We must wait upon the "Monograph" for the reasons which induce M. Ragonot to call the Family *Phycitidæ* and the typical genus *Phycita*, and not as I have given it, *Phycidæ* and *Phycis* Haw. I have, however, not yet seen a copy of Haworth. I regard the *Phycidæ* or *Phyciinæ* as a sub-family of the *Pyralidæ;* and M. Ragonot's *Anerastinæ* as merely a tribal division of the sub-family. I am not then agreed with M. Ragonot's divisional terms.

I have had no occasion to study M. Ragonot's types. As the generic term *Ciris* (p. 17) is long ago used by me for *C. Wilsonii*, I propose for *discigerella* the name *Ragonotia* after its learned discoverer.

A NOTE UPON AUTHOR'S TYPES.

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It has occurred to me to say a few words upon the subject of author's types. It sometimes happens that a specimen is labelled "type," which is not the true type, i. e., the one (or ones) from which the original description was drawn up and which *accords with that description.* This is the criterion for types, that they do not contradict the original description. The late Mr. Morrison sent me at one time a "type" of Harris's *Agrotis tessellata.* Upon my wonder at his having such a specimen, I found it was merely a compared example, but it should not have been labelled "type." To my certain knowledge, Mr. Morrison on occasion labelled as types subsequent material (vide genus *Agrotis*). Only the material at hand and compared when the original description is drawn up, should be labelled as "type." On this head I would say a word as to Walker's types. Only when the evidence is complete and satisfactory should an earlier name of Walker's replace a designation in use. What I call incomplete evidence may be recently offered by Mr. Hulst in proposing to change *Selenia Kentaria.* Dr. Packard it seems had figures drawn from what are supposed to be Walker's types. There is no evidence that these are in every instance the proper types. The cases where more than one species was included by Mr. Walker are not solitary. Dr. Packard interpreted this figure as applying to another form of *Selenia.* Mr. Hulst interprets it differently, and drops a settled name without a question. In whatever way the matter is finally settled, Mr. Hulst would appear to have acted without sufficient evidence, Having studied the original collection