

reached *Tephroclystis implicata*, etc., I threw it down in disgust. I fancy that almost every one the wide world over with any knowledge of entomology knows the old genus *Eupithecia*, or "Pugs" as we call them in England, but who outside a small circle of American pseudo-savants would know what is meant by the new name? What is a name in entomology? It is merely an arbitrary sign by which genera and species are distinguished one from another. To attempt to make entomology an exact science like mathematics seems to me the height of human folly. An injurious species will not be rendered less harmful by transfer from a genus in which it has quietly reposed for many years and become well known, into another genus and under another name. America does not constitute the whole of the world. There are other countries and other entomologists, although they do not stand out so prominently as do the Americans, the latter having been forced into activity by the peculiar natural conditions that here obtain, and which are not in force in Europe.

There seems to be a class of savants here who, to the honour and glory of themselves, and to the confusion of every one else, are endeavouring to upset everything that has been previously done elsewhere, as though their little world constituted the whole globe. They seem determined as far as possible to ignore that many fossils, plants, beetles, moths, and flies, etc., are common to both the Old and New Worlds, to say nothing of birds, fishes, mammals, etc., and that many other species only show slight variations in type, far less indeed than the inhabitant of the Eastern States differs from the typical "John Bull," his progenitor.

If I can only induce entomologists in America to take a world-wide view of matters, and not confine their ideas and minds to their own little collections, circumscribed by four walls, this feeble protest of mine will not be thrown away, and much pain and grief be saved to humble students like myself.

What a terrible punishment it would be in the hereafter to be doomed to perpetually make out new lists of such "jawcrackers" as appear in the list in question!

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