

An excellent portrait of Dr. Staudinger forms the frontispiece, and is remarkably characteristic of the man as I saw him only a few weeks before his death. The last letter I received from him was in acknowledgment of a copy of my own "Catalogue of the Noctuidæ of Temperate North America," and in this letter he mentioned his readiness to start for that "Erholungsreise" from which he never returned alive.

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A PROTEST.

SIR,—I very frequently read remarks in Entomological papers deploring the fact that the large and interesting Order of Hymenoptera has comparatively so few students! One of the chief causes is the continual changing of already-established names, the creating of new species where only slight resemblance exists or where determination is based upon one lone ♂ or ♀ only, and the frequent retracting of passed opinions by some authors, as is the case with Prof. Robertson in *Prosopeia zizia*, Robt., in March number of ENT. NEWS and CAN. ENT., May, 1896. Then again in CAN. ENT., Aug., 1901, such a lot of species and genera based upon imaginary (?) characters! What can one make of *Epeolus lectoides*, n. sp., based on one female "closely resembling *E. lectus*, Cr., and may be the same"? If an author cannot tell whether it is distinct or not, why name it? Again, "*Halictus truncatus*, n. sp.: This species and *H. arcuatus*, Robt., have both been identified as *H. similis*, Sm." "*Chelostomoides*, n. g., proposed for a single species, "with general characters of *Megachile*." In Trans. Acad. Sc. of St. Louis, Vol. X., No. 2, the genus *Parandrena*, which has been proposed by him, is suppressed as needless. It remains to be seen whether the new genus *Paralictus*—CAN. ENT.—will fare better, and a few more instances which I will not mention. It is such work that is confusing, not to say disgusting, to a student like me.

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ANOTHER PROTEST.

SIR,—I had been rather anxiously looking out for a further instalment of Mr. Hanham's list of Manitoban moths, as I wanted to compare notes about certain of the Geometers. It is just to hand, but when I