

What is gained by re-naming it, I am unable to see. The first mention of *polyxenes* was in Fab. Syst. Ent., page 444, No. 10, 1775, the male being described. Fabricius in 1787, in Mant. Ins., gives the same species under the name of *asterias*, referring to Drury, vol. i, plate ii, for the type, and quoting his own *polyxenes* as synonymous.

PAPILIO GLAUCUS. Under this name Linnæus described the black female of *turnus*, and it is only within the last ten years that it has been generally known that *glaucus* was related to *turnus*. When *glaucus* is now spoken of, it at once brings to mind this striking variety, and *turnus* var. *glaucus* is a sufficient designation and answers every proper requirement. It is eminently convenient that this variety should have its own designation, and by it, it is treated of in Wallace, Walsh, Darwin, Harris, and other authors. I hope our lepidopterists will not be deluded into changing these names by any supposed obligatory rule, for the simple fact is, there is no obligatory rule in the case.

DANAIS ARCHIPPUS. Mr. Kirby (1871) gives the name of this butterfly as *erippus* Cramer. Scudder (1872) gives it as *plexippus* Linn. Scudder in 1863 gave it as *erippus* Doubleday (But. N. England.) Mr. Scudder also read a paper by the late Dr. Harris before the Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. (1859) showing that these and other names were remarkably confounded, for example: "The *berenice* of Cramer is the *erippus* of Fabricius, but not of Cramer, and it is the *gilippus* of Smith, but not of Cramer and Fabricius; the *erippus* of Cramer is the *archippus* of Fabricius and of Smith; it is also the same as the *plexippus* of Cramer, but not of Linnæus and Fabricius: the *misippus* of Fabricius is the *archippus* of Cramer, but not of Fabricius and Smith: the *erippus* of Cramer is not the *erippus* of Fabricius, and the *misippus* of Fabricius is not the *misippus* of Linnæus." And he gives a table "by which it will be seen that the nomenclature of the three North American species has become confounded with five others." In preparing the Synopsis of Butterflies of N. Am., I had at hand all the above quoted works, and could make little of this tangle; and as our northern species of *Danaïs* has been generally known and written of and figured as *archippus*, I deemed it advisable to adhere to that name as one resting place in a foggy sea. It is so figured in Abbot & Smith, Boisduval & Leconte, and so called in Harris' Ins. Mass. 2nd Edition, which work I believe had the assistance of Mr. Scudder in preparing for the press.