

week previously warm southerly winds had prevailed with little or no rain, followed by a light frost on the morning of the 21st. At first sight of the butterfly I recognized it as a stranger to our neighbourhood, and with care succeeded in capturing it without further injury, if indeed such were possible, as it was already a woeful looking object, the wings were torn and badly denuded, and the poor creature hardly had the strength to support itself the few yards it attempted to fly. For eight years I have kept this sorry looking treasure hoping some day to learn its name and history, and in this I have at last been successful. Poey gives a good figure of the female in his *Centurie des Lepidopteres de l'Ile de Cuba*, and it is well described by Boisduval in his *Species gen. des Lepidopteres*, vol. 1, p. 491. The present example is a large female with the black border of the wings unusually broad, which variation is mentioned by Boisduval. The most northern habitat that I can find is given in French's *Butterflies of the Eastern United States*, as "Indian River, Florida, Texas and Arizona," but I have had little opportunity for investigating the subject, and it may be a more common visitor in the north than I imagine. Prof. Grote, in his charming paper on the Geographical Distribution of the N. A. Lepidoptera, published in the eighteenth volume of this journal, has given us a very serviceable classification of the origin of the N. A. fauna. Probably *P. ilaire* pertains to the fourth table of his third category (p. 236), at least two of the species there enumerated appear to have been taken here, viz., *Thysania zenobia* and *Brotis vulneraria*. If, however, it breeds continuously in the Southern States, its association with *Erebus odora* in Grote's second table (p. 235) would seem more natural, and would render its occurrence here less surprising.

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The second paper on "Popular and Economic Entomology," which was promised for this number, has been prepared by Mr. Fletcher, but owing to the cuts required for its illustration being in the hands of the printers of the Annual Report at Toronto, it has been found necessary at the last moment to defer it till next month.

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