

DANAIS ARCHIPPUS.

SOME subscriber sent us by mail the other day, in a small box, the beautiful green, gold tinted chrysalis of this butterfly. During transit, the warm weather had caused its exit from its cocoon, and it was vainly endeavoring to expand its beautiful wings in its pasteboard prison. Our engraving Fig. 60 is an excellent representative of this Archippus butterfly, which appears in the months of July, August and September, and is very

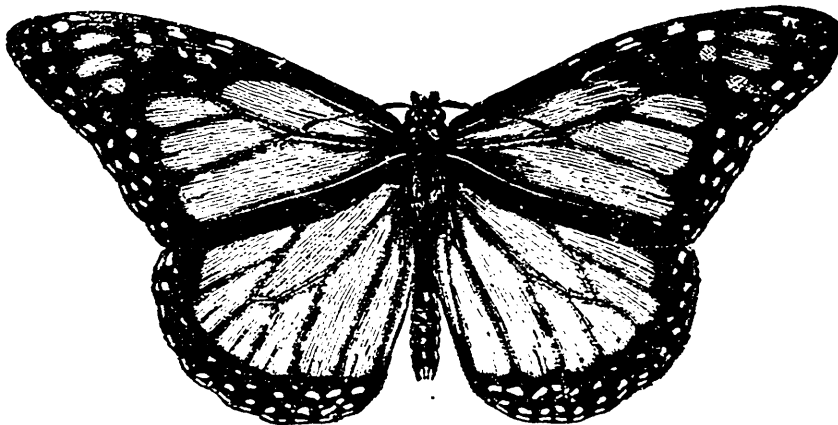


FIG. 62.—THE ARCHIPPUS BUTTERFLY.

widely distributed. It is a great traveller, and we often read of its migrations, in great swarms, either toward the north or the south. Mr. Bowells, of Montreal, speaking of it in the Entomological Report, 1880, page 30, says he has seen upon the shore of Lake Ontario, near Brighton, hundreds of their dead bodies cast up by the waves, and which had no doubt formed part of a swarm that, from weakness or some other cause, had perished while flying across the lake. The larva of this butterfly is shown in Fig. 61. It has a pair of projecting thread-like horns on the front and rear portions

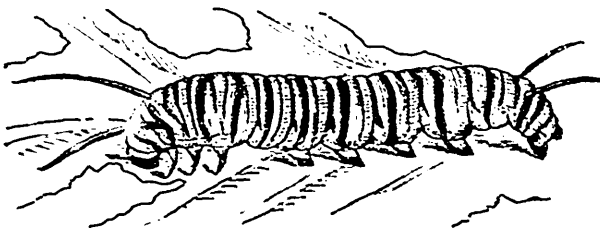


FIG. 63.—LARVA OF DANAIS ARCHIPPUS.

of its back, one on the second segment, and one on the eleventh, and the body is banded with yellow, black and white. They feed upon the milk weed, *Asclepias*, and their migrations are probably

explained by the instinctive desire of the mother to deposit her eggs upon this plant, where the young caterpillars may find abundant nourishment.