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FARTHER NOTES UPON ARGYNNIS MYRINA.

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In Vol. vii, Oct., 1875, I gave some account of my breeding myrina from eggs laid in July, 1875. I am able now to supplement this by the history of an earlier brood. My observations were made last year at Hunter, in the Catskill Mountains, and being at the same place in June of the present year, from 17th June to 1st July, I found this species abundant, and from the rubbed appearance of nearly all the individuals taken by me. I inferred that they had emerged at latest early in June. On the 19th I set two females on violet, in a gauze bag. On the 20th there were several eggs laid. The first butterfly from this lot emerged 15th July, but in their early stages these larvæ were not in my keeping, as I mailed them to Coalburgh. Other females gave eggs on 27th June ; the larvæ hatched These I kept by me and brought to Coalburgh, following their 3rd July. changes carefully. The 1st moult occurred July 7th, the 2nd July 10th, the ard July 12th, the 4th on 15th; chrysalis on 18th; and the butterfly emerged 23rd July; 26 days from the laying of the egg. This is the history of half a dozen out of the fifty odd of the brood. The others were less regular in their changes, and the last two butterflies emerged 31st July, or 33 days from the egg. There were but four moults, and I was in error in stating last year that the species moulted five times. Α remarkable proportion of the butterflies were females, at least four out of The first eleven which emerged were all females, and so were five. several of the last.

I turned the butterflies of this brood loose as they appeared, with the exception of three, hoping to naturalize the species here. They scattered up and down the valley at considerable distances as I occasionally discovered, but I rarely saw one within my grounds. On dissecting one of the three reserved, the abdomen was found filled with nearly mature