

between the two species are too marked to leave any doubt of their being distinct. Mr. Hermann Strecker informs me that he has never heard of *P. cecropia* being taken west of the Mississippi River. The example of *Anthocharis ausonides* differs somewhat from my specimen of that species from California, and resembles more the European *Anthocharis belia*.

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DEAR SIR,—

In reply to the synonyms selected by Mr. Morrison (on page 79 of this volume), from my frequent papers during the last thirteen years, I wish to state that *Orthosia ferrugineoides* Grote ex. Guen. is a different species from *Orthosia ralla* Grote ex. G. & R.; the latter differs by the pellucid yellowish hind wings, not clouded with fuscous, and the black dots of the subterminal line, among other characters. *Plusia ou* is twice the size of *P. fratella*, and I have seen no intermediate specimens. It is not right to express oneself in such a manner, that my synonyms in the Noctuidae, occurring from time to time during the description of over four hundred new species (in the face of the difficulties imposed upon students by the works of Gueneé and Walker) over a long period of time, appear to be charged as committed within six months. Of the six synonyms I am charged with, one is an error of Mr. Morrison's, and only two were published in 1874; the remaining three species were published and figured by me in 1863, 1864 and 1870 respectively. I also have shown *Tricopis* and *Euleucyptera* to be distinct, and I take issue with Mr. Morrison as to the validity of *Bolina nigrescens* as distinct from *fasciolaris*, and on the authority of my catalogue names.

Mr. Morrison remarks (p. 79) that "in ignoring (?) Mr. Grote's genera *Eucoptocnemis*, *Exyra* and others (?) I simply follow the example of Dr. Speyer," etc. Now, the fact is, that on the only occasion which Dr. Speyer has yet had to refer to one of these genera of mine, it is *adopted*, not *ignored* (vide *Leucobrephos* Speyer, Stett. Ent. Zeit., 1875, 175). There are, however, only three such names in my whole List, viz., *Conservula*, *Exyra* and *Leucobrephos*. The diagnosis of *Tricholita* is given by Mr. Morrison under the term "*Perigrapha*," which applies to a different form; *Eucoptocnemis* is distinctly and properly founded on structural characters given by Gueneé to the single species: *finbriaris*. The other generic names of mine without diagnosis in the "List" replace, for one sufficient reason or another, a name previously used.