

two or three often worked together at the same root. We endeavoured to rear them to the perfect state, but did not succeed, and have never had an opportunity since. We give a full description of the larva taken at the time, in the hope that some of our readers may be able to identify it.

Length, 1.25 to 1.50 inch. Ground-colour, dirty white; head, chestnut-colour; mandibles, black. Body, with a pale narrow dorsal line; first segment above, with a glassy shield-like patch, dirty yellow, with a black edge in front; below this, on each side and above the first pair of legs, two black shining dots, the anterior one larger than the other, which contains the spiracle. On each side of the dorsal line, a dusky lilac stripe; and on each segment a darker flat wart in front, and a blackish dot behind, on the lower side of the stripe. Next, a pale line, broader than the dorsal line; a lilac line of the same width; another pale line; a lilac tubercled stripe, having on each segment a black-tipped wart in the middle above, a tiny black dot lower down, behind it the shining black spiracle, and then another black-tipped wart; next, a pale stripe, with a black wart on each segment, except the first and the tenth, which have each two small warts; below this another faint lilac stripe, along the top of the pro-legs. The anal segment shining black above, white elsewhere; and pro-legs blackish exteriorly. From each of the warts alluded to there proceeds a single dark bristle. The larva has its full complement of sixteen legs.

The more mature specimens have the lilac stripes more obscure, and the black warts, therefore, more conspicuous; while the less mature specimens have the lilac stripes much more developed and spot-like on the segments, rendering the black warts much less apparent.

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