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NOTES ON ENTOMOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE.

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Part I.

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My attention having recently been drawn to the "Historical Sketch of the Generic Names Proposed for Butterflies, a Contribution to Systematic Nomenclature, by S. H. Scudder, Salem, 1875," in which some hundreds of names have for the first time been advanced, I was led to investigate for myself the sources whence part of them were derived, especially the works of Hübner. And the conclusion to which I have come respecting many of these newly proclaimed genera being directly the reverse of that of the author of the Sketch, I desire to state the case for the consideration of the readers of the ENTOMOLOGIST, who may naturally be supposed to feel an interest in whatever concerns any branch of Entomological nomenclature.

1. I have before me what purports to be a fac-simile of Hübner's Tentamen, "reprinted by Samuel H. Scudder, Cambridge, U. S. A., 1873." It comprises a single leaf, without date, the printed matter measuring 7 x 9 inches, and covering both sides of the leaf; and is entitled Tentamen determinationis digestionis atque denominationis singularum stirpium Lepidopterorum, peritis ad inspiciendum et dijudicandum communicatum, a Jacopo Hübner. An Attempt at Classification of the several groups of the Lepidoptera, communicated to skilled persons to be examined and pronounced upon.

In this Attempt, the Lepidoptera of all orders are divided into Phalanxes, Tribes, and a farther division not named, but which, from the analogous arrangement in the Verzeichniss bekannter Schmetterlinge, are Stirps; and so far as relates to the Butterflies, the classification is as follows: