

Dr. Strecker was one of the most eminent authorities on the Lepidoptera in America. He was well versed in some of the dead languages, and a master of many living foreign tongues, in which works of his special pursuit are written. He owned the largest, most remarkable and in every way the most valuable collection on the American continent. It is said that there are but few in the world that surpass it. The Strecker collection contains over 200,000 specimens, gathered from every portion of the globe.

In consideration of his scientific work and knowledge, the degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon him by Franklin and Marshall College.

In his earlier days Dr. Strecker made frequent trips to Philadelphia, studying at the Phila. Acad. of Nat. Sciences all branches of natural history, but later devoted all his time to entomology, and finally to macrolepidoptera.

He published numerous works on Lepidoptera, for which he drew and coloured the plates himself. His principal work, long out of print, was "Native and Exotic Butterflies and Moths."

He published the work under difficult circumstances; he was a poor man at the time. He saved sufficient money to buy a lithographic stone, and then drew the group of butterflies on the first page of the work. This was sent to Philadelphia, printed and then returned. When the stone came back he repolished it and drew upon it another group. In this way the stone travelled to and from Philadelphia, until all the plates were published. All the copies were sold. The demand increased, but no more were ever issued.

The collection is contained in many glass-covered drawers, and each specimen is labelled as to locality, etc. The collection cost many thousands of dollars. An attempt to describe the collection would be useless, but many extremely rare and valuable flies are contained therein. Upwards of 300 types and an equal number of co-types are in the collection. It is one of the most remarkable collections in the world in regard to aberrant and dimorphic forms.

Dr. Strecker was constantly visited by men of science from all parts of the world.

In his social relations he was cordial and affable, a genial friend and a good neighbour. He was reserved and unassuming in speaking of his own achievements. In his chosen field he ranked deservedly high.

The scientific world loses one whom it can ill spare. He left a widow, son and daughter.

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