

ON THE GENUS *LAMENIA* STAL.

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Stal founded the genus *Lamenia* in 1859 (Eugenies Resa Zoo., 277, Pl. IV., f. 5), for *caliginea* from Tahiti, and the genus *Herpis* in 1861 (K. Vet. Ak. Hanal., III., No. 6, p. 8), for *fuscovittata* and four other species from Brazil; in 1866 in a footnote on page 193 of Hemiptera Africana he sank *Herpis* and *Lamenia*. Uhler in 1889 (Stand. Nat. Hist., II., 233), placed *Pæciloptera vulgaris* Fitch into *Lamenia* and since then several North American species have been placed in this genus, all congeneric with *vulgaris*. Fowler's *Cedusa funesta* is congeneric with *vulgaris* and (according to Melichar, 1905, Wien. Ent. Zeit., 285), *Attalia* = *Herpis*.

Stal's figure of *caliginea* is very clear, and shows the narrow, parallel-sided form of the tegmen with the subcosta and radia amalgamated to near their apices, and the subcostal cell small, a tegmen typical of *Thyrocephalus* Kirkaldy, whereas *vulgaris* and its allies have the tegmen much broader, the subcosta and radia separate from near the base and the subcostal cell large. For these reasons I do not consider it advisable to keep *vulgaris* and *caliginea* in the same genus. All the specimens I have seen from Central and South America are congeneric with *vulgaris* so that it appears best to place that species along with all its allies under *Herpis* and to have *Lamenia* with its type only, or to place all the eleven known species of *Thyrocephalus* under the latter genus.

*Cenchrea dorsalis* appears to differ from *Herpis* in having no subantennal keel across the gena, the antennal chamber being entirely pronotal (Westwood's figure of the tegmen also shows differences, which I do not like to emphasize until I can examine a specimen); from *Syntames* it differs by the absence of a central longitudinal keel on face, and from *Basileocephalus* and *Phaciocephalus* by the presence of a transverse keel between vertex and face.

## OBITUARY.

Mr. L. E. Ricksecker, well-known collector of California insects, died in San Diego in that State, January 30, 1913. He was especially devoted to the collection of Coleoptera, and distributed amongst his correspondents in the east many interesting specimens.

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