

in color to the dorsum of the abdomen. *Secondaries* the same ground color as the fore wings, rather bright, scarcely lighter at base, with an indistinct, blackish, subterminal band, partially interrupted in the middle; under side of wings paler than above, with an arcuated black line marking the outer third of the wings, not distinct on the secondaries, and a black discal dot.

Described from one ♀ taken in Union Co., Illinois.

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#### OBITUARY.

Another veteran in the Entomological ranks has passed to his rest. Frederick Smith, the renowned English Hymenopterist, is no more; he died on the 16th of February, in the 74th year of his age, from exhaustion consequent on a painful and dangerous surgical operation. He was born in London, England, in 1805, and in early life was apprenticed to Mr. W. B. Cooke, an eminent landscape engraver, where he acquired a very thorough knowledge of the engraver's art, which was of great use to him in after life. While still a young man he became an ardent collector of bees and ants, and also devoted some attention to the collecting of Coleoptera; but it was not until 1837 that the first paper from his pen was published, giving an account of the natural history of one of the Gall Flies. From 1842 to the time of his death his publications were very numerous and of great value. A most industrious man, a painstaking and methodical student, and an accurate observer, he has done very much to advance our knowledge of the Order in which he especially labored. By his death Entomology loses a sincere and talented advocate and an earnest votary, and Entomologists will greatly miss a friend who was ever ready to impart his knowledge to others.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,—

To my list of food plants of *Saturnia io* (CAN. ENT., vol. ix., p. 180) I now add the Black Alder (*Prinos verticillatus* L.) and two species of *Rubus* (*R. villosus* Ait., and *Canadensis* L.)

L. W. GOODELL, Amherst, Mass.

DEAR SIR,—

In recording an article of mine on Jacob Hübner and his works, published in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, the Editor of the Bibliographical Record of *Psyche* criticizes the paper very briefly by saying that my article proposed to "settle" the matter, but that I did not meet the principal points of my opponents. My paper did not aim to settle the position of Jacob Hübner in entomological literature at all. That must be left to time. What I tried to "settle," and hope I succeeded in doing, was that Dr. Hagen and Mr. W. H. Edwards, in the last named author's criticisms, had given the date of Ochseneimer's volume incorrectly, had misrepresented Ochseneimer by introducing a full stop in the middle of one of his sentences, and in appealing to Ochseneimer as a rejection of the Tentamen failed to improve their position, for Ochseneimer *adopted* genera from the Tentamen, such as *Agrotis*, etc. I think it quite clear that, whatever be the ultimate fate of Hübner's works, it will never do to read him out of entomological literature on account of his alleged ill success with the men of his time, or in such a manner as Mr. Edwards has attempted, or by such erroneous statements. For one I should be glad of a settlement in the matter, but it can never be arrived at in the manner in which it has been attempted by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Strecker. I have fully replied, I think, to their attack in my article aforesaid and in the preface to my Check List of N. Am. Noctuidæ.

But, in any case, I write now to object to the interjectional criticisms in the Bibliographical Record of *Psyche*, rather than to re-open the matter of Hübner's Tentamen and Verzeichniss. It seems to me that such criticisms are entirely out of place in a Bibliographical Record, and their continuance will seriously impair its value and usefulness. One does not look for criticisms in such a place, and, finding them, their impartiality becomes at once suspected. In the present case the criticism is essentially hasty and bad, but, if my friendly advice to avoid such matters in future be taken, I think it will not prove entirely unfortunate for the publishers of *Psyche*.

Respectfully,

A. R. GROTE, Buffalo, N. Y.

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DEAR SIR,—

As I did not have the opportunity to correct the proofs of last half of my paper in March No., will you allow me to call attention here to some

errors in printing? On p. 54, 5th and 4th line from bottom, read:—  
 “Besides that *Zerene* and *Monticola* are either one species or stand together in a natural series, *purpurascens* is *Zerene* of Behr (*Hydaspe* Bois.)”

On p. 55, erase the reference to Vol. 1, But. N. A., on 22nd line, and insert it at the close of the paper, page 56, after *purpurascens*. The last clause will then read:—

128. ZERENE, Bois., 1852.  
 Var. HYDASPE, Bois., 1869.  
*Zerene* Behr, 1862.  
*purpurascens* H. Edw., 1876.  
*Zerene* var., Edw., But. N. A., Vol. 1, pl. 32.

Yours truly,

W. H. EDWARDS, Coalburgh, W. Va.

DEAR SIR,—

With infinite mortification, I find that in my article in No. 2 of this volume I committed a blunder bad enough to be considered a crime. Will you permit me to apologise to you, and correct myself? *Papilio brevicauda* is excellent Latin. *Papilio brevicaudus*, which I would have substituted, is a barbarism. I ask such as may have noticed the ludicrous error to take the spirit of what was written and pass by the illustration. The barbarism is itself an apt illustration that something more than an amateur knowledge of a language is necessary in one who would criticise.

None the less, however, is the principle I urge the true one and a necessity.

Very truly yours,

GEO. D. HULST,

Beresford, Volusia Co., Fla., April 8, 1879.

DEAR SIR,—

I beg leave to protest against the publication of such names as appear in Mr. Whitney's recent paper on Tabanidæ. I, for one, will never accept the description of insects baptised with such names as *cuclux*, *nigribimbo* and the rest.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD BURGESS, Boston, Mass.