

## THE LARVA OF LIMACODES INORNATA, G. &amp; R.

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*Larva*.—Elliptical and much flattened, the sides rising slightly to two dorsal ridges, only a little elevated, these ridges diverging somewhat towards the anterior and posterior portions of the body. Around the outline of the body is a series of flattened pointed projections for the last eight segments, furnished on their sides with fine, short hair. These projections occur on each segment after the fifth, the two on the last segment somewhat longer than the others, and directed nearly straight backwards. Colour green, a reddish line on the angulated outline of the anterior segments; the dorsal ridges marked with a narrow yellow line, which is interrupted between two dorsal yellow spots with red centres. These spots are conspicuous though small.

*Food Plants*.—Maple, wild cherry, hickory, etc. Like most of the Cochliinæ a very general feeder.

A good figure of this insect is to be found in Harris's Entomological Correspondence,\* and in the text Dr. Harris says: § [The larva is] "in form somewhat like an *Oniscus*, being oval and flattened, with lateral tooth-like appendages fringed with hairs. General colour green, with lateral rows of minute, ocellated spots, each pupillated with a black dot; a dorsal row of dark spots, with two of a rich scarlet colour \* \* \* This insect does not sting."

The difference between this larva and that of *Limacodes scapha* Harris† is very marked. While *L. scapha* is a thick larva, resembling a lump of some substance adhering to the leaf; the present species, as above stated, is much flattened, and furnished with its remarkable tooth-like projections. In fact, before the imagines of *L. inornata* were developed, I had no idea that the insect could be congeneric with *L. scapha*.

Two males, raised from these larvæ, differ somewhat from the original description by Grote and Robinson,‡ so that, to them, the name of "inornata" hardly applies. In this form the secondaries are somewhat

\* Entomological Correspondence of T. W. Harris, edited by S. H. Scudder, 1869. Plate II., Fig. 7, and Plate III., Fig. 6, § *ibid*, page 176.

† Figured, *ibid*, Plate III., Fig. 8.

‡ Lepidopterological Contributions page 22, from Ann. Lyceum Nat. Hist., of New York, 1886.