

more of a brown than a green tint. The secondaries are bright yellow with a broad black marginal band and white fringe. The expanse of the wings is $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches. The markings of the primaries somewhat resemble those of *Darapsa myron* Cram., and consist of a small dark patch on the costa near the base, a dark median band and discal spot, and a subterminal dark line which widens to a large triangular mark at the apex. The marginal black band in my specimen is much wider than in the specimen figured by Mr. Strecker.

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PERSONAL.

Dear Sir: In the last Report of the Agricultural Dept. of Washington, Mr. C. V. Riley speaks of the "general untrustworthiness" of my "work" as illustrated by my referring in my New Check List *Phycis juglandis* as a var. of *indiginella*, and using the term *Phycis* instead of *Acrobasis* (used formerly by me). As to the first, I did so because Le Baron thought *juglandis* might be a variety. I have usually been taken to task by Mr. Riley for considering varieties as species. In a Check List, I need not say, the author is not bound to know all about every species he includes. As to the latter, Haworth's name *Phycis* must be used for some genus of the *Phycidæ*. Dr. Walsh having used it for our species *indiginella*, led me to follow this example rather than for *Pemphelia*. It should be remembered that these comments on the character of my work in this instance come from a person who in his descriptions of N. Am. *Phycidæ* failed to give a *single structural character* by which his species could be generically referred, as I have already shown. My classification of the *Pyrallidæ* in the Check List has elicited the approval of Prof. Fernald, who is universally recognized as a high authority in this family. I am sorry that Mr. Riley should abuse Government Reports by inserting such personal and unwarranted remarks.

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BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH AMERICA.

We are glad to be able to announce that it is the intention of Mr. W. H. Edwards, author of that superb and well known work on the Butterflies of North America, to proceed with the third volume without delay. It will be the author's endeavor to maintain in every respect the high character of this work, which as it involves a very large outlay, will we trust be widely appreciated and meet with that liberal patronage which it so well deserves.