

It will be remembered that Prof. French named this species from a larva, great quantities of which were found in the evacuations of a child subject to periodic epileptic spasms. As these attacks ceased for a time after the use of purging medicines, by means of which large numbers of the maggots were voided, Prof. French appears to have assumed, curiously enough, that the spasms were caused by the *reproduction of the larvæ in the intestines* (the italics are mine) and the effect of the same on the nervous tissue; hence he gave the maggot the specific name *epilepsalis*.

In sending the above cutaneous larvæ found by Dr. Foster to Washington, I gave no data whatever, and yet they were declared identical with Prof. French's type, an intestinal parasite.

It is a pity no imagoes were reared from the larvæ. It appears probable that the species is badly named, for it evidently has no connection with epilepsy. In any event, much remains to be learned regarding it.

BOOK NOTICE.

CHECK LIST OF THE LEPIDOPTERA OF BOREAL AMERICA.—By John B. Smith, Sc. D., Professor of Entomology, Rutgers College, assisted by Henry Skinner, M.D., and W. D. Kearfoot (Kearfott), Philadelphia. American Entomological Society, June, 1903.

Prof. Smith has produced a new edition of his List of 1891, brought up to date. There seems a certain savour of rivalry in the appearance of this publication immediately after the Washington catalogue (Bull. 52, U. S. N. M.), especially as the Edwardsian names for the butterflies are again advanced. Still, there may be some excuse for the List in its smaller size and more compact form. The absence of a specific index is a great disadvantage. As a whole, the Washington catalogue has been copied, with a new set of numbers. There are some divergences, on which comment may be made. The most marked is Dr. Skinner's restoration of the Edwardsian names for the butterflies. I am sure this is a false position. As I have repeatedly said, there are probably too many genera in Dr. Scudder's system, but they must be fully studied. Prof. Grote has shown how it should be done in the *Papilio* group. A wholesale rejection of Dr. Scudder's work is not the way to solve the problem.

In the *Sphingidæ* Prof. Smith makes a few changes, hardly for the better. All the forms of *Hemaris tenuis* are given specific rank, which