

to swift flight." Dr. Skinner, in CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, Vol. XIV., page 20, has already pointed out, that in this region the flight of the female "is exceedingly rapid, and generally in a straight line for about one hundred feet; then they do not alight on a flower or a bush, or flutter about like the male, but suddenly drop like lead in the long grass. It would be almost impossible to tell the exact spot where they alight, as they drop so suddenly, but on approach near it they are off like a shot again." Our observation, and that of a number of competent observers, consulted by us, substantiate the accuracy of the latter description of the habits of the female. It is more especially true of fresh females, which are being sought by the males.

Argynnis cybele.—Common. Mr. Scudder, on page 560, says:—"The eggs are laid upon the leaves and stalks of the food plant and not, as stated by H. Skinner, dropped from a distance upon the herbage." Dr. Skinner did not say or infer that this is the invariable habit of the insect, but simply recorded a single observation with the following comment:—"It remains to be seen whether this species always drops its eggs from a height, or only behaves in the peculiar manner occasionally while ovipositing." On page 562, Mr. Scudder asks:—"Is it possible that the female ever deposits by hovering in the air as Mr. Skinner reports?" Affirmative testimony, such as Dr. Skinner has given, is certainly, in a case of this kind, of greater value than any amount of negative testimony, and it should be added that Mr. G. H. Parker, now Instructor in Zoology in Harvard College, was present and also observed the actions of the female *cybele*, described by Dr. Skinner. Messrs. E. M. and S. F. Aaron have both also observed the same thing.*

Argynnis aphrodite.—Very rare.

Argynnis myrina.—Common in restricted localities. In the Proceedings of the Entomological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, 1887, page 5, Dr. Skinner has described an interesting variation of both sexes of this species, found in Fairmount Park. These specimens are in the collection of Dr. Strecker.

* Since the above was written the authors have been favored with an opportunity at Westville, N. J., of observing *Argynnis myrina* following this same strange course in ovipositing. During this season also Mr. Aaron has detected *A. bellona* in the same habit, and he is strongly of the opinion that strange motions frequently observed in *A. diana* in Tennessee are to be accounted for in the same way, though at the times of observation they seemed quite unaccountable.