

SYNONYMICAL NOTE.

Dr. Boisduval has recently re-described *Eudryas grata* (Fabr.) from Georgia under the name *Eudryas assimilis*, with the remark: Cette belle espece n'a pas encore ete figuree. It is manifestly unimportant to Dr. Boisduval that the science of Entomology is pursued in America. In this same paper (*Revue et Magasin de Zoologie*, 1874) the genus *Alypia* is erroneously attributed to Kirby, and a citation is given: "*Sphinx octomaculata* Hubn. Zut., 119, 120." which does not exist, the proper citation being "*Alypia octomaculalis* Hubn., Zutr., No. 60, fig. 119, 120."

Dr. Boisduval separates Drury's figure of *Urania rhipheus* (1773) from Cramer's (1782), under the new name of *Urania Druryi*. This is, however, a simple synonym in any event, since Drury's species must retain the name of *Rhipheus* as originally proposed. Cramer himself says, when describing his *Rhipheus*, T. 3, p. 193, "Ce beau Papillon et qui est tres rare, ressemble beaucoup a' celui qui a ete annonce par Mr. Drury dans ses Illustrations of Natural History, Vol. 2, pl. 23, figs. 1, 2, sous le nom que nous lui donnons ci-dessus." Gueneé, in 1857, also draws attention to this mistake of Dr. Boisduval's, then only proposed to be committed. It has been generally conceded that Drury's species is the same as Cramer's, and that the differences in the figures arose from an intentional mutilation of Drury's original specimen. Dr. Boisduval's quotation from Lacordaire would hardly cover such a case as this, in which a pair of scissors very probably effected "la creation." To find another "taille sur le meme patron," would argue, then, a lack of conscience somewhere, as well as the sacrifice of a specimen. But Dr. Boisduval insists on other characters to separate the two species than the absence of the tails, i. e., the large size and the ornamentation of the fore wings of *Rhipheus* Drury. So in this case we should have two species, i. e., *Chrysidia Rhipheus* (Drury) nec Hubn. (= *Urania Druryi* Boisd.) and *Chrysidia Orientalis* (Swains) (= *Rhipheus* Cramer 385, A. B.; *Chrysidia Rhiphearia* Hubn.)

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