

the name of the species, with *Nitela* as the varietal name, on the ground of priority, as Guenée described *Nebris* first and then *Nitela*, saying: "Taille et couleur de la *Nebris*, dont elle ne diffère que par l'absence complète des taches blanches, et les palpes un peu plus longs et plus ascendants."†

An additional reason for this position, if any were needed, is that *Nebris* has the typical markings of the genus, while *Nitela* departs from the type.

Another matter to which I am obliged to take exception is the giving of the name *Atlantica* by Prof. J. B. Smith to the form which had been supposed to be identical with the *Nictitans* of Europe. Speyer had recognized at least a varietal difference in 1875, and named the American form var. *Americana*, and if its specific distinctness be recognized, Speyer's name must be used, as there is no warrant under the law of priority for setting it aside.

Last year I was informed by Mr. Winn and Mr. Brainerd, between the middle and end of July, that the larvæ of *Rutilla* could be obtained commonly, boring in the burdock. I was not able to look for them at once, but went out early in August, and succeeded in finding about half a dozen bored stems, which I took home. Later, on cutting them open to see if I had anything, I found the burrows in all but one tenanted only by wood-lice and slugs, but in the last one opened I found a pupa. This I kept in the stem, under a glass shade, and about September 1st the imago emerged and proved to be new to our members, but Dr. Dyar to whom I subsequently showed it, thought it only a varietal form of *Necopina*.

Shortly afterwards I went to Europe, but did not take the specimen with me, as my trip was a hurried one, and I was afraid it might meet with some accident, but when visiting the British Museum I looked up the specimens in this genus, but could not find anything to agree with it. I naturally became much interested in the group, and through the kindness of friends, especially Mr. Henry Bird, by a few purchases and by my work during the past season, have succeeded in getting together a fair representation of most of the North American forms.

This year I again searched in the same locality, a little earlier in the season, and secured five or six of the larvæ, and succeeded in rearing five

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†Spec. Gen. Noct. I., 124.