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NOTES ON WALKER'S TYPES OF *SPILOSOMA CONGRUA*, AND A FEW OTHER TYPES IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.*

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Having arranged for a two months trip to Europe during the past summer, I determined to visit the Natural History Branch of the British Museum, to endeavour to clear up the doubt surrounding Walker's *Spilosoma Congrua*, taking with me a number of specimens of *S. Antigone*, Strecker; a pair of the heavily-spotted Gomin form of *Spilosoma*, which Dr. Fyles calls *Cunea*, lent to me by Mr. Winn; a typical female specimen of *S. Prima*, kindly given to me by Mrs. Slosson; and a small series of *Hyphantria Cunea*, Drury. I reached London late on the 26th June, but on the morning of the 29th received a cablegram which necessitated my immediate return home. After making my arrangements to sail from Liverpool on the 30th, I found I had a few hours to spare, and so paid a very hurried visit to the Museum, and was shown what was supposed to be the three types of *Congrua* by Sir George Hampson, who kindly remained after the closing hour to accommodate me.

I had not sufficient time to make any attempt to verify these types by comparing them with Walker's original description, or that subsequently made by Grote & Robinson, or by looking up the register of acquisitions, and as Sir George Hampson seemed quite positive that there could be no mistake, I accepted his dictum. I would call attention to the note published by Mr. A. G. Butler in 1875, to the effect that the only specimens then representing *Congrua* in the British Museum collection were a presumably female specimen of *S. Virginica*, without abdomen, and what he believed to be a male variety of *Hyphantria Cunea*. The three specimens shown to me I found to be:

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