

the cymes of the maple-leaved arrow-wood (*Viburnum acerifolia*) just as they are going out of bloom. The fruit of this does not ripen till October, and some larva lives in the fleshy substance in which the thin, flat coriaceous seed is immersed, which is probably that of this *Apion*, though not yet so proven. This is one of the largest species of the genus, and when beaten into the umbrella behaves and looks so much like the worthless *Anthonomus quadrigibbus*, that till the past season it was always rejected.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREPARATORY STAGES OF *ARGYNNIS HESPERIS*, EDW.

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EGG.—Conoidal, round-topped, nearly as broad at base as high, the top depressed; marked by about 19 thin, elevated, vertical ribs, one half running from base to summit, the others but four fifths or more the distance; the spaces between crossed by many low horizontal ridges; the micropyle surrounded by two or three circles of very fine depressions, outside of which are rows of very large four or five-sided depressed cells; color yellow-green. Duration of this stage about ten days.

YOUNG LARVA.—Length .06 inch; cylindrical, thickest in middle; color yellow-green; marked as in the allied species by rows of flattened tuberculous brown spots, each of which gives one or two long, tapering hairs; on dorsum of 2 a dark oval patch with a row of hairs in front, turned forward, and a shorter row behind; head obovoid, black, with many long hairs. The larva hibernates directly from the egg.

After First Moults: Length .1 inch; color green, mottled with brown over dorsum; the under side pale green; the spines in number and position as at maturity, and as in the genus, small at base, tapering little, wholly black, beset with many short black bristles; head obovoid, black, with black hairs. Duration of this stage eight days, in April and May.

After Second Moults: Length .15 inch; color brown and gray; a double indistinct gray dorsal stripe, and a similar one between dorsal and upper lateral spines; the spines black; those of the middle row have the bases on outer side pale yellow, of the lower row the bases are wholly pale yellow; head as before. Duration of this stage eight days, in May.