

NOTES ON CHIONOBAS SUBHYALINA, CURTIS.

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This species has long been lost sight of. It was described nearly sixty years ago from a single male "in good condition". I never have heard of its forming part of any collection excpet that of the British Museum, and my own, and my specimens-a male and a female-were sent me from the Museum more than twenty years ago. In his Catalogue of the Satyridæ, 1868, Mr. Butler says of this species : "We do not possess the type, but our specimens agree exactly with Mr. Curtis's description." Of my two specimens, the female was broken and the wings rubbed so that they were worthless for characterization, but the male is in fair condition. It does not agree with the description in some points. Thus, there are not "two indistinct white dots towards the apex with black ocelli"; and the surface of the under forewing cannot be called "mottled with ochre and pale black, lightest at apex", but the scales are abraded where the mottling should be. The description goes on: "inferior wings spotted and mottled with black and dirty white, forming a waved and curved pale line beyond the middle, with three or four whitish dots beyond it." Mv male has a slight and pale mesial band "waved" (or crenated) "and curved"; and if the dots beyond it may mean dots on the hind margin, the description will answer. The wings are described as semi-transparent, and this male is so to an unusual degree.

I have had for three years a single male taken by Mr. Bean at Laggan, which in some points agreed with the description of *Subhyalina*, but failed in others. There were no apical dots, no mesial band, and no whitish dots. Instead of the band there is a discoloration in patches, especially on the two margins, where the band would be. Therefore, I have been uncertain as to the position of this individual. But I have recently received two males from Mr. Fletcher, and six males and one female from Mr. Neumoegen, all taken by Mr. Bean at Laggan, kindly loaned me for examination, and this new material makes it certain that