
BOMBYCIA IMPROVISA AND *TEARLII* HY. EDWARDS.

I have in my collection one specimen of *Bombycia improvisa*, taken at Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, Oct. 10, 1907, which I compared with specimens so labelled in the cabinets of the late G. W. Taylor, of Wellington, B. C., but on further examination I found that the specimens did not agree with the figure of *improvisa* in Holland's Motto Book.

The specimen was submitted to the late Dr. J. B. Smith, who wrote me under date of April, 1908: "The determination is correct. I never noticed before that Holland makes *tearlui* a synonym of *improvisa*. It is not. He figures *tearlui*, and not *improvisa*."

In Dyar's Catalogue *tearlui* is noted as a synonym of *improvisa*.

This season I have been fortunate in securing two specimens of *tearlui*, identical with that figured by Holland and entirely distinct from the specimens of *improvisa* of Vancouver Island.

The correction must therefore be made in Holland's work, and the name *tearlui* be restored to its place in our nomenclature.

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THE LONDON BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

A society with the above title has recently been formed in London, Ontario, the organization consisting of a general club for conducting the business of the whole and of a number of sections devoted to special departments of biology. The objects of the club are stated to be: "(a) the development and advancement of the study of biology in general and of the subjects represented by the sections in particular; (b) the conservation of living things, including man and all useful to him; (c) the economic and scientific destruction of such living things as can be shown inimical to man."

The wide scope of the club is set forth in the bylaw relating to sections which, it states, may be organized to deal with the following subjects: Archæology, Bacteriology, Botany, Entomology, Ethnology, Ichthyology, Paleontology, Psychology, Ornithology, Sociology, Zoology, Bees, Poultry, Horses, Dogs, Cats, etc. It is provided further that any members, not less than three in number, may apply for the creation of a new section on any other subject relating to Biology. The club has begun with a fairly large membership, and with such an extensive field of operations should attract a great number of persons who take an intelligent interest in matters outside of their daily routine of work.