

Apamea, and I, being desirous of obtaining an example for the Society's collection, enquired of correspondents who I thought were likely to know, but none of them had ever seen it, or could give any information about it. There is an insect in the D'Urban collection which was made in Quebec, labeled *Hydræcia Stramentosa*, in Walker's handwriting, but it does not even belong to that genus. And when I read Dr. Smith's remarks, quoted above, I concluded that it had got into our list by mistake, and that it was not to be looked for in Canada. But one is always liable to find cause to change their conclusions.

Having received some material from Montreal for names, there was amongst it a fresh, bright orange-yellow specimen of *Hydræcia* with purple bands, which so closely resembled the *purpurifascia* in our drawers, that, without giving it critical examination, I placed that name opposite its number. When the specimens were returned, Mr. Brainerd objected to that name; not that he claimed to be able to distinguish the species, but he thought there was not enough of the food-plant of *purpurifascia* about Montreal to feed a tithe of the moths that could be taken there, remarking that they had been calling it *rutila*, and suspected that I must be wrong. Being so different in colour from all the *rutilas* I had seen, I hesitated to accept it as such; so obtaining another specimen, I referred it to Dr. Smith, who pronounced it to be "a very typical specimen of that species." When I informed Mr. Brainerd of the decision being in his favour, I requested from him another specimen if he could spare it, which he kindly sent, and said, "With it I put one of what we call *Stramentosa*, which is the only other common species here except *Nictitans*," which proved to be the true *H. Stramentosa*, Guenée, and thus, by a fortunate error on my part, has its presence there been disclosed to the rest of the Entomological world.

When I informed Dr. Smith of the discovery, he replied: "I am delighted to hear of its occurrence there, and it may be now that it will turn up in the northern or mountainous districts of New York or New England. I must say I hesitated long before I dared to identify Guenée's description as I did, with no sort of proof that the species occurred this side of the Rockies."

Mr. Brainerd intends to make a vigorous effort to discover its food plant next season, and so obtain the larva for description.