

Montreal collectors in 1903, and I was convinced of its distinctness, but refrained from describing it from a single flown specimen, even though in good condition. In 1904 Mr. Winn bred a single perfect specimen from the Brake, which confirmed my belief in its distinctness, but Mr. Winn submitted his specimen to Mr. Bird, who pronounced it *purpurifascia*. It was also bred at Ottawa by some of the Ottawa entomologists, and on being submitted to Mr. Bird, he wrote that he knew the form "like a book," and that it was only a variety of *Harrisii*, and under that name it was listed in Dr. Fletcher's "Record." I tried to obtain the material to breed these three forms side by side, but before I succeeded Mr. Bird's description appeared.

It matters little who describes a species so long as it is well done, and I know of no one better qualified for the task than Mr. Bird, who has made himself so thoroughly master of this group. I cannot, however, congratulate him upon the name chosen. It was, perhaps, not unnaturally supposed that the name was intended in some way to indicate the food-plant, as in the case of *baptisia*, *thalictri* and *eupatorii*, but upon objection being made that the genitive of *pteris* should be *pteridis*, the author wrote that it was quite a mistake to suppose that the name was intended to indicate the food-plant, and that the species was dedicated to his pet cat which rejoices in the name Pterisius, and that those who spell *Harrisii* with a capital should do the same in the case of *Pterisii*. One may, perhaps, be pardoned for objecting, that, while this may satisfactorily account for the derivation of the name of the moth, the derivation of the name of the immortal cat remains obscure, but fancy bracketing Thaddeus William Harris with a cat! "That yellow, sickly brake" may or may not indicate the presence of this species, as I have examined more that had not been bored than that had. My experience with the larva has been limited to one season, but I have not found it especially parasitized, as out of five or six mature larvæ found, I obtained four moths.

Mr. Bird's statements in regard to my *Gortyna arata* appear to me a little misleading. It was not I who referred it as a synonym of *nelita*, Strecker, but Dr. J. B. Smith, on account of which I made a special pilgrimage to Reading to see the types of Dr. Strecker's species, and not being able to discover any apparent difference beyond what might be expected between flown and bred material, and not being one of those