

arbitrarily drawn, as, for example, by the exclusion of the genera *Prodoxus* and *Tegeticula*, which naturally belong to this group.

Dr. Dietz divides these insects into two subfamilies: the *Amydriinae* and the *Tineinae*; it would, in my opinion, have proved more rational and profitable to have carried through Lord Walsingham's suggested three divisions of the group: *Setomorphinae*, *Euplacaminae* and *Tineinae*,² and I believe these groups will eventually stand; but there is at least a question of the propriety of substituting the new name *Amydriinae* for Lord Walsingham's name, instead of enlarging the conception of the already established subfamily so as to include *Amydria*.

Dr. Dietz says: "These two subfamilies are distinct and sharply defined," but not one nor any combination of the characters given by him hold good; on the contrary, the differences given in the synoptic table are very vague indeed, when critically examined:

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| <p>1. <i>Head</i> rough-haired or almost entirely smooth-scaled.</p> <p>2. <i>Tongue</i> and <i>maxillary palpi</i> rudimentary.</p> <p>3. Labial palpi strongly developed, porrect and more or less ascending; second joint with a brush, more or less developed, or simply thickened with scales beneath; terminal joint pointed, erect, or rarely obtuse and depressed.</p> <p>4. Vein 7 of fore wing to costa or rarely to apex.</p> <p>5. Vein 1<i>b</i> furcate at base.</p> <p>6. Hind wings as wide as fore wings.</p> <p>7. Vein 1<i>b</i> more or less distinctly furcate at base.</p> <p>8. Vein 1<i>e</i> always distinct.</p> | <p>1. <i>Head</i> entirely rough-haired.</p> <p>2. Maxillary palpi well developed, very rarely rudimentary. (Tongue not mentioned.)</p> <p>3. (Labial palpi not mentioned.)</p> <p>4. Vein 7 of fore wing to costa.</p> <p>5. (Vein 1<i>b</i> not mentioned.)</p> <p>6. (Width of wings not mentioned.)</p> <p>7. Vein 1<i>b</i> simple at base (except <i>Brackenridgia</i>).</p> <p>8. Vein 1<i>e</i> often absent.</p> |
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In other words, he separates the two subfamilies "on one character apparently overlooked" (sic!), namely, the furcation of vein 1*b* of the

2. Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., p. 81, 1891.