

who of all the world might have been supposed likely to have been familiar with it if it ever had been published or had any scientific value, only by the mention of it in the Verzeichniss, of which it was the original sketch, or from the mention in Ochsenheimer, who says he did not know of it till after 1816, that is, till after the Verzeichniss was published, and through the mention in the preface of that work he probably got his first information about the Tentamen.

And it is worthy of notice that from 1806 to the present day, *scarcely one of the German lepidopterists have recognized any of Hübner's works as authoritative in nomenclature.* This movement in favor of Hubner originated in England with a small number of authors, and quite lately has been extended to the United States by the efforts of Messrs. Scudder and Grote.

In the year 1842, the British Association appointed a Committee composed of the most eminent zoologists of the day, to draw up and report a code of Rules "by which the nomenclature of zoology may be established on a uniform and permanent basis." The committee submitted to the Association a series of propositions that same year, 1842, which were adopted. In 1845, a Committee appointed by the Association of American Geologists and Naturalists, adopted the rules of the British Ass'n with slight alteration.

Rule 12 reads as follows: "*A name which has never been clearly defined in some published work should be changed for the earliest name by which the object shall have been so defined.*" And in the explanatory text accompanying, the Committee of the Br. Ass'n say: "Two things are necessary before a zoological term can acquire any authority—*definition and publication. Definition properly implies a distinct exposition of essential characters, and in all cases we conceive this to be indispensable. To constitute publication nothing short of the mention of the above particulars in a printed book is sufficient to authenticate a genus. . . . Nor can any unpublished description, however exact, claim any right of priority till published, and then only from the date of publication.*" In a printed book! Not on a stray slip nor on a loose sheet, nor in the columns of a newspaper, but in a book, that its permanence may be assured and that it may be known of by all men.

Geyer says that Hubner published his provisional sketch in an enlarged form as the Verzeichniss; and Hubner says "let no one suppose that this arrangement will need no farther correction." And accordingly we