

Abdomen brown on the upper surface, the under surface and tuft silvery whitish. Legs brown, tarsi annulate with white. *Al. ex.*  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch. Behrens, San Francisco.

## NEPTICULA.

*N. badiocapitella.* *N. sp.*

Vertex rusty or reddish brown; face a little paler or more reddish; palpi silvery; eye caps silvery white; antennae brown. Thorax and patagia white. Fore wings dark iron gray with a white fascia about the middle, the fascia irregularly outlined and wider on the dorsal than on the costal margin; at about the apical fourth are a costal and opposite dorsal white spot, distinct and rather large, which are sometimes faintly connected or nearly so, forming a linear fascia deeply concave towards the base; ciliae white; legs yellowish, except the anterior surface of the first pair, and the outer surface of the hind tibiae; abdomen bluish fuscous. *Al. ex.*  $\frac{3}{6}$  inch. Kentucky in June. It is a rather coarsely scaled and distinctly marked species.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,—

I enclose a few words from Prof. P. O. Zeller, to whom I had sent a copy of my paper on the Tentamen, showing his utter condemnation of the present effort of a few of our lepidopterists to resuscitate Hübner. His letter is dated Grünhoff, 23 June, 1876. . . . "I know Scudder's work concerning the Generic Names of Butterflies, and I could not say wherein I do not agree with your verdict upon the same. Since that miserable, worthless Tentamen is such a foundation for Scudder's theory, he will consider himself unfortunate in having mistaken the date of its publication. . . . The Tentamen was printed, not in 1806, but in 1805. . . . Why not leave Hübner's birds and butterflies to sleep quietly in the grave? Since he has disturbed them, they will be shoo'd around for a while, let us hope as uselessly as the Tentamen."

Yours,

W. H EDWARDS.

Coalburgh, 21 July, 1876.