterior margins and a central longitudinal line obscurely ochraceous; mesonotum with two central longitudinal fasciae, its lateral margins, the angles of the cruciform elevation and the basal margin of the metanotum ochraceous; abdomen above with the segmental margins greyish pilose, the lateral areas of the segmental margins and two spots on both the apical segment and the anal appendage, testaceae; body beneath and legs pale ochraceous; face excluding basal spot and lateral margins, space between face and eyes, spots to coxae, streaks to femora, apex of rostrum, metasternum, and a central longitudinal fascia to abdomen, black; extreme lateral margins of abdomen reddish-ochraceous; tegmina and wings hyaline, the venation mostly ochraceous, tegmina with the costal area ochraceous, the post-costal vein black.

Long. excl. tegm. \textit{♂}, 10 mm. Exp. tegm. 25 mm.

\textit{Hab.}: South Africa; Transkei, Buntingville near Umtata (Miss F. Barrett, Brit. Mus.).

The type of this species was collected by Miss Barrett, and presented to the Museum by the late C. G. Barrett.

Steine House, Selhurst Road,
South Norwood, S.E.:

October 9th, 1907.
HELP NOTES TOWARDS THE DETERMINATION OF BRITISH TENTHREDINIDÆ, &c. (20).

BY THE REV. F. D. MORICE, M.A., F.E.S.

BLENNOCAMPIDES (continued) = SCOLIONEURA to FENELLA.

SCOLIONEURA, Klw.

The three species of Scolioneura known to me as British are nana, Kl., betuleti, Kl., and vicina, Klw. Nana is easily distinguished by its white tegulae and edges of pronotum, its black and white legs (the hind femora entirely black), and by a dusky band, which in fresh specimens at least is tolerably distinct, crossing the wings from the stigma downwards. It is also a rather smaller species than the other two. In betuleti and vicina the tegulae are black, the legs (including the hind femora) are testaceous, and the wings unband. These two latter species are certainly very similar, and are probably mixed in most collections, but the wings in vicina are clear hyaline, while they are slightly but distinctly brownish in betuleti. The antennae also look more slender in vicina. The latter is probably the species described by Stephens as Selandria tenuicornis, which cannot be the tenuicornis of Klug, but I am unable to identify it in Mr. Cameron's work, unless it is included in his Bl. betuleti.

ENTODECTA, Klw.

Of this genus I have one British specimen from North Wales, which has been determined for me by Herr Konow as pumilus, Kl. It is a very small black insect with whitish legs and tegulae, and much resembles a Fenusa—having the division between the 1st and 2nd cubital cells practically obliterated as in that genus—but the cubitus itself is quite normal, not bent at a sharp angle as is the case with genuine Fenusa spp. (See my Table of Generic Characters.) Mr. Cameron describes several species under Fenusa which are unknown to me, and perhaps this may be among them. But the synonymy of these small Blennocampids is a subject with which I am not prepared to grapple, and I therefore refrain from offering conjectures which might only make confusion worse confounded.

MONOPHADNUS, Htg.

This genus (omitted from my Table of Generic Characters by an oversight for which I have already apologized) contains such of the Blennocampids as combine the following characters: (a) cheeks very short, (b) 1st cubital n. distinct, (c) two median (recurrrent) nn. received in different cells, (d) no separate "praesterna," and (e) hind-wings
with one enclosed medial cell. The species are of medium size (about 5—6 mill. long.), and the only three known to me for certain as British are all black-bodied insects. The most common of these is probably *albipes*, but none of them are rare.

**SYNOPTIC TABLE OF BRITISH MONOPHADNUS spp.**

1. Fourth joint of antennae about half as long as the third. Radial u. in fore-wing remote from 3rd cubital u. (Legs white and black, with black hind femora) ............................................ *albipes*, Gmel.

2. Pronotum, tegulae, and at least the greater part of the hind tibiae black.

3. Pronotum, tegulae, and hind tibia yellowish .......................... *cafercaris*, Brullé.

These species are all described under the same names by Mr. Cameron. The *geniculatus* of Htg. (*B. geniculata*, C.) is not to be confounded with *geniculata*, Steph. The latter is Mr. Cameron's *B. alternipes*, and is not a *Monophadnus*, but a true *Blennocampa*. See my last paper.

**PSEUDODINEURA, Knw.**

This genus was established by Konow in 1885 for the reception of certain species previously classed as Nematids, but excluded from that group as he defines it, by their short checks, and by the imperfect development of a "humerus" in the hind-wing. The only British species known to me is *fuscula*, Kl., of which I have specimens from Dr. Capron's collection determined for me by Konow, but there are probably others belonging to it among the species referred by Mr. Cameron to *Dineura*. The latter author's *Dineura despecta* is, perhaps, but according to Konow, "not certainly," identical with *fuscula*: it seems not to be the *despecta* of Htg., which belongs to Konow's genus *Mesoneura*.

**Kaliosysphinga**, Tischb.

The species referred by Konow to this genus form a part of those included by Cameron in *Fenusa*. I possess British specimens of three species, viz.: *ulmi*, Sundev., *dahrei*, Tischb., and *melanopoda*, Cam. (= *nigricans*, Thoms.), but will defer their tabulation till the end of the present paper. The generic characters of *Kaliosysphinga* have been given already—it differs from *Fenusa* (sec. Knw.) in two points of neuration, in the fore-wing the humeral area has a deceptive appearance of being "contracted," and in the hind-wing the "humerus" (as in *Pseudodineura*) is imperfectly developed or even entirely wanting.

**Fenusa**, Leach.

Only know for certain two British species of this genus. Mr.
Cameron gives eight, but, as has been said above, his *Fenusa* includes the species referred by Konow to *Kaliosphinga*. My two are *pygmea*, Kl. (from coll. Capron), and *nigricans*, Kl. (= *betula*, C., ?), given to me by Mr. McLachlan. See the Table following.

**Fenella, Westw.**

I have several specimens of one species, which has been determined for me by Herr Konow as *nigrita*. *Fenella westwoodi*, C., is unknown to me, and Konow has remarked that the description does not show why the author refers it to *Fenella* rather than to *Fenusa*.

The above four genera, though amply distinguished by the characters pointed out by Konow, consist of species which are superficially very similar, and I believe it will be most convenient for my readers if I tabulate such of the insects included in them as are known to me together. They are all very small and dark insects, with black bodies, and a length which seldom exceeds and often falls considerably short of 3 mill. Most, if not all, are leaf-miners; and I believe they are generally pretty common, though I have not often come across them in my own collecting—probably because I hardly ever “sweep.” All the species tabulated have been determined for me by Herr Konow; so that, though my list is no doubt very imperfect, it can be relied upon as accurate so far as it goes.

**SYNOPTIC TABLE OF BRITISH *PSEUDODINEURA, FENUSA*, &c.**

1. Hind-wing with two closed cells (cubital and medial), but no “humerus”
   (genus *Pseudodinea*, Klw.). The only species known to me for certain as British is .................................................. *Pseudodinea fuscula*, Kl.
   — Hind-wing with no closed cubital or medial cell ........................................... 2.
2. Hind-wing without humerus. Fore-wing with humerus approaching so closely to the brachius that the humeral area, though really “petiolate,” appears “contracted” (genus *Kaliosphinga*, Tischb.) ........................................... 3.
   — Hind-wing with humerus. Fore-wing with its humeral area simply “petiolate,”
     no appearance of being “contracted” ........................................... 5.
3. Radial n. received in front of the second cubital n. .................................. *Kal. alni*, Sundw.
   — Radial n. received beyond the second cubital n. ....................................... 4.
4. Fourth antennal joint scarcely longer and a little thinner than the second, the third longer by quite a half than the fourth ................................ *K. dohrni*, Tischb.
   — Fourth antennal joint evidently longer and almost thicker than the second, the third hardly longer by a half than the fourth. A slightly larger species than the last, and with darker wings ........................................... *K. melanopoda*, Cam.
5. Antennae with more than 10 joints ........................................... *Fenella nigrita*, Westw.
   — Antennae with 9 or 10 joints (genus *Fenusa*, Leach) ................................ 6.
6. Smaller. Legs white and black, with black hind femora .................................. *F. pygmea*, Kl.
   — Larger. Legs, including the hind femora, yellowish .................................. *F. nigricans*, Kl.

*(To be continued).*
A note on the habits of Chelera watsoni, Spence.—This evening I captured on a window what I thought might be a large Coleoptera, but it turned out to be Chelera watsoni, Spence. When examining it in the bottle with a low-power lens, I was fortunate enough to observe it in the act of cleaning itself. This proved to be such an interesting process that I watched it for some time on several occasions. The beetle cleans the whole of its upper surface (except the head and the extreme apex of the elytra) with the middle tibia and tarsi, each tarsus passing a little over the median line. It first "licks" one front tarsus for a short time; it then rubs this tarsus over the inner surface of the middle tibia and tarsus of the same side. The middle tibia is then turned up right over the back from behind forwards so that the inner or concave surface of the tibia and the inner edge of the tarsus come into contact with the back, the tibia matching perfectly the convexity of the elytra. The leg is then moved forwards and backwards, reaching almost to the apex of the elytra, and as far forward as the anterior edge of the thorax, which is moved slightly over to that side. One would hardly have supposed this latter position possible, and it certainly looks a wonderful aerobatic performance. The apex of the elytra is cleaned by the hind tibiae after the "saliva" has been carefully rubbed on to them from the middle tibia. The head is cleaned by the anterior tarsi, whether the dorsal or palmar surface I could not ascertain for certain, but I believe the former. Sometimes the beetle appears to lick the middle tarsi, but I am not certain of this. On examination under the microscope I find the inner aspect of the middle tibiae is very densely pubescent. —Norman H. Joy, Bradfield, Berks: October 1st, 1907.

Cryptophagus subdepressus, GyU., &c., in Surrey.—To the locality for C. subdepressus—introduced as British by Dr. Joy in the last No. of this Magazine, on two examples captured by himself in Ross-shire on August 4th last—I can add Woking, one specimen taken on the wing, amongst pines, on August 20th 1905, and Guildford, two specimens, beaten from spruce firs, on August 5th last. During the present month (October) Mr. J. J. Walker and I have obtained several others on the same trees near Guildford. As noted by Dr. Joy, the species is mainly recognisable by the very dense fine punctuation of the elytra. Thomson compares C. subdepressus with Micranthe abietis, Payk., on account of its slender legs and short fine pubescence, and the two examples taken by myself on August 5th were supposed to be that insect at the time of capture. These same spruce firs have also yielded C. dentatus, Herbst, Micranthe vini, Panz., Melanopisthina similata, GyU., sparingly, and M. gibbosa, Herbst, and M. fuscata, Hum., commonly, Dromius meridionalis, Dej., D. alpina, L., D. innotata, Panz., and D. melanopeplus, Dej., Cryptophalus abietis, Ratz., Cardiastelus fasciiventris, Garb., Microphyes pselaphormis, Curt., and M. elegantula, Baer., Patinus luridus, V., Acanthosoma hamorrhoidale, L., and Jassus mixtus, F. The various specimens referred to M. similata are separable from M. fuscata by their smaller size, less transverse, more coarsely punctate prothorax, and coarsely punctate-striate elytra, with the alternate interstices raised towards the base; and from M. gibbosa by the deep fovea on the prothorax, &c. Among the Coleoptera observed at Woking since the publication of my last note (ante, p. 135), the following are worth recording: —Rhizophagus carbelytens, Sahib., another specimen, taken on the wing, by my son, on May 27th, on the same
Oecypus cyanus, Payk., in Scotland.—I captured a fine male of this rare species when collecting with my friend Dr. David Sharp, near Grantown on- Spey, in June of this year. A few days later Canon Cruttwell and Dr. Sharp took Rhydycellus placidus, Gyll., not uncommonly in the same locality. O. cyanus is, I believe, new to Scotland.—Thos. G. Bispot, Beattock House, Beattock, N.B.: Oct. 11th, 1907.

Coleoptera in North Wales.—Some notes on a few days' collecting in North Wales last June may be of interest to Coleopterists. The weather throughout my stay was very cold and wet, and insects generally were very scarce, but partly to make up for this, several good things turned up. Most of my time was spent in the neighbourhood of Barmouth. There is a good stretch of high sandhills here, and Cicindela maritima, Dej., is quite common in one or two places. A dead specimen of Eurytia rufa, F., also occurred, along with Drychirius nitidus, Dej., and Bledius atricapillus, Germ. An old gull's wing produced, among other things, what I think must have been Arena octavi, Fauv., but as both specimens were carried off by the terrific gale blowing at the time, I cannot say definitely whether it was this species or not. Mr. Attlee has a record from this district (Ent. Rec., xix, 94). Cassida sanguinolenta, F., was swept from a ditch bordering the sandhills, and Phyllostela siniuta, Steph., from waste herbage by the side of the road. There are some extensive woods along the base of the hills a mile or two inland, and from thistles growing in a very marshy spot in one of these woods I got a number of Larinus earliva, Ol., most of them were, however, very worn. Calosoma inquisitor, L., occurred near by; Melasoma xucuin, L., was common on alders growing on the banks of a mountain torrent; Clythra 4-punctata, L., and Apoderus coryli, L., occurred on hazel; and one of my most welcome finds, Cryptoscepha la bipunctatus, var. lineola, F., was taken on the outskirts of the wood. Donacia impressa, Pk., was fairly abundant on some tall grass, but was very local, all the specimens I saw being within a length of a few yards. Chrysomela fastnosa, Scop., occurred near the same place. The hills behind the woods rise to an elevation of some 2500 feet. Carabus glabratus, Pk., is to be found in several localities here, usually running along the heather during the daytime, and in 1904 I took in the same district two specimens of C. violaceus, var. exasperatus, Duft. Phyllotreta horticola, L., was in swarms everywhere, from halfway up the hills right down to the shore; I could have taken any number of it. A day on Snowdon produced very little besides Megacoma inclinans, Gr., from under a stone not very far from the summit.—P. H. Jackson, "Dumfries," 112, Balham Park Road, S.W.: October 1st, 1907.

Coleoptera in the Highlands.—During the month of June this year I was in Scotland, and able to get some collecting, first at Braemar and afterwards at
Aviemore. Considering the ungenial character of the season, and the almost total absence of bright sunshine, the results obtained were far from unsatisfactory, except that the insects were individually not numerous, even usually common species being scantily represented. The specimens have been submitted to the inspection of Commander Walker and Mr. W. Holland, to whose great kindness I am indebted for the determination of several puzzling forms. I subjoin a list of the principal captures in the hope that it may interest the readers of the Magazine.

(A = Aviemore; B = Braemar).

Elaphrus lapponicus, Misocodera arctica, Anara alpina, Notiophilus aquatius, Cyclus rustratus, Patrobus assimilis, all on the highest slope of Mount Marrone, at nearly 3000 feet elevation. Bradyellus cognatus, harpalinus, and similis, Patrobus excavatus, Anara bifrons and aquila, Colethus melanocephalus, v. umbigena, and C. micropterus, on the lower slopes of the same mountain, close to Braemar. By the river side, Amphigynus picens, Bembidium andrew (anglicannum, Sharp), atroraculatum, nitidulum, and bruscilense, Halillus fulus, Hydrocorus obscurus and ambrosus, Ayabus furtvii, Platanius maculatus (v. immaculatus), Grymus natalor, a very conspicuous and beautiful form, and G. minactus, and Philydrus melanocephalus. Among the fir trees, Tachius elongatus, Quedius brevicornis ? and ranthus, and Quadrinuchus levigatus, Rhizophagus dispar and parallelocellis, Sinodendron cylindricum, and several larvae from which I have since bred Rhagium inquisitor. On the pathways at Braemar, Silpha nigrita, a large dark brown variety which seems peculiar to Scotland, Cholea trista; and among brushwood, Limonius cylindricus, Telephonius obscurus, paludosus, and pellicudus, Rhagonycha limbatata and elongata, Helodes marginata, Zengophora turcru (on a-ten). Besides these, the following deserve notice:—Geodromicus nigrita, B., Lestes sharpri, B., Philonthus proximus, A., P. carbonarius, A., Cryptothypos maritimus and dermestoides, A., Melanopus rufipes and var. castanipes, (very large), A., Corginibates quadratus, B., C. impressus, A., Logonochares fasciculatis, A., Tetratoma anora, A., Chlaenora tetratoma, B., Sulphus castanum, A., Onaspis flavus and rufilabris, A., Rhinoneura attelaboides and Magdalis duplicata, both on stacked fir logs, together with commoner species. Otiorrhyncus musus and aroeorn, A., O. septentrionis and norticola at both localities; Pisodes pini and notatus, A., Tychius costatus with Apion striatom and Phytoctea olivacea on flowers of broom, A., Pityogenes quadrident, A., Miusus planitarum, B. I have been surprised to find some of the above species so far north; and, as my experience was the same with regard to several Micro-Lepidoptera, I cannot help thinking that more complete local lists for the northern parts of our island would reveal a much more general distribution of many genera and species than is commonly recognised. Though neither Braemar nor Aviemore are probably as rich in this Order as Netley Bridge, it is evident from the above record, which represents a fortnight at each locality, that there is abundant material for an assiduous Coleopterist. * I noted the number of species observed during the whole period, and found it 199.—C. T. CRUTTWEII, Ewelme Rectory, Wallingford, Berks.: September 30th, 1907.

Hydroca longir, Regro in North Wales.—In view of the recent introduction of this species to the British list by Mr. Newbery, it may be of interest to record
its occurrence at Llanberis. I find I took a male there several years ago, probably from the wet moss in the river near the waterfall. This sex can readily be distinguished by the very distinct angular dilatation of the posterior tibia; the female I should imagine it would be rather difficult to separate from some forms of *H. riparia*, Kuig.—W. E. Sharp, South Norwood: October 6th, 1907.

Coleoptera in Surrey and Hants.—Among my captures during the past spring and summer—and to some extent making up for a very poor season's work—are: *Odontus mobilicornis*, F.; this specimen caused great consternation at a tennis party at Woking by alighting on a fair player; luckily for me a friend (who knows my "eccentricity") captured the insect and presented it to me. *Hallomenus humeralis*, Panz., this I took as it was running on a cement path in my garden. *Canopsis fescirostris*, Walt., this I obtained by sweeping at Lyndhurst in June. When at Lyndhurst Mr. Tate, Jun., gave me a specimen of *Pissodes notatus*, F., in splendid condition, which he had taken in the Forest. *Callitium variabile*, L., a very small specimen was obtained at Petersfield.—Lewis F. Barton, The Retreat, Guildford Road, Woking: September 26th, 1907.

*Peritrechus gracilicornis*, Pat., and other Hemiptera and Coleoptera in the Isle of Wight.—Whilst collecting Hemiptera in the Isle of Wight during the first fortnight in August, I had the good fortune to find a specimen of *Peritrechus gracilicornis*, Pat., on Pan Down, near Newport. The insect might easily be passed over in the field as *P. geniculatus*, as the differences are mainly comparative, the chief being the somewhat larger size and the thinner antennae of *gracilicornis*. This capture is interesting as being the second British record of the species, the only other being by the late Mr. Douglas many years ago at Hastings. Other interesting species which occurred to me were *Sekirus morio*, L., several larvae in a gravel pit on St. George's Down, near Newport; *Nedes tipularius*, L., in the same place; *Nabis boops*, Schiödlte, under heath in Parkhurst Forest; *Brachysteles parvicornis*, Cost., running on the damp ground amongst scantily growing rushes at Totland Bay; *Calocoris seticornis*, F., several by sweeping long grass, &c., on the cliffs of Sandown Bay; *C. ticineusis*, Mey., in Rookley Wilderness. On examining a number of specimens of *Orthotylus marginalis*, Reut., chiefly from the neighbourhood of Freshwater, I find that the ϑ of this species has the basal joint of the antennae dark at the base, and sometimes almost entirely infuscated. Mr. Edward Saunders, whose attention I called to this, has asked me to point out the necessary modification that must be made in the description of this species in his "Hemipt.-Heteropt. of Brit. Is.," where it is stated that the basal joint is pale in both sexes: this should apply only to the ϑ.

Amongst the Homoptera the most interesting were *Oliarius leporinus*, L., in a salt marsh at Yarmouth; *Cicicus scotti*, Edw., Sandown Bay; *Ledra aurita*, L., a very young larva in Parkhurst Forest; *Pediopsis naus*, H.-S., and *Stictocoris preysleri*, H.-S., on Freshwater Down; *Dellocephalus striifrons*, Kb., on Pan Down. In the salt marshes at Yarmouth I also found a number of specimens of a doubtful *Athysanus*, which is near *obsoletus*, Kb., but differs from inland examples of that species in having a longer and more pointed crown, and a differently marked frons. This form is ill under investigation by Mr. Jas. Edwards.
Amongst Coleoptera the most interesting captures were Dryopta deca
tata, Ross., by sweeping long grass on the cliffs of Sandown Bay, and Aphanistes emarginatus, F., by sweeping rushes in Parkhurst Forest, the locality where Mr. Donisthorpe originally discovered the species.—E. A. Butler, 56, Cecile Parke, Crouch End: October 5th, 1907.

Formica excella, NyL, in the Isle of Wight.—While collecting Hemiptera in Parkhurst Forest, J. W., I took occasionally a number of red-headed ants, without paying particular attention to them at the time, but hoping that F. sanguinea might be amongst them. On reaching home and examining them with the aid of books and collections, I was delighted to find amongst them a ♀ of Formica excella, NyL. This is a new locality for this rare species, which has previously been recorded only from Bournemouth and a few other places in the South of England. I have to thank Mr. Edward Saunders for kindly confirming my identification.—Ib.

Lepidoptera from street lamps, &c., at Guildford and Woking.—My brother and I have spent much of our spare time this year in searching the street lamps for Lepidoptera at Guildford and Woking. The former place was worked more thoroughly, but only during the day, and among the species secured there many are worth mentioning. The Pseudo-Bowmeyere were particularly well represented, the following having been found in or on the lamps:—Dieramia formata, L., and D. bifida, Hb., one of each, D. vinda, L, fairly common; Pierostoma patina, L., several; Lophopteryx camelina, L. rare; Notodonta dietca, L., almost abundant, N. diehwoiides, Esp., one of each sex, N. sieze, L., N. trepida, Esp., singly, N. chaooria, Hb., three ♀♂; two ♀♂ Platera buephala, L., was of course common, whilst of Pyxera cventula, L., only two were obtained. In addition to these one Notodonta dromedarius, L., and two N. trimacula, Esp., were found by friends on the same lamps. Other species which were captured in this way are Agrotis cinerea, Hb., fairly common, as many as three in one lamp, between May 29th and June 18th; Ateoia pictaria, Curt., one specimen on April 15th; Aplecta tineta, Braham., Xanthia gileago, Esp., several, and a fine variety of Catocala norata, L., with the red of the hind-wings replaced by dark lilac-brown. At Woking one specimen each of Notodonta trepida, N. chaooria, and N. diehwoiides were taken at the lamps. Ennomos fuscantaria, Haw., both sexes in about equal numbers, and E. atnaria, L., only males, were fairly common in both localities.

Of the species obtained by other methods the following perhaps are noteworthy: Cirrhodia xerampelina, Hb., two on ash trunks drying their wings, and several dead ones in the lamps, Guildford; Diathasia navia, Rott., in some numbers on a fence near a dense growth of Silene inflata, Guildford; Geometra papilionaria, L., and Enpithecia debilina, Hb. (which is not included in Mr. Goss's list for Surrey), both bred, the first mentioned from Woking, the latter from near Guildford: Xanthia aurgago, F., on ivy bloom with X. gileago, Esp., Guildford; Torovampa pastinum, Tr., one at Horsley, with plenty of Lygeva minima, Fuss., and Nemboites lucina, L; and finally, one Tetraea retusa, L., on the canal bank at Woking.—H. G. Champion, Horsell, Woking: October 13th, 1907.
Capture of Orthosia ocellaris. Bork, and other species at Cambridge, &c.—A specimen of Orthosia ocellaris, Bork., was taken by me on a street lamp in Cambridge on September 16th last. Some of the following records may also be of interest:—Aporophyla nigra, Hw., on a Cambridge street lamp, 25.9.07; I have not heard of this species being taken here before, though A. batalenta is somewhat common. Orthosia giratago, Esp., this species has been very abundant this autumn in Cambridge and district; one night a friend and I counted over 70 at light, there being no less than ten in and on one lamp. Heliolthis dipaea, L., one at light at Cambridge in July; one at light, Wicken Fen, August 9th. Hadena ophiogramma, Esp., one at Shelford, near Cambridge, 20.6.05. Deilephila lineata, F., one at Shelford, 3.8.05, hovering over lavender. Stanopes fragi, L., an imago at rest on pulings, Gog Magog Hills, 5.7.07; a few larvae can be found most years, but I have not heard of the perfect insect being taken here before. Homosoma sinuella, F., I find this species quite common on the chalk all over the district; why is it reputed to be a coast species? Erygestis eximialis, Sc., two specimens at light, Cambridge, during July. Paumene ochsenheimeriana, Z., Perils Ditch, near Newmarket, May, 1905, Cambridge, June, 1906. Parasia vereceptorella, Z., Barton Hills, Beds., 22.8.07. Aristotelia luciellata, Stph., swarmed in one corner of large lake in Epping Forest. 2.8.07. Mophsa stephensi, St., Richmond Park, 5.9.07. Nepticula fulgens, St., Shelford, Cambridge. Ochsenheimeria raccallula, F. R., common on the oak trunks in Richmond Park, 5.9.07; most of the specimens were in bad condition.

Mr. A. J. Wilmott, of St John's College, Cambridge, asks me to mention also the following:—Orthosia xerampelina, Hb., ten at light, Cambridge, during September. Senta maritimia, Tausch, one at light, Cambridge, August, 1907. Spilodes palialis, Schiff., same as last species. Chrysolina lineella, Cl., locally common at Cambridge this year.—F. W. Edwards, Penwith, Hills Road, Cambridge: October 6th, 1907.

Lepidoptera in Glenshian, Inverness-shire, in July, 1907.—Having in previous years seen moths in abundance at Glenshian, between Fort William and Mallaig, Inverness-shire, I was induced to take Mr. A. Noakes with me this year, who gave me valuable assistance at light and sugar; and having enlisted my chauffeur in our cause, we took long motor drives at night to the various hillside woods between the first two-named places, and with the aid of the strong acetylene motor lamps worked amongst the trees; many moths followed the light to the road, where they were duly captured.

The first ten days of July were so wet that very few butterflies were seen; and judging by the bareness of Lochailort, and what the natives told us, it is not a good locality for them. We were surprised at the number of moths found. The one that gave the most trouble to catch was Cheflonia plantaginis. We landed from the yacht on Goat Island, on the afternoon of July 21st, and saw some half-dozen darting about at a great pace in the sunshine, too fast to see what they were: we took eight that afternoon, and two days later about twenty specimens.

Thecla rubi was just over on our first day's visit, only a few very ragged specimens were taken. Pieris lopii was fairly plentiful, of P. brassicae and rapae only a few, Argynnis selene plentiful, A. aglaja many, but most difficult to capture;
amongst those taken was one very fine variety of the ? : Vanessa urticae very plentiful in larval state, Epinephelus janiva in large quantities, many males almost black ; E. hypercynus, Chortoicths doens and C. pampiilus, Pararge megara and Polymnomatus iecarns were the only other butterflies taken ; we saw one " Skipper."

Zygocopsis phaedoleuca, Habrias prasinauia, Neocnephila russula, Cheilonia plantaginis, on Goat Island only. On the 15th the first Phragmatobia fuliginosa appeared, Areta laricipedina and A. meathcestri several, with two of the var. ochracea of the latter, Hesperius hannaui were plentiful, H. heclus, volvela, and syrinxus only a few. Diaphora mendica, Lepkopteryx camelina and Leiocampa dicta were the only one of each. Lasiocampa quadric/is and Odonestis potatoria, was few specimens.

On the 5th we took the first Thytsina halsis at sugar ; on later dates the same was taken at sugar and light ; at which we also took Acronycta leporina, A. menyantiadius, A. psi, A. ruminicis, Lencania padorina, Xylophosa litharya, X. hepatica, Manesta persicaria, Apama basilica, Agrotis striagua, Noctua phacta, N. ditrapesia, N. brunnnea, N. festive, Triphrona commas, var. cacticis, Xenia typica, Amphipyra trapezogenia, Exuderia lucipara, Hadena dentina, H. adusta, H. olivacea, H. dis-simalis, H. psi., H. rectilinea, H. thalassa, H. chcnpolli, Cucullia umbretia, Plasia v-vanenn, Caloleuia quadrupunctata, var. cubicularis, Habrostyla tripalitita, Basina tenebrosa, Hydrelia una, Cymatophora or, Cerastis vaccini. Many of the Noctuas are much darker specimens than are found in the south of England.

Amongst the Geometre, Metrocampa morgarita was the most plentiful, many beautiful specimens were taken ; Geometer papilionaria, about a dozen in the most lovely condition, these were taken about the 20th; Ramia cteephyta, Amphibasis bntatoria, and Cucullia chinigaria, only a few very. On one hillside on the Fort William road, far away from any garden or cottage, Abraera grossulariata came to light in quantities. This was the only place where we saw this insect.


We did not collect many of the Pyrates or Micro-Lepidoptera.—James J. Joicy and A. Noakes, 62, Finchley Road, N.W. : October 1st, 1907.

Micro-Lepidoptera in the Highlands.—After an interval of two years I spent my annual holiday in June among the Grampians, first at Braemar and then at Aviemore, in the hope of doing something among the Micro-Lepidoptera. My experiences of the weather were no less unfavourable than those of workers in the south. During four weeks we had not a single day with three consecutive hours of sunshine, and for most of the time a leaden sky and a persistent cold drizzle made collecting a truly vexations enjoyment. The lateness of the season, however, enabled me to see one or two interesting insects, which would otherwise have been over, e.g., Anarta melanopa and Fidonia carbonaria, both on the bare
summit of a mountain nearly 3000 feet in height, flying over the stones and scanty lichen, in a keen wind, which seemed to have no terrors for these hardy moths. Lower down Haliotre cincta was found sparingly on posts, whenever the sun appeared, and one specimen of *Hyppa rectilinea* Enepheria indicata occurred among the fir, and satyrata, wava, and vulgata among the heather and bushy scrub. Platypeterx laccertella, Demas coryli, and Lohophora hexaplerata were beaten out of birch and alder, and Fidonia pinaria and atomaria were in profusion. I was surprised, on June 16th, to see two specimens of Chelonia russela flying at a considerable elevation at Braemar.

The following list of Micro-Lepidoptera from the same place, which, with that of those from Aviemore, has been kindly verified and corrected by Mr. Eustace Banks, may prove of some interest:—Anthithesia sororculana, Stigmnotac cognatiana, Caephasia politana, Gelechia rithrops, solutella, and arella, Incursaria pedkinea, Ornixholcule, Gracilea macropetella, Argusobia brookeella (unicolorous aberration), Oenorruts monoana, Coleophora marina, Lithocalletis spinolella, Nepticula woolbopiella, Micropteryx purpurella and allionella.

On June 22nd I moved on to Aviemore, where several interesting species were obtained:—Anthithesia sororculana and sauciana var. staintonianna (two specimens), Phileodes tetragneura, Cocoxyx splendidulana, cosmophorana, and distictana, Stigmonota cognatana, Eriopsis quadruna, Retinia pinivorana and resinella, Opadia funebrana, Enchomia mygindana and arbutella, Cocoxyx aeromilerana and vagiciana. Among the Taxina, Micropteryx allionella, Gelechia solutella (among them a fine hoary-grey variety, of which two were seen, and one taken), streliciella, politella, longicornis, proximella, ericella, notatella, and similis var. coquilai, Ornix loganella and betula, Coleophora juncivolella, Lithocalletis spinolella, and one much wasted Nepticula woolbopiella (?). The list is a scanty one, owing to the weather; but besides the fact of its including *G. streliciella*, H.-S., Mr. Banks informs me that four specimens of a Coleophora, three of which were taken among Vaccinium oxycoccos, are probably *C. marginatella*, H.-S., a species hitherto unknown in Britain. With the exception of the commonest species, all these insects required careful looking for, and individual examples were few and far between, so that I was unable to procure a full series of any of the rarer kinds, but hope another year to remedy this defect.—C. T. CRUTTWELL, Ewelme Rectory, Wallingford: September, 1907.

**Coleophora marginatella, H.-S. (?), in Scotland.**—Among the many noteworthy species and varieties of Scottish Lepidoptera that I have lately had the pleasure of examining for Canon Cruttwell, a Coleophora, of which he secured, in June last, one example amongst mixed herbage at Braemar, Aberdeenshire, and three others amongst Vaccinium oxycoccos, at Aviemore, in the county of Inverness, is certainly second to none in interest. Realizing that it was distinct from all the species in the British list, and being unable to reconcile it with any Coleophora described by the continental authors at hand, I forwarded the specimens to Lord Walsingham, who, after a vain search in his own collection and in those of Zeller and Hofmann, found that they agreed well with the figure and description of *C. marginatella*, which was
described by Herrich-Schaffer [Syst. Beih. Schmet. Eur., v, Pl. 89, f 683 (1854), p 238 (1856)], from a single individual taken in the Breisgau (Baden) and received from Reutti. He therefore returned them as probably referable to *marciatella*, H.-S., but in the absence of undoubted exponents of the latter for comparison, the question, unfortunately, cannot be definitely settled at present.

In Staudinger and Rebel's "Catalog" (No. 712), the latter author, following Heinemann and Wocke [Schmet. Deutsche u. d. Schweiz, Tiin., 557, No. 863 (1876)], entered *C. marciatella*, H.-S., as synonymous with *C. albicostella*, Dup., but Lord Walsingham informs me that for some time past he has been aware that these two species are distinct.

The following description that I recently made from Canon Cruttwell's four examples of this Scottish *Colaspheana*, of which the sexes are alike in colour, may be of interest to those who study the *Tineina*:

**Exp. al., 12—14 mm.**


*Tortrix semialbana, Gn., in Argyleshire.*—A note in Ent. Mo. Mag., October, 1907, p 237, by Mr Porritt on this species, reminds me that I took *T. semialbana* in July, 1857, near Lochgoilhead, Argyleshire. I have a note that specimens were sent to Henry Doubleday on August 17th, and to R. F. Logan on August 21st, in that year. My own examples may still be seen in the Hereford Free Library and Museum.—*T. A. CHAPMAN, Betula, Reigate; October, 1907.*

*Gyp soma incarnana, Haw., ab. albicostana, Gn., near Folkestone.*—In July last I captured a remarkably dark specimen of *Gyp soma incarnana*, Haw., *ab. albicostana*, Gn., at Eltham Park, near Folkestone. As I was at the time unable to satisfactorily identify the specimen in question, I submitted it to Dr. Rebel in Vienna, who states that the insect in question is undoubtedly *ab. albicostana*. Dr. Rebel writes me as follows:—"The example, which is a male and very large, measuring 14 mm. in expanse, is exceptionally dark, and shows but an extremely faint resemblance to the type. The *fore-wings* have the first white fascia entirely darkened by scales of a leaden greyish hue, while on the termen the white is entirely absent. The *ocellus* is very broad, and outlined on both sides with scales of a metallic leaden colour. The costa beyond the middle and the apex are ferruginous, the hind-wings and their *cilia* as well as the abdomen are very dark grey. The *frons* is whitish-grey, and the *antennae* white ringed."—*W. PURDEY, 129, Sea View Terrace, Folkestone; October, 1907.*

*Aculeate Hymenoptera* at Holmwood, Surrey. — When recording in the September Ent. Mo. Mag. the second occurrence in Great Britain (after an interval
of seven years) of _Pompi/us sanguisanguineus_, I was rash enough to express the hope of adding a further note on the species at a later date. I have, however, been unable to discover the insect again despite an exhaustive search. The only _Aculeate_ of marked rarity that has occurred here this season (apart from those recorded in past years) has been a single _Stelis aterrima_ of _Crabo goranger_. _Prosopis cornuta_ and _dilatata_ have been out in fair numbers, and seem to frequent quite a large variety of flowers, though curiously enough I have never yet found either on those of the bramble, which is given in Mr. Saunders' work as a favourite. Before the _Achillea_ was in flower, both species were to be found on Marguerite daisies; later, on _Achillea_, and then in turn on _Stellaria graminea_ and _Achillea ptarmica_. _Ceratina_ turned up again, but only a single _?._ _Stelis aterrima_ (_?) I took on _Lotus corniculatus_, and is the first of the species (or genus) I have seen on a flower of any sort.—C. H. Mortimer, Holmwood: _September, 1907_.

_Since writing the above I have been interested to find _Crabo panzeri_ here in an old sandpit. I recorded a large colony of it from Streatham in 1894, and since then have not seen it again, though I have looked carefully for it every year._

_Aculeate Hymenoptera at Swanage, Dorset._—During a ten days' visit to Swanage, last June, one or two interesting _Aculeates_ turned up, but the weather was of the worst for collecting. It is sixteen years since I recorded the rare _Andrena prostrima_ from this locality, and I was interested to find it again in profusion in its old haunt—a narrow cleft in the cliff, which it seems to have scrupulously adhered to, since there was no sign of it elsewhere. _?_s of _Methoca ichneumonides_ were also numerous on a small patch of cliff barely thirty yards in length. _Osmia spinulosa_ I met here for the first time, and also the rarer _leucomelesana_. This genus is not, I think, generally credited with being a flower-loving one, yet both occurred on buttercup and dandelion; while, in addition, I found _leucomelesana_ visiting daisy, and _spinulosa_ thistle. I was glad to get a good series of one of the rare _Nysson_, _N. interruptus_, the species being quite plentiful during the very rare glimpses of sunshine. With the exception of _Andrena iucens_ and a _?_ and two _?_s of _Prosopis dilatata_ I saw nothing worthy of mention.—Id.: _September, 1907._

_Wasps killing Hire Bees._—During last August I witnessed three occurrences of this. In the first instance a wasp settled on the ground near me, bearing a dead hive bee, recently killed, and still moving. The wasp itself I failed to secure, but it was either _Vespa germanica_ or _vulgaris_; in both the other cases it was _vulgaris_. In the first of these I captured the wasp as it flew off with the deceased bee. In the second there were two wasps, one joining in the fight after it had been progressing for some time. I disturbed this discussion rather too soon, as having netted the wasps, I found the bee bitten in two halves between thorax and abdomen. It would have been interesting to know whether this had been done on purpose to allow each visitor a share of the spoil. In both the latter instances the wasp was the aggressor.—Id.: _September, 1907._
Macrocotrias marginator, Vees.—I had the pleasure of receiving from Mr. W. A. Rollason of Truro, Macrocotrias marginator on April 30th last, which he had bred that day from some currant stems in which Sesia tipuliformis larvae were feeding. This parasite has been bred from different species of Sesia; Marshall, however, does not mention it having been bred in England from S. tipuliformis, but that it had been on the continent.—G. C. Biggell, Saltash: October 13th, 1907.

Rare Orthoptera near Dover.—I am pleased to be able to record the capture of numbers of Apterogula albipennis, Meg., and also of Dreecus verrucivorus, Linn., at Stonehall Farm, near Lydden, near Dover.—Malcolm Burr, Sibertswold, near Dover: September 25th, 1907.

Reviews.


Our knowledge of the Diurnal Lepidoptera of the Chinese Empire, almost a negligible quantity a few years ago, may now be said to compare favourably with that of most parts of the world of equal extent. This increase is due, in the first place, to the late Mr. J. H. Leech's great and sumptuous work, "Butterflies from China, Japan and Corea;" and the work now under review forms another substantial contribution. Mr. Kershaw may be congratulated on the success with which he has dealt with the butterfly-fauna of a most interesting district, which if it be not as rich as that of some other tropical regions (mainly through its being the seat of a dense and industrious population, before whom nearly every vestige of forest vegetation has long ago disappeared), yet includes many fine and showy species as well as a few peculiar forms of these insects. 133 species of butterflies are recorded as having been met with at Hongkong and Macao, and on the adjoining mainland of South-East China, as against about 120 observed by the writer of the present notice during part of two years (1892 and 1893) on the island of Hongkong alone. The additional species include the migratory American Anopia (Danais) archippus, which has at last followed its food-plant across the whole width of the North Pacific Ocean. No new species are described, nor indeed are any detailed descriptions of the perfect insects given; but all except a very few are figured by the three-colour process from the author's drawings. While all the plates may be pronounced good, some of them, as Plate VIII, including most of the Lycaenidae, and Plates IX and X, containing the Pieridae and some of the Papilios, attain a high degree of merit. The supplementary plates of the larvae and pupae are also excellent examples of colour-printing as executed in Japan, though a few of the figures are somewhat lacking in detail. The
most valuable part of the work in our opinion consists in the careful descriptions of the earlier stages of a large proportion of the species, in many cases unknown up to the present; and in the bionomic notes and observations on the habits of the perfect insects, which amply testify to Mr. Kershaw's powers as an observer. We may refer to the account of the very singular life-history of the Lycaenid species, *Gerydus chinensis* and *Spindasis lohita*, and their association with ants in their earlier stages, first detailed in Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., 1905 and 1907, and here reproduced, as being of special interest. The work is written in a clear, though not severely scientific style (synonymy, for instance, being almost entirely omitted), and the "General Notes" appended to each part make very pleasant reading, and include much interesting information as to the region dealt with.


Of all the great divisions of the earth's surface the Island-Continent of Australia presents us with an insect-fauna which is certainly the most isolated and peculiar of any of the same extent (except perhaps in respect to one principal group, the Diurnal *Lepidoptera*), and ranks amongst the richest of them all. Our knowledge of its infinitely varied forms of insect life dates from the time when Fabricius described the insects brought home from its shores by Sir Joseph Banks and the naturalists who accompanied Captain Cook on his first memorable voyage. Until quite recently, however, little has been written about the actual life-history of the insects of Australia, and the descriptions of a large proportion of the earlier known species—often inadequate without reference to the types—are embodied in rare, costly, and not readily accessible works in many languages, and in the publications of learned societies. The want of a book treating of the insect fauna of the region as a whole, has been much felt by the large and enthusiastic body of Entomological workers that of late years has arisen in Australia, and this want Mr. Froggatt has endeavoured to supply in the present work. His chief difficulty—which he has effectually surmounted—has been to write in a sufficiently popular style to interest the general reader as well as the beginner in the study of Entomology, without sacrificing the requirements of the more advanced student of the science. Following the classification adopted by Dr. Sharp in his well-known volumes on "Insects" in the "Cambridge Natural History," with slight modifications, the author, we note with satisfaction, treats the so-called "neglected Orders" with fully adequate detail. Indeed, some of the most interesting sections of the book are those devoted to the Termites (here regarded as belonging to the Order *Orthoptera,"
pp. 20-28), the Hemerobiidae (pp. 57-66), the Cicadidae (pp. 316-351), and the Coccidae (pp. 371-387). As might be expected, Mr. Froggatt deals with his subject largely from the bionomic and economic side, and it is from the latter point of view that the book will be found of especial value in Australia, the numerous and destructive insect pests of that region being fully illustrated and described. The Entomologist in the "Old Country" and elsewhere will, on the other hand, find a great deal to interest him in the account of the varied forms—many of them unrivalled in beauty and singularity of structure by those of any other part of the world—of the Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, and Orthoptera of Australia. The numerous plates are on the whole exceedingly well executed, and some of them, especially those representing the "Giant," and "Meridional" Termitie mounds of North Australia, the large and grotesque forms of Orthoptera, and the beautiful beetles of the Buprestid genus Stigmodes, are very striking. We could, however, have wished that, instead of the showy but not very characteristic butterflies figured in Plate I (one of them being our old friend Anasia archippus), some of the beautiful Satyrists and Lycaenists peculiar to Australia had been delineated. The text-figures, some of which have previously appeared in illustration of papers by the author in the "Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales," are also very good, several of them, representing Coleoptera on an enlarged scale, being among the best of their kind we have seen. Useful hints as to collecting and preserving, an interesting account of the chief collections of Australian insects in their own country and elsewhere, a list of the principal publications dealing with Australian Entomology, and a full index, conclude this interesting and valuable contribution to the list of Entomological works. The printing, paper, and general "get-up" of the book leave little to be desired, and we notice only a few misprints or other inaccuracies; indeed, almost the only statement which strikes us as open to question is that on pp. 238-9, as to the frequent occurrence of the larva of that strictly Palaeartic hawk-moth, our familiar Sphinx ligustri, in Australian gardens.—J. J. W.

Societies.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, September 12th, 1907—Mr. Hugh Main, B.Sc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. South exhibited specimens of Lithosia canidia, bred from larvae fed upon lettuce, which they would only eat when in a decaying condition. Mr. Newman, a few bred specimens of Eugonia autunnaria, including two very beautiful dark forms, the result of a pairing of the unique form bred last year with a typical form. He also showed varieties of Aglais urticae, including forms with black hind-wings, rayed hind-wings, and with discal spots almost obsolete. Mr. Goulton, living larvae of Bankia argentauna, and a series of Astilce badiata showing much variation in the transverse banding and general coloration. Mr. Harrison, imagines of the same species from Wicken, together with living larvae. Mr. Sich, imagines and ova of
Trifurcula immundella from Surrey, and read notes on the habits of the imagines and larve, and giving the characteristics of the ova. Dr. Chapman, bred specimens of Arctis fasciola, from ova obtained by him in Spain. Mr. Main, a long series of photographs of the life-history of Charaxes jasius. Mr. South, a specimen of Agriades corphon ab. syngrapha, from Wiltshire. Mr. Tutt read a paper, "Egg-laying of the Brentlus" (Rhopolocera), and a considerable discussion took place.

Thursday, September 26th, 1907.—Mr. Hugh Main, B.Sc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. G. C. Hodgson, of Red Hill, was elected a Member.

Mr. Tonge exhibited a living larva of Cucullia ateris from Sussex, and showed some stereographic views he had made of insects at rest. Mr. Ashby, series of Donacia crassipes from the New Forest, D. clavipes from Wickham, and Harmonia curtisii from Gravesend. Miss Fountaine, both sexes of the two broods of Pieris ergane, the spring specimens from Montenegro, and the autumn from Hercegovina. Mr. Newman, a very large number of varieties and forms of the various species of Lepidoptera bred and captured by him during the present season. Mr. Simmons, a series of Hemorophila abruptaria bred by him from a dark wild ? crossed with a bred typical ɜ, including a very fine gynandrous example, the left side the ordinary ɜ colour, while the right side had the very dark form of ɜ characters. Messrs. Harrison and Main, a portion of a brood of Acidalia aevacata, all of which followed the colour and markings of banded parents. Mr. Gadge, a fine variety of Abraxas grossulariata, with mere remnants of the usual black markings, captured on Denham Hill. Mr. Goulton, a bred series of Euchlaea cardamines of unusual size, particularly the ɜ's. Mr. Main, ova of Paraxes cypria, in situ on grass, and living larve of Phorodesma smordgpia. Mr. Coote, (1) living larve of Calathria argiolus on ivy berries from Eastbourne; (2) a specimen of Agriades corphon var. obsolleta from Eastbourne. Mr. Turner, series of Parmassius delius and Celsius paleno taken in the Engadine in August. Mr. Sich, (1) Tiocola biselliella, bred specimens of large size, the larve fed on red cloth; (2) Barkhausenia pseudospretella from larve found in flax seed by Mr. W. West. Dr. Chapman, (1) Plebeius argus (egon), uniformly dark on the upper side; and (2) larve of Closyne poletoriana with imagines from Gavarnie, with specimens of C. aevacata from Carinthia for comparison.—H. J. Turner, Hon. Secretary.

Entomological Society of London: Wednesday, October 2nd, 1907.—

Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. Perrins, Junior, of Davenham, Malvern, and Mr. Frank Milburn Howlett, of the Agricultural Department, Pasa, Bengal, India, were elected Fellows of the Society.

The Rev. F. D. Morice gave an account of his reception as the representative of the Society, and of the celebrations of the University of Upsala, and of the Academy of Science at Stockholm, at which he was present.
Commander J. J. Walker showed living specimens of the Heteromerous beetle _Sibis marcis_, first rediscovered at Oxford by Mr. A. H. Hamm, of the Oxford University Museum in 1903, and found rather freely during September, 1906 and 1907, on old stone walls in the vicinity of Oxford inhabited by the Mason Bee, _Pediculus (Anthophora) pilipes_, on which it is parasitic in its early stages. Mr. G. T. Porritt, black specimens of both sexes of _Fidonia abnormis_ from the Harden Moss Moors, Huddersfield, illustrating the nematic tendency of _Lepidoptera_ in the district.

Mr. H. St. J. Donisthorpe, _Apion semivittatum_ taken on _Mercurialis annua_ in plenty at Deal in August and September, 1907; _Musidalis duplicata_ from Nethy Bridge in July, 1907; _Fornica sanguinea_ from Aviemore and Nethy Bridge, the first record for Scotland; and _Pezostethus farinicornis_, taken with _Fornica rufa_ at Rannoch, in July: a species which has not been found in Scotland since Dr. Buchan White first captured it in 1874. Mr. A. H. Jones, a case of butterflies taken this year at Herculesbad, South Hungary, including specimens of _Erebia melas_ from the Domogled, which bore a remarkable resemblance to _Erebia alceo_ var. _nicollii_, Oberth., from Campiglio, and _Erebia leicheri_, Oberth., also shown for comparison by Mr. H. Rowland-Brown. Mr. Jones also exhibited examples of _Chrysopeia dispar_ var. _rutulus_, and _C. alethron_ from the neighbourhood of Buda-Pesth; both species of great size and brilliant colouring. Dr. F. A. Dixey, specimens from Uganda of the African Pierine genus _Mylothris_, showing an almost complete gradation between _Mylothris claria_, Fabr., and _M. apathina_, Cram. Mr. M. Jacoby, several fine forms _L. bellargus_ of the ab. _creusus_ taken this autumn at Folkestone, as well as one example of the ab. _cinnebrosus_, Stgr. Mr. Norman Joy, a specimen of the rare beetle _Cryptophagus subdepressus_, Gyll., taken near Garva, Ross, on August 4th, last. Mr. W. J. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Summers, two specimens of _Pelephila euphorbiæ_ bred by them from larvae found in Kew Gardens. He also exhibited several examples of insects which had seized their prey, with the remains of the victims _in situ_. Mr. H. M. Eedlesten, specimens of (1) _Sesia andraenaformis_, bred from pupae taken in Bedfordshire and Kent, and (2) Ova of _Noassaia cornar_, _in situ_, illustrating the remarkable methods of oviposition of the species. Mr. A. Harrison and Mr. H. Main, four broods from females of _Pieris napri_, var. _bryonia_, captured on the Kleine Scheidegg Pass, Switzerland, in July, 1906, showing a wide tendency to variation. Prof. T. Hudson Beare, a specimen of the rare bug, _Lyguss equestris_, L., from St. Margaret's Bay. There are only four previous records of its capture in this country: Bath, 1837; Devizes, 1861; Dover, 1886; Sheppey, 1906. He also showed specimens of _Hyperea tigrina_, Boh., taken in some numbers on the wild carrot from the same locality; a very local insect, which seems to be confined to the S.E. corner of England; and specimens of _Apion semivittatum_, Gyll., taken during the same period at St. Margaret's Bay off plants of _Mercurialis annua_. Col. Charles Swinhoe read a paper on "The Species of _Hesperidia_ from the Indo-Malayan and African Regions, described by Herr Plötz, with descriptions of some new Species." Lieut.-Col. Manders, "The Butterflies of Mauritius and Bourbon." Dr. T. A. Chapman, "The Hibernating Habit of the Lepidopterous Genus _Marasmorcha_," and exhibited specimens to illustrate his remarks.—H. ROWLAND BROWN, Hon. Secretary.
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TINEA FLAVESCENTELLA, HW. (NEC STN.),

N. SYN., = TINEA *MERDELLA, STN. (NEC Z.).

BY THE RIGHT HON. LORD WALSHAM, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., &C.

An examination of the type of Tinea merdella, Z., which was figured by Herrich-Schäffer (Tin. 635), shows that it cannot be the same species as *merdella, STN., &c., which has been sunk by Meyrick and others as a synonym of Tinea pellionella, L. The type, collected at Constantinople by Löwe, is still the unique exponent of the species. A most careful examination under a microscope has failed to reveal the slightest trace of maxillary palpi or haustellum. The genus Tineola, Hs., is found to possess short, but not folded, maxillaries, but in spite of this objection I would suggest that it should be referred, at least provisionally, to Tineola, rather than to Myrmecozela, Z., which differs conspicuously in the median joint of the palpi being densely clothed with projecting scales, rather than sparsely bristled. Herrich-Schäffer's figure emphasises the difference in marking which should also at once serve to separate merdella, Z., from the British species (*merdella, STN.; nec Z.). The outer spot, so far as I can judge, invariably single among our British specimens, is distinctly reduplicated in the figure, as in the type; moreover the inner spots, represented in English specimens as a pair, equidistant from the base, but not reaching the dorsum, are, in the true merdella, better described as one spot, with a diffused streak of similar dark scales arising from the dorsum below and nearly reaching it. This also is well shown in the figure, but is rather more clearly defined than in the specimen itself. My British Collection contains a good series of *merdella, STN., from various sources, including some from Hodgkinson, Douglas, and Mason; certainly these are all true Tineae with folded maxillaries. The presumption at least is that the true merdella does not occur in England, but this is of course open to correction in the event of any one finding in his cabinet a British specimen, resembling that which has been so-called in our collections, but without folded maxillary palpi.

We are left to consider whether the species, erroneously referred to merdella by Stainton, has or has not been described. It cannot be pallescentella, STN. (= vagrifoldella, Grsnn.). It cannot be *flavescentella, STN. (nec HW.), which is the ochreous and distinctly irrorated form of fascipunetella, HW., as obviously suggested by Doubleday (Syn. List 27). It cannot be dubiella, STN., which Stainton himself (Ent. Ann. 1874. 3) was unable to separate from pellionella, L.,
because this is described as having all the wings darker (especially the hindwings) than *pellionella* itself, and as having only the discoidal spot (no others). The only description, founded on British specimens, with which it can be compared is that of *flavescentella*, Hw., Stph. (*nee* Stn.), and with this it is quite in agreement, noticeably as to "punctis obsoletissimis," and "costa basi absque atra."

There is however another description from which I am at present unable to separate it, viz:—that of *Tinea tristigmella*, Costa [Fn. Nap. Lp. *Tinea* 20-1, no. 20 Pl. IV. s (1836)]. Costa's figure does not give the idea conveyed by his description, chiefly on account of the use of gold or other metallic colouring, which his artists habitually employed to represent a shining surface, but, with this exception, there is nothing to prevent it from fairly agreeing with the insect before us. In England the species with which we are dealing has been confused with *merdella*, and it is at least a curious coincidence that the first description by Zeller (Isis 1847. 808-9) of the specimen which he subsequently [Lin. Ent. VI. 162-3 (1852)] separated as *merdella*, was a comparative description referring to differences between it and *tristigmella*, Costa, these being precisely the differences which we now recognise as separating *merdella*, Z., from *merdella*, Stn., and therefore, unless any one able to refer to Costa's type, can point out in what it differs from *merdella*, Stn. (*nee* Z.), as figured by Morris [N.H. Br. Moths IV. 24. Pl. 99. 14 (1870)], this species should sink as a synonym of *flavescentella*, Hw. Sixty years have passed since Zeller wrote, and *tristigmella*, Costa, has disappeared from the European lists, but it must certainly be resuscitated, if only as a synonym. With regard to the larva, Morris writes (l. c. 24), that "It feeds on grain," after mentioning that the moth occurs in "wool-stores." It is probable that the grain-feeder he referred to was *fuscipunctella*, Hw., for Horton [Ent. Wk. Int. VI. 109-110 (1859)] gives a very carefully detailed account of the case-bearing larva of the species identified by Stainton as *merdella*, and as it fed on an old pen-wiper, this is consistent with its occurrence in wool-warehouses.

The best account however is by Lafaury [Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. LIV (6 s. V: 1885), 410-11 (1886)], who shows conclusively that it cannot be a mere variety of *pellionella*, L. (with the larva of which he was also well acquainted), although, like it, this also feeds on old woollen fabrics, making a somewhat similar case.

The synonymy of *flavescentella*, Hw. (= *merdella*, Stn.), *Tineola merdella*, Z. (*nee* Stn.), and other species of *Tinea* studied in this
connection (some not recorded in Stgr-Wk Cat., or Stgr-Rbl. Cat.), is as follows:—

4583.—Tinea fuscipunctella, Hw.

= *flavescentella, Stn. (nec. Hw.).


Hab.: ENGLAND 1—11—nr. London 6, 8, 10; nr. Sheffield 1.

Larva in spun tube 11, on dried fruit 11; dried peas, &c., 11; on all kinds of waste substances 9; offal 11; birds’ nests 11; meal-worm workings 11; VII—VIII 9, 11, IX—V 11. Imago V 11, VI 7, 9, 10, VII 9, 11, VIII 11, IX 7, 9, 11, X 11.

4584.—Tinea pellionella, L.


Hab.: ENGLAND, &c.

Experience shows that it is not advisable to regard as mere synonyms species that have been described, or figured, but which cannot be easily recognised. I prefer to call attention in this case to the two following names given to species, regarded as new, by Gregson (who was a very observant collector), in the hope that those who have the opportunity may endeavour to discover the grounds on which he separated them from the already named species in our collections.
4584: 1.—Tinea dubiella, Stn. [dubiella, Grswn., MS.]


*Hab.*: ENGLAND (Liverpool) 1-8.

*Larva* in case (like *pellionella*), on insect remains 1. *Imago* VI 1-2 1, VII 4.

4584: 2.—Tinea fuscescentella, Morris.

[fuscescentella, Grswn., MS.; Stn., L.N.]


*Hab.*: ENGLAND (Liverpool) 1-4.


4584: 1.—Tinea flavescentella, Hw. [merdella, Stn. (see Z.); = tristigmatella, Costa.]


 [= pellionella, Meyr. ; Stgr-Wk. -partim.]


Larva in cases, on wool, X 26 — c. 11 15, excl. VI 15, 26; on furs X — XI 21. [Imago in "wool-stores." — "It feeds on grain"! 20], Imago — VI 6, 20, 23, VI 12, 23.

4588.—Tinea pallescentella, Stn.

= nigrifoldella, Grsgn.


Hab.: ENGLAND 1-11 — Liverpool 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11; Manchester 7-8; Birkenhead 7-8; York 7-8; South Shields 10; London, 30.VI.1906 (Wlsm.), Green Park, 4.VIII.1887 (Drnt.); Norfolk (Merton) 26.V.1903, 29.VIII.1903 (Drnt.). AUSTRIA 14 — Ganzen 14, Sara-jevo 14. GERMANY 14 — Stettin 14.

Larva on grain 5, 7-8, 11, 11; in cadav., desiccated cat 10, 11; in rabbit, hare, and cat skins (in warehouses and poulterers' shops) 12; wool 13, V—VI 12, VII—XII 19. Imago V, VI; VII 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, VIII 7-10, IX 9-10, 12, X 10, 12, 14, XI—XII 10.

TINEOLA, H.S.

4622 : 1.—Tineola merdella, Z.

Tinea tristigmatella, Csta. + var., Z. Isis 1847. 808-9. Tinea
TINEOLA (?) sp. (?).


Hab. : GREECE—Attica.

Further Notes on Lepidoptera Observed at Mortehoe, North Devon.*

By G. B. Longstaff, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.E.S.

In the four years which have elapsed since the publication of the second edition of my list of Mortehoe Lepidoptera the following additional species have come to light. It will be noticed that in most cases only single specimens have been met with.

Tephroclystis venosata, Fabr. A single example, 1905.—T. albipunctata, Haw. A young larva on Angelica sylvestris, September, 1907.


Apocheima pedaria, Fabr. (pilosaria, Hübn.), a larva.

Deilephila porcellus, Linn. Three larvae taken at Woolacombe by Mr. H. G. Champion, 1907.—D. elpenor, Linn. Several larvae on Epilobium montanum in the garden, 1904.—D. galii, Rott. A larva at Woolacombe found by Mr. H. G. Champion, September 3rd, 1907.

Acherontia atropos, Linn. Mr. Hector Wimbush took a moth at Woolacombe, 1903.

Homoeosoma binervella, Hübn. A single specimen at Vention, just beyond the parish boundary, July 1st, 1906.

Galleria mellonella, Linn. Several specimens in the house, August, 1907. There are two nests of bees in the woodwork.

Phlyctena fuscalis, Schiff. One, 1906.

Scoparia angustea, Steph. (coarctata, Zell.). Single specimens; at ivy-bloom 1904; on a rock, 1907; at light, 1907.

* See Ent. Mo. Mag. 2nd Series, vol. xvi, p. 69.
Evergestis extimalis, Scop. (margaritana, Schiff.). A specimen at Vention, just outside Mortehoe parish, July 1st, 1906.

Cydia nigromaculana, Haw. Taken on same day and at same place as last, common among Ragwort.


Pammene cheediella, Clerck. One beaten from hawthorn, 1906.


Phalonia caerana, Dhl. Very scarce; two among thistles, June 18th, 1906.

Trypenus cossus, Linn. (ligata, Fabr.). A larva seen by Mr. A. L. Onslow crawling on the road, near Pool, October 1st, 1906.

Gelechia muscella, Zell. Common by beating gorse.

Depressaria purpurea, Haw. One beaten out of a haystack, September 8th, 1907.

Cerostoma costella, Fabr. One beaten from fles, Twitchen, August 17th, 1907.

Platella annulatella, Curt. One at light in the house, September 25th, 1904.

Tinea pellionella, Linn. In the house, 1907.


Twitchen, Mortehoe, R.S.O.: October 13th, 1907.

CRYPTOPHAGUS PALLIDUS, STURM; A NEW BRITISH BEETLE.

BY NORMAN H. JOY, M.R.C.S., F.E.S.

I have the pleasure of recording another British species of the genus Cryptophagus, viz., C. pallidus, Sturm, but it is entirely due to Mr. Britten's critical eye that the species can be added to the list. He sent me for examination several supposed specimens of C. dentatus, Herbst, and suggested that they could hardly all belong to this species. I had little difficulty in identifying the majority of them from Ganglbauer's "Die Käfer von Mitteleuropa" as C. pallidus, and this diagnosis has been confirmed by Capt. Deville, who has kindly given me continental specimens.

According to Ganglbauer this species is very closely allied to C. dentatus, but is generally rather smaller, with the thorax narrower in proportion to the elytra, the "callosities" distinctly less developed, and the elytra shorter, and I may add, slightly less parallel-sided. Erichson regarded it as synonymous with C. dentatus, but Ganglbauer says he finds the distinguishing characters quite constant in a long
series, and remarks that *C. pallidus* is taken on flowers, not under bark, &c.

It is almost certainly mixed with *C. dentatus* in our collections, although I do not possess it myself. Mr. Britten's specimens were taken amongst dead leaves near Lowther Castle, Westmorland, in December, 1900, and at Great Salkeld on various dates since 1901.

Bradfield, Berks.:
*November 10th, 1907.*

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**COLEOPTERA AT AVIEMORE AT EASTER.**

BY PROF. T. HUDSON BEARE, B.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.E.S.

The weather in Edinburgh during the days preceding Easter was so magnificent that I decided to carry out a long-cherished plan and have a few days' collecting in the Highlands in the early spring.

We left for Aviemore by an early train on Friday, March 29th, and returned early on Tuesday, April 2nd. Except for a short spell of cloudy atmosphere on the 30th, the weather was perfect, the rather intense heat of the sun shining from cloudless skies being tempered by a gentle breeze. The Cairngorms and other mountains were still covered all over their higher slopes with snow, and the panorama from the terrace of the hotel in the early morning was quite alpine in character.

On Easter Monday we walked out to Loch Morlich, just at the foot of the Cairngorms, and took an open air lunch on its shores, the brilliant sunshine, the clear waters of the loch sparkling in the sun's rays, the dark masses of firs and pines which stretched from the further shore of the loch away up the lower slopes of the mountains, and the snow covered peaks standing out sharp and clear in an atmosphere of surpassing clearness and purity, made up a picture that will remain a treasure of memory for many a long year. If any British entomologist wants to enjoy the delights of a Swiss holiday within the confines of his own country, I would advise him to take the chance of the first fine Easter and go off to Aviemore for a week.

Naturally my collecting was entirely confined to searching under the bark of fir stumps and fallen trees—I was lucky enough to come across two or three of these overthrown trees in perfect condition for beetles; and secondly, to an examination of two or three of the only too numerous nests of *Formica rufa*.

In these nests the following species were taken, all of them being abundant:
**Oxypoda formicetica, Mark., O. hexamorcha, Sahl., Nototheca anceps, Er., Homalota parallelis, Mann., Leptacius formicetorum, Mark.**

On the afternoon of the day of our arrival a splendid male Astynomus xylitis, L., was captured in the timber yard at Inverdrachie, where there was a large amount of newly sawn up timber from Scotch firs which had been felled during the preceding season in the Rothiemurchus Forest; this specimen flew in from the forest, and settled on a pile of planks, just when we were examining them for beetles; we were not lucky enough to get any other specimen of the species, but it was sufficiently remarkable to find this insect flying about at such an extremely early date as March 29th. As I have taken its pupae from under bark in Rothiemurchus Forest in July, it is probable that the beetle hibernates under bark in the perfect state, and emerges on the first fine day in spring. Under chips around the stumps of felled trees, and walking over the stumps, were numbers of Pissodes pinii, L., Hylobius abietis, L., and Ips quadrifustulatus, L.; while Rhizophagus depressus, F., Pissodes notatus, F., and Scolytus naturalis, Thunb., occurred more sparingly. Under bark of stumps and fallen fir trees I secured a good series of Xydomius lentus, Gr., and Rhagium indagator, F., was very common.

The following were taken more sparingly in the same habitat:—Quedius suanthopus, Er., Rhyncolus ater, L., Pytho depressus, L. (large numbers of its curious larw were seen), Dendrotophus ericinus, Pk., Acidota cruenta, F., Phlaopora repitans, Gr., and last, but by no means least, Homalium monilicorne, Gyll.

A casual specimen of Aphodius memoralis, Er., was found crawling on the road, but though searched for in its pabulum no further specimen was obtained.

As one of the objects of the journey was to get in a considerable amount of walking exercise, I had no time to work moss, or possibly the above list might have been considerably extended.

10, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh:
November, 1907.

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**ON TWO ICHNEUMONIDÆ NEW TO THE BRITISH FAUNA.**

**BY CLAUDE MOREY, F.E.S., &C.**

In view of the forthcoming publication of a new Natural History of the Isle of Wight, edited by Mr. Frank Morey, of Newport, it will be well to place upon record my capture there of two species not hitherto established as British.

**Mesostenus transfuga, Grav.**


This species is perhaps not altogether new to our fauna, since it
stands in Desvignes' "Catalogue of British Ichneumonidae in the collection of the British Museum" of 1856. But the Rev. T. A. Marshall, in his Catalogues of 1870 and 1872, follows Taschenberg's erroneous synonymy of *M. transfuga* as a variety of *M. albinotatus*, Grav. Thomson in 1873 showed its specific right, and consequently I omitted it from the synonymy of the latter species in my "Ichneumonologia Britannica," ii (1907), p. 263. Possibly it may be *M. albinotatus*, of which nothing definite in this country is known, that should be omitted, although judging from its continental distribution it is as likely to occur with us as *M. transfuga*; this I have stated at lib. cit. 264.

From *M. albinotatus* it is easily distinguished by the lack of lateral prominences at the base of the petiole, by the posteriorly broader head, the finely punctate frons, and the white θ pronotum.

I beat a single θ from the undergrowth in Norton Wood, near Yarmouth, June 20th, 1907.

**Adeognathus brevicornis**, Holmgr.

*Adeognathus brevicornis*, Holmgr. Sv. Ak. Handl., 1855, p. 197, θ Ψ.

This small Tryphonid appears to have been noticed by no one since its description by A. E. Holmgren from "Uplandia ad Holmiam et in Dalcearlia (Cl. Boheman); in Lapponia meridionali, passim." It differs from his *A. pallid[ed]pes*, which Bridgman records under the name *A. chrysopygus*, Grav. (cf. Thoms., Op. Ent., ix, 879), from Earlham (Trans. Norfolk Soc., 1893, p. 627) with no note of its novelty as British, in its stout antennae, which are hardly longer than the head and thorax, and gradually become incrassate towards their apices.

A single Ψ was found in my sweep net in Marvell Copse, near Newport, on June 25th, 1907.

Monks' Soham House, Suffolk:

*October 16th, 1907.*

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**Chrysomela marginata**, L., on *Arthur's Seat.*—In vol. xii, 1st series, p. 135, of this Magazine, Mr. Forbes stated that this species occurred not uncommonly on Arthur's Seat in a very restricted locality. Every summer since I came to Edinburgh in 1901 I have searched carefully for this insect, but it was not until 1906 that I at length found a few. The first specimens (two) were taken on June 28th, and by July 15th I had secured a small series; after that date the insect was not
to be found. They all occurred under small stones lying on the short turf which covers the hill side in the locality indicated by Mr. Forbes. This summer, hoping to secure specimens for friends, most of whom seemed to be in want of this species, I climbed the hill on several occasions but failed to find a single specimen; possibly the heavy rains and the bitterly cold weather of May were fatal to it.—T. HUDSON BARE, 10, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh: November, 1907.

Is Teretrius picipes, F., parasitic on Lyctus canaliculatus, F., as well as on L. brunneus, Steph.?—Whilst passing by an old fence at Ashtead, Surrey, late one afternoon in June, 1905, I detected a specimen of this rare little Histerid beetle sitting on a rail. A careful examination of both sides of the remainder of the fence, which was swarming with Lyctus canaliculatus, F., did not, however, disclose another example of the Teretrius, and although I bottled a long selected series of the Lyctus, I could not discover Lyctus brunneus, Steph., among them. Mentioning my capture to other Coleopterists, I gathered that they considered my specimen a chance or stray one, the reasons advanced being either the absence of L. brunneus, or that I had overlooked it. Wishing to investigate the matter further, I last June made another investigation of the fence in question, and was pleased to obtain seven specimens of the Teretrius; but the most exhaustive search again failed to bring L. brunneus, Steph., to light. L. canaliculatus was, however, present, but in sadly diminished numbers, this being probably as much due to atmospheric conditions as to the ravages of the Teretrius.—E. C. BEDWELL, The Grove, Coulsdon, Surrey: October 15th, 1907.

Additional Suffolk Coleoptera.—A visit to Lowestoft last Easter resulted in the discovery of two species not hitherto recorded for the county, viz., Euconus hirticolitis, Ill., and Trechus micros, Herbst. A single specimen of the former occurred in very wet Sphagnum at Flixton, and two specimens of the latter I was surprised to find in a mole's nest on the marshes at Barnby; they were in the actual nest itself, not merely in the cracks in the mound nor in the burrows as one might expect.

Other species of interest found in moles' nests were, Orypoda longipes, Muls. (=metatarsalis, Thoms.), which was far from uncommon, Quedius longicornis, Kr. (2), Q. vexans, Epp., Heterothops nigra, Kr., Aleochara spadicea, Kr., Homalota paradoxa, Rey, Choleva spadicea, Sturm, and Bythinus securiger, Reich.—Id.

Ocypus cyaneus, Payk., in Scotland. —In the last No. of this Magazine (ante, p. 251) Mr. T. G. Bishop records Ocypus cyaneus from Scotland, and states it is its first record from thence; Colonel Yerbury, however, took the species at Nairn, N.B., a few years back.—Horace Donisthorpe, 58, Kensington Mansions, S.W.: December 12th, 1907.

Cryptophagus subdepressus, Gyll., from Cumberland. —Among some Cryptophagi sent to me for identification by Mr. Britten I find there are three specimens of the above species, taken as long ago as May 20th, 1900, at Great Salkeld, on branches of Scotch fir.—NORMAN H. JOY, Bradfield: November 10th, 1907.
The food-plant of *Apion filiostre*, Kirby.—As far as I can discover the food-plant of this species has never been definitely ascertained. This summer it occurred to me on several occasions on *Medicago lupulina*, fairly commonly, near Westhinde in Herefordshire. Since writing this note I have heard from Mr. H. Dollman that he has quite independently made the same discovery at Ditchling, Sussex.—J. R. le B. Tomlin, Stoneley, Reading: November 5th, 1907.

Further experiments in the breeding of *Abraxas grossulariata*, var. *varleyata*.—In the Ent. Mo. Mag. of January this year, p. 12, I detailed the results of a pairing of *Abraxas grossulariata* var. *varleyata*, the imagines from the brood being all *varleyata*. Sufficient to say that the produce again this year from pure pairings from those moths showed no trace of anything but *varleyata*. But now I have to relate a curious experience. In the 1906 brood of larvae were several which were evidently weak and grew slowly, some of them eventually dying; one, however, managed to pupate when still small, but a considerable time after the others had spun up, and in due time produced a belated and very small female. I had been anxious to obtain a pairing between *varleyata* and a wild typical moth, but as the indoor fed larvae had produced moths a month before the wild ones were out, I had up to this time been quite unable to do it. After keeping this last female alive, however, for some ten days, I bred a very ordinary male from wild larvae, with which the small *varleyata* ♀ at once paired. She had only strength enough to deposit about a score eggs, and then at once died. From these few eggs seventeen larvae were got safely through the winter, but in the early spring two were lost, and when full grown I accidentally killed a very large one, which would undoubtedly have produced ♀ ♀ ♀ moth. From the fourteen pupae as many perfect insects were bred, the nine males all emerging first, followed by the five females. *All as regards markings were of the ordinary type of the species, but one (a ♀) had a very pretty yellow ground colour. Of varleyata there was not the slightest trace in any specimen, which seems extraordinary when one considers that the tendency of varleyata to produce its own form is so strong; that even in a pairing of the first generation no trace of any other form is produced. I may add, too, that the fourteen specimens were exceptionally large, half as big again as the ♀ parent, and probably three times the size of the diminutive female parent. No doubt the result will be regarded by those who believe in Mendelism as further evidence of the theory; a theory, however, in which, so far as *Lepidoptera* are concerned, I have little faith myself, because this is, I think, the only one of my scores of experiments with many species which has supported it, the results usually having been directly opposite. I am willing to admit that in most of my experiments the respective parents had all come from the same localities, where there was perhaps the possibility of their *ancestors* having influenced the progeny; whereas, in the case just detailed, the larva which produced the ♀ *grossulariata* I brought from Bempton, on the Yorkshire coast, where in all probability varleyata never has occurred, and where indeed the species seems very constant to type. I am, of course, continuing the experiments, and hope to record further results next year.—Geo. T. Porritt, Edgerton, Huddersfield: October 18th, 1907.

*Heriades truncorum*, Linn., near Cobham, Surrey.—I am glad to be able to
record the capture of Heriades truncorum, Linn., in some numbers in this district. The insect has always been considered a great rarity in England, and the authentic records have hitherto been very few, as Mr. Morice has already remarked in Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xvii, 2nd series, p 214. Our first specimen was a ♀, captured on ragwort flowers in my garden by my wife on July 20th, a ♂ being taken on the same flower on August 3rd. This led to a close inspection of all likely posts and stakes in the neighbouring hedgerows, with the result that on August 14th we found a large number circling round an old post (elm wood) after the manner of C. florissumne, Linn. From that date onwards we took several more either on posts or on ragwort flowers, up to September 11th, when some females were seen still working at their burrows.

With reference to the observation made by M. Ferton in Corsica (see Mr. Morice's note, Ent. Mo. Mag., vol. xvii, 2nd series, p. 214), as to the collecting of resin by H. truncorum, Linn., one of my specimens was taken with a ball or lump of resin adhering to the jaws. It seems probable that the resin may be used in the construction of the cells, but I hope to have an opportunity of further studying this point. I may mention that ragwort is the only flower on which I observed this species.

As Mr. Morice remarks, it is indeed extraordinary that this bee has been overlooked in this district for so many years.—E. G. B. Nevinson, Morland, Cobham, Surrey: October, 1907.

Review.


We are glad to see a new and well got-up edition of this unpretentious but eminently useful little book, which has probably been in the hands of every beginner in the study of our British Insects, and is still read with pleasure and interest by many more advanced workers. The editor has, wisely we think, left as far as possible untouched the information so clearly and pleasantly given by the lamented author; the well-known chapter on "pupa-digging" remains as it was first published in the "Zoologist" more than half-a-century ago. A curious slip in the "Chapter on Coleoptera" (p. 113) which has persisted throughout all the previous editions, may account for the beetles, pinned through the left elytron, which are occasionally met with in collections.

Societies.

Birmingham Entomological Society: September 23rd, 1907.—Mr. G. T. Bethune-Baker, President, in the Chair.

Mr. G. H. Kenrick exhibited various Lepidoptera from Wicken Fen collected by himself during a recent brief visit. Amongst others were Erastria argentula,
Hb., which, a local collector told him, was not native to the Fen, but had been introduced there by himself; there were also Phragmatobia costanea, Hb., Meliana flamma, Curt., Pyrausta ciliata, Hb., &c. Mr. Hubert Langley, various Lepidoptera taken by himself at Princethorpe Wood, in South Warwickshire, during the second week in July last; there was a long series of Boarmia ruboraria, a species hitherto little known as a Warwickshire insect but which proved to be quite common in this locality; they were taken chiefly at light, to which the males came freely between 10.15 and 11.30 p.m.; other species were Aplecta prasina, F., a very dark specimen; Habrosyne derasa, L., Euschloris pastulata, Hufn. (bajularia, Schiff.), Cidaria silaceata, Hb., &c. Mr. L. D o n e s t e r, a very interesting bred series of Abraxas grossulariata, L., bred and arranged in illustration of the Mendelian hypothesis. The experiments had been made with var. flarafasciata (lacticolor, Raynor). He said that in nature the variety occurs only in the female sex. The results of the experiments, whilst according generally with the required Mendelian proportions, were curiously complicated with the sex question; for although in the second generation = cross × cross, the proportions were 3 to 1, yet the males were all the dominant form, i.e., the type, and the females half and half; whilst still more curious is the crosses of cross × var. pure gave with ψ cross × pure ψ var. result, half and half to each sex; and with ψ pure var. (obtained during the experiments) × ψ cross result, all males type, i.e., dominant, and all females var., i.e., recessive. Mr. G. T. Bennett-Baker, a number of Turkestania Actenas as follows: a large and beautiful series of A. intercellaris, Ex., with extreme light and dark forms; a few A. erschoffi, Alph., with var. issyka, Stüt., and a long series of A. glaphyra, Er., var. manni, Alph.; he pointed out how much some of the manni resembled erschoffi type, and said that he believed they would prove to be forms of one species, though he thought it possible that var. issyka might perhaps be distinct. Mr. H. Langley, the two specimens of Stauropus fagi, L., already referred to as having been found at Princethorpe this year.—COLERAN J. WAINWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The South London Entomological and Natural History Society: Thursday, October 21st, 1907.—Mr. R. Adkin, F. E. S., President, in the Chair.

Dr. Chapman exhibited a specimen of Dasychira pedimbada from the Pyrenees measuring 2 3/4 ins. in expanse. Mr. Moore, Hipparchia semele showing considerable variation in ground colour on the under-sides, and a small race of Enodia hyperanthus, both from Dunkirk sand-dunes, together with an example of Danais plexippus from Moose Jaw, Winnipeg. Mr. Lucas, the specimens of Hyles euphorbiae bred recently from pupae found in Kew Gardens. Mr. Tonge, Eugonia fuscantaria taken by him at Red Hill on his way to the meeting. Mr. L. W. Newman, (1) a series of Polia xanthomistera var. nigrocincta bred from N. Cornwall ova; (2) ova of Ennomos fuscantaria and Cirrhodia xerampelina in situ on ash twigs; and (3) a long series of E. antumnaria, including a number of very fine bred dark brown forms. Mr. Priske, a series of Necrophorus mortorum and an exceptionally large Lucanus cervus. Mr. Adkin, a series of Hypomomona cognatellus reared from an Euonymus shrub in his garden, and contributed notes; he also showed ova of Tortrix promubana. Dr. Hodgson, a Theretra porcellus, brilliantly coloured on the
right side, while the left was only faintly coloured, and also a varied series of \( \delta \) and \( \varphi \) *Polygonumatus iecans* from Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. Dr. Fremlin, two fine varieties of *Aplatis artieor* of the same race as those previously shown by Mr. Newman. Mr. McArthur, spiders with their snare and prey, mounted between two sheets of glass. Mr. Turner, a series of *Colias phicomone* from the Engadine, and a number of *Lepidoptera* from Guethary, Cauterets, and Garonne, including some extreme forms of *Pararge mera*. Messrs. West, Tonge, Main, Dennis, and Lucas, a considerable number of lantern slides.

Correction September 12th. *Agriades corydon ab. syngrapha* was from Surrey, not Wiltshire.—Ht. J. Turner, Hon. Sec.

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**Entomological Society of London:** Wednesday, October 16th, 1907.—Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the Chair.

Mr. P. H. Jackson was elected a Fellow of the Society.

Mr. A. H. Jones exhibited a series of *Pieris napi* var. *byroniae*, from comparatively low altitudes, taken in June last at Peszer, near Buda-Pesth, showing a wide range of variation. Mr. W. J. Lucas, for Mr. M. Burr, examples of *Apterygida albiapennis*, discovered by him near Dover this year; and a \( \delta \) specimen of *D. verrucivorus*—an inhabitant of Scandinavia—from the same locality taken by Mr. Burr. It is about as large as *Locusta viridissima*, but looks quite different, characters in the elytra and head preventing it even being placed in the same genus. Mr. H. Campion, a specimen of the rare Orthoptera *Platypleis roeselii*, Hagenb., \( \varphi \), taken September 13th, 1907, near Herne Bay, and Mr. E. W. Campion, an aberrant specimen of *S. sauquinum* \( \delta \), from Epping Forest, suggesting relationship with certain Orthoptera. Mr. Lucas also showed two examples of *Calopteryx virgo* from the New Forest showing failure in pigment. Mr. W. J. Kaye, specimens of *Callicore aurelia*, Guén., together with a photograph of its larva, showing the remarkable branch-like horns rising out of the head. The whole life cycle is but nineteen days. The Rev. F. D. Morice, side by side, a normal \( \delta \) specimen of the *Anthidium manicatum*, L. (the "Hoop-shaver Bee" of Gilbert White's "Natural History of Selborne"), and a monstrosity or malformation of the same insect, given to him as a curiosity by M. Vachal, of Argentat, Corrèze. He also sent round a photograph of the two insects magnified, or rather of their abdomens, that being the part in which the malformation appears, and described the nature of it. Dr. T. A. Chapman said this malformation had clearly no causation in any larval injury, but dated from an early period of embryonic life. The President, a living ant, a species of *Camponotus*, which had been found by Mr. Watson at Kew, in a pseudobulb of an orchis (probably a *Bulbophyllum*) from the Gold Coast. The bulb was much excavated, but it had no opening by which the ant could have entered. He also exhibited a large wasp from German E. Africa (a *Salius* allied to *dedj Mac*) with a spider, a *Mygale* rather larger than itself, but which it had captured and was carrying off. Lt.-Col. Neville Manders, a melanic variety of *Hestina nama*, captured near Darjeeling; and a monstrosity of *Papilio krishna* from Sikkim, in which the wings on the right side were much larger than those on the left. Mr. H. Main, the larva of a Hymenopterous parasite of *Pygara bucephala*, of great size comparatively to its host.
The President announced that the Council had decided in favour of holding a Conversazione at some date next year to be fixed by a Committee of Fellows elected for the purpose of organization, &c.

Wednesday, November 6th, 1907.—Mr. E. Saunders, F.R.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. G. Arnold, University of Liverpool; Mr. H. Frederick D. Bartlett, of 113, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth; Mr. John Claude Fortescue Fryer, B.A., of The Priory, Chatters; Mr. C. W. Howard, of the Acting Government, Transvaal; Mr. Charles H. Mortimer, of Wigmore, Holmwood; Mr. R. F. H. Rosenberg, of 57, Haverstock Hill, London, N.W.; Mr. Harold Baker Sly, of Brackley Knoll Road, Sidcup, Kent; and Mr. Clement H. Pead, of Johannesburg and St. Leonard's Road, Bexhill-on-Sea; were elected Fellows of the Society.

Mr. A. H. Jones exhibited a specimen of the Longicorn beetle Acanthocerus acdilis, L., a well-known species found in Gray's Inn Road. Dr. F. A. Dixey, 3 and ? specimens of a new Pinacopteryx, discovered by Mr. S. A. Neave in Northern Rhodesia; the ? resembled that of P. rubrobasalis, but the 3 was quite distinct; both sexes of P. rubrobasalis and the female sex of Mr. Neave's species were mimics of Mylothris agathina. Mr. W. G. Sheldon, a series of Limenitis populi and ab. tremula with intermediate forms taken this year at Laon, and a series of Chrysophanus hippothoe from the same region, the females displaying a wide range of variation for so restricted a locality as that in which they were captured. Mr. G. C. Champion, a fully developed example of Mesonelio faveata, M. and R., from Slapton, South Devon, and Thamnotrizon cineres from Lynmouth, North Devon. Mr. A. Harrison and Mr. Hugh Main, a case of Aplecta nebulosa, arranged to show the great range of variation of this species in Delamere Forest; with series from Epping Forest, North Cornwall, and the New Forest, for comparison; the Cornish and New Forest insects were of the light grey colour which is the prevailing form in the West and South of England, with the exception of the neighbourhood of London, where a dark grey form is found, as shown in the series from Epping Forest; the Delamere Forest insects ranged from a rather light colour to a melanic form, with intermediates showing a complete gradation from one form to the other. Mr. R. S. Mitford, two 3 specimens of Cryptecephalus bipunctatus, taken by him at Niton in the Isle of Wight, in July, 1907, while sweeping the grass on the slopes of the Undercliff; of the two forms of varieties well known on the Continent neither had hitherto been found in Britain; he also showed Paracyzmys vinosus, captured on the North Essex coast in June, 1898, establishing its claim to be regarded as a British Beetle; an example of the very rare Lathrobium rufipenne, taken by him at Niton, Isle of Wight, in July, 1906; a specimen of the rare Centorrhynchus nudatus, taken by him at Brading, Isle of Wight, in July, 1907; and a specimen of Chessodes, taken by him at Sandown, Isle of Wight, in July, 1906.

Mr. J. E. Collin communicated a paper "On a large series of Nycteribiidae (parasitic Diptera) from Ceylon." Dr. G. B. Longstaff then read a paper "On some Butterflies taken in Jamaica." and a paper "On some Butterflies of Tobago," exhibiting a number of examples taken by himself in both localities to illustrate his remarks.—H. Rowland-Brown, Hon. Sec.
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