would pronounce it to be that species, I naturally became very much interested.

I carried the moth with me to Washington, where it was carefully examined by Dr. Dyar, who pronounced that it belonged to the genus Pygarctia, as it had an accessory cell.

Before venturing to describe it, I determined to obtain as many of the species of the group as possible, and through the kindness of Mrs. Slosson was able to add a specimen of *Pygardia Abdominalis* to my collection, and obtained by purchase several other species.

In Neumoegen and Dyar's "Preliminary Revision of the Bombyces of America north of Mexico," published in 1893-94\*, all the moths for which the name Euchætes had been used were embraced in Hübner's genus Cycnia, which that author had also used for *Hyphantria Cunea*, but in September, 1897, Dr. Dyar published in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST "A Generic Revision of the Hipocritidæ (Arctiidæ)," in which the moths in question were divided into three genera, Cycnia characterized as having "veins 7 to 10 of primaries stalked," Pygarctia with "accessory cell present," and Euchætes "accessory cell absent," and in the list of genera and species these moths were distributed among these three genera as follows:

CYCNIA, Hübn. tenera, Hübn. sciurus, Boisd. insulata, Walk. PYGARCTIA, Grote. abdominalis, Grote. vivida, Grote. murina, Stretch. Bolteri, H. Edw. elegans, Stretch.

scepsiformis, Graef. albicosta, Walk. EUCHÆTES, Harris. egle, Dru. eglenensis, Clemens. Oregonensis, Stretch. perlevis, Grote. Spaguei, Grote. zonalis, Grote.

When, however, I came to study the venation for myself, I got into difficulties at once, as I found that while *Tenera* had the veins 7-10 stalked as described, *Abdominalis* had no accessory cell, while *Eg/e* had it. I therefore immediately wrote to Dr. Dyar, who admitted that he had

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