

SYNONYMIC NOTES.

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In 1834 Dejean proposed the name *Euchaetes* for a genus of Coleoptera, and it had thus been preoccupied for seven years when Harris used it in 1841 for the moth named by Drury, *Bombyx Egle*.

In 1858 it was used for a third time by Sclater for a genus of birds, and in 1876 Leconte described another genus of Coleoptera under this same much-used name.

As it is a well-known rule of nomenclature that a generic name can be used only once in the animal kingdom, all subsequent use of the term for other genera is erroneous and must cease.

It therefore becomes necessary to give other names, and I propose the name *EUCHÆTIAS*, from a kindred Greek word, for the genus erected by Harris. It is not necessary for me to define the genus, as it is well known, and this is merely a necessary change of name, the type, of course, being *Egle*, Drury.

For the genus erected by Leconte, I would suggest the name *EPEUCHETES*, the type being *Echidna*, Lec.

Leconte's genus was described very fully in Proc. Amer. Phil. Soc., XV., 319, and the type species on page 320.

In view of what I said in my first presidential address on the subject of changes in generic names, it is perhaps the irony of fate that it should fall to my lot to myself make changes of this nature, but I can at least plead in extenuation, as the woman in the story did of her baby, that they are only very little ones.

Recently, in working over my Notodontidæ I made a rather curious discovery, namely, that the true *Angulosa*, S. & A., is the species which stands in our catalogues as *Georgica*, H.S. On plate 83, which, by the way, in the English page of the text is erroneously numbered LXXVIII., are shown two moths, a ♂ and ♀, the former of which can only represent *Georgica*, while the latter is doubtless intended for the species which we have been calling *Angulosa*, as its larva feeds on oak, though it really, in my copy at least, looks more like *Ferruginea*, Pack., the larva of which, however, feeds on birch. But this ♀ is figured merely as a colour variety of *Angulosa*, as in the text it is said "the female in the figure is a variety of colour, most of that sex being coloured like the male."