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## THE LARVA OF LIPHYRA BRASSOLIS PROBABLY APHIDIVOROUS.

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Some two years ago I received from Rev. L. C. Biggs, H. B. M. Chaplain at Penang, a parcel of insects collected by Mr. F. G. Durnford in Sungei-Ujong. Among them was a specimen the envelope containing which was labelled *Charaxes Durnfordi*, n. sp. Mr. Biggs, in sending the lot, called attention to this particular specimen in his note, saying: "It looks as if it were covered with mildew, which Durnford assures me is really fluff detached at the time of its capture." I did not examine the specimen very particularly at the time of its receipt, except to note that it was covered with a whitish mealy deposit, particularly thick upon the abdomen, and that it was not a *Charaxes*. Some three months or more ago I undertook the task of expanding this lot of insects and arranging them for my cabinets. I found, as I was putting the envelopes into the pans to relax them, several which contained specimens of a large "mealy bug." These were laid aside. At last I came to the alleged "*Charaxes Durnfordi*." What was my delight to find it to be a fine large female of *Liphyra brassolis*, Westwood. I had just received from Mr. W. H. Edwards a copy of his most interesting paper upon the habits of the larva of our *Feniseca Tarquinius*, an insect revealing very close relationship to the gigantic *Liphyra*, alike in the form of its wings, their neuration and their color. The true explanation of the "fluff" or mealy deposit upon the abdomen and lower side of the wings of the specimen instantly flashed upon my mind. I hastily looked up the envelopes containing the scale insects or "mealy bugs." A comparison beneath the microscope of the white particles clinging to the abdomen and lodged upon the wings of the *Liphyra*, with the mealy covering of the shield lice preserved in the envelopes, revealed their identity. I mentally put the two things together and conclude: