

THE ABBOT SPHINX—*Thyreus Abbotii* Swainson.

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The subject of this illustration is another of the large grape-feeding insects which is found occasionally on both cultivated and wild vines, as well as on the Virginia Creeper. In fig. 7 we have the full-grown larva

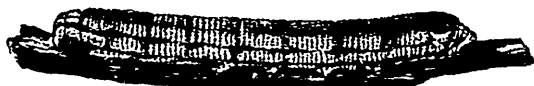


Fig. 7.

figured, as well as the moth. This larva is said to vary considerably in appearance, the ground color ranging between reddish-brown and dirty yellowish.

As we have never met with the larva ourselves, we shall copy Mr. Riley's description of it as it was found by him in Missouri: "I have reared two individuals which came to their growth about the last of July, at which time they were both without a vestige of green. The ground color was dirty yellowish, especially at the sides. Each segment was marked transversely with six or seven slightly impressed fine black lines, and longitudinally with wider non-impressed dark brown patches, alternating with each other and giving the worm a checkered appearance. These patches become more dense along the sub-dorsal region, where they form two irregular dark lines, which on the thoracic segments become single with a similar line between them. There was also a dark stigmatal line, with a lighter shade above it, and a dark stripe running obliquely