

allow myself the question: Might not all controversy about generic names, whether from earlier or later editions of Linne's or from other early authorities, be dropped, and all punctilious adherence to priority be dismissed; might not the long-familiar names on the strength of above named second-hand authorities be with safety fixed upon as final and generally acknowledged?

Yours respectfully,

JAMES BEHRENS.

P. S.—It would be well if the authors of new created generic names would give their Greek or Latin derivations.

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HABITAT, ECONOMY, ETC., OF *AGROTIS FENNICA*, EVERSMAN.

SPRING BANK, ST. CATHARINES, ONT., DEC. 22, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—

I am very anxious to obtain information respecting *Agrotis fennica*, Eversman, whether it is an abundant species in any part of Canada or the United States, and, being a stranger in this country, would be very thankful would any gentleman conversant with the insect, kindly aid me in the pages of the CAN. ENT., by any information he may possess touching its economy in the larval state, food plant, time of year when the imago is found, or any other necessary details.

Finally, should any Entomologist have duplicate specimens to spare, I need scarcely say they will be very acceptable, and later on in the season I will do my best in return to repay the obligation, and send an equivalent in any desirable species from this neighborhood.

I have read with much interest the articles on collecting in late numbers of the CAN. ENT., especially as my experience with cyanide of potassium as a killing material induced me years ago to abandon that method. I had the material both in tight-fitting boxes and glass-stoppered bottles, in all cases the cyanide being covered with a stratum of plaster of Paris. As a killer it does admirably, but, according to my experience, it renders the moths so rigid that in setting the wings are very liable to be torn in lifting them into position. This method of killing with cyanide was, indeed, condemned years ago in England owing to this very cause.

GEO. NORMAN.