

*Catocala Belfragiana* Harvey. Bull. B. S. N. S., 2, 281.

I learn that this species is the same as *C. joaste* of Mr. Strecker. My paper was read Feb. 5th, and printed in February. I do not think as early a date can be shown for the Number of Mr. Strecker. This species extends to Kansas (Prof. Snow); I have vainly tried to identify it with the unknown *messalina* of Gueneé.

### NOTES ON BISTON URSARIA WALKER.

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This moth, which is very common in and about Montreal, is described by Walker, in a paper by W. S. d'Urban, published in Vol. 5 of the *Canadian Naturalist* (1860), entitled "A Systematic List of Lepidoptera Collected in the Vicinity of Montreal." It is also taken at Quebec, but I met with only two specimens there during several years' collecting.

The following is the description (of one sex only):

"Male. Dark cinereous, speckled with black, very robust and pilose. Antennae very broadly pectinated. Thorax with three black bands. Legs densely tufted. Fore wings with four black oblique lines, first line bent, second and third approximate, slightly undulating, diverging towards the costa, fourth diffuse. Hind wings with: first line obsolete, second and third apparent, fourth indicated by a short broad streak near the interior angle. Length of body 8—9 lines; expanse 22—24 lines."

The female is generally larger, less distinctly marked, and the wings are more transparent. Antennae filiform.

The English species (*B. histaria*) stands on our list as a native of Canada, but I have not met with it. The habits of the two species are very similar, and the caterpillars resemble each other closely; indeed, were it not for the difference in color and markings between the perfect insects, they would no doubt be considered identical. The description of the larva of *histaria* given by Newman, in his "Natural History of British Moths," would answer equally well for that of *ursaria*, and its